Lightning Reef PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learners today Leaders tomorrow

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NEWSLETTER

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Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds

Public Holiday

June 11th.

No School.

Parents & Friends Group

A massive thank you to our Parents & Friends Group for organising the Mothers' Day Stall. It was a very successful morning, with the children able to purchase an item(s) that I know would have been treasured by all Mum's. The students who had their mothers here at school for that special day were also super excited!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN week is over. The school applied a plan around the implementation to ensure the program ran smoothly. It was important that all students went to bed early and had a good night's sleep, a nourishing breakfast and were at school on time. This ensured they were prepared to do their best. Although, I just want to remind everyone, that this is one assessment on one day for all participating students. Thanks so much to all those parents who supported both their student and the school to ensure NAPLAN was once again a success.

Prep Enrolments 2019

If you have a child who will be attending Lightning Reef Primary School in Prep next year, you are most welcome to enrol at any time. Early enrolments assist us to put in place staffing, grade structures and allocate re-sources for next year. When enrolling your child, you will be provided with the enrolment package. Further to this we require;

1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and

2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Child-hood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone 1800653809 or apply online to obtain a copy.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection from the office. The 2019 Information Booklet is currently being reviewed but will be available before the end of term three.

If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child's pre-school or who has a Prep child for next year and is considering options talk to them about our school.

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Working with Children's Check

Are you helping at school?

Are you part of the Parents & Friends Group?

Are you on School Council?

Do you assist with classroom activities?

Do you attend camp / excursions?

We are so pleased to have many parents/carers involved in our school programs this year. The appreciation expressed by students and staff is most heart-warming and I really want this involvement to continue. In order to make this possible the office requires a record of your Working with Children Check on file.

Please bring your card in to the office to be copied or if you do not have a current Working with Children's Check then you must obtain one asap. You can apply online for a Volunteer (no charge) WWCC at: **http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/**

Early Arrivals

Many students are arriving at school before 8.30am. Staff on not on duty until 8.30am, which means your children are at risk when they arrive at school before 8.30am. *Please ensure you drop children off at or after 8.30am.* If your child is making their own way to school it would be best they did not leave home too early.

Breakfast Club starts at 8.30am and we would enjoy providing some great food for those students arriving at 8.30am.

Have a great week.

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Food/Snacks that require Hot Water or Reheating:

Please note that due to OH & S compliances we are unable to reheat or supply hot water for snacks or lunches (noodles, cup of soup, etc.) Students are most welcome to bring these foods premade in a thermos or similar container.

Medication:

Just a reminder that we are unable to provide your child with Stingose, Panadol, Cough Medicine, Hayfever, medication, etc. We can only dispense labelled Prescription medication after receiving a school medication authorisation form signed by the parent..

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund applications close at the end of this term.

If you have a health care card and have not yet filled out the CSEF form, please see the school office ASAP.

They will not accept any late applications.

State Schools Relief Winter Uniform Package

Foundation/Prep parents, if you are yet to claim your State School Relief Winter uniform please see your child's classroom teacher. Applications close at the end of term 3.

Grade 5/6 News

WOW! What a busy few weeks for Grade 5/6 students

Last week students in Grade 5 completed their NAPLAN Testing

This week – Grade 6 students commenced their first Puberty session with School Nurse Leona Evans – this will continue for the next 2 Mondays. All students who attended these sessions will have a home work task to complete, please ask your child about this

This week has also seen the start of our Swimming Program, please remember bathers and towel every Tuesday and Thursdays

Also yesterday many of our students competed in the School Cross Country, congratulations to everyone who participated in this event

The Passions and Pathways program will be commencing shortly. Please stay tuned for further details for this program.

Could $500 help you with high-school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- specialist subjects
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

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STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF

Confidence to connect

CSEF PREP WINTER WARMER UNIFORM PACKAGE 2018

FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS

CSEF Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Package opens Term 2 on Monday 16th April 2018

What you need to know

Who are State Schools' Relief	Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families who are experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms, shoes and other essential items. State Schools' Relief work closely with all government schools across Victoria.
The Uniform Package eligibility and CSEF	To be eligible to receive the uniform package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient. CSEF is a means-tested payment which is generally for families who hold a concession card. Families can apply for CSEF when applications open in Term 1, 2018. Once eligibility is for CSEF is confirmed, schools will be able to place an application for the CSEF Prep Uniform Package. To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.
What's in the 2018 package	**1 x** Rugby Top ***OR*** Windcheater ***OR*** Polo Long Sleeve **1 x** Tracksuit Pants **(Only)** **1 x** Pair of Shoes (Lace Up ***OR*** T-Bar ***OR*** Runner/Sneaker)
How can I apply for the Prep CSEF Uniform Package?	Applications must be submitted to State Schools' Relief by the school your child will be attending in 2018. Please do not contact State Schools' Relief directly as staff cannot accept applications from parents. If you have any questions, or want to apply for the uniform package, please speak to your child's school. **Applications for the Prep CSEF uniform package close at the end of Term 3, 2018.**
What does the Uniform Package cost me as a parent?	Where State Schools' Relief cannot supply uniform items directly, your school will receive a voucher that subsidises the uniform item. Vouchers can be redeemed at your school's uniform shop or an independent uniform retailer which will be listed on the voucher. **Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a contribution towards the cost of individual uniform items**. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy amount.
Terms and conditions	• Each CSEF recipient student is eligible to apply for one uniform package only. • All vouchers have an expiry date which is included on the voucher. • Any unused subsidy cannot: ☐ be transferred to a different uniform item ☐ be used to purchase an extra item; or ☐ provided as cash to the school or the parent.

Happy Birthday to Deklan G.

We hope you have a wonderful day!

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School Council President

Sonia Valli

Parents and Friends President:

Donna Rutherford

Calendar of events:

Wednesday June 6th & Thursday June 7th - Division Soccer

Monday June 11th - Public holiday - no school

Friday June 29th - Last day of Term 2

5/6 Swimming:-

Tuesday 's and Thursday's: 12:35pm 5/6T and 5/6P and 1.15pm 5/6K

Our school Facebook page is now live!

View it for details about upcoming events and photos of what's happening around our school.

NOTE: Families signed a release form in their enrolment pack to use student photos in promoting our school, however if you would like to opt-out of having your child's photo / name included in all Lightning Reef PS Facebook events or posts, please contact the office and let us know.

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