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Lightning Reef PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learners today Leaders tomorrow

NEWSLETTER

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SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

A reminder that all students will be attending the Swimming program next Tuesday –Friday.

STAFFING CHANGES

As you are all aware, Julie's departure from Lightning Reef for the school year has left a gap in the Leadership Team. Mrs Johnstone has taken over my role as the Teaching and Learning Manager.

Her role will see her planning Literacy and Numeracy with teachers across the school, and coaching in classes along with teaching Extending Mathematical Education (EMU) four days a week.

As a result, the teaching team has changed in Room One and for the remainder of the school year. Jean Rankin will take the class each morning for Literacy instead of Mrs Johnstone. Mr Woodward will continue as he started the year; teaching PE each morning across the school before taking the Room 1 Teaching role every day from eating time.

MULTICULTURAL WEEK

The 3-6 students and teachers reported that they enjoyed the Indigenous Australia Virtual Reality Incursion they attended on Monday, and learnt a lot about dreamtime stories and various dances for different celebrations.

Next Monday, 22nd March, the Junior classes will attend the same incursion.

HARMONY DAY TOMORROW

Remember that students can dress up in orange tomorrow - the colour for Harmony Day, or wear traditional dress to represent their family heritage.

We have a special one hour Multicultural assembly at 12.45 and families are welcome to attend. Because we may be crowded in the gym, we ask that anybody not enrolled at our school, over the age of 12, wear a mask or stand 1.5 metres away from others.

We particularly love it when youngsters come along and join in our celebrations! We ask that younger siblings sit with families, rather than students, and thank families for taking them out of the gym if they are unsettled.

We look forward to sharing the day with you!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES 2021

We had to postpone the elections for our School & House Leaders and SLC due to a lack of nominations for some roles. The problem has proven to be a wonderful opportunity, as 3-6 students and teachers are now reviewing the roles and suggesting alternate options for the voting process. Students have shown great insight and maturity with their suggestions and they are currently drafting a proposal to bring to the School Council and Leadership Team! The plan is to commence the process at the start of Term 2. If families have suggestions, please email your ideas to the school, marked "Student Leadership" in the subject line.

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Lightning Reef Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day which is held to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

The school will be running a special assembly for the students to watch some multicultural performances and to display some

Harmony Day activities that they will have completed throughout the week.

Date: Friday March 19th, 2021

Assembly will include…

Performance by CVLT
P/1/2 Song
Djembe Performance
Karen Dance

What to wear: Staff and students are asked to dress in either the colours that represent their own cultural background or something orange, as it is the official colour of Harmony Day.

The EAL students have been writing about their homes in Thailand and seeing how they are different to their homes in Australia.

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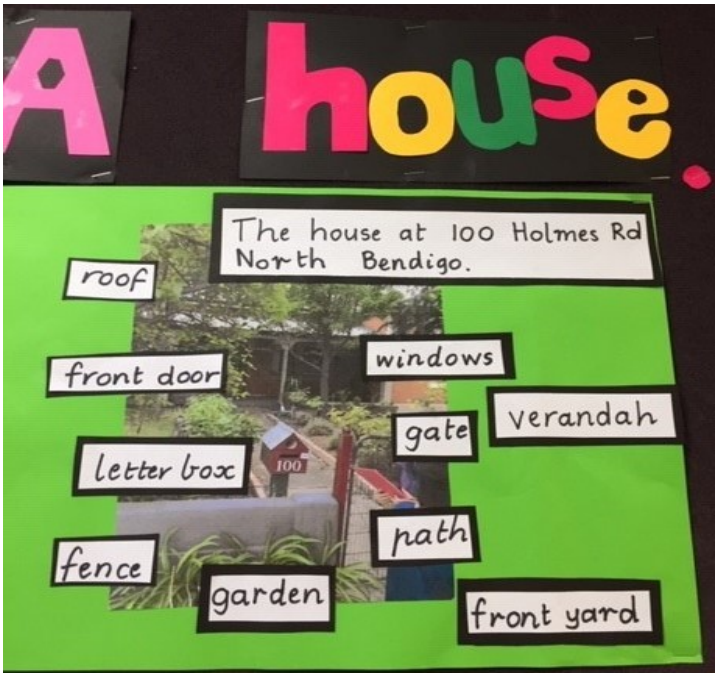

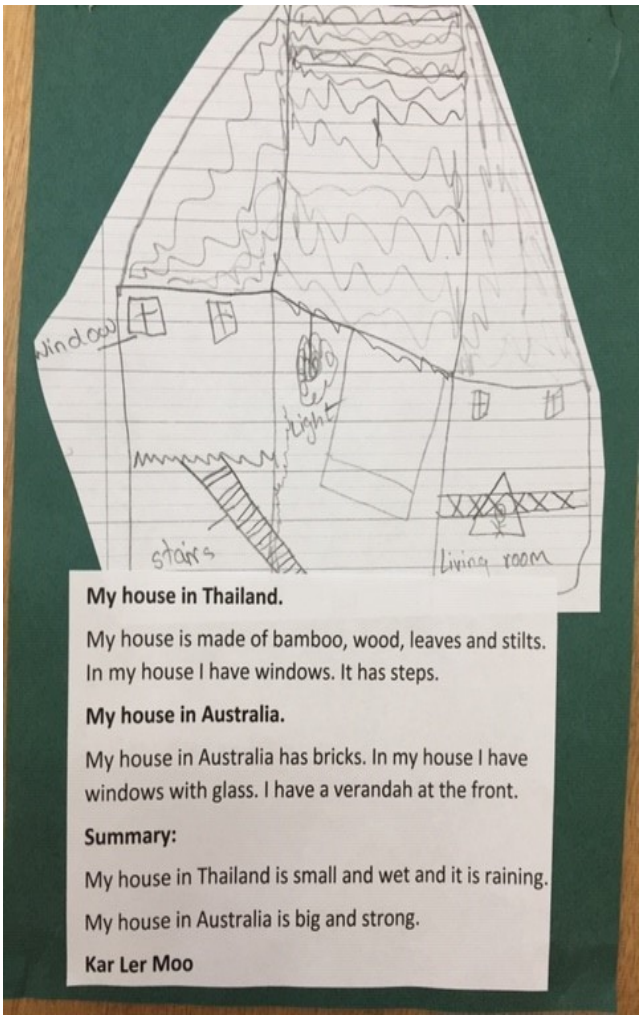

LIBRARY

Overdue books

There are a number of overdue library books.

As books are expensive to replace, I am asking all families to have a good look at home to see if they can find any that belong to LRPS.

I will be sending home overdue notices shortly for any that are not returned.

Happy Birthday to:
Ezra G and Ember T.
We hope you have an amazing day.

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School Council President

Sonia Valli

Parents and Friends President:

Donna Rutherford

Calendar of events:

Friday March 19th - Harmony Day

Tuesday March 23rd - Friday March 26th - Swimming Program Prep - Grade 6

Thursday April 1st - Last day of Term 1

Monday April 19th– First day of Term 2

Friday June 25th– Last day of Term 2

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

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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.

Want to keep the kids entertained and active these School Holidays?

There's still time to get the kids into YMCA's School Holiday Programs!

Programs are running from **Tuesday 6 April – Friday 16 April** and bookings are filling up fast.

Head to:
www.childrensprograms.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/locations

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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.lightningreefps.vic.edu.au/

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

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Fun Run 2021

When: Thursday 1st of April (last day of Term 1)

Time: 12.00pm- 1.30pm

Location: Lightning Reef PS

Further Information:

Dress in your House Team colours (if your child does not know their House Team please ask their teacher).

Wear tied-on running footwear and sun screen.

Students must wear School approved hats and bring a water bottle.

This is a long-distance running event held at the school. Students are encouraged to try their best. Each lap that they complete will earn points for their House, the more laps they do the more points their House will earn. The students from each age group with the most points and leading the race, will win 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

FC Eaglehawk
2021 Registrations Open
JUNIOR SOCCER
REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU
AGES
U6 & U7S (NON-COMPETITIVE)
U8 - U10S (NON-COMPETITIVE)
U11 - U16S
JUNIOR INFORMATION NIGHT
TRUSCOTT RESERVE - MURDOCH STREET CAL GULLY
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM TUESDAY 16TH OF MAR 2021
Join us at our Junior information night, we will be there to assist in registration if needed, organisation, ordering and payment of uniforms and fees as well as to answer any questions you may have. Any payments made last year will be rolled over for the 2021 season
REGISTRATION ONLINE HERE : WWW.PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU
CONTACT : JASE 0417 380 591
EMAIL : ADMIN@FCEAGLEHAWK.COM.AU
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FLOOR SANDING

Welcome
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Play in the Garden Day
CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK
10AM - 1PM
WEDNESDAY MARCH 24
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
BENDIGO BOTANIC GARDENS, WHITE HILLS
FREE TICKETED EVENT
LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES
AT GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDING:
- ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES
- CIRCUS PLAY WITH A RANGE OF PROPS
- MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- STORYTIME SESSION
- FIND OUT ABOUT 3 YEAR OLD FUNDED KINDER AND LOCAL EARLY YEARS GROUPS AND SERVICES
FREE FRESH FRUIT • $1 SAUSAGES, VEGE BURGERS and WATER • COFFEE AVAILABLE
Please note this is a free ticketed event. For more information and to book your free ticket please visit http://bit.ly/playgroupweek2021
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS TO THE VEGGIE GARDEN
SOWING THE SEEDS TO SUCCESS
A free community garden event with:
Special Guests
Q&A
Wednesday 24th March 2021 || 9:30am -12pm
Peppergreen Farm
Optional garden tours after 12pm
RSVP before 5pm on Thursday 18th March
For more information contact Rob Brown at Robert.Brown2@education.vic.gov.au
Healthy Greater Bendigo
VicHealth
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

NET FIT NETBALL
BENDIGO NETFIT CLINIC
DATE: WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2021
TIME: 9AM-3PM
WHERE: BENDIGO STADIUM
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WHAT'S ON
MATCH PLAY
NETFIT FITNESS
SKILLS
MINDTIME
NUTRITION
PRICE: $90 PER DAY
+ NETFIT T-SHIRT
COVIDSAFE
BOOK NOW
netfitnetball.com
The Athlete's Foot

Managing illness in schools and early childhood

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