School Council AGM
AGM School Council Meeting scheduled for 23 March 2017 at 3.45pm in the staffroom. Information will be sent home via email and or hard copy for all members.

Upcoming Public Holiday
Please note that the Labour Day Holiday is coming up shortly. It is on Monday 13 March. Please note this on your calendar as there is no school on this day.

Parent Association Easter Fundraiser
Parents Association is asking families to donate an Easter egg for their Easter fundraiser. As in previous years we will run an in-school competition between classes, with the class who has the highest weight in eggs winning a whole class lunch.

The “weigh-in” will be held on Friday 24th March. We would appreciate all eggs to be brought to school prior to this day.

The eggs will then be used to make prizes for the Easter Fundraiser. Previous years have seen up to 20 prizes being won. Tickets will be sent home for the fundraiser to be drawn on the March 14.

Thank you and good luck to everyone.
**Asthma**

If your child suffers from Asthma can you please provide us with an updated Asthma plan for this year.

**Bookclub**

Bookclub issue 2 due back 20th March

**Late Arrivals**

If your child is late to school please ensure they see Sue in the office before going to class.

Thank you.

**Early Pick ups**

If you need to pick your child up early from school please come to the office and fill out an Early Leavers Pass. You can then take it down to your child’s classroom. We can not be calling classrooms during class time and interrupting learning time.

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**5 cent challenge**

The Parent Association are running the 5 cent challenge. We are asking students to please bring in any spare 5 cent pieces. Each classroom will have a jar to collect their 5 cent pieces and the classroom with the most at the end of the challenge will win a prize.

**SSG’s – Student Support Group Meeting**

SSG’s are currently being scheduled for next week. If your child is required to partake in an SSG contact will have been made. There is a great number of SSG’s to be attended to, so please be aware that this takes time.

If you wish to organise an SSG outside of this designated list, please contact your child’s teacher.

Have a great week!

Julie Hommelhoff

Principal
School Parents and Friends Group

Congratulations to the following people who been elected to the positions as listed on the Lightning Reef Primary School Parents & Friends Group:

**President** – John Moosman

**Vice President** – Toni Hicks

**Treasurer** – Donna Rutherford

**Secretary** – Leah Climas

**Members of Committee** – Kate Duncan, Belinda Downing, Sonia Valli, Donna Moosman, Jeanette Maasdakkers and Michelle Saville.

Welcome everyone and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

Julie Hommelhoff

Principal
Head Lice

Just a reminder to please be checking your child/children’s hair each week and treating it if necessary.

We have already had cases of head lice in the school
In 1/2 M we have been exploring 2D shapes and had some great fun with the pattern blocks.
PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES

From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens is also in place.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria.

**Calendar of events:**
- **Tuesday March 14 - Wednesday 15** - Year 3 camp
- **Tuesday March 14** - Grade 4/5 swimming
- **Tuesday March 21** - Harmony Day
- **Thursday March 23** - School Council meeting
- **Tuesday March 28** - Grade 4/5 swimming
- **Thursday March 30** - Multi Cultural Day
- **Friday March 31** - Cross Country
- **Last day of term 1 is Friday March 31st**
Sports News

**Weetbix Kids Triathlon**

Last Sunday morning, two of our grade 3 girls participated in the Weetbix Kids Triathlon held locally at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre/QEO. Along with 1000+ other kids, the girls were successful in completing a 75m swim, followed by a 3km bike and 500m run. On behalf of the whole school community, congratulations on your efforts Mackenzie and Kendra. For those interested in having a go at the sport of Triathlon, the Bendigo Triathlon Club offer regular events throughout summer. These events take place at the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre Eaglehawk. For further info, visit [http://www.bendigotriathlon.com/bendigo-kids-triathlon](http://www.bendigotriathlon.com/bendigo-kids-triathlon) or talk to Jarrod at School.

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**School Cross Country**

Where: Lightning Reef Primary School Grounds

**When:** Friday 31st March

**What to wear:** House Team Colours, Shorts and Running Shoes

*Please note, timetable subject to minor change*
GROWING interest and two especially talented local gardeners are helping Long Gully’s community garden thrive.

The garden has been tucked away in Energetic Street for 14 years, and run in conjunction with the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre.

Recent times have seen the project go from strength to strength.

Such has been its success that two of its regulars won awards in the Victoria In Bloom competition, sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Long Gully local Dan Boyd and eight-year-old Henari Clark both won awards for their work at the community garden and have been invited to a statewide awards ceremony later this month.

Henari has been gardening for more than a year, and said his specialty is growing cucumbers.

“The best part is getting to eat them,” he said.

The community garden receives support from the City of Greater Bendigo, which allows Mr Grieves to spend two days a week at the garden.

Neighbourhood centre manager Helen Douglass said Mr Grieves has been instrumental in helping the garden improve.

For his part, he said he loves being involved.

“The age difference we’ve got here is amazing, we have a lady over 80 and she comes in regularly and then the kids come as well and they love it,” Mr Grieves said.

Plots at the garden start from just $10 per year. For more information, contact the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre on 5442 1165.