



Laurimar Link 2018

NUMBER 4

FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TERM 1

Tuesday 20th March

Prep—Year 2 Playground Craze Incursion

Thursday 22nd March

Ride to School

Friday 23rd March

Visit from Piggy (Bendigo Bank)

Monday 26th March

Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 28th March

Last Day of Term 1. Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade
1.30pm School Ends 2.30pm.

Thursday 29th March

Pupil Free Day

TERM 2

Monday 16th April

Start of Term 2

Thursday 19th April

School Cross Country

Tuesday 24th April

School Anzac Day Service

Wednesday 25th April

Anzac Day (Dawn Service) Public Holiday

Thursday 24 May

Grandparents Day

Principal's Report

National Day of Action against Bullying

This Friday marks our National Day against bullying. Recently, the Prime Minister sent a letter to all schools asking them to have strong discussions about all forms of bullying. At Laurimar Primary School, we have zero tolerance for Bullying and when we know about it, we act on it. Schools are very good at educating in this space. The important thing is that these values are modelled and spoken about through all walks of the community, sporting clubs and in homes. Together we can all make a stand against bullying and in our great country, we will work towards stamping this inappropriate behaviour out.

Please speak to your children this Friday about activities or lessons that they may have learnt from today's National Day against Bullying.

Melbourne University Science of Learning

In 2018, our school has been selected by Melbourne University with a number of other schools to be a part of the Science Of Learning Project. This work involves a number of days where a team of our teacher leaders work with the likes of Professor John Hattie and look at the overall size effect and impact of a number of our academic programs on our student learning. This fits in well with our School Strategic Plan Initiatives and from the days attended so far, our leaders are coming back inspired and sharing the great information with all staff. We will bring more to you from this exciting project as we progress through the year.

Primary Mathematics and Science Initiative

Late last year, our wonderful Assistant Principal, Ms Convery placed an application in for our school to be selected for the Victorian Government's Mathematics and Science Specialist Initiative. Last Friday, I received a call from central office informing us that we had been successful is one of 49 schools to be placed into the program. This is such exciting news for our school as we continue to build academic strength and improved learning opportunities and outcomes for our students. Ms Vanessa Thompson and Ms Anna Phillips have been selected as our 2 Learning Specialists in the area of Science which will be our focus. At Laurimar Primary School, we aim to produce the next wave of engineers, scientists, astronauts and innovators.

Principal's Report

Literacy Leaders at Bastow Educational Institute for Leadership

With our continued strong focus towards literacy education for our students, our school also applied for the Literacy Leaders Course through the Bastow Institute for Educational Leadership. Two of our strong leaders, Mrs Tanya Kirkright and Mrs Mel Gibson were successful and we are very proud of their achievement. Our project will be centred around our reading program which ultimately aims for students to maximise their potential in this area.

I would like to thank School Council and all our parent community for their understanding of this commitment as we strive for academic excellence and opportunities for all staff and students at Laurimar Primary School.

Stranger Danger

As part of our strong messages around stranger danger and keeping our kids safe, we encourage all adults **NOT TO** approach students at the fence or the perimeter of the school for any reason whatsoever. Our students are educated that if they are called over to the fence they are not to respond and find a teacher immediately. If you could also model this by not approaching the fence to speak to your children and talk about stranger danger that would be a great support.

Social Media and the School Community

In relation to all aspects of school operations at Laurimar Primary School including OSHC, the following considerations should be made before using social media to post comments online.

The internet and social media provide great opportunities for us to network and stay in touch online. While these technologies can offer a positive space for sharing information and ideas, they also have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from acting inappropriately online, it's important to remember that sometimes, negative comments posted about a school community by parents or caregivers can have a bigger impact than expected. Reputations of staff, schools and even parents can be damaged.

Whenever you're online, you are potentially speaking to an unlimited audience, even if you think your conversations are private. Taking a few moments to think about the content you post could save upset, embarrassment - and even possible legal action or police involvement.

We need to be really clear that when people use this pathway, as a school we cannot respond and we don't get the right of reply to these defamatory comments which on the surface is very unfair. If you have an issue or need clarification please come to the school through the right channels to discuss, explain and find a solution.

Parental and community feedback is important for our school. If you have a concern, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to us, rather than discussing it in a public forum. If you are worried about online content involving the school community, please contact me directly or one of my Assistant Principals.

If you are posting online, remember that your comments help build and support our school community at Laurimar. Make sure you're honest, respectful, considerate - and be a good role model for your own children.

Principal's Report

Regional Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 13th March, two of our exceptional young swimmers represented our school at the Regional Swimming Championships held at the Northcote Swimming Pool . This is an amazing achievement and only 1 step away from State Level. Molly Wright had an extraordinary time in the pool bringing home 2 gold medals and will now perform at the State Swimming Championships to be held in April. We are incredibly proud of this effort Molly and we wish you the best of luck at this event.

Ali Maghasedi scored a 4th in the pool, which is a fine achievement at this level and we thank Ali on his efforts representing our school across 3 levels of championship swimming.

Once again, a fine example of great sporting achievement from our students.



Principal's Report

Cultural Day

In what is one of the most important and special days of the year, we were blessed with wonderful weather for our annual Cultural Day . Having some 44 cultures in our school and with the opportunity to celebrate, embrace, understand and accept our cultural diversity is one of the special aspects of Melbourne and living in the great State of Victoria.

Our students were treated to many spectacular cultural performances including the Chinese Fan Dance, Bollywood Performance and dance, African Drumming and many cultural activities in the room.

Huge congratulations to our incredibly hard working cultural planning committee and team for bringing a special day to our students and to Julie H and her canteen staff for providing the special lunch to compliment the day. It was also brilliant to see so many parents getting behind and embracing the day with us all. A sensational day for Laurimar Primary School and well done to all.



Gratitude

Every day is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate gratitude to each other.

Make a promise amongst your family to do 14 acts over the next 14 days to “ make someone's day”, before the Easter Break. My first act is to express my thanks, gratitude & admiration for each family member and the qualities they bring to Laurimar Primary School.

With less than two week to go before everyone has a well deserved Easter break, stay busy on making those Easter Bonnett Parade Hats and will see everyone at the whole school assembly at 1.30pm on the 28th March.

Best wishes,

Jason McBean

Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Curriculum @LPS

SOUND WAVES

Our spelling focus for next week is: "i as in igloo"

The last week of term is set aside for a revision and catch up week. This will allow teachers and students to revisit their learning about all of the phonemes for the term or to introduce a phoneme that may not have been covered due to another educational activity.



We hope you have all had the opportunity to access the online component of the program and work with your child/children to support their learning at home. If not chat to your child/children and ask them to show and teach you about the phonemes.

STUDENT REPORTING

In week 3 of term two our Student Learning Conferences will be held. – Tuesday 1st May. This will be parents and teachers only. It will be held in to inform you of your child's current academic and social achievement and will set future goals for their learning. Keep the evening free as it would be great to catch up with all parents.

Deb Purser

Assistant Principal

Important Information from the Office

Laurimar Primary School Term Planner—Changes effective from the beginning of Term 2

Term Planner expenses and consent for excursions/incursions/camps and activities at LPS have been made available to parents via the following platforms:

- Paper Term Planners- sent home with your child (colour coded per year level)
- Qkr -payments
- COMPASS – Course Confirmation and Events published

We have taken into consideration the confusion with there being several platforms to process payments and consents and have decided to streamline our processes by only having one portal to publish and receive school payments for our TERM PLANNERS.

By now, all families have been provided with user names and passwords to access our online information portal known as COMPASS.

It is the vehicle to allow for payments, the recording of student absences and more.

If you haven't as yet been provided with this information, please email the school laurimar.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with your query and we will reply to your email with your COMPASS access details.

Effective Term 2 our Term Planners will ONLY be available via **COMPASS**.

Options: Parents/Guardians are able to print the payment/consent form and bring into the front office for processing by our lovely office staff.

Compass via Course Confirmation/Payments and consent for excursions/activities are via the Event link. All items that require action are shaded on your homepage under 'My News' and an email is sent when term expenses are put on Compass ready to be paid.



Extension Report

WRITING EXTENSION REPORT

Our Grade 3 writers have been busy drumming up sensory descriptions to retell some of their favourite moments. Creating a detailed and accurate picture for readers is a wonderful skill, which these students are working hard to develop.

Here is a taste of their work:

I wait calmly as the clock ticks It's time to go to school. When I get to school I start to smell Julie making the hot dogs and dim sims. Two hours later it's recess and finally time to taste....

Yes! It's time to jump right into my itchy costume. I am nervous, like I was being locked up in a cage of wild animals, but as excited as being in a cage full of fairy dust.

I'm feeling anxious, waiting for the game to start. Suddenly the ref blows the whistle and the game begins.



BANG! All the players of the fateful dance battle begin to dance along to the music. I wait anxiously for my turn. The man on the microphone yells I'm on next. I am scared to death.

My mum was taking me to a haunted graveyard as punishment. I looked out of the car window and a putrid small drifts past my nostrils. I see the black flowers melt into dust and as I hop out of the car, I hear a creepy girl singing.

Our Grade 5 writers have been exploring the epistolary text 'The Jolly Postman or Other People's Letters'. They are now using this unique literary feature to construct their own epistolary texts. They are focusing specifically on developing authentic voices and including language appropriate for their character.

Extension Report

MATHS EXTENSION REPORT

With our assessments out of the way, our Grade 5 Maths students have been using their times-table knowledge to solve ratio problems and complete decimal multiplication and long division worded problems. As the term comes to an end, they are busily trying to earn team points for the term long challenge.

Our Grade 3s have been using visual strategies to deconstruct worded problems. By creating detailed and meaningful bar diagrams they can break down complicated questions and easily find the answers. The students should be very proud of their efforts during this unit, as some of the questions have been a little tricky.



'MINI SCIENTIST' REPORT

Our 'Mini Scientists' have been busy experimenting with hands on projects. They built balloon rockets and raced them through the classroom and then in the following session they explored the concepts of solubility and density by creating lava lamps.



School Banking

SCHOOL BANKING

Have you ever thought about starting the path to your child's financial success while they are still young and teaching them the importance of saving some of their money on a regular basis? Opening a bank account for your children is one of the best ways as a parent you can help them learn about saving for the future.

Laurimar Primary School, in conjunction with the local Bendigo Bank Branch in Laurimar, offer children a weekly school banking service. Each week on a Tuesday children can bring their banking into school and it will be deposited into their account for them. Community banks are very important in local areas as the community share in the revenue, with surpluses available for investment in local projects via grants, sponsorships and dividends. It is only the support they receive from their customers that enables them to undertake these projects.

On Friday March 23rd, 'Piggy' and a representative from the Bendigo Bank will be coming to

Laurimar Primary School to hand out some small prizes to the grade which has the most children banking with them through the school.

If you are interested in opening an account for your children there are application forms available at the front office. Included within this newsletter is also a copy of the 'Bendigo Piggysaver' brochure.

Tracey Kearney

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Sports Corner

Division Swimming

Last week Ali M, Logan O and Molly W competed at Division Swimming at the Northcote Pool.

- Ali placed 1st in Butterfly and 2nd in Freestyle
- Logan placed 5th in the Backstroke
- Molly placed 1st in Freestyle and Backstroke.

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to Molly W placing 1st in Freestyle and Backstroke at Regional finals and Ali M who swam gallantly and placed 4th in his heat.

We are so proud of both of you and your achievements.



Cross Country

Cross Country will take place Thursday week 1 of term 2, 19th April during sessions 3 and 4. All year 3-6 students will take place and we look forward to having some parent helpers on the day!!!

Swimming lessons

Lessons will commence in Term 2 with our first year levels being the year 2 and year 4 students. Swimming ability forms will be coming home in the following days and permission forms will be sent via compass, payment will be on term planners.

Tuesday: Year 2 – Weeks 4-9

Wednesday: Year 4 – Weeks 4-9

Sports Corner

We are participating in Active April again this year!

And the good news is you don't really have to do anything except record your activity time over the holidays on a very easy to use app!!

YOU can also sign up and join our school team!
The team ID is laurimar-primary-school

All it takes is tracking activity levels which our kids do daily through their various devices etc.

Thanks for your support and enjoy tracking your holiday activities!!

[Refer a Friend](#) to win

REQUEST TO JOIN A TEAM

Want to join a team? Find out the Team ID and enter it below.
Please use the correct spelling and include all hyphens.

JOIN TEAM

Alternatively, a Team Owner can invite you to join, if you tell them your username or email address.

[Refer a Friend](#) to win

Premier's Active

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Premier's Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

To accompany this form, we recommend you visit www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools to download our *Information for Parents* flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier's Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering.

This year, our school will be participating in Premier's Active April and we are asking students to join their school or class team and get more active and join the fun.

There are two options below showing you how to register and join our school team. Please contact the school if you need further information.

Registration and Team Details

Log in / Register activeapril.vic.gov.au

Team ID ----laurimar-primary-school

Team Name Laurimar Primary School

- Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

How to join our school team:

1) If your family are already registered:

1. Log in to the Active April web or mobile app using the student's username and password
2. Go to the *Teams page* and select "Request to join a Team".
3. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request"
4. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. After the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next log in.

2) If your family are not registered

1. Register at activeapril.vic.gov.au – register yourself first, then register family members.
2. Once registered, your child can use their unique username and password to access the Activity Tracker and program incentives.
3. In the top right navigation, change "Logged in as:" to the relevant child's name. You'll now be viewing the Activity Tracker app as though you are logged in as this user. NB: you may need to refresh the page to see this.
4. Go to the *Teams page* and select "Request to join a Team".
5. Enter the Team ID (see above) and click "Send Request".
6. A notification will be sent to the teacher who created the team. When the teacher accepts the request, the student will see the team details when they next log in.



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YEAR 6 MARKET DAY

**TUESDAY 20TH
MARCH 2:30 - 4PM**

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-STRESS BALLS -STATIONARY -ARTWORK
-BATHBOMBS -COASTERS -PLAY-DOH -GAMES
& LOTS MORE TO BUY!**

Year 6 Market Day

Hi, our names are Natasha, Julia and Tessa and we are running a market stall on the 20th of March. Our stall is called Grace & Jewels, we sell.... Sugar Scrubs which are beneficial for your skin, Scented candles which smell like pure bliss and keyrings that will jazz up you bag.

The charity we have chosen is SCOPE. SCOPE covers people with mental, physical and verbal disabilities. We know that people in our school have been affected by a range of those. Scope helps over 6000 Victorian citizens and gives education to those that don't have any. They teach valuable life skills so they can learn how to look after themselves. If you wouldn't like to buy any of our products feel free to donate, we would deeply appreciate it. All of our profits will go straight to SCOPE. We have put a lot of effort into this project and we hope that the money donated will help give assistance to a person that really needs it. Thank you for your time.



Year 7 Transition

Our Year 6 students have settled in as our leaders of Laurimar Primary School. We are very proud of them all. It is now time to look towards their new chapter to high school. Where would your son or daughter wish to attend?

For parents of both Grade 5 and Grade 6 students, there are many Open Days provided by the following schools to help you with your important decision. Please find below the list of Open Days that have been provided by our many high schools in the area.

- **Montmorency Secondary College** Feb - Apr 9.15am-11am
(booking only)
- **St Helena Secondary College** 21st Feb - 25th April
- **Plenty Valley Christian College** 17th Mar 10am-12pm
- **Mernda Central P-12 College** 21st Mar 6.30pm
- **Marymede College** 25th Mar 11am-2pm
- **Assumption College** 27th Mar 4pm-7pm
- **Hazel Glen College** Sat 21st April 9am-1pm
Wed 02 May Y7 Info night 7pm
- **Diamond Valley College** 26th Apr 6pm-7.30pm and 27th April 9.15am-11.15am
- **Greensborough College** 27th April 7pm
- **Whittlesea Secondary College** 5th May all day
- **Kilmore International School** 29th May 6.30pm
- **St Monica's College** 29th May 6.30pm
(Please ring College to confirm your tour.)

Week 1 - Term 2 Transition packs to be distributed to all parents/carers of year 6 students.

Kim Ferguson

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TWILIGHT TOUR
Tuesday, 20 March
5:00pm-7:00pm
Principal's address at 5:00pm
Last tour at 6:15pm
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Year 7 Transition



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**2019 - YEAR 7
Information Evening
Wednesday 2nd May, 2018
7.00pm to 8.00pm - Gymnasium**

**HGC OPEN DAY
Saturday 21
April
9am to 1pm**

Tours are available (booking essential)

- **Wednesday 21 March (4.30pm)**
- **Friday 23 March (9.30am)**
- **Wednesday 28 March (4.30pm)**



*For information on our Program, download a copy of our
Year 7 Handbook via our website under the Middle Years menu*

Learners Today Leaders Tomorrow

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Thank You

Cultural Day Thankyou from the Canteen:

Thankyou to the follow amazing ladies for helping us in the canteen for Cultural Day. I was very busy and we couldn't have done it without you



Vikki, Sam, Margriet & Mel

Volunteers needed

Mother's Day Stall

We love having our many helpful community members volunteering their time at our school.

We once again require helpers for the Mother's Day Stall. If you are able to assist please see Sue Veld in the office and place your name on our list. The more the merrier. You will require a Working with Children Check and a signed Confidentiality Form.

The signed confidentiality forms are available from the office whilst the Working with Children Check can be arranged online. www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Thank you.

Legend of the Month

Class	Student
Foundation A	Holly M
Foundation B	Levi C
Foundation C	
Foundation D	Marley C
Foundation E	Ames G
Foundation F	Sarah G
Foundation G	Alec K
1A	Faith D
1B	Tahnee J
1C	Jack S
1D	Meryem S
1E	Asha D
1F	Reid H
2A	Tille D
2B	Mia H
2C	Mahtaab K
2D	Lachlan G
2E	Monique C
2F	Tate D
2G	Brayden E
3A	Taj M
3B	Beau M
3C	Holly C
3D	Anthi K
3E	Isabella G
3F	Alexis B
4A	Millie V
4B	Conor N
4C	Gurbaaz S
4D	Elisa Z
4E	Emma S
4F	Charlotte H
4G	Molly W
5A	Oneli K
5B	Felicity C
5C	Samuel T
5D	Zoe S

5E	Abby C
	Tanaya C
5F	Lila W
6A	Zane D
6B	Paige M
6C	Jai F
6D	Coby K
6E	Logan M
6F	Zane K
STEM	
OSHC	Jacob H
Extension	Emmerson G
The Arts	DJ J
Chinese	William H
Social & Emotional Learning	Tillie D
Physical Education	Lincoln C



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