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# NEWSLETTER

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Learners today Leaders tomorrow

**School photos**

**Wednesday September 7th**

**Dental Screenings**

**5/6/7th September**

**Fathers Day Stall**

**August 26th**

Office Hours
8:30—4:00

**Term Dates 2016**

**Term 3**

11th July to 16th September

**Term 4**

3rd October to 20th December

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL:

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### HAPPY ESS MONTH…

To all our very special ES Staff, I hope you experience something very 'special' within our school during the month of August because you deserve to! It is with the help, encouragement, guidance, willingness, happiness and friendship of each and every ES Staff member that the teachers can provide (and students are able to experience) the great programs offered here each and every day. Our office staff provide courteously to all staff and families whilst running a very efficient 'ship'! We value all of you!

**Book Week Activities**

I was so proud of all Lightning Reef students upon their participation in the Book Week activities on Wednesday. Everyone was so engaged in all activities for the entire day. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Group for organising and distributing pies to those who ordered them. We had a surprise visit from Elmo (EZ 3BO) and Scooby Doo (Cogo 3BO) which added to the hype of the day. The effort that families put in to dress the students up was amazing, with anything from Harry Potter to Cat in the Hat to the Hulk and so many, many, many more. Well done to Ms Roberts, Ms West and a team of teachers, ESS' that ensured the day was organised both in the gym and in classrooms. Thank you to so many parents / carers for joining in on what was a fun filled, action packed day!

**Energy Breakthrough**

What a super effort by the team – tenth overall! All the participants should congratulate yourself on your effort and commitment to this event. To the staff, parents / carers, you also put an enormous amount of effort and energy in to organising this day – congratulations on a wonderful day and good luck in Maryborough.

**SSG's**

Student Support Group meetings are taking place this week and next week. Please keep an eye out for your appointment day and time to meet with teachers to discuss the best program and progress for your child. Your input is invaluable!

***Respect, Co-operation, Responsibility, Be Our Best***

Kind regards,

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## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Tahli C, Conna R, Caleb B, Wyatt R, Eh K'Mwee Paw M and Ashley R.

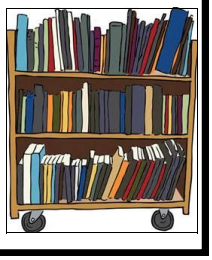
We hope you have a wonderful day!

## School Photos

Forms for school photos have gone home. If you want a family photo please collect these forms from the school office.

## .School Library

Please note that the library is open for borrowing everyday before school at 8.45am. It will also be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during first break.



## Prep Orientation Program Dates

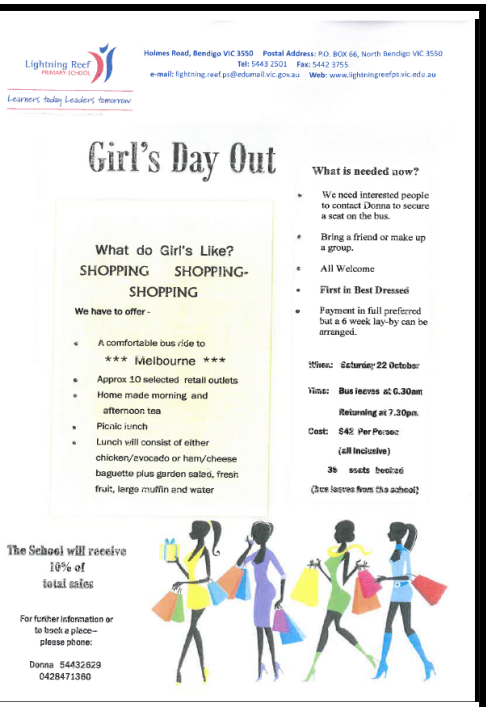
Tues 22nd November 9 - 10am

Tues 29th November 9 - 10:30am

Tues 6th December 9 - 11:30am

## GIRLS DAY OUT—WHEN: SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Please note that the girls day out bus tour only has limited places left. Please book now to secure your spot on this shopping tour.




# PBS Focus for term 3

This term we are looking at our school value of **RESPECT**

So far we have looked at respect for our environment and respect for others.

This week we will be focusing on Respect for property. This includes asking to borrow others property – pencils, eraser, football etc…, making sure things are put away where they belong, that we use items the way they were made to be used and we report any damage to property to staff.

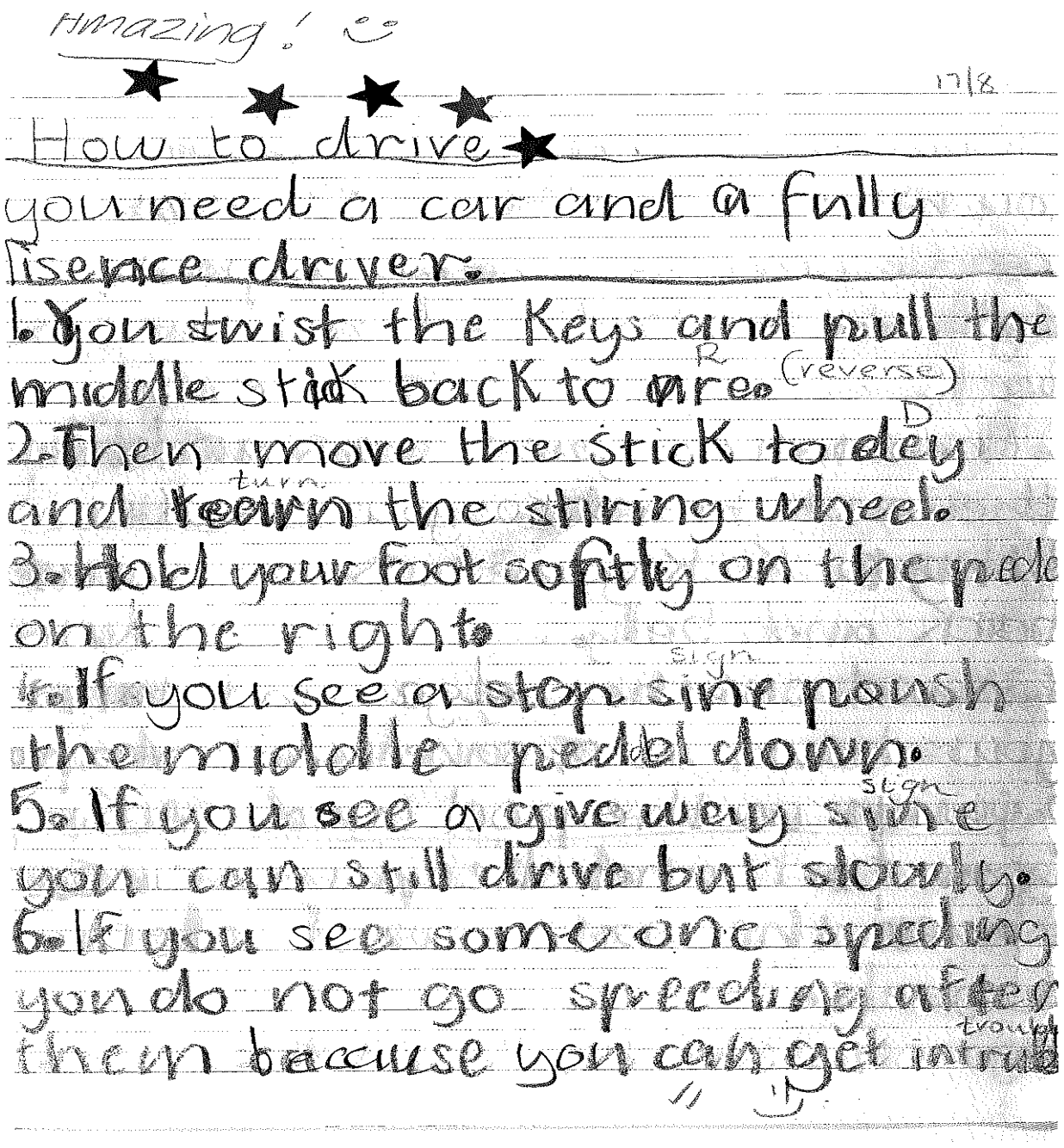
Staff will be looking for students showing **RESPECT for property** and giving them Gold Cards they can use at our Exchange. Students will continue to get Gold Cards for continuing to show respect for our environment and respect for others

It would be great if you could praise your child/children for doing the same at home.

## Lolly Jars!

LC1 and LC2 have their own lolly jar in the office.
It will cost 50 cents to guess.
The winner will be drawn on the 26/08/16
Students can have as many guesses as they wish.

The grade ones and twos have been learning about procedural writing, this piece is by Boeden Grandison. Instructions for how to drive a car.



**Sports Report**

The past 3 weeks have been jam packed on the sporting front, with our school involved in two major events: The Division Athletics Carnival & The Bendigo HPV Grand Prix.

The **Division Aths Carnival**, held last Tuesday 16th August involved 53 students from grades 3-6 competing in track and field events against teams from Specimen Hill, Spring Gully, Camp Hill, Quarry Hill & Eaglehawk north. Whilst we were unable to come away from the carnival with any notable victories, it was very pleasing to witness every student involved competing to the best of their ability and representing the school community with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. A big thankyou goes out to Christine, Megan and Tim for their support in leading the team on the day and making sure that the students were ready and prepared for each event. In addition. I would also like to thank Peta for preparing some fresh salad rolls for those students who were without lunch on the day.

**Bendigo HPV Grand Prix**

Last Saturday 20th August our team of 14 students took to the race track for the first time in the annual Bendigo HPV Grand Prix. The event which was held in the Deborah Triangle Business Precinct, challenged the team to compete alongside 150+ other schools and community teams in completing laps of the 1.2km circuit over 9 continuous hours of racing. The conduct and participation of every member of the group reflected our team values of Commitment, Loyalty and Being your Best throughout the day. In the end we finished in 10th place in our category which in total consisted of 29 other teams. The success of this program would not be possible without the ongoing commitment of the kids and support of the parents and school staff. Thanks to those that help with the weekly breakfast, thanks to those that dropped in throughout the day. Special mention to Chris, Kellie & Steve who braved the elements with Tim and I for the whole day. Further to this, a big thanks to Chris for her ongoing work as 'head chef' and in raising funds for the team.

**Looking Ahead:**

**AFL 9 Clinic**

This Thursday 25th August between 9.15-10.00 we have the opportunity to take part in an AFL 9's clinic conducted by Rick Coburn from AFL Victoria. As an extension of their involvement in the district football carnival,.

**Bluearth Move More 3/4**

This has been organised for Friday 2nd September 10.30 – 12.30. The event will take place at North Bendigo Football Oval and focus on the skills of Frisbee Football.

**AFL 9's Football Carnival**

This event will take place on Thursday 8th September. It is a modified 9 a side football carnival for grade 4/5 students. I have 2 teams entered, meaning that there will be 18-20 students attend. I see this as an opportunity to continue to build on the team that participated at the District carnival in week three of this term.

**Girls Netball Grand Final - Saturday 10th September**

A number of our graduating students from previous years continue to train and play netball together on a Saturday. Their hard work, and the hard work of their coach (Chris Perry) over many years has paid off this year with the team making the grand final. If you have a spare one hour on Saturday 10th September @ 1pm, it would be great to acknowledge their success in making the final by getting down to the Schweppes Centre to support the girls. For further info, please see Chris.

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