

NEWSLETTER

PO Box 66 NORTH BENDIGO 3550

Hello families. I hope you have all coped with the heat today.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS

Thanks to everyone for booking in for the Getting to Know You interviews next Monday. It will be great to have families back on-site and meeting face to face again. We hope that these interviews can open up the lines of communication between home and school for 2023. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning. Staff will follow up with a phone call to any families

NO STUDENT FREE DAY OOSHC NEXT MONDAY

Please note that Denni has informed me that there was not enough interest in running a Student Free Day with OOSHC. The YMCA are always willing to supervise if the numbers enrolled and associated fees cover the staff members required.

PREP REST DAYS

Next Wednesday will be the final official "Prep Rest Day". The teachers will complete the Transition to School Assessments next week as the last few students attend for their hour meeting. Tim, Amy D, Mrs Wells, Ro Dy and Fran have been really pleased with how settled the children have been and look forward to having the children attend each school day from Monday 27th Feb.

If your Prep child doesn't settle into the five days quickly, please make contact with their teacher. They are available every morning from 8.30 or at the gate each Monday.

NORTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

We were fortunate to have 5 players from North Melbourne FC spend time at LRPS on Monday this week. All players were able to share their journey from primary school to where they are now. Questions from the audience (students) were fantastic and enjoyed by all. We thank North Melbourne FC and AFL Central Victoria for spending time with us.

REMINDER - SAFE TRAFFIC MOVEMENT

The safety of children is our first priority. This should be the case for all. We acknowledge that the car park can be a very busy space particularly at the end of the school day. Unfortunately we have become concerned about the speed that cars are travelling in the car park. Additionally, there have been multiple occasions that cars are not exiting the car park safely. As per signage, it is illegal to conduct a right hand turn on exiting the car park.

This is an essential reminder to slow down, be vigilant and to follow road rules. We also ask that children do not walk across any road/carpark space without adult supervision.

YEAR 6 TOPS

We ordered the Year 6 tops today. They are expected to arrive by end of Term 1.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS (including precious or expensive toys)

We discourage children from bringing valuable personal belongings to school such as toys, electronic devices, games etc. as they can be broken, lost, swapped (against the rules) or at times stolen. The school holds no responsibility for personal belongings brought to school and these are not covered under insurance held by the school. School staff simply don't have time to search for children's treasures, and, just like socks in the clothes dryer, things just seem to disappear!

Jo Ryan Acting Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2023

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| A) Notice of election and call for nominations | Monday 13th February 2023 |
| B) Closing date for nominations | Monday 27th February 2023 |
| C) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required) | Thursday 2nd March 2023 |
| D) Close of ballot | Friday 10th March 2023 |
| E) March School Council Meeting (First council meeting to elect office bearers) | Thursday 16th March 2023 |

What is a school council and what does it do? All school councils in Victoria operate under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. The school council has particular functions in setting and monitoring the school's direction. School councils have three main responsibilities:

Finance – overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.

Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school's strategic plan.

Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect the school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

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. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

Mr Keller: SWPBS Leader

As part of our Wellbeing Week we had Backflips against Bullying come to LRPS and talk about bullying with a focus on cyberbullying and the impact it has on everyone.

Backflips Against Bullying is a group who incorporate parkour and flips as a way to engage students whilst teaching them about bullying. They cover many topics under bullying including Cyberbullying, Physical, Verbal and Social Harassment, consequences of our actions, empowering the bystander and many more.

Students have really enjoyed these incursions and there have been many conversations about bullying across the school both before and after the show.



Online Safety

Have you seen or heard of the eSafety Website?

The eSafety website has information, videos and links for you and your children to help keep everyone safe online.

There are quick links and resources about:

- Age restrictions on apps
- Online chat rooms
- Reporting online behaviour
- Parental controls
- Videos for children

Type into google **"eSafety"** and have a browse!

Ms G- Wellbeing Leader



Useful websites/contacts

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au

Reach Out - www.reachout.com

Raising Children Network - www.raisingchildren.net.au

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)

Parentline - 1300 30 1300 (8am to 10pm seven days a week) & [web counselling](#) Tuesdays and Thursdays between

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



We are now using



To login, you will require your unique family username and password. These details have been emailed to you, however if you are yet to receive them, please contact the school office.

You will initially be provided with a temporary password that you will be prompted to update to one of your choosing when you login for the first time.

To login, go to your school's Compass site. Type in your username and password and click 'Sign in'.

A screenshot of the Magic P-12 College login page. It features the school's crest on the left, which is a shield with a red and blue design. To the right of the crest are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below these fields is a "Sign in" button, a Google+ icon, and a Facebook icon. There is also a "Remember me" checkbox and a link that says "Can't access your account?".

If it is the first time you are logging in, you will be required to confirm your email address and mobile number. These details may be used by the school for SMS/email communications and also, password recovery.

A screenshot of the "Welcome to the Magic P-12 College Parent Portal" page. It includes a heading, a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the portal, and a section for "Mrs Sable BROOKS". Below this, there are input fields for "Mobile" and "Email" numbers.

Also when logging in for the first time, once you have confirmed your details, you will be required to change your temporary password to one of your choosing. When you have entered your new password, click 'Save'.

A screenshot of the "Next, you will need to change your password" page. It lists requirements for a new password: not contain the username, not be a recently used password, be at least eight characters long, contain at least one uppercase letter, contain at least one lowercase letter, and contain at least one number. Below the list are input fields for "New Password" and "Confirm New Password", and a "Save" button.

HAVE YOU LOGGED IN YET?
DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW
and search for Lightning Reef
Primary School!

We're excited to welcome your child back into the classroom.

Being at school is critical for your child's learning and their mental, physical, and social wellbeing.

Every day of attending school counts.

We want to support your child to have a positive start to the year. We will do this by:

- helping your child to re-establish positive school attendance routines
- working with you with respect to your child's wellbeing and learning needs
ensuring we understand where your child is up to with their learning and social-emotional development, where required
providing targeted support to help them progress

If your child is absent, please mark on Compass and provide a reason. If you don't, we will call to see if everything is okay.

If you have any concerns, please contact your classroom teacher who may refer to leadership when needed □

Amy Gillett- Wellbeing & Attendance Leader

North Melbourne AFL Visit



Happy Birthday to Jaycee-Mae B

We hope you had an amazing day.



Calendar of events:

Monday February 20th - Start up interviews - students attend for interview time only

Monday March 13th - Labour Day - no school

Wednesday March 15th - Naplan testing begins

Tuesday March 21st - School photos

Thursday April 6th - Fun run and last day of Term 1

Monday April 24th - Term 2 begins

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Jo Ryan

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Kristie Coates

Leader- Student Wellbeing:

Amy Gillett

Leader- Disability & Inclusion:

Paul Keller

Leader- Teaching & Learning

Katrina Johnstone

Social Worker:

Gai Maddams

School Council President

Daria Turnbull

Parents and Friends

Sonia Valli & Jodie Madon

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



If you are missing any clothing items please check our lost property.

It is located in the office area just inside the front door.



BE YOUR BEST



BE RESPECTFUL



BE CO-OPERATIVE



BE RESPONSIBLE



School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.



Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at some lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is a BARR school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Northern Country fire district**.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day**.

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter, SMS and Compass notification. Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking Compass, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
- You can access current information about school and early childhood services closures, including those due to elevated fire danger, on the Department of Education and Training's website - see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

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**Sunday
5 March
2023**

Rosalind Park, Bendigo



**1km
KIDS DASH**

PRESENTED BY
Jenny's
Early Learning Centre

**5km
RUN/WALK**

PRESENTED BY
POB
PHYSIOTHERAPY
Centre Bendigo

**5km
BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

PRESENTED BY
TSFN

**10km
FUN RUN**

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