

Term 1
Week 7

NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef

PRIMARY SCHOOL



RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
KINDNESS
PERSISTENCE

UPCOMING DATES

Monday March 18th

-NAPLAN: Numeracy
Yr 3 & 5 students

-Indian Cultural Dance
Incursion 12.45 p.m.
families welcome

Tuesday March 19th

- Parents & Friends
Meeting 2.30p.m. in Jo's
Office

Thursday March 21st

-School Council 9.15 a.m.
-Whole School Incursion-
Aboriginal Infusion 2.00
p.m. families welcome

Friday March 22nd

Whole School Assembly
2.15 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday March 28th

-Fun Run 12.00-2.30

All Welcome

- School Dismissed 2.30
p.m.

From the Principal :

Dear Parents and friends.

This coming week we hold activities to celebrate Multicultural Week. It's a great chance to celebrate the various cultures in our school, city and country. Classes will participate in free incursions at school, learn how different cultures celebrate special occasions, try "thanaka" the Karen sunscreen made from natural ingredients and participate in Harmony Day activities on Thursday. On this day, students can wear orange- the colour to represent Harmony Day, or a cultural costume to school if they wish.

NAPLAN

All children that have participated in NAPLAN so far this week should be very proud of the positive and engaged effort that was evident each session. We have the Mathematics NAPLAN test to go, which will be on Monday. Please remember that NAPLAN data provides results for one moment in the school year and one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. If there were Year 3 or 5 students that were absent at any stage this week, assessment will be arranged to occur next week. Special thanks to Ms Aghan for doing a fantastic job organising the tests each day (and personally organising my group) and Mrs Johnstone, Tim and Mrs Drum for helping the students to relax, and feel confident to try their best each time.

NATIONAL RIDE2 SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day will occur on Friday March 22nd and is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. It's sure to be a fantastic day and we look forward to seeing you there!

From the Principal cont....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. School will finish at 2.30 on the last day of Term, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 15th April.

TERM 2 EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

There are no Curriculum Days scheduled for Term 2, however we do have the ANZAC Day Public Holiday on Thursday April 25th.

- ◆ The P-2 students have the Jet's Gym Program every Monday for 4 weeks.
- ◆ 3-6 Division Cross Country is on Wednesday May 1st.
- ◆ 3-6 Major Excursion is Wednesday May 15th.

SLC ZOOPER DOOPER/EASTER RAFFLE RCH GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

SLC will again sell Zooper Doopers at first break for the last two week's of Term to raise money for the Royal Children Hospital's Good Friday Appeal. Zooper Doopers will sell for \$1.00.

We will also hold the Easter Raffle with our staff donating Easter goodies. If families would also like to donate to the raffle, we kindly accept your donations and thank you for your generosity.

Families can also donate to the appeal directly. We will send the link out on Class Dojo tomorrow.

JUNIOR TOILETS BEING REPAIRED

Our Junior toilets in the Learning Building have began being repaired after being water damaged due to the heavy Christmas rain. We will try to keep the distractions to a minimum, and are working with Amy D to accommodate her class, who are the most effected while the works are occurring.

YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Denni and Mel, our OOSHC staff, will again be leading the holiday program on site during the holiday period. See details later in the newsletter, or feel free to pop in and see them at Breaky Club each morning to ask any questions you may have.

Hoping to see many of you at the Fun Run on the last day of Term!

Kind regards,

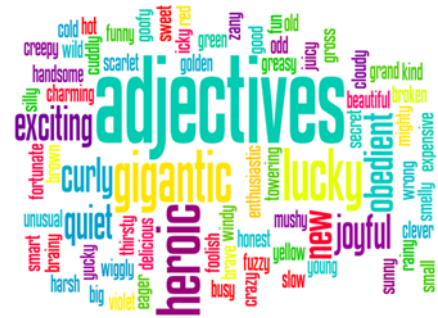
Jo Ryan
Principal

Class News: Room 2

Room 2 Writing

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun or pronoun such as a person, place, thing, or idea.

In Room 2, the students have been adding adjectives to their writing, to make their work more interesting. Adjectives allow the reader to visualise the characters, setting and what is happening in the story. They help stories come to life. Here are some examples of students writing where they have included adjectives.



One haunted, smelly day, a little, selfish girl went to the store. Her mother said, "You can pick one toy in the store."
Written by Ruby G



One thundering night, a little kid ran out of the house, because of her horrible parents.
Written by Emily

One ordinary day, Joe was walking to school, when a big, Amazon truck zoomed passed him like a cheetah.
Written by Ricky



"In your dreams," little Grinch said with an evil grin.
Written by Gabriella

Then the evil man laughed and giggled and grinned.
Written by Seth



One snowy, cozy night, a family was at home, watching a holiday movie.
Written by Hsa Thaw

Jeff and Bella are teenagers. Bella's posh and snotty, while Jeff on the other hand, is always kind and generous.
Written by Matilda



One mysterious, dark night, a boy was trying to find a place to survive.
Written by Ruby J

Cultural Diversity Week

Every year in March, we bring our school community together to celebrate the colourful sounds, sights, movements, and tastes of our rich multicultural communities.

Lightning Reef Primary School will celebrate Cultural Diversity Week on the week of Monday 18th - Friday 22nd of March. The 2024 Cultural Diversity Week theme is "Our Shared Stories - Celebrating Together." This theme encourages us to recognise and celebrate our culturally diverse communities.

Students will be participating in events and activities throughout the week, including:

-Monday

An Indian Dance Performance

-Tuesday or Wednesday (Date to be confirmed)

A Thanaka Party

-Thursday - Harmony Day

We will celebrate Harmony Day by encouraging staff and students to dress in either orange (to celebrate harmony amongst groups) or come in their national colours to celebrate their heritage.

As part of our Harmony Day and Cultural Diversity Week celebrations, we will be having an Aboriginal Infusion school incursion from 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

The school will cover all expenses for these special activities so there will be no cost for families.



Awards Week 6

Learning Awards

Room	Student	For
5	May	For improving her reading skills by reading at home and school everyday.
8	Kwae Doe	For improving writing by trying hard to record sounds in words
7	Lilly	For improving her numeracy skills by counting past 108.
3	Htee Moo	For improving her English communication skills by always practising new words she is learning
2	Gabriella	Improving her Writing skills by writing some fantastic sizzling starts.
10	Mia	For improving her writing skills by adding interesting words
9	Declan	For improving his maths skills by trying hard with his assessment task
Karen		For improving her Karen language skills by teaching others emotions in Karen.
PE	Cat	For improving their running skills by using large strides to sprint faster.

Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
5	Ma San Kyi	For demonstrating responsibility by keeping our classroom clean and tidy.
8	Kay Nay Kaw	For demonstrating responsibility by making great choices in the classroom
7	Dominic	For demonstrating kindness by always making sure everyone has someone to play with at break.
3	Aiden	For demonstrating responsible decision making when sitting on the floor
2	Jason	Demonstrating Kindness by always being a helpful member of the classroom.
10	Leo	For demonstrating respect by always listening to and following instructions
9	Jenny	For demonstrating respect by always following the instructions and listening carefully
Karen	Jaycee-Mae	For demonstrating responsibility by always being organised and ready to learn in Karen lessons.
PE	Kaiden	For demonstrating persistence by practising his throwing and catching skills.

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Room	Name	Reason
8	Shane-Dean	For breaking words into while writing
7	Roger	For improving his reading by answering comprehension questions with detail.
3	Will	for improving thier maths skills by reading and labeling a calendar
10	Kay Htway Kyi	for improving their math skills by telling time to the nearest 5 minutes
9	Jessica	for improving their reading skills by trying in her reading group tasks
Art	Lan Poug Sue	For improving her Art skills by creating a beautiful painting inspired by Piet Mondrian.
PE	Rylan	For improving their athletics skills by using long strides and high needs to improve his speed when running.

Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
8	Dylan	For demonstrating persistence by trying hard with his handwriting
7	Savannah	For demonstrating kindness by helping another student when they had a problem.
3	Tha Gay Su	For demonstrating respect by always showing whole body listening.
2	Matilda	Demonstrating Kindness by helping students from room 3 when they come into our classroom.
10	Leo	for demonstrating persistence by trying a range of strategies during math tasks and not giving up
9	Jaxon	for demonstrating kindness by looking out for others
Art	Lilly	For demonstrating Kindness by sharing with her peers and encouraging them in Art.
PE	Isabella P	For demonstrating responsibility by always doing what she is supposed to do in PE.





Don't miss our jam-packed School Holiday Program with themed in-house days, fun excursions and incursions. Activities could include cooking masterclasses, mad science experiments, model making, learning to skateboard and a trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4.

Tue 2 April - Fri 12 April



School Holiday Program



Book online

Frequently Asked Questions

School holidays are a fun way for your child to create new experiences, make friends and learn from experienced Educators. Below are some commonly asked questions, for more information visit our website.



How do I book a place?

You can book a place through [My Family Lounge](#) app (our online booking and enrolment system). We have a step-by-step guide on our website on how to enrol using the app. Please note that bookings cannot be made by phone or email and all bookings made less than seven days prior to the activity incur an additional charge.



What to wear (clothing)

To ensure your child feels comfortable and can engaged in all activities, we ask they wear:

- Comfortable clothing
- Closed shoes and socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Warm clothing for cooler months
- Clothing that is suitable for art activities – leave the good clothes at home!



What to bring (food, safety gear)

We ask that your child brings the following items each day:

- Pack a healthy, nut-free, morning tea and lunch,
- Drink bottle for water,
- Some spare clothing (just in case)

Your child may need to bring additional items for specific activities. Please refer to our website via the QR code.



Activity types and arrival times

Our School Holiday Programs offer the following types of activities:

- In house: Children remain on-site for a fun day of activities.
- Incursion: We are visited by an incursion provider to undertake an activity with the children
- Excursion: A day outside of the service where we visit an exciting destination.
- Arrive by: 9:00am for in house and incursion days, 8:30am for excursion days unless your booking advises otherwise.



Scan here



Get your Colour on, Lightning Reef Primary School is hosting a Colour SPLATACULAR Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun will be on Thursday 28th March from approx. 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For further information, please contact Josh West via Dojo or text him on his work number: 0482 059 930

Josh West
PE Coordinator

Happy fundraising!

Australian school club
Fundraising specialists

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Don't forget to say thank you!



VISIT YOUR ONLINE PROFILE

to make an online donation.



MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION

using a credit card
or PayPal



KEEP THE CASH!



AUSTRALIANFUNDRAISING.COM.AU

Join us at the Bunnings Easter Family Event



A family event with entertainment, D.I.Y. plus a Sausage sizzle fundraiser with all funds going to The Good Friday Appeal

Date: Thursday 21st March 2024

Time: 5-7pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

We can't wait to see you hop in store to be part of the fun. There will be lots of activity including Easter arts & crafts, face painting and loads of community group stalls plus of course a special visit from the Easter Bunny!!! Additionally, we are running a sausage sizzle fundraiser with all funds going to The Good Friday Appeal



Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 5449 4700 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/epsom

BUNNINGS
warehouse



School preparations for the bushfire season



Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Northern Country fire weather district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, 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 does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

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

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

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

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

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. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by SMS, Compass notification and DoJo.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

No one 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.

All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.

School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action 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.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.

Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website [Lightning Reef Primary School – Learners today Leaders tomorrow \(lightningreefprimaryschool.vic.edu.au\)](http://lightningreefprimaryschool.vic.edu.au), by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

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 closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those students who had a birthday in the last fortnight!



REMINDER

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



Lost property

Please remember to check lost property regularly. It is located just inside our foyer entrance.

