Welcome back. I hope you all managed to spend some time with family and friends during the holiday break. I can hardly believe it is Term Four already.

Please remember to send your child’s wide-brimmed school hat to school to ensure protection from the sun at times. The application of sunscreen every day before leaving home can assist in the protection of your child too.

What a beautiful welcome back I received from all the students and staff on Monday morning. It is great to be back at Lightning Reef Primary School again! I am so excited to be starting at LRPS as the newly appointed Principal, after eight years at the helm at BSDS. Term three was an absolute breath of fresh air for me and working with this community in to the future is something I am really looking forward to. We will see changes introduced to further support the development of every student and staff person in our school. Challenges will be faced by all of us to reach the best outcomes through strong teaching and learning opportunities. The community will play a key role in assisting greater heights being reached. I encourage active involvement in the school, so if you have a positive contribution to make please come in and make suggestions. My door is open!

SW-PBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)

‘Be Co-operative’

SunSmart reminder~ Term Four

In keeping with our school’s SunSmart policy, parents are reminded that students are required to wear a wide-brimmed sunhat when outside at school this term. You are asked to apply sunscreen to your child prior to school each day to reduce their risk from exposure to the sun. It’s important that we all work together to be SunSmart and protect our students.

P-6 Learning Community

We have a new learning community taking shape. The learning community is offering individual educational programs pertinent to individual student’s needs / programs is being planned and will begin in week four this term. This exciting proposal will implement programs such as literacy and numeracy based learning, Art and H&PE based on the Victorian Curriculum. It will build in routines and practical learning producing quality of life outcomes and fundamental skills that will provide the basis for interacting with people. Please contact me at any time if you wish to discuss anything further.

Until the next edition,
Julie Hommelhoff
Principal
Happy Birthday!
Happy birthday to Ruby H-V, Kara R, Tee Ku S, Kyrah B, Kegan L-M, Shannon N and Henari C.
We hope you have a wonderful day!

Hats
As we are a sun smart school hats are required to be worn from September the 1st.
Please ensure your child has a bucket hat for playtimes.

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

PBS Focus for term 4
This term we are looking at our school value of RESPECT
So far we have looked at respect for our environment, respect for others and respect for property.
This week we will continue to focus on Respect for self. This includes all of the previous topics mentioned above as well respect for self through doing your best at everything you do, looking after yourself including health and emotional well-being, taking responsibility for your actions and acknowledging the things that you are good at and accepting compliments
Staff will be looking for students showing RESPECT for self 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, respect for others and respect for property
It would be great if you could praise your child/children for doing the same at home.

Prep enrolments for 2017
If you have a child or know a child who will be coming to Lightning Reef Primary as a prep next year please let us know A.S.A.P.
We have some exciting orientation days coming up for our new preps.

Lost Property
There is an enormous amount of lost property in the cupboard in the foyer of the gym. Much of it is school uniforms, but there is a large amount of casual clothing that is unnamed. Please check the foyer of the gym as the clothing is getting out of control and it will be forwarded to one of the recycling centres in Bendigo if not collected soon. If you do not have time but know your child is missing clothing, please ask them to check in the gym foyer.
Thank you

Energy Breakthrough
The team still has some chocolates to sell and it is important that we sell these sooner rather than later. As we come up closer to challenge weekend, we have many costs to meet. If you can help by selling a box of chocolates, please come and collect one from the school. For those families who have still not returned their money, please do so as I said, we need to pay some accounts to ensure the children have the best conditions for competition at Maryborough.
Thank you
Passions and Pathways Expo 2016

In the last week of Term 3 grade six students celebrated their Passions and Pathways Program with a fantastic EXPO that was attended by Specimen Hill Primary, Eaglehawk Primary and many local Bendigo Businesses and special guests. It was a fantastic day, with students displaying their portfolios, which was a culmination of 10 weeks of hard work. Their portfolios documented their journey from start to finish of the program and they were very impressive.

Our students spoke confidently and presented their learning with a great deal of pride and they did a great job of representing our school and displaying our school values. The program was very successful this year and students now have a better idea of what jobs are available in Bendigo, as well as what some of Bendigo’s businesses do and manufacture. Most students now have a clearer idea of what they want to do when they get older and those that don’t have a better understanding of the training and qualification needed to achieve a variety of jobs.
Possum Skin Cloak
Earlier this year, and in some part of last year the students participated in an activity where they decorated the squares for a possum skin cloak. We are now asking for a clever parent to volunteer to sew these squares together. If you can help, please contact the school or come to the office to collect the pieces. Thanks so much as this will be a great addition to our school when it is finished.

Favourite Recipe
If you have a favourite family recipe that you would be willing to share with the school could you please email it to perry.christine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or drop it into the office. We have collected many great recipes and it would be good if families could share a few more. If you have more than one we are happy to have those. Please make sure your name is on the recipe so you can be credited with its origin.

Walk to School in October
This October, our school is participating in VicHealth’s Walk to School program, a month long activity that encourages children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school every day.

Walk to School encourages children to make walking a part of their daily routine as walking is fantastic for improving fitness, friendships and confidence. Walk to School is free, fun and there are fantastic prizes for schools up for grabs.

All grades are all participating in Walk to School.


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