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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

The school car park gates will be closed between 8.40 and 9.10am every day and 3.10 and 3.45pm every day.

This week - WLG are at Serendip

Monday 26th October

- JLG visit Lara CFA for the day

Wednesday 28th October

- 1/2N at Serendip with visiting author

Thursday 29th October

- 1/2W at Serendip

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November

- SLG at Lara CFA on Monday
- SLG at Serendip Sanctuary rest of week

Wednesday 4th November

- Summer Lightning Premiership

Monday 9th to Friday 13th November

- BLG at Lara CFA on Monday
- BLG at Serendip Sanctuary rest of week

Wednesday 11th November

- Parents Club meets at 9.00am in the OSHC building

Saturday 14th November

- Lara Primary School Shopping Trip

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November

- MLG at Lara CFA on Monday
- MLG at Serendip Sanctuary rest of week

Monday 23th to Friday 27th November

- GLG at Lara CFA on Monday
- GLG at Serendip Sanctuary rest of week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



What a magnificent day it is as I write this message today. I trust that everyone had a most enjoyable Geelong Cup Day. This year every primary school in Geelong have been requested to take Geelong Cup Day. As this day coincides with the final days of year 12, secondary schools will take Melbourne Cup Day. Staff at Lara PS are working diligently to look at planning for 2010. Can I take this opportunity to commend our staff on the way they reflect and consider alternatives to continue to improve the learning of all learners in our school. Our staff used the staff meeting this week to reflect on celebrations and future directions for our strategic plan.

The goals in the School Strategic Plan (2008-2011) are:

- **To improve and maximise student learning across the whole curriculum with a particular emphasis on literacy and numeracy**
- **To improve student engagement, resilience and the capacity of students to be personal learners**
- **To provide a seamless education for students K -7 enabling the best possible learning outcomes for all students.**

The staff looked at the 9 strategies included in our Annual Implementation Plan, and also considered what would be some key questions we need to explore and seek solutions to in 2010 in order to improve the learning in our school.

We are also thinking through grade structures and placements for 2010. In terms of a process our first step is to consider the most effective grade structures for the school. Our thinking will consider student numbers, the

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learning needs of our students, leadership profile, provision of specialist subjects and programs and compositions of grades to most effectively deliver the curriculum, and ensuring the structure fits within our school's resource package (budget) for staffing and curriculum delivery.

Once the structure is established teachers will work together to determine class groupings. This process is one that teachers put considerable thought into in order to best meet the learning needs of all of our students. Staff will consider a range of issues in their deliberation. These issues include:

- Individual learning needs of students
- Students who learn well together
- Capacity for students to learn from each other and develop skills and talents

Once class groupings are determined we work through a process of matching teachers to each group. As we consider teacher placement, we also think about the learning of students and teachers – developing teams of teachers to best support the learning needs of a section of the school. These teacher teams reflect on student assessment and together plan the learning program.

The final stage of the process is the conversations between teachers as students move from one teacher to the next, in terms of understanding our students as learners and how to support their learning needs. This process begins late in Term 4, but follows through to Term 1 2010, building strong links and continuity for each individual. **Elissa**

Winning Display at the Geelong Show.

Last weekend Lara Primary School entered a display at the Geelong Show that showcased our links with Serendip Sanctaury. The display included many fantastic samples of students art work from Prep to Grade 6 and won **1st Place!!!** If you missed out on seeing the display at the show, an abbreviated version will be on display near the office.

Congratulations to Sue Hartshorne who put all this together with the help of the children to create such a wonderful display of our student's artwork. A huge thank you from everyone at Lara Primary School.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to James, Sophie, Keah, Ashleigh and Bailey, who all competed at the Regional Athletics completion on Friday the 9th of October. All students represented the school well, with four being selected to attend the State championships held at Olympic Park on the 26th of October. A huge apology goes out to James, whose name was not mentioned at last Friday's assembly. Well done to all of the participants and good luck to those who are going on to State!

Allan Bilney

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.**

1\2N & 1\2T went swimming

1\2N & 1\2T went swimming at the Norlane pool and had a great time learning about water safety. We played some fun games like What's the time Mr Wolf?, Scarecrow tiggly, dive down & get toys, Noodle racing and Bombs (jumping in the water & making waves). We had a whole day of fun. I'm sure everyone had a great time there. I bet that 1\2N & 1\2T know a lot about swimming now. A big thank you to Mr. Bilney And Mrs Ferrarese for organising the program.

By Taylah S & Ned M.

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.

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.

Lara Primary School Shopping Trip

There are still places available for any parents, teachers, family and friends to attend our Shopping Trip. The cost will be \$40 per head and there are still plenty of seats available. If you are interested in joining us, please fill in the attached form and return to the office.

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts and remember all money raised goes to our school for our children.

Thanks, Narelle

GEELONG JUNIOR BASEBALL

Introducing the new RALLY CAP Program T-BALL Games and SKILLS TRAINING geared to all skill levels:

EIGHT WEEK PROGRAM

From Friday October 30th to Friday December 18th 2009

5.00pm – 6.15pm

For players AGED 4—10 YEARS

Registration evening: Friday 23rd October

Time: 5.00pm - 6.15pm

**Where: Geelong Baseball Complex,
Pioneer Rd. Waurin Ponds**

Cost: Re-registration - \$40

New registration - \$70

For additional information, please contact Liz Paterson on 52824432, 0418388996 or paters01@ncable.net.au

FREE Basketball Clinics for GIRLS

The Lara Basketball Club will be conducting “Beginning Basketball” clinics for girls aged from 6 to 10 with the aim of introducing them to the fundamentals of basketball.

This is a great opportunity for girls to come and try basketball with the emphasis on fun and teaching the basics of the sport.

The clinics will be run each Sunday morning from now until the end of November. Participants can attend as many clinics as they wish in that period.

Dates : Sunday 25th October, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
and 29th November

Time: 11:00 to 12:00

Cost : FREE

If you are interested please contact Rod Randall on 52821196 for more information and to confirm attendance.

OSHC NEWSLETTER

TERM 4/ WEEK 3 & 4 2009

It is hard to believe but here we are already in the last term of 2009. They say time flies when you are having fun and that is exactly what we do at OSHC, have fun.

We would like to welcome a happy little new comer Nathan, we are sure you will enjoy your time with us.

Although we have a set program which includes arts and craft, indoor and outdoor games, cooking, multicultural activities, homework and quiet times, our children are very spontaneous and enjoy making up their own activities. We encourage and help them to do this. They have some fantastic ideas, which range from making their own board games to our OSHC radio station run by Harrison and Luke. Sometimes, I think they entertain the staff as much as we entertain them.

Our “ABC Around the World” is going really well. We have learnt a lot about a lot of countries, some of which

the kids had never heard of. It is interesting finding all the information and then putting it together on our wall display. We are up to M this week and have chosen Malta. Stella and Kirri are helping with this country as this is the country their mum’s family were born in.



OSHC NEWS

'we make kids smile'

ATTENTION DADS

Come on dads we need some help with our bottle top Monster Truck. Could you please keep the tops from beer or like bottle tops and send them to school or drop them at the OSHC room. Franca’s husband really needs some help and would appreciate some assistance with this request. We would also like to thank him for his donations.

This project started off as a motorbike, but as I mentioned, we are very spontaneous at OSHC and it is now a Monster Truck, which I might say is looking fantastic.

We would like to congratulate Jade Hansen for being accepted into the Victorian Youth Choir, we are all very proud of you Jade, well done!

REMEMBER HATS /NO HATS NO PLAY.

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

Jenny Welsh

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