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NEWSLETTER

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WHAT A WEEK!

Wow– how quickly things can change! Thanks to everyone for their support with the ‘circuit breaker’ lockdown and the successful transition to remote and flexible learning. Our teachers deserve a special shout-out. They did an amazing job, all working through their lunch break to prepare the “Just in-case” pack- photocopying and collating the packs, getting students home reading together and explaining the tasks; all the while supporting the students’ wellbeing, all in under an hour! We are so very fortunate to have such a committed and hard-working staff!

We are conscious that for many of our Foundation families it is the first time you have worked this way (with a school-based programme); Well done! Our other families who were wonderful “home teachers” last year are a great source of support and knowledge for you.

While we hope Remote Learning is behind us, we will prepare for future ‘circuit breaker lockdowns’ by preparing additional “Just in case packs”, so if you have any feedback for teachers, please email the school.

We will always be on-site during any Remote Learning Day, supported by our other dedicated leaders, teachers and ES staff, so if you need any help or advice, please call the school during school hours. If we are busy, we will return your call as soon as possible.

We will continue to use ClassDojo and email as the method for all school communication. Please check for messages from your class teacher on ClassDojo. The school Facebook page will show additional updates as needed also.

NEW COVID GUIDELINES & RESTRICTIONS

As you will be aware, there have been slight changes to the rules relating to social-distancing since the lockdown this week.

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask advice if physical distancing is not able to be maintained. This means that face masks must be worn outdoors on-site if social distancing cannot be maintained. We ask that all visitors wear a face mask through the school yard, as it is likely will not be the required 1.5 mts from others.

Also, with previous expectations back in place, a face mask must be worn when entering any indoor space by anyone over the age of 12, that is not attending our primary school.

Staff do not have to wear masks when working or caring for students.

While there is no requirement to limit the number or type of visitors to school premises, the density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres is applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students. This means that we must limit the number of people in each space.

All families parents/carers or visitors are asked to stand at the classroom door if they need to speak with the teacher and the teacher will come to you. This ensures we are adhering to DET guidelines. Everybody (including staff) are required to sign in at the main office if they are likely to be indoors for longer than 15 minutes.

The office area has a density limit of 5 visitors. We ask that you do not enter if you do not wear your mask.

We appreciate your support in adhering to these Department Guidelines.

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CURRICULUM DAY

We have a scheduled Curriculum Day on Monday March 1st. All LRPS staff will be joining with California Gully and Elmore PS to complete CUST—Cultural Understanding and Safety Training. The Department of Education and Training was initially planned for Term 2 2020, but had to be rescheduled as a result of COVID19. Please note students will not attend school on this day. CUST promotes discussion around local education opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, communities and schools and provides a safe place for schools and their communities to talk about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practices and knowledge, to begin new pathways of engagement and learning for everyone.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS CANCELLED!

Earlier this week, the decision was made to cancel the interviews scheduled for this Thursday and Friday 18 & 19 February.

To assist us in learning more about how we, as a school, can best support your child, a questionnaire will be emailed and sent home with your child.

We ask that Parents/Carers fill in the form with as much information as possible and return by Wednesday 24th February. If there is sensitive information you would prefer to tell us directly, please indicate that you would prefer a phone call, or call the school to speak with your child's teacher between 8.30 and 8.45 a.m., or 3.15 and 3.45 p.m. Similarly, please feel free to call Paul Keller, Katrina Johnstone or myself during the day. We will happily pass on your information, ensuring confidentiality is maintained.

Students have been working with their teacher to write three learning improvement goals to focus on this term. These will be sent home with your child on Friday 19th February. We ask that you discuss these goals with your child, so you can help them strive towards achieving them and share the celebration as steps are achieved.

I hope you all enjoy getting back out into the community this coming weekend.

Kind regards,

Jo Ryan

Football Clinic Grade 3-6



FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of
Lightning Reef Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

22/2/2021. (insert day, month and year).

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

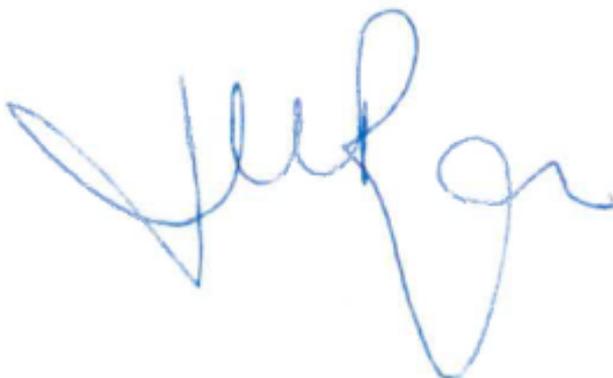
4 /3/2021 (insert day, month and year).

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2021	5
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2021	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Acting Principal signature

School council election process and timetable:

Due to the unexpected state-wide lockdown, we have extended the time for School Council elections 2021. DET Guidelines state that the process must be completed on or before 31 March 2021.

School council election process and timetable: Lightning Reef Primary School	
Event	Date
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 8 February 2021
b) Closing date for nominations	Monday 22 February 2021
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Tuesday 23 February 2021
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Thursday 25 February 2021
e) Close of ballot	Thursday 4 March 2021
f) Vote count (<i>insert date</i>):	Friday 5 March 2021
g) Declaration of poll (<i>insert date</i>):	Thursday 12 March 2021

I have attached a copy of the parent self-nomination form and would encourage all parents to consider being part of our School Council. In 2020, we met at 3.45 pm on the third Thursday most months. With each new Council, we negotiate dates and times to make it as easy for all members of the council to attend.

Sonya, Bianca, Donna and Daria will provide a parent's perspective, or feel free to speak with me at the back gate any morning, or see Mrs Johnstone, Tim, Mr Keller or Amy, who have been school council members for some time. Kristie, as always, is also a wealth of knowledge and can also answer questions you may have.

School Council Elections – Information for Parents School Council Elections 2021:

What is a school council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership: A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school. A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. *What do you need to do to stand*

for election? The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

BOOK CLUB

Orders for Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club need to be processed by 19/2/2021. Please enter these online or return to school with correct money.

Happy Birthday to:

Daemon L, Zali S, Xavier A-M, Aaylah L, Charlotte A, Aye Moo K and Darcy H.

We hope you have an amazing day.



CONTACT US:

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Acting Principal:

Jo Ryan

Business Manager:

Kristie Coates

Leading Teacher:

Paul Keller

Learning Specialist:

Katrina Johnstone

Specialist Coordinator:

Georgia King

Social Worker:

Gai Maddams

School Council President

Sonia Valli

Parents and Friends President:

Donna Rutherford

Calendar of events:

Monday March 1st - Student Free Day

Monday March 8th -Queens Birthday holiday.

Tuesday March 16th - Grade 3-6 The 91 Storey Treehouse excursion

Friday March 19th - Harmony Day

Thursday April 1st - Last day of Term 1

Monday April 19th- First day of Term 2

Don't
forget

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



BE YOUR BEST



BE RESPECTFUL



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BE RESPONSIBLE



Images for use and disclosure within the school community and ordinary school communications

From time to time we may photograph, film or record students to use within the school community, including:

- in the school’s communication, learning and teaching tools (for example, emails, classroom blogs/Class Dojo or apps that can only be accessed by students, parents or school staff with passwords eg Sentral, ClassDojo etc)
- for display in school classrooms, on noticeboards etc
- in the school’s newsletter
- to support student’s health and wellbeing (eg photographs of pencil grip to assist in OT assessments)

An Annual Consent Form and Collection Notice will be distributed to parents/carers on enrolment and also at the beginning of each school year. These forms have been emailed out to all families. Please return **ONLY** if you do not give permission.

ARE YOU A CARER?
(Caring for a school aged child with a disability, learning disability, mental illness or chronic illness)

Would you like to take some time out to care for yourself? Be part of a social support group with others experiencing similar situations?

If the answer is yes then join the Walking and Wellbeing Group. There will be two walks each week, you can choose which one to attend.

Walking & Wellbeing Group

Lake Weeroona
Tuesdays & Thursdays during school terms.
Meet between 9-9.20am at the Rowing Club end of the lake.

For more information contact
Natasha Harrick on 1800 068 978 or
email nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au

BENDIGO HEALTH

CARER SUPPORT SERVICES

IF YOU HAVE TO GIVE YOUR CHILD PANADOL OR NUROFEN FOR A FEVER TODAY, THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME TOMORROW.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A HARD COUGH, CONSTANT RUNNY NOSE, SORE THROAT OR SWOLLEN GLANDS THEY SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.

IF YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM PANADOL OR NUROFEN IN THE MORNING TO GET THEM 'THROUGH THE DAY', THEN THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL.

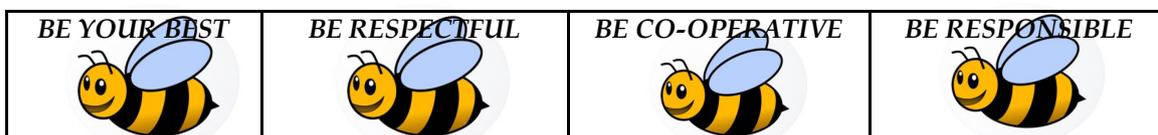
IF YOUR CHILD HAS VOMITING AND/OR HAS DIARRHOEA TODAY, THEY SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL FOR 48 HOURS AFTER SYMPTOMS HAVE RESOLVED.

PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR SICK, STILL RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR FEVERISH CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL TOO EARLY. LET'S STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS TOGETHER.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school’s collection statement, found on our website <http://www.lightningreefcs.vic.edu.au/>

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

Castlemaine Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Wesley Hill Recreation & Camp Hill Reserve, Castlemaine

*Age Groups: U10, U12, U14, U16 Boys & U14 Girls

**These are a guide and are based off the clubs previous year, they may change depending on interest within the club.

Dockers Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Weeroona Oval, Napier Street, Bendigo

*Age Groups: U14 & U16 Boys

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Eaglehawk Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Canterbury Park & California Gully Oval

*Age Groups: U9-U10 Mixed, U12-16 Boys, U14-18 Girls

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Golden Square Football Club - Juniors

Venue(s): Wade Street, Golden Square

*Age Groups: U9-U10 Mixed, U12-16 Boys, U12-18 Girls

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Heathcote Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Barrack Reserve, Heathcote

*Age Groups: U12

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Huntly Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Strauch Reserve, Huntly

*Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 Boys & U14 Girls

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Kangaroo Flat Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Dower Park, Kangaroo Flat

*Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 Boys & U12-U18 Girls

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Kyneton Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Kyneton Showgrounds & Bottom Oval, Kyneton

*Age Groups: U10 Mixed, U12-U16 Boys & U14 Girls

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Marong Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Malone Park, Marong

*Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12, U14 & U16 Boys

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Maryborough Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Princes Park, Maryborough

*Age Groups: U10 Mixed, U12, U14 & U16 Boys

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Maiden Gully YCW Junior Football Club

Venue(s): Marist College, Maiden Gully

*Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 Boys & U14 Girls

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North Bendigo Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Atkins Street, North Bendigo
 *Age Groups: U12, U14 Boys & U12 Girls
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Quarry Hill Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Ken Wust Oval, Quarry Hill
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed & U12
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Sandhurst Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): QEO & Ewing Park, Bendigo
 *Age Groups: U14-U16 Boys & U14-18 Girls
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South Bendigo Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): QEO & Harry Trott, Kennington
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 Boys & U14-18 Girls
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Strathfieldsaye Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Strath Main Oval & Enterprise Oval, Strathfieldsaye
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 & U12-U18 Girls
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St Francis of the Fields Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): St Francis School, Strathfieldsaye
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed & U12
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St Kilians St Peters Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Weeroona Oval, Bendigo
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12 & U12 Girls
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St Monicas Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Crusoe College Oval, Kangaroo Flat
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed & U12
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St Therese's Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Ewing Park, Bendigo
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed & U12
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White Hills Junior Football Club
 Venue(s): Scott Street, White Hills
 *Age Groups: U9-10 Mixed, U12-U16 & U12-U16 Girls
*These are a guide and are based off the clubs previous year, they may change depending on interest within the club.

Woorinen Football Club
 Venue(s): Woorinen Rec Reserve, Woorinen
 *Age Groups: U18 Girls
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GCNA NETBALL ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR 2021!

Season commences Saturday April 24th

GCNA FEES FOR 2021
SENIOR PLAYERS \$80 PER PLAYER
JUNIOR INC 13U \$80 PER PLAYER
11UNDER \$50 PER PLAYER
GRADE 3 \$15 PER PLAYER

NETBALL VIC REGISTRATION FEES
 SAME AS 2020

**ENTER YOUR OWN TEAM
 JOIN ONE OF OUR CLUBS**



Entries close Friday March 26th 2021

All enquiries to the Secretary 0438 636 464
 e: gcn@smartchat.net.au



**EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR
 FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registration Day 2021

Age Groups

Boys Under 9, 10, 12, 14 & 16

Girls Under 12, 14, 16 & 18

**Sunday 21st
 February 2021
 1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Canterbury Club Rooms

eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com



EAGLEHAWK



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Attention GIRLS

**Players Wanted
 Under 12, 14, 16 & 18**

**Registration Day
 Sunday 21st February 2021
 1.00-3.00pm
 Canterbury Club Rooms**

SEASON 2021

