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NEWSLETTER

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CURRICULUM DAY – Next Wednesday 1 December

A friendly reminder that next Wednesday is a Curriculum day for LRPS. Children will not attend school on this day. Please mark this in your diary.

DENTAL VAN VISIT

The dentist will be visiting our school next Thursday. This is the treatment follow up for students who are participating in the Smile Squad program.

YEAR 6 2021 GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Monday 6th December, our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place at the Bendigo Pottery. Students and teachers will share a meal and Yr 6 presentations. These are being professionally filmed this year so families can feel part of the celebration.

The following day, Tuesday 7 December, the Yr 6's will attend their Secondary College for the whole day. We look forward to hearing their stories upon return to PS.

PREP (FOUNDATION) 2022 TRANSITION





We are holding two prep Transition sessions this year. The first is on the Student Free Day, Wednesday 1 December. The second is on the State wide Transition Day, Tuesday 7 December. Families involved will receive invitations via email and mail in upcoming days. Families with queries may contact Amy Davies at school or via email.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS & VISITORS ATTENDING SCHOOLS- REMINDER

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and **must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by next Monday, 29 November 2021** or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

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- * when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- * when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- * when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, making a payment.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to those families that have taken the time to fill out our survey. We have identified an area for improvement and will change our phone answering service to include a line dedicated to recording absences. We are hopeful we can get over 50% return for the surveys this year so we can keep doing what is working and plan for changes in the new year. If you can spare the time, we'd appreciate it.

The survey is 5 questions and should take no more than 5 minutes, and is anonymous.

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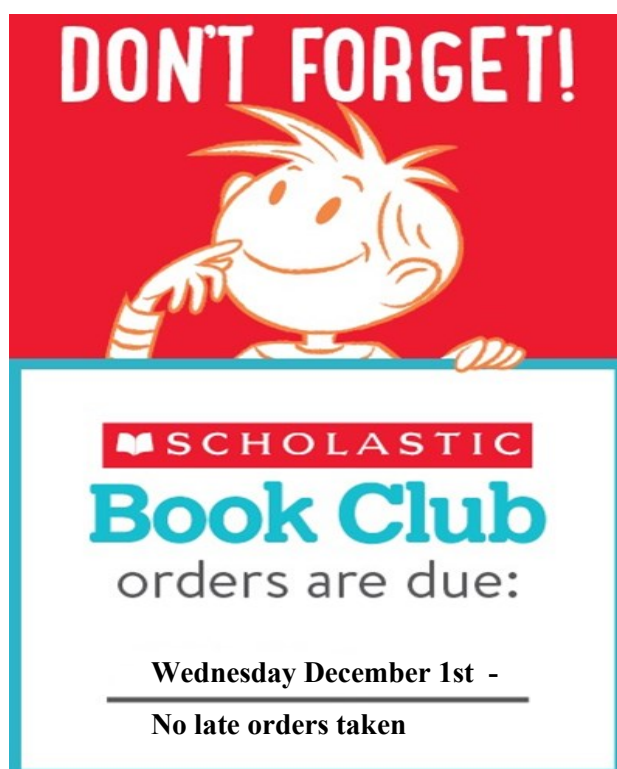
We thank you in advance,

Joanne Ryan

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Happy Birthday to Emily H

We hope you have an amazing day.



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**Please
remember
smoking is
banned
within four
metres of an
entrance to
all Victorian
Schools and
within the
school
grounds, this
includes our
shared
entrance and
the bus stop**



Calendar of events:

Wednesday December 1st–

Student free day - NO SCHOOL

Prep 2022 transition day

Monday December 6th - Grade
6 Graduation

Tuesday December 7th - Prep
2022 transition day

Grade 6 Secondary College
transition day

Tuesday December 14th -
Student led conferences

Friday December 17th - Last
day of Term 4

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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

Headlice.

How to manage and control head lice.

Using conditioner with a fine-toothed comb is the recommended method of detection. It is also an excellent mechanical method of control and treatment.

- 1. Apply plain white conditioner liberally to dry hair. (Any cheap brand will be fine.)**
- 2. Cover the scalp to the ends of the hair.**
- 3. Detangle hair with regular comb.**
- 4. Leave conditioner in hair for 5 minutes. You may cover the hair with a shower cap whilst waiting. (Conditioner stuns lice for up to 20 minutes and makes combing easier)**
- 5. Separate the hair into sections.**
- 6. Comb through with the fine toothed comb**
- 7. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs (nits).**
- 8. Remove all nits to assure total lice treatment.**
- 9. Rinse conditioner from hair and clean the fine-toothed comb with a toothbrush or dental floss.**
- 10. Repeat process every two days until clear.**
- 11. When clean, comb all family members weekly for early detection and prevention of new infestations.**

Do not go to great lengths to wash bedding or spring-clean the house. After extensive examinations of carpets, mattresses, pillows, dress-up clothing and dolls in schools and day care centres researchers at James Cook University found no lice or eggs. These rooms all had a significant percentage of children with active cases of head lice. The conclusion is that the environment as a source of infection is zero. CONCENTRATE ON THE HEAD! Wash hairbrushes and combs in hot water. Lice die within 30 seconds in 60C water.

Remember also that each day is a new day for the risk of a new infestation. We do regular screenings at school but we need your help also. This is the best way to protect your family and community. Being consistent and diligent about manual removal will go a long way toward controlling the problem.

Parents are encouraged to check for head lice regularly.

- Screen safely and regularly**
- Detect lice and nits as early as possible**
- Remove lice and nits immediately and effectively**
- Avoid panic and unnecessary use of chemicals**

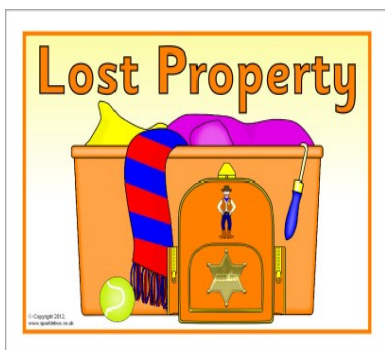
YMCA

Bookings are now open for our exciting Summer School Holiday Program! Incursions and Excursions are back for Summer. Check out our program and book online!

<https://childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/bendigo>



Don't forget to check lost property if you are missing any items. It is located in the foyer of the gym and it is filling up fast.



Just a reminder hats need to be worn outside from September 1st. Hats are available from Lowes Marketplace. Please make sure your child's name is on their hat.



ENROL TODAY!

2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

PIANO | DRUMS
GUITAR | BASS | UKULELE
SINGING | WOODWIND | BRASS | STRINGS
BANJO | MANDOLIN | MARIMBA
HARMONICA

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