



# Laurimar Link

6TH NOVEMBER 2020

## TERM FOUR



**STEP INTO PREP DATES**  
TBC - November—December

**Week 11: Grade 6 Graduation:**  
**Mon 14th-Wed 16th Dec**  
Proposed at school over 3 nights.

**Friday 18th December:**

Last Day of school

1.00pm Dismissal



**Monday 1st February 2021**

First day of Term 1



## Principal's Report

Term 4 continues to be a buzz of excitement and happiness for us all. Each day we continue to grow in confidence as a community around health and safety. Once again, all members of the Laurimar Community should be sincerely congratulated for the fine efforts and sacrifices you have all made in a very complex 2020. As a school, you will see that we will not relax on this hard work or become complacent as we continue the team effort to ensure that we keep these numbers low in the lead up to Christmas and into the New Year.

We all eagerly await the Honourable, Daniel Andrews press conference this Sunday to see what the pathway looks like between next Monday and the end of the year which ultimately determines many of our big events and activities for the remainder of the year.

Over the past 2 weeks, we have been able to celebrate as a school, albeit a different Grand Final Week and Day. Congratulations to both the Richmond Tigers, the Mighty Melbourne Storm and the Melbourne Vixens coming together to make Victorian's dominance in the sporting arena and the envy of all other states around the country. A wonderful reflection of the deep level of resilience of our great state.

We then had our Melbourne Cup Day celebrations last Friday where our students made jockey silks and hats, researched the history of the great race and soaked up the atmosphere of an extraordinary Cup weekend.

We cannot thank you enough for the support of all these events and for helping to organise your children as best you can as they continue to re-engage, integrate, reconnect and learn how to socialize in large gatherings. It is important that we continue the transparent communication around your children; if you have any issues with your children, contact us and let us know how we can best support.





# Principal's Report

## 2020 School Review

As part of the Department of Education and Training's Accountability Framework, every 4 years, each school is required to undertake a school review. I will continue to update our community where we are in the process.

Key leaders have undertaken review panel training with Cambridge University and we have had a planning day with our wonderful reviewer Mrs Helen Ramsdale who is from country Victoria. Our review will take place over 5 large days from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The review process allows us to look back and reflect deeply on the achievements, celebrations and milestones of the past 4 years and with a steely resolve develop plans to decide future direction so we achieve success for all students, staff and community stakeholders for the next 4 years. I look forward to bringing you updates on this process.

# STEP INTO PREP

With the impending announcements that we await this Sunday about restrictions, we are still yet to be in a position to finalise our 2021 Prep transition sessions to be held later this month.

At Laurimar Primary School, we pride ourselves on our Prep Familiarisation and Step into Prep sessions and understand greatly the importance and benefit of them. We have a couple of models that we know will be effective for your little ones and look forward to bringing this information early next week via email.





# Principal's Report

## Road Safety and Etiquette Around The School

It feels that our road safety message around the school isn't getting through to a select few of our parents. Over the past fortnight we have witnessed first-hand two situations that could have ended up in tragedy.

The first where a father was dropping off his child in Montville Street, that decided it was his right to do a U-turn on the school crossing. The second incident was two, Grade one students that were playing tag between cars parked parallel on Armidale Road adjacent to the school, that were unsupervised. Fortunate enough for those children, I was going slow enough to see them and stop in time before they ended up on the road. It also surprises me as to how many parents do not use the crossing at the Post Office to walk their children safely across to the school.

The other incredibly dangerous situation is where a person pulls up, double parks and calls their children between 2 cars and crosses the road into the awaiting vehicle. Highly dangerous and poor etiquette. You only have to think back a few years ago of the tragic loss of professional golfer Stuart Appleby's wife in similar circumstances.

I am sure like me, you are all at a loss as to the carelessness of some, but I dread that if this behaviour continues something will happen to one of our students, parents, staff or members of the wider community.



## Kiss and Drop Area / Grade 2

This area along Painted Hills Road is designed by Whittlesea Council as strictly a 'Kiss and Drop' zone for parents and carers. It is not designed for double parking and calling your children out between parked cars or to pull up like in as a car park and leave your car. Please follow the rules of the 'Kiss and Drop' area as they were designed for your benefit so that it is as safe and effective for all at drop off and pick up times.

I appreciate that most of our parents do the right thing and that it is a certain few that can't be bothered to show the correct etiquette.



# Principal's Report

## Bike Education and Safety

A reminder also to all students to dismount bikes and not to hop on bikes until well away from the perimeter of our school. With the sheer number of people around our school, there have been many close calls and there is far too much movement and pedestrian traffic around for children to be zipping in and out along our perimeter pathways. Injuries are highly likely to occur. Please discuss these rules with your children around bike safety.

We are excited to launch our Bike Education Program from next week which also enforces safety as part of every session.



## Class Do Jo and Communication Response

I would like to take the opportunity to clarify the new process now that all staff and students are back on site 100% of the time and we have moved away from remote and flexible learning.

Please send your communication to our staff between the school hours of 8.30am - 4.30pm with the exception being for a medical emergency for your child. Teachers **WILL NOT** be able to check these messages during school time due to being totally engaged with your children and will respond in due course. Now that everyone is back on site, our amazing staff will tend to these messages within due course and reasonable hours.

Please don't send after work hours and expect a response ASAP.

Many thanks for your co operation during this time.





# Principal's Report

Last Friday, Victoria celebrated World Teachers' Day on Friday 30th October 2020.

World Teachers' Day 2020 celebrated teachers with the theme 'Teachers: Leading In Crisis, Reimagining The Future'. This theme reflects the commitment teachers have made as leaders particularly teaching throughout the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, in a range of challenging and complex environments.

World Teachers' Day is a chance to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions that our teachers have made throughout the Laurimar and broader Victorian communities, as they help to teach and shape the future.

Whether you are a current student, have kids in school, or have been out of school for many years now, we all have our favourite teachers who have made an enormous impact on our lives and I'm sure you will all join me in thanking and congratulating our Laurimar Primary School teachers for their fine job.

We all would like to acknowledge all our teachers and staff at Laurimar for their outstanding work this year, your over and above commitment, dedication and passion to our students and families. You all play an integral part in helping to shape a positive future and for that we thank you.

Good luck to everyone over the next couple of weeks and we look forward to bringing you some exciting news that will benefit our students regarding events, opportunities and activities. Thank once again for your uncompromising support as we continue to inch forward in the positive direction

Best Wishes,

Jason McBean

Principal





# Assistant Principal's Report

The weeks are flying by and we have been and will continue to work really hard to make every minute count for term four for all at Laurimar Primary School. There is such a buzz in all classrooms and much learning happening each and every day.

Over the past two weeks teachers have been busily collecting data so they can best meet the needs of all students and begin to draft end of year reports. We really value the support we receive with learning by you at home through reading daily with your child, practicing times tables and completing activities on Reading Eggs/Eggspress, Mathletics and Sound Waves.

## SPELLING @ LPS

Thank-you to all the hard-working parents who are continuing to support your child/ren with their phoneme of the week learning at home. This support gives a great boost to the learning outcomes for your child/ren and further supports our focus on expanding our student's vocabulary.

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 November 9





# Assistant Principal's Report

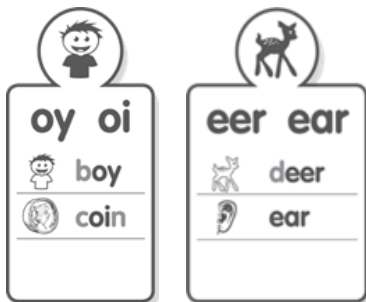
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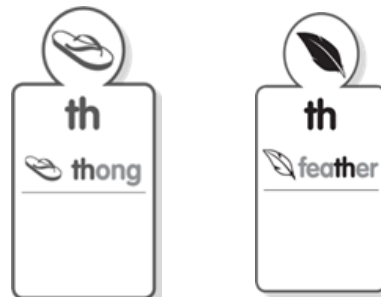
## YEAR 1 TO 4 SOUND WAVES FOCUS

Over the next two weeks students in years 1 to 4 will be investigating:

Week beginning November 9



Week beginning November 16



## YEAR 5 AND 6 SOUND WAVES FOCUS

Over the next two weeks students in years 5 and 6 will be investigating:

Week beginning November 9



Week beginning November 16

**Spelling Investigation:  
Greek and Latin Roots**

# From The Office

## CHANGES TO STUDENT BANKING



We have been advised by Bendigo Bank that they can no longer accept banking through the school. This has come from a decision made by the Royal Commission. Therefore no student banking can be accepted through the school and taken to the bank to deposit. Students can continue to bank through their local branch by taking their regular savings to the bank with their parent or guardian.



## OFFICE HOURS

Please note our office hours 8.30am—4.00pm. For any late/ early arrivals you must call the office from the gate. We will then make arrangements with you. We have had an increase in children leaving their lunches/drink bottles/lpads etc at home. Please check your child's bag in the morning to ensure they have these items. If you do require to drop these items off, please ring the office from the gate. **Due to COVID restrictions , please note parents are not to come onsite.**

## SCHOOL HATS

Please ensure your child has a school hat, as it is inline with our Sunsmart Policy. We recommend having your child's name on their hat, as this will help us to return your child's hat to them. Take a look at one of our fantastic Prep students with his name embroidered on his hat. Great idea.





# **ART DEPARTMENT**

## **ATTENTION ALL ACTORS!!!! AUDITIONS FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL PRODUCTION ARE COMING SOON!!!**

Students in Grade 4 and 5 are able to audition. Sign up sheets will be available next Wednesday 11th November in the Performing Arts room if you wish to audition.

Auditions will be held on WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT LUNCH TIME! No need to prepare anything for the auditions.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Mercer and the Arts team.



# FIRST AID



## What is epidemic thunderstorm asthma?

Grass pollen season brings a seasonal increase in asthma and hay fever. It also brings the chance of thunderstorm asthma.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, causing a large number of people to develop asthma symptoms over a short period of time. Thunderstorm asthma can affect those with [asthma](#) or [hay fever](#) – especially people who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever. That's why it's important for people with asthma or hay fever to know about thunderstorm asthma and what they can do to help protect themselves during grass pollen season.

## The important things to remember about epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are:

They are uncommon and are not the cause for seasonal increases in asthma symptoms seen every year

They can affect many people all at the same time

- People with asthma
- People with undiagnosed asthma (that is, people who have asthma symptoms but have not yet been diagnosed with asthma)
- Those who have had asthma in the past
- People with hay fever who may or may not have asthma people with hay fever in south-eastern Australia are likely to be allergic to grass pollen, and are therefore at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma.

## Protecting yourself if you are at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma

All people at increased risk of thunderstorm asthma should:

- Learn about thunderstorm asthma and what they can do to help protect themselves during grass pollen season
- where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October through December – especially in the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows, and if you have your air conditioner on, turn it to recirculate
- Have an asthma action plan (if advised to by your GP) and have practical knowledge of the [four steps of asthma first aid](#)
- have reliever medication appropriately available in grass pollen season and be aware of how to use it (ideally with a spacer)
- be alert to and act on the development of asthma symptoms as explained in your asthma action plan if you have one, or if you don't, use asthma first aid. For more information on Thunderstorm Asthma, please visit: <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/thunderstorm-asthma>

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 30th October

Class	Name
Prep A	Sophia C
Prep B	Ashlyn S
Prep C	Bryan Q
Prep D	Jayden Q
Prep E	
Prep F	
Prep G	Thomas R
Prep H	Eva G
1A	Mila C
1B	Cooper C
1C	Khylan W
1D	Oliver H
1E	
1F	Abigail A
1G	Pandora B
2A	
2B	Sehaj S
2C	Noah H
2D	Kayleigh W
2E	
2F	Maple R
3A	Chiara A
3B	Heath H
3C	Hamish C
3D	
3E	Jood M

Class	Name
3F	
4A	Ryan S
4B	Cooper B
4C	Skyler L
4D	Sam H
4E	Eliana H
4F	Jevindu W
5A	
5B	Cooper M
5C	
5D	Miya A
5E	Zander F
6A	Noah K
6B	Charles N
6C	Charlie H
6D	Laycee C
6E	
6F	Sathwick V
SEL	
PERFORMING ARTS	
READING ENRICHMENT	
CHINESE	Antonia M
OSHC	Michael H
STEM	Jagger F
VISUAL ART	All of them

# LEGEN OF THE MONTH—October

Class	Name
Prep A	Scarlett D
Prep B	Hudson B
Prep C	Hayley C
Prep D	Max R
Prep E	Noah L
Prep F	Sienna P
Prep G	Gabriel M
Prep H	Rhys F
1A	Alexis M
1B	Grace P
1C	
1D	Aoife T
1E	
1F	Tanner G
1G	Liam R
2A	Avery G
2B	Melody C
2C	Chloe C
2D	Michael H
2E	Caden T
2F	Ami S
3A	Bianca T
3B	
3C	
3D	Isabelle W
3E	Shakasia

Class	Name
3F	Jacqueline A
4A	Cooper M
4B	Tilly R
4C	Grace T
4D	Kindah C
4E	Logan C
4F	Chloe S
5A	Beau <
5B	Maddy W
5C	Jordan B
5D	Taj M
5E	
6A	Chloe W
6B	Erin R
6C	Phoebe F
6D	Kai P
6E	All of 6E
6F	Hamish C
SEL	
PERFORMING ARTS	Brodie C
READING ENRICMENT	Ciara P
	Riley B
SEL	Ellie D
OSHC	Caitlin P
STEM	
VISUAL ART	



# Advertising



## GROUP TRAINING IS BACK! // FIRST 5 BASKETBALL FROM NOVEMBER 1ST 2020

First 5's basketball Personal Training sessions are a great platform for individuals and small groups to develop specific aspects of the game. We provide a fully customised approach to improve weaknesses and enhance strengths. This program is ideal for any players that are seeking to gain individual attention & gain the competitive edge in a controlled environment.

From 1 November 2020, given COVID-19 stage 3 roadmap changes, we will be back with group training. We will be offering group sessions with 4-10 kids, as well as personal training of 1:1 and 2:1.

### Group training:

\$10 pp to be paid upfront  
for a 4 week block

### Training times:

Tuesday / Friday

U8-U10 4.30-5.15pm

U12 5.30-6.15pm

U14-U16 6.30-7.15pm

### Personal training:

\$25 pp 1:1

\$20 pp 2:1

Also to be paid upfront for  
a 4 week block

### Saturday / Sunday

PT sessions by appointment

Training location to be confirmed dependant on weather conditions.

Coach James Stockwell has a great knowledge for the game, an amazing rapport and is strong role model with the next generation of ballers!

Eltham Wildcats Youth League Championship Men's Player

- Victorian State Representative Player

- Current coach at Laurimar Thunder Basketball Club

Assistant coaches with Victorian junior youth league and state level basketball experience.



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