



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 8th December

Laurimar Christmas Carnival

Monday 11th December

Year 3 Aquatic Learning

Tuesday 12th December

Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 12th December

Year 5 Watermarc

Wednesday 13th December

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Wednesday 20th December

Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 21st December

Year 6 Funfields

Friday 22nd December

Last Day of School

1.00PM Finish

Wednesday 31st January

2018

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Laurimar Link 2017

NUMBER 22

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2017

Principal's Report

It's hard to believe we have reached the penultimate newsletter for the year. I'm sure we are all in the same boat questioning where the last few months have gone. This is reflective of the busy lives we all lead in trying to reach our goals, give our students/ children every opportunity to succeed and be at their best. I'm sure you will combine in partnership to help ensure our school has the most positive finish to a hugely successful year of learning and enjoyment for all at Laurimar Primary School.

Stranger Danger

As another year draws to a close with many schools finishing up for the year, it is always a timely reminder to all parents to be resolute with their messages to children around stranger danger in their local community and abroad and provide strong messages around making their way directly to and from school. Please have these conversations with your child to always get home in a timely manner to 'check in' before heading off to neighbours, friends or sporting commitments in the local area.

War Memorial

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of our school community to thank PARA concrete and in particular Joe and Silvio for their generous support of the War Memorial and donating our concrete block to place the recent addition plaque 'The Lone Pine'. We are very grateful for this work and thank you for your contribution to our ever evolving sacred place on our school ground. Something we should all be very proud of.



Principal's Report

Twilight Christmas Town Fair and 2017 Carols Spectacular

I invite you all to join us in celebrating the festive season at our school this Friday to join in the joy, fun and festivities on offer at our 2017 Spectacular evening of Carols, rides, fine food, market stalls and entertainment. Please get behind your school to help ensure the success of our largest event for the year. On behalf of everyone at Laurimar Primary School, many thanks to Hannah Bloomfield and her dedicated committee for all the hard work and making this evening possible. Good luck to all on the night!



'Gratitude' and the movie 'Wonder'

If you get to a movie this summer with the family, make sure it is to the magic of 'Wonder'. This whole term we have been focussing on gratitude and if there was ever a story that marries with this theme, this is it. I couldn't help but link so many themes to our school and what we do on a daily basis. An incredibly uplifting and powerful story. So much so that we will look to show this film on a big screen during a twilight showing / Family Picnic Night in the new year and hope the entire school community will support it. More details to follow.

Meet the Teacher Day Friday 22nd 9.45am-10.45am

On Friday 22nd December, we will be holding our 2018 'Meet The Teacher' session in the morning. This will be a great opportunity for our students to meet their new teacher and classmates for next year.

If for whatever reason your child is not present on this day, you will receive a notification via compass after 12 noon informing you of the 2018 arrangements.

We are all very excited about our new classes for next year and the excitement it brings the students.

International Stardom

We are so proud of the achievements of our very own year 6 superstar, Isabella as she is about to embark on an international tennis tournament representing our great country of Australia. This is a monumental achievement on such a large stage and the entire Laurimar Community is tight behind you and your efforts. Good luck and we can't wait to hear the results Isabella.

Principal's Report

Olympic Star Comes to Laurimar Primary School

Bodi Turner.

During Monday's assembly, we were very fortunate to have a visit from Australian Olympic Superstar, Bodi Turner who recently performed at the Rio Olympics. Bodi's personalised nature in presenting and engaging with the students was a feature and inspired many to reach for greater heights and achieve success by fulfilling their dreams through hard work. Many thanks to the Brown family for making this possible and is now another chapter etched in our school's history. See photo below from Bodi's visit.



All the best to everyone during the festive season over the next couple of weeks and I look forward to seeing you or working with you at the many large events remaining during this time. Be safe, merry and enjoy the special times with your family as we approach the holiday season.

Best Wishes,

Jason McBean
Principal
Laurimar Primary School

Assistant Principal's Report

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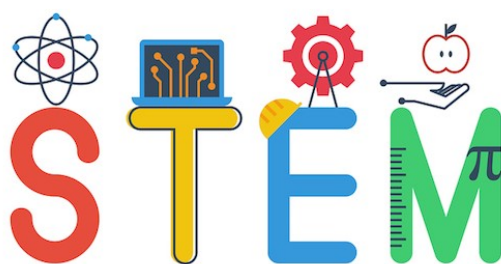
As the end of another year at Laurimar Primary School draws nearer I reflect on the amazing opportunities that our students have been involved in through the variety of curriculum areas that we cover. From extension and enrichment programs, Maths Olympiad, Tournament of Minds, Energy Breakthrough, China trip, Student leadership and the exciting and engaging activities in Reading, Writing, Maths and Inquiry/Integrated that occur each and every day in our 47 classrooms, our children have certainly been challenged and have grown.

In 2018, our curriculum will be further enhanced through the introduction of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) as an Expressive Education subject in grades 4, 5 and 6. Whilst these areas are already covered by our Inquiry through-lines, children will spend a further one hour each week in our STEM room. The focus will be very much on Science and Technology. The program will be expertly run by Vanessa Thompson who is very excited, as not only is she a qualified generalist teacher, she is also a qualified Science teacher.

The focus on STEM at Laurimar Primary School is in line with a national strategy, which aims to support all young people to become more STEM capable. Through this increased capability it is hoped young people are encouraged to:

- pursue challenging STEM subjects in the senior secondary years which will lead to participation at tertiary levels for STEM-related careers, and
- promote the development of the 21st century skills of problem solving, critical analysis and creative thinking.

We are all very excited to see the development of this program throughout 2018 and beyond.



Social and Emotional Learning will continue to be a priority at Laurimar Primary School but this subject will also change in 2018. In Prep—Grade 3 it will be an Expressive Education subject and in Grade 4-6 it will be delivered by the classroom teacher as part of the teaching and learning program. We are also very excited as the lessons will be based from the new program developed this year called Achieve (YCDI)! Congratulation must go to Marg Milne, Kristy Bedford and Elisha McDonald who have made a large contribution to the content and development of this program for not just Laurimar Primary School but for schools across Australia.

Compass

Teachers have been working hard to ensure accurate, informative end of year reports are prepared for parents of the end of the year. This is a reminder to ensure that all parents are able to log on to COMPASS to see their child's dashboard so as to be able to view and access the end of year report. Other pertinent information such as reminders about whole school and year level events and term planners is also available through COMPASS.

Assistant Principal's Report

Cyber Safety Parent Information Evenings

Our school hosted two successful Parent Information Evenings over the last fortnight, on Tuesday November 28th and on Monday December 4th. These evenings were targeted at parents of students in grades five and six in 2018, with all parents from our school community welcome to attend. We must thank the magnificent turnout of over 200 parents who attended over these two evenings. Our Cyber Safety experts, Susan Maclean (on November 28) and Tracy Porter provided tremendous information to our school community about the need for active supervision, monitoring, education, guidelines and boundaries regarding the use of technology. Some of the feedback we received from these sessions included:

So thankful to Laurimar Primary School for the opportunity to attend the Cyber Safety Parent Information session this evening. Very informative and worthwhile.

... was an amazing session. I came home ready to inspect those iPads.

... it was great to get the names of the latest apps that kids and predators are using. And some games I didn't realise had a chat function. Very worthwhile.

Brilliant! Great reminder to always communicate with the kids.

... Setting restrictions, how easy access they have to our kids. Teach our kids, be firm. Protect them.

So much valuable information that we don't think of as parents.

Reinforced a lot. Learnt a lot more. Thank you.

Fantastic, wish I had heard this 5 years ago!

Laurimar Primary School is committed to helping all of our students be safe users of technology, both at school and at home and to developing these skills to protect our students as they move into high school and towards adulthood. We thank the school community for the fantastic support for these evenings and for your strong support for our high expectations for all of our students in terms of behaviour and safety with technology. We look forward to providing students with opportunities to continue to learn about Cyber Safety at the beginning of next year and throughout the 2018 school year.



Assistant Principal's Report

3-6 IPAD

As informed at the start of the year our 1:1 iPad program as of the 2018 school year will be running in grade 3-6 only.

What this means for you? If your child is currently enrolled at Laurimar Primary School in Grade 2 in 2017 you will simply continue to supply your child with a device as per this year. For those families with students currently enrolled in Grade 1 in 2017 you will have 12 months to organise and purchase your device ready for Year 3 in 2019. More information about our schools 1:1 program will become available to you next year.

No Hat, No Play

We thank the school community for your continued support for our uniform policy. This is a reminder that students without hats are not allowed to play in the playground. They are also not allowed to participate in outdoor PE sessions or attend excursions. At lunch time and recess all students without hats are directed to the area outside the Arts room where they need to be seated. Playing under the cover-way is not allowed. The cover-way is a large structure that does not provide full protection from the sun. Teachers have been reminded to be vigilant in enforcing this expectation for all students.



We wish all of our students and families a relaxing, happy and safe break.

Regards,

Deb Purser, David Williams and Justine Convery

Assistant Principal

Laurimar Primary School

From the Office

Office Closure

The school office **will be closed on Friday 22nd December** . If your child arrives late to school or you need to collect them early, please go straight to the classroom.

The office will re-open for **book collection only** on Monday 29th January for (A-K) between **12pm and 2pm** and Tuesday 30th January (L-Z) between **12pm and 2pm**. The office will be closed at all other times on these days. You will need to bring your receipt to collect individual book packs.

The office will resume taking over the counter payments from Wednesday 31st January 2017.

First Aid News

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, the First Aid Room would like to remind you of a few things:

Medications

If your child has any medications stored within first aid, an ADULT must collect this by the 1pm on the last day of school. Medications not collected will be disposed of appropriately. You are welcome to return any medications, along with appropriate paperwork, at the beginning of the 2018 school year.

Paperwork

If you have received any paperwork from us within the last few weeks regarding your child's medical conditions, can you please try and return completed documents to us by the end of term.

Asthma

We strongly encourage all students with asthma to store a reliever puffer and spacer within first aid for their child's exclusive use. If you have not yet already done so, can you please follow this up before the end of term. We will hold these over the school holidays.

Teachers will return reliever puffers and spacers that are stored within the classroom to your child and you will need to provide these directly to your child's teacher in 2018.

We wish all our students and families a relaxing, happy and safe break!

Merry Christmas,
Caroline and Jess
School Nurse

Enrichment

2017 Laurimar Maths Decathlon

At this week's assembly our very proud 6E team were presented with the annual plaque to celebrate their success in the 2017 Maths Decathlon.



Grade 4 Maths Extension



The Grade 4 students have spent the last few weeks completing their entries for the Victorian Maths Challenge.

They have been constructing towers, designing and building boats and planes and using precise directions to navigate through obstacle courses. Each group of students has created a Key Note presentation for their challenge, and these will be shown at the Enrichment Afternoon next Wednesday. Here are some of the students with their proud creations.



Enrichment



ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON TEA

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Just a reminder, that the student celebration is next Wednesday 13/12/2017 @2.30pm. The students are all very proud and excited to share their successes with their families. Certificates will be presented, work and photos will be on display and then delicious goodies will be served at the end of the presentation.

Please remember that all visitors must sign in at the office before making their way to Room 31.

Thank you.

Miss Krieger.



Social and Emotional Learning

Spotlight on Social Emotional Learning

Well, we come to the close of another year of Social Emotional Learning here at Laurimar Primary School and what a wonderful year it has been!

Firstly I must acknowledge and commend the whole team, led by Kristy Bedford with Elisha McDonald, Sarah Fennell, Rachael Attard and most recently, Jade Borin, for the simply astounding learning they have facilitated across the school.

Secondly, my thanks to the leadership team and entire staff who acknowledge the importance of Social and Emotional Learning and consistently reinforce the principles at every opportunity throughout every aspect of the curriculum.

Thirdly, to the parents who appreciate the work we do with their children, who reinforce the YCDI! concepts at home and who take the time to share anecdotes with us about their children's comments and use of the 5 Skills for Success and Happiness at home.

Finally, to the students themselves, who listen attentively and actively work towards improving their skills in every aspect of the program, I would like to say wholeheartedly "Well Done!" You are each on your own personal learning journey in life and we are proud to have the opportunity to support your growth and development in the area of Social and Emotional learning.

From next year there will be a change in the way Social and Emotional Learning will be delivered. While specialist teachers will continue to teach classes in Prep-3, the class teachers from Years 4-6 will now deliver the lessons to their own class, working from the NEW Program Achieve (YCDI!) curriculum which is closely linked to the Victorian Curriculum's Personal and Social Capabilities. In Term 1 of 2018 right across the school the focus will be on "Achievement". This unit incorporates Confidence, Persistence, Organisation and Teamwork, all of which contribute to maximising student achievement and success. In Term 2 the focus will be on "Relationships", incorporating much of the Getting Along content. Term 3 will see a focus on "Well Being", incorporating Resilience and Term 4 will focus on the "Blockers", where the focus is on exploring the negative OPPOSITES of the 5 YCDI! Skills, that can stop us from being as happy and successful as possible.

There will continue to be strong communication with parents as we work through each unit. Together we can maximise the Success and Happiness of every student here at LPS!

Finally, I wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again next year!

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Energy Breakthrough

The RACV Energy Breakthrough is held every year in Maryborough. Students, families and the community come to support schools in this amazing opportunity. The students race for 14 hours in human powered vehicles. Laurimar Primary School have competed in EB for 5 years.

In May we had the selection process. 41 students would be selected in the program. We had to write 'Why we wanted to be in Energy Breakthrough' and 'What is the Energy Breakthrough?' For the fitness side we had to do a 5 minute spin bike ride, beep test and step ups. We were both fortunate enough to get into the Energy Breakthrough.

Every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 – 4:30 we would have 3 rotations. Boot-camp, vehicles and presentation. In Boot-camp Linda encouraged us to push past our limits. Some of the things we would do were running, boxing, sit ups, box squats and plenty more.

We have 3 teams, Dragons, Griffins and Phoenix. We have 2 roles pit crew and driver. Our presentation this year was 'The Lorax Of Laurimar'. At Maryborough there are 3 components Design & Construction, Presentation and the race. The race is 50 % of your score and Design & Construction, Presentation is 25% each. Dragons got 21.7 for Design, Presentation we got 22.9 both out of 25. Griffins got for design 19.6 and for presentation 22.8. Phoenix got for design 18.9 and for presentation 22.1. Phoenix were 36 overall, Griffins 13 overall and to save the best to last Dragons came 12 overall.

We would like to thank all the teachers, parents and the community for helping us in this program.

By Lily & Ella.



Energy Breakthrough



Coming soon...

Robotics Club 2018!!



At Laurimar we have many fantastic clubs. In 2018 there will be a new addition: The Robotics Club will start to take new members.



Join the Robotics Club and construct cool machines and robots; learn about coding and programming and combine your new skills to make your creation ALIVE!



In this club the students will...

- Get hands-on experience about mechanical concepts such as levers, pulleys, wheels and axles
- Learn about alternative sustainable energy sources such as solar-power, salt-water power
- Use tools to build models and complete missions
- Learn about mechanics, electronics and design
- Learn about coding and programming
- Students will work independently and in groups with assigned models and 'missions' to complete



If you love hands-on projects, building cars, cranes and ROBOTS, do not miss out this fantastic opportunity.

*Sign-up at the start of 2018 if you would like to join.



See you soon !



Celebrating Chinese Cultural Club 2017!!



It has been an exciting 2017 for our Chinese Cultural Club at Laurimar Primary School. We have put on performances and organised cultural activities throughout the year. **Congratulations** to all students who participated! With beautiful smiles on your faces, I believe that you all enjoyed your time.



Chinese cultural club performing the Ribbon Dance on Grandparents day!

Arts and Craft activities!



Students practicing the Fan Dance!



Student of the Week—27 Nov 2017

Class	Student
Foundation A	Charlotte E
Foundation B	Grade T
Foundation C	
Foundation D	
Foundation E	Llia M
Foundation F	Jaxon D
Foundation G	Olivia L
1A	Mia M
1B	Fynn M
1C	Jasmeher S
1D	Ben H
1E	Ryan P
1F	Lucas M
1G	Noah D
2A	
2B	
2C	Isabella G
2D	
2E	Amelia N
2F	Rushi P
2G	Spencer B
2H	Grade 2
3A	Lily B
3B	Hunter M
3C	Troy T
3D	Jacob H
3E	Jayce M
3F	Macy T
3G	James G
4A	Jamie H
4B	
4C	Angelina K
4D	Hugh S
4E	Aston R
4F	Oscar W
5A	
5B	

5C	Jake M
5D	
5E	Coby K
5F	
	Hadyn S
6A	Alyssa P
6B	
6C	
	Mark M
	Max V
6D	Francois V
6E	Hosanna M
6F	Jackson B
Extension	
The Arts	
Chinese	Ashlee H
Social & Emotional Learning	Cooper H
Physical Education	Landyn C



Legend of the Month— Nov 2017

Class	Student
Foundation A	Jack S
Foundation B	Emma R
Foundation C	Jack N
Foundation D	Faith D
Foundation E	Finn K
Foundation F	Bianca T
Foundation G	Haley K
1A	Lucas O
1B	Charlie M
1C	Cooper W
1D	Cian M
1E	James K
1F	Tully C
1G	Stephanie G
2A	Sarah N
2B	Logan O
2C	Emily R
2D	
2E	Maxwell P
2F	Kayla A
2G	Raven G
2H	Lucy D
3A	Sienna C
3B	Charlotte H
3C	Noah M
3D	Simone M
3E	Zali L
3F	Jaxon F
3G	Sebastian C
4A	Holly D
4B	Jordan H
4C	Samuel T
4D	Sam M
4E	Lara M
4F	Mikayla C
5A	Ruan V
5B	Rylee S

5C	Ashlee M
5D	Kyle N
5E	Olivia S
5F	Tessa M
	Erion B
6A	Thomas F
6B	Cael C
6C	Samantha B
6D	Grade 6D
6E	Kobe W
6F	Adam A
Extension	Samuel T
The Arts	Tille D
Chinese	Ethan F
Social & Emotional Learning	Michala M
Physical Education	Maddison J

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DATE	Tuesday 12 December - Friday 15 December	Wednesday 13 December	Wednesday 13 December	Tuesday 12 December	Wednesday 13 December
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If you are interested, please fill out the below form and return it by email or to the school office. We will be building this from the ground up, so your response is important to help us learn what is needed and when.

We have a piano teacher standing by, ready to begin on Wednesday afternoons and hope to get started ASAP. The below form can be used for enrolment, or expression of interest. When there is sufficient numbers available for an additional day/instrument, we will open that up and continue to expand as needed. Return emails should be sent to diamondmusiceducation@hotmail.com

Lesson fees are \$30 for a 30 minute lesson with fees payable up front at the beginning of each school term.

Anita da Silva
0420 311 614



Diamond Music Education

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Lesson day preference (Mon-Fri) _____

Parent name: _____ Mobile: _____

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 - Communication difficulties
 - Sensory impairment
 - Challenging behaviours
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
- Engaging students in learning:
 - Stages of Learning
 - Curriculum and the development of Individual Learning Plans.

Course Length

This course is delivered over eight days of 6 hours per day.

Venue

Broadmeadows Community Hub

Course Dates 2018

8 Saturdays
9am – 3.30pm

**February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24,
April 21, 28**

Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites for this course, however it is essential that you possess a satisfactory level of spoken and written English and have basic computer skills.

Assessment

- Journals
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Participant Feedback

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