



Laurimar Link 2019

NUMBER 14

**DATES TO
REMEMBER: 2019**



TERM THREE

Wednesday 11th September

Grade 5 Arcade Day

Thursday 12th September

Year 1 Rayner's Orchard

Division Athletics

Friday 13th September

Footy Day - Football Colours

Footy Day Lunch

Mon 16th—Friday 20th September

Grade 5 Camp—Kangarooobie Camp

Grade 6 Camp—Anglesea Camp

Friday 20th September

Last Day of School Term 3

Assembly starts at 1.30pm

Students Dismissed 2.30pm.

Office will close at 3.00pm

Payments 8.45am– 12 Noon

TERM FOUR

Monday 7th October

First Day of Term 3

Monday 14th October

School Production—Night One

Tuesday 15th October

School Production—Night Two

Wednesday 16th October

School Production—Night Three

Principal's Report

2019 NAPLAN RESULTS

Our 2019 provisional NAPLAN results for our school have been released this week and as a leadership team we are closely analysing our results looking at improvements and trends. I am pleased to report that early signs have seen significant improvement in our writing results in both year 3 and year 5 and some positive signs in numeracy improvement. These results do not come easily and is through the relentless hard work from so many people across our school in partnership with all students, staff, parents and families that enables a learning environment and culture that has a focus on learning success for all students. Many thanks once again for the professional leadership of Curriculum Assistant Principal, Mrs Deb Purser and her team of teaching and learning leaders as she drives her dedication, passion and strong curriculum knowledge across the school. The hard work from each and every staff member, student and parent needs to be acknowledged and we can all take great ownership of these sensational results. Individual student results for all Year 3 and 5's will be sent out to families by this time next week.



What makes an effective School Council?

At Laurimar Primary School, we greatly value and appreciate the hard work and initiatives of all school council members and the support they provide across so many areas to ultimately improve outcomes and growth for all 1015 students. Meeting approximately 10 times for the year, detailed and through meetings are carried out with valuable input and contributions from all members. We are immensely proud of our 2019/2020 school council achievements to date and look forward to the second half of school council business through to our AGM in March next year. The impact across school fundraising, ground and facilities, Education Policy and Planning, OSHC service, Canteen, Uniform Committee and many other operational areas of the school is profound. On behalf of all stakeholders at Laurimar Primary School and the wider community, many thanks for your ongoing contributions to make our school a great place to be for all of us.

Principal's Report

The role of School councillors and the Education State

Through their role in school reviews, strategic planning, budget oversight and annual reporting, school councils are responsible for the governance and oversight of the school's implementation of state-wide initiatives and reforms.

In order to effectively discharge their governance responsibilities, it is important for school councillors to know about these state-wide initiatives.

A key initiative in Victorian education over the past four years has been the Education State reform. The Education State sets goals and targets in four main areas:

- Learning for life
- Happy, healthy and resilient kids
- Breaking the link
- Pride and confidence in our schools.

Learning for life sets targets for improving students' outcomes in reading, maths, science and critical and creative thinking. Improvement initiatives in this area include the Victorian Curriculum, the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO), the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and the Tech Schools initiative.

Happy, healthy and resilient kids sets targets to improve students' confidence, social skills and healthy life habits. Initiatives have been developed to improve students' resilience and participation in physical activity. They include promoting healthy minds for living and learning, breakfast clubs and the Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund.

Breaking the link supports students at risk of poor learning outcomes to stay engaged with school to overcome their educational disadvantage. Initiatives include Navigator, which reengages students who have disengaged from school, Lookout, which supports students in out of home care and Equity Funding to provide schools with additional resources to support students who are experiencing disadvantage.

Pride and confidence in our schools increases parent's and the community's levels of confidence in government education. Initiatives include the delivery of new schools and school upgrades through the Victorian School Building Authority, implementation of the Victorian Curriculum and FISO and building excellence in teacher education to support teachers.

Front Office Upgrade

From next Thursday 12th September, our existing office area will be undergoing an urgent upgrade. The front office doors will be out of action and become a construction zone.

Access for payments will be via the glass doors opposite the aboriginal flag next to the staffroom. Please limit the activity during this time to a minimum whilst the construction takes place. We will be moving back into the existing upgraded office space by week 2 of next Term. We appreciate your consideration during this time.

2019 District Athletics Success

Congratulations to our 2019 school Athletics Team who once again took out the District Athletics Carnival this year. Our school have won 3 of the last 4 years and entrenched our names on the prestigious Diamond Valley School Sports Association Athletics Shield. We are so proud of the 58 super athletes and to Mr Chapman, Mr McDonald and Ms Attard for their work and leadership of the team. We also have a record 24 students who will go off to divisional athletics as part of the State Process.

Principal's Report

Monitoring student Online Activity

Over the past week, it has been brought to my attention the concerning increase of inappropriate online activity throughout our year 5 and 6 cohort. We have held an assembly with all students and staff discussing some very strong safety messages about the seriousness of some of this online behaviour. We ask that ALL parents review their child's online activity, digital footprints and please manage your iCloud at home. Quite often, students have the ability to hide inappropriate social media apps on their devices however it will still sit in the family cloud. Tic Toc social media APP is of particular concern containing highly inappropriate behaviour and activity with our school logo seen on student shirts. Over the years we have highlighted the many pitfalls with APPs such as iMessage, Kik Messenger, Musically, Snapchat, Instagram etc. The **strong message is that any APP of this genre should not be in the presence of 10-12 year old student as they are all not age appropriate.** Your urgent attention in discussing this with your child would be greatly appreciated. If anyone requires a further discussion or information, please come into the office area and see either Mr Kearney or myself.



Year 2-4 Camping Success

One of the features of our school year at LPS is the opportunity for our students to attend a comprehensive camping program. Last week I had the privilege of attending the memorable Year 3 Camp to Echuca. This is always a great highlight of the year where the children attend a fantastic farm/ ranch style experience and get to be immersed in a country and western atmosphere that encompasses numerous activities including whip cracking shows and horse grooming. Our Year 3's were exemplary in their behaviour and manners and the highlight was meeting a 4-hour-old goat just born on the farm. The animal nursery, historic museum, paddle boating, horse grooming, bungee tramp, mini golf and archery were some of the many highlights and laughs that we had.

Without the support of our hardworking staff and parent volunteers away from their wonderful families, these experiences cannot be made possible for our students. Many thanks to Tracy Sims for her leadership and work across the 5 days at Echuca, Mrs Marg Chapman from our leadership team and to all year 3 teachers and parents who provided a warm, safe, comfortable environment for all students to be at their best and extract the maximum results and growth from their camping experience.

On Monday week some eight buses will be at the front of school ready to safely shuttle some 300, year 5/6 students, staff and parents down along the Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool and Anglesea respectively during the final week of this term. We wish you great weather and a wonderful time.

Good luck to everyone in our school community over the next 2 weeks of Term. Enjoy the spring weather, fire up the BBQ's and have some wonderful family time together as we bring Term 3 to a close. I look forward to engaging with you all over the next fortnight.

Best Wishes,

Jason McBean

Principal



Year 3 Camp

Last week the Year 3 students ventured to Echuca for their first school camping experience. The teachers are extremely proud of the behaviour displayed by the students and for their positive attitude and ability to take on new challenges. The students were able to participate in a range of activities such as bungee trampolines, mini golf, pedal boats, horse grooming and archery. A huge thank-you to our parent helpers for volunteering their time and assisting the teachers and students on the camp. Congratulations to all involved for what was a successful camp!



Assistant Principal's Report

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Congratulations to all students who presented very proudly and confidently their learning and goals to their parents or guardians at our Student Led Conferences last Monday. The feedback from teachers was one of pride to see and hear their students clearly articulate their learning journey. Our teachers work hard to make the learning visible for each and every student. As world renowned educational researcher John Hattie would tell you, this is necessary for students to achieve their highest possible outcomes.

PLANNING WEEK

It is hard to believe but Term 4 is nearly upon us! Next week our teachers will be working hard to plan the teaching and learning program for the term ahead. The normal teaching and learning program will be running with the alteration that students will have their Expressive Education lessons on the one day rather than spaced out throughout the week.

SPELLING @ LPS

Find below our Sound Waves foci for the next two weeks for each year level. There are great activities that you can do at home to support your child in developing these vital understandings they are learning in their classroom. Some of these are finding objects that begin with these phonemes, segmenting words with the phonemes into the individual sounds that make the word and completing the related activities on the Sound Waves online site. Your child has the password needed for this.

PREP SOUND WAVES FOCUS

Over the next two weeks students in Prep will be investigating:

Week beginning September 9



Week beginning September 16



YEAR 1 TO 6 SOUND WAVES FOCUS

Over the next two weeks students in years 1 to 6 will be investigating:

Week beginning September 9



Week beginning September 16

Term Sound Waves
Revision Week

Deb Purser

Assistant Principal

MAGPIES

As you may have noticed there has been a section of the yard cordoned off. This is because we are lucky enough to have a magpie nest with some beautiful baby birds in it and we would like to protect it for as long as possible. I just thought it would be a great talking point with the kids about how lucky we are to have such amazing animals in Australia.

Here is some info on magpies behaviour:
The bird's natural predators are snakes, other birds.

Magpies are a protected native species in Australia, so it is illegal to kill or harm them. These birds have learnt to coexist with humans and in fact only around 10% of magpies swoop humans.

Most of their swooping happens towards other birds.
The kids may witness the magpies swooping crows and ducks. This is because they are protecting their babies as well as their food source.

Much energy is spent defending a territory from intruders, particularly other magpies, and different behaviours are seen with different opponents.

The Australian magpie eats various items located at or near ground level such as earthworms, millipedes, snails, spiders, cockroaches, ants, beetles, moths and caterpillars and other larvae, also magpies are known to eat grain, tubers, figs, walnuts and some other fruits. It has even learnt to safely eat the poisonous cane toad by flipping it over and consuming the underparts.

Magpies tend to stay in the one area for many years. So the magpies in our school have probably been here for generations. They live in family groups protecting each other. It is actually very interesting to watch their behaviour and how amazing it is that they have chosen our school to make their home.

We are going to have a competition to give the mum and dad a name. If the students are interested in suggesting a name could they please bring their suggestions to the STEM room with their name and grade on a piece of paper.

Cultural references

The Australian magpie featured in aboriginal folklore around Australia. The Yindjibarndi people of the Pilbara in the northwest of the country used the bird as a signal for sunrise, frightening them awake with its call. They were also familiar with its highly territorial nature, and it features in a song in their Burndud, or songs of customs. It was a totem bird of the people of the Illawarra region south of Sydney as well.



Cheers,

Vanessa the Professor

Canteen

Footy Day is fast approaching (FRIDAY 13th September) . Please place your child/ren's lunch **order via Munch Monitor School Shop** before the cut off at 10 am on Tuesday 10th September.

Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted due to outside catering.

Parent Helpers needed for the Canteen on Footy Day 12 - 2pm, we can't do it without you :-)

Please contact Julie in Canteen if you are available to assist.

****Current WWCC required and must have enclosed foot wear**





LAURIMAR PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTY DAY

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2019

Place your (OPTIONAL) lunch order early!

Orders will be live in the "School Shop" on MunchMonitor

Monday 12th August until Tuesday 10th September at 3.30pm

If you do not have an account please create one following the easy set up guide

www.munchmonitor.com

log in username – laurimarps

password – munch3754

click on sign up today and create your new account with your own email address and password.

Follow the prompts

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Go to www.munchmonitor.com Log on and click on the "School Shop" icon to order the (OPTIONAL) Footy Day Lunch.

Click on Students name

Click on Category – Footy Day Lunch

Select your item/s

Add to cart

Then you must "Check out"

When your order is COMPLETED, please ensure that you have received an email confirming your order

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO OUTSIDE ORDERING

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

School Production

SCHOOL PRODUCTION REMINDER:

We are all very excited about School Production and the students have been doing a brilliant job of rehearsing! All parents were sent an email about which night their child is performing. If you have not received this email please double check your junk inbox. If you any questions please contact me on production@laurimarps.com

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you at the School Production.

COSTUME BASE REMINDER

A reminder for all families that students need to have their school production costume bases returned to their classroom teacher in a LABELLED PLASTIC BAG by the end of term.

If you have any questions regarding this or if you need another costume note, please let your child's teacher know.



SHOWTIME 1
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019

SHOWTIME 2
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

SHOWTIME 3
WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019

Please email **Louise Mercer** -
production@laurimarps.com
**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH
YOUR CHILD'S SHOWTIME DATE**

OSHC



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shannon for her dedication and hard work over the last 5 years at OSHC. Shannon will be leaving Laurimar on Tuesday 17th September and will be truly missed. Please make sure you come and say goodbye before she leaves.

This week in OSHC we have explored different paint mediums and practiced our paint pouring onto canvases, and then made puffy paint with ingredients from the kitchen. We even got to microwave our pictures to watch them puff up! We are always looking for fun new things to try and the children have been really enjoying our range of new arts and crafts.

For our afternoon tea, we have platters with dip, fresh seasonal vegetables and fruits, crackers and dried fruits and the occasional pieces of kabana or salami. It's been fantastic to see the children eating broccoli and olives along with their usual apples and mandarins.

Over the next fortnight our special afternoon teas are:

Wednesday 11th September – Carbonara (suggested by Zephyr)

Friday 20th September – Chicken Nuggets (suggested by Hugh and Vihanna)

Our breakfast menu includes wholemeal bread / toast, low fat milk or soy milk, yoghurt, fruit salad, rice bubbles, cheerios, wheat bix and corn flakes. Gluten free cereals and breads are also available.

Our special breakfasts over the next fortnight are:

Thursday 12th September – Scrambled Eggs (suggested by Af)

Monday 16th September – Milo Cereal (suggested by Kyla)

Holiday program bookings are still available, please check on compass for a copy of the program and booking form. For further information please email us at oshc@laurimarps.com or call 03 9717 6783.

Thank you,
Emma Renn
OSHC Manager



First Aid



Preventative Hay Fever Treatment

The wattle is already in bloom and spring is upon us!

Up to 30% of children experience hay fever, and generally this is throughout spring and summer. If you know your child is affected by hay fever, please consider giving your child a preventative antihistamine medication **prior** to school. This will ensure they are comfortable at school and maximise their learning time.

If you wish to keep antihistamines or eye drops stored at school for the exclusive use of your child, please provide the medication, clearly labelled and in its original packaging along with a completed **Medication Authority Form** (available from the First Aid Room or online via the Laurimar Primary School web page) direct to the First Aid Room.

Thank you,
Caroline & Jess
School Nurse

LIONS HEARING TESTS FOR CHILDREN 3½ to 6 YEARS OF AGE

Dear Parents,

Diamond Valley Lions Club is offering pre-schoolers and prep children (3½ - 6yrs) hearing tests as part of its community service program.

Students under supervision from Melbourne University's Audiology Department will carry out the play-based testing, and parents will be informed immediately and referred to their GP if hearing abnormalities are detected.

Early detection of hearing loss is critical for the development of normal speech and language skills.

These tests are **FREE OF CHARGE**, and will be held on

Saturday, 7th September 2019 at Wattle Glen Primary School.

Parking is available on Reynolds Rd and Sunnyside Crescent. Entry to the school is on Sunnyside Crescent.

Testing can take up to 30 minutes, and a parent or guardian must be present.

To book, go to www.diamondvalley.vic.lions.org.au , click on "Hearing Testing" on the home page (top left corner)

Contact Lions member **Fiona Kates 0404 180 772 / kateschiro@icloud.com** if you require further information or assistance with booking an appointment.

Student of the Week 26th Aug 2019

| Class | Name |
|--------|-------------|
| Prep A | Cayden P |
| Prep B | Mason A |
| Prep C | Bryan Q |
| Prep D | Savannah D |
| Prep E | |
| Prep F | Fred K |
| Prep G | Grade P |
| Prep H | Sarah H |
| 1A | Sienna C |
| 1B | Audrey M |
| 1C | Caden T |
| 1D | Nidhi C |
| 1E | Kaela M |
| 1F | Madeleine R |
| 2A | Theodore K |
| 2B | Aneri B |
| 2C | Blake B |
| 2D | Pippa S |
| 2E | Bailee J |
| 2F | Ben M |
| 3A | |
| 3B | Lilyana P |
| 3C | Matin M |
| 3D | |
| 3E | Mason N |
| 3F | |

| Class | Name |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 4A | Ben G |
| 4B | Emma D |
| 4C | |
| 4D | |
| 4E | Zephyr P |
| 4F | Nikayla G |
| 5A | Jay T |
| 5B | Emma D |
| 5C | Vraj P |
| 5D | Mason M |
| 5E | Dylan M |
| 5F | Sebastian C |
| 6A | Jack T |
| 6B | Lily M |
| 6C | Amy G |
| 6D | Ellie W |
| 6E | Fady D |
| Reading Enrichment | |
| Chinese | Alec K |
| Junior Strive | |
| SEL | Emme A |
| STEM | Emma D |
| Music /Art | |
| OSHC | Brodie C |

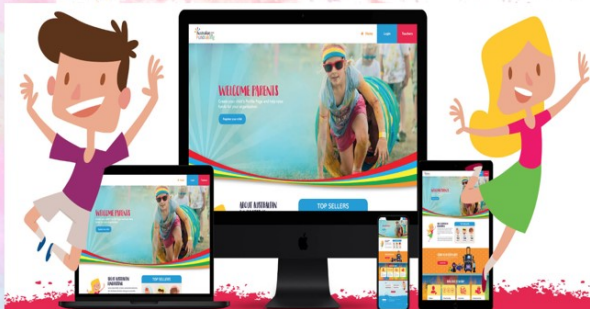




WITH A COLOUR EXPLOSION

A REMINDER FROM THE JSC:

Don't forget to create your online profile and start raising money TODAY! Remember to give permission for your child to participate in the run via Compass.



**START RAISING FUNDS TODAY!
CREATE YOUR PROFILE PAGE AT
WWW.MYPROFILEPAGE.COM.AU**

EVENT DATE: 7/11/19



YARRAMBAT PLENTY LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

**REGISTRATION OPENS ON
LAVIC.COM.AU
20TH AUGUST 2019**

**Season starts 21st September,
Come & Try day, and bring a
friend on 14th September 2019**

**Start 8.30am-11.30am at
Willinda Park, Greensborough
Ages 5-15 years old**

**JUMP INTO LITTLE
ATHLETICS WITH
YARRAMBAT
PLENTY LITTLE
ATHLETICS CLUB**

**LOOK FOR OUR
ORANGE
YARRAMBAT
BANNER AT
WILLINDA PARK,
GREENSBOROUGH
- NEAR THE ROOMS**

**REGISTER: AT LAVIC
WEBSITE
LAVIC.COM.AU**

**Select Diamond Valley
Little Athletics Centre
and then Yarrambat
Plenty Club**

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