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## LARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Lara Primary School Community values a love of learning, a sense of fun, unique talents and an inquiring mind. Students are challenged to achieve their personal best in a safe and caring learning environment.



### *Dates to Remember*

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- 6.30pm – School Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

- Special Lunch Day

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- Footy Day & Sausage sizzle

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- Last Day of Term 3 – 2.30pm Dismissal

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- First day of Term 4

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**



Good afternoon everyone,

Another term has just about flown past – I can hardly believe it.

Our Prep team visited Leopold PS this week to observe and learn with their teachers about literacy learning and teaching. It's important that our staff build links with a wider learning community and take the time to share their approaches, thinking and reflections about learning & teaching.

Our school enjoyed being entertained by our school rock band at assembly on Friday afternoon. I commend you to take the opportunity when you can to see them perform – their confidence and competence certainly shine through. I was particularly impressed with the way they worked as a team this week, and encouraged and supported each other to perform to their best. It is also a privilege to see the way teachers, parents and students took a moment to commend them personally on their performance.

I know this is a long way in advance, but bushfire season will approach in term 4. There is significant work being undertaken in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to develop a state-wide coordinated approach to high risk days. I will keep you updated as further information is shared with us, but at this point it is important to note that there are a number of high risk days expected over the coming summer months, and emergency responses will be coordinated centrally. For the safety of our students there may be days when some schools are closed.

Thank you to the cooperation of our 3/4 team, the refurbishment of the four 3/4 classrooms has begun. It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of

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**School Council President: Mr. Steve Bullock**

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the school holidays, and students will move back into brighter, freshly painted learning spaces in term 4.

We are currently reviewing our parent handbook and would appreciate any feedback from parents to help make the booklet more supportive to families in our school. In particular – what information in the handbook is most useful, and what are some of the questions you've had over the past that could be answered in the handbook? Please drop off any ideas to the office.

Have a wonderful week, and if I don't see you before the holidays, enjoy the time with your children

**Kind regards,  
Elissa**

### **Introduction of the Victorian Student Number**

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth). The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S PEN**



### **OUR CURRICULUM ORGANISER – HOW THINGS WORK – Prep to Year 6**

This semester we have been implementing our curriculum organiser 'How things work'. To cater for student interest and incorporate the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, teachers have planned our students' technology and science development around the concept of how things work. Our Prep students have been investigating the weather; looking at weather patterns, the seasons and the differences between day and night. In Years 1 and 2, students are investigating how and why toys have changed over time, the impact design changes in the types of toys has impacted on children's lives and the science involved in creating toys. In Years 3 and 4, students have been investigating machines and how they work. They are participating in science experiments that explore the concepts of levers and pulleys, inclined planes, wheels and axles and forces and friction. To coincide with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon, our students in Years 5 and 6 have been exploring the nature of space. They have been developing an understanding of the relationship between the earth, the moon and the sun, the solar system, the challenges of travelling and living in space and how travel in space has contributed to our daily lives. The netbook initiative has enhanced this learning process immensely and allowed these students to develop a much more personalised approach to their learning.

I have been impressed with the way teachers have been planning to engage students' interest and their focus on inquiry processes to encourage students to make observations, wonder why, pose questions, predict, plan experiments, collect and analyse evidence, evaluate, draw conclusions and communicate their new understandings.

As this will be the last newsletter before the end of term, have a safe and restful break.

**Carolyn Kent-Hughes.**

### Footy Day & Sausage Sizzle

On the last day of term, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a football day and sausage sizzle. We ask the students to bring along \$2 if they would like to come dressed in their favourite football colours and receive a sausage in bread on the day. Extra sausages will be available for \$1. If your child does not want a sausage but would like to wear their football colours on this day they may do so for a coin donation. Please return the slip below to your child's classroom teacher indicating how many sausages your child would like on the day. If you require further slips please enquire at the office.

Name .....
Class .....
No. of sausages .....
Amount enclosed: \$ .....

### Hats

Just a reminder that school hats are required to be worn from now on until the remainder of the year. If your child does not have a school hat, they can be purchased from the office for \$13.50 or from Bellarine Uniforms.

### The Farm Pride and Golden Egg Farms Collect-a-thon

Our school has registered to take part in the Farm Pride and Golden Egg Farms Collect-a-thon. Every token collected from selected Farm Pride and Golden Egg Farms packs can earn the school 50 cents. All information about the program can be found at [www.collectathon.com.au](http://www.collectathon.com.au) So get cracking! Start collecting the tokens, and help raise valuable funds for our school.

### Shop for your School at Bakers Delight

Please remember that Bakers Delight sends us 5% of all the sales from Lara Primary School families who shop there. **All you have to do is go to Bakers Delight in Lara, place your order and ask them if they can swipe the card for Lara Primary School.** It's that simple. This is a magnificent fundraiser and we thank Bakers Delight for their kind donation.

### Education Maintenance Allowance

Education Maintenance Allowance cheques have arrived. If you have not signed over your cheque to the school your cheque is available to be picked up from the office by the end of term, the 18th September, 2009.

### Pre loved Uniform

As a service to our families the Parents & Friends Group conduct a pre-loved uniform shop **before and after each assembly**. They have many items of uniform in excellent condition that are sold at a very reasonable price. Items can be purchased in the gym from 2.30 – 2.50 then 3.20 – 3.30. **If you have any uniform in good condition that your children no longer require would you please send it up to the office. We are in desperate need of good clothing to sell at our pre-loved uniform shop at assemblies.**

### Bellarine Uniform Shop

The Bellarine Uniform shop will not be open for sales on Thursday the 17th September.  
Thank you.

### School Banking

Similar to adults, kids love to see their savings grow. We are teaming up with Disney Pixar's latest movie "UP" by offering a special prize pack value at \$425 for one lucky Super Saver. Plus we're giving away 200 double passes to see Disney Pixar's "UP". Each Student Banking deposit made between 20th July and 21st September 2009 will receive one entry into the draw.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

Improve your basketball skills and learn about the game – Elite Coaches (coaches who have been on the Australian basketball team) and all skill levels catered for!

**Open to...** Boys and Girls aged 6-15 years

**When:** Monday and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September (10am-3.30pm)

**Where:** Bellarine Sports Centre - Peninsula Dve, Drysdale

**Cost:** \$50 (includes 2 days expert coaching, basketball singlet & prizes)

Limited spots available so get in early – Booking/ Enquiries to: PH: 5253 3377 / E: [admin@bpba.org.au](mailto:admin@bpba.org.au) or visit: [www.bpba.org.au](http://www.bpba.org.au)

### City of Greater Geelong

#### Learn to Swim with Swim Sport & Leisure

Swim Sport & Leisure offers a range of learning and development classes.

School Holiday Program

Week 1: Monday 21st to Friday 25th September

Week 2: Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

Program Price for 5 days:

Standard - \$49.00

Concession - \$39.00

To determine the most appropriate level for your child, FREE assessments are available. Contact your nearest centre as bookings are required. Waterworld 5275 1909, Leisurelink 5243 9595, Splashdown 5248 4555.

## City of Greater Geelong - School Holiday Club

### **Spring School Holidays!**

**Programs in Bell Post Hill, Belmont, Leopold, Newtown & Ocean Grove!**

Activities include: Science Works, Movies, Gymnastics, Horse riding and more!

**Dates:** 21st September to 2nd October, 2009

**Times:** from 8.00am to 6.00pm daily

School Holiday Club is a childcare service for children currently attending Primary School. The School Holiday Program offers a range of activities, experiences and excursions appropriate for primary school aged children, including children with additional needs.

Only children currently attending primary school are eligible to attend.

Enrolment application forms are available at your school office, Before & After School care centres and all City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centres.

You can enrol online here: [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/shp](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/shp)

All applications and payments due by 16th September, 2009. For more information please contact Michelle Garnier on 03 5272 4443.

### Lara Basketball Club

The Lara Basketball Club currently has 30 teams competing in the Basketball Geelong Association playing at The Arena. We have teams available for all age groups and all skill levels for both boys and girls. We are looking for more players for all of our teams so if you want to have some fun and get some exercise at the same time then come and join us. Play in a team with your schoolmates and support the local basketball club. The Summer basketball season starts in October when school commences for the fourth term.

Player age groups are:

**Under 10 - Born in 2001 or after**

**Under 12 - Born in 1999 or 2000**

**Under 14 - Born in 1997 or 1998**

If you are interested please contact Rod Randall on 52821196.

### Student Exchange Australia

In January and February 2010, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331

or visit our website: [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)



## **OSHC NEWS**

**'we make kids smile'**

### **TERM 3 /WEEK 9 & 10 2009**

I hope all the dad's had a wonderful day on Fathers Day. I am sure they loved the photo frames made by the BSC children, they put so much work into them, as did the ASC with their great looking cards. They folded paper in half and cut them out in the shape of a footy jumper and coloured them in their dad's favourite team colours. They glued them on to an A3 sheet and drew arms and legs with big muscles, they then either drew dad's face or glued a photo of him on this very impressive body. The jumper card opened up to show their message to dad. Great work kids, all your cards and presents looked fantastic.

#### **INTERVIEW by: Jenny**

**What is your name?** *Jake C*

**How old are you?** *6*

**Where do you live?** *Lara*

**Do you have siblings?** *Yes I have a little sister called Georgia*

**When is your birthday?** *8<sup>th</sup> August*

**What is your favourite food?** *Fruit (Mum will be pleased.)*

**Do you like coming to OSHC?** *Yes*

**What is your favourite OSHC activity?** *Playing with the Lego*

**What is your favourite movie?** *Disney's/Cars*

**What is your favourite colour?** *Green*

**Where is your favourite place?** *Fairy Park, because I like Fairy Tales*

**Which footy team do you like?** *The Cats*

**Reporters comment –** *Thank you Jake.*

We would like to ask anyone who would like to help us with our term 4 project to send any of the following items.. We need bottle tops (the ones I am sure the dads would like to help collect for us) we are going to attempt an ambitious project. Franca's husband is kindly helping us with this collection and I am sure my husband will enthusiastically help with this also. So please drop as many as you can off at the OSHC room.

Kids, ask if you can come to OSHC and have some fun with us.

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