

Term 2
Week 2

NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef

PRIMARY SCHOOL



RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
KINDNESS
PERSISTENCE

UPCOMING DATES

Monday April 29th

P-2 Jets Gym

Wednesday May 1st

Division Cross-Country

Friday May 3

Assembly hosted by
Room 7

Monday May 6th

P-2 Jets Gym

Wednesday May 15th

3-6 Major Excursion

Thursday May 16th

School Council 9.15 am

Friday May 17th

Open Classrooms & BBQ

Followed by Whole
School Assembly 2.15 pm
hosted by our Preps in
Room 4

From the Principal :

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

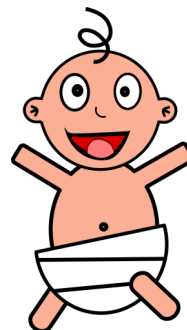
Welcome back. I hope you all managed to spend some time with family and friends during the holiday break. I am sure the taste of chocolate is familiar for some, if not most of us!

Term Two will bring some beautiful autumn weather, and we will experience colder weather as the term progresses, so remember to send in warm clothing when necessary.

GOOD BYE FOR NOW & GOOD LUCK

Elise Mackie has left us for the remainder of the 2024 school year to prepare for her little bundle of joy! I'm sure Elise will bring her baby into school to meet us all in coming weeks.

We all wish Elise and her partner Stephen all the best as they prepare for their growing family.



ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

This afternoon, Room 2 ¾ students led the school assembly, including commemorating ANZAC Day. Together, our school community commemorated the sacrifice of not just the Anzacs, but all service men and women who have served Australia all around the world.

The students led the commemoration with confidence and sincerity and the whole school community showed great respect throughout the service. It's always a proud day for us as educators!

From the Principal cont....

SWPBS SILVER AWARD

Last week, we were presented with the Silver Award for implementing SWPBS across the school. Previously, we had achieved the Blue Certificate for having SWPBS as our framework to support student wellbeing. The Silver award recognises our achievement in implementing our Whole School processes consistently. Well done all!



COLD, FLU AND COVID HYGIENE

It is that time of year when colds, flu and COVID tend to be more common around our community. Good health hygiene practices can greatly reduce the chance you will become unwell or pass it on to others. · Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when you cough or sneeze. · Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it. · Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. · Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as germs can be spread that way. Please discuss the above points with your children and we ask that children remain at home if unwell.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council AGM was held late in Term 1. This meeting provided an opportunity to sincerely thank our school council members for their continued support of LRPS. It is important to recognize and pass on our gratitude to previous councillors for their amazing support of our community. Paul Keller have now moved off school council and on behalf of the school community we thank him for the contribution he made to the School Council. Paul was replaced by Peter Millar as a school representative, joining Katrina Johnstone and Amy Gillett in this group. Julie Darcy has joined as a parent representative. Julie joins Dash, Sonia, Donna and Hannah as parent representatives. We are also supported by John Jones and Stew Annan, both who support our school through their respective Rotary Clubs, as our Community Members.

At the AGM, we officially dissolved the Parents and Friends Association, due to no attendees at previous meetings, meaning we had no volunteers for the office bearers.

School Council continues to investigate upgrading the grassed areas (small and big "ovals"). We are currently gathering quotes for grading the areas and spreading top soil so it is level/smooth to play on, installing a watering system and options to minimising ongoing watering costs. From there we will devise a plan to move forward.

JUNIOR TOILETS

I received confirmation earlier this week that the school will be self-funding the works to re-instate the Junior Toilets in the Home Group Building, at a cost of approximately \$42,000. Kristie and I will work through the process to get the works underway in the upcoming days.

From the Principal cont....

REMINDER – CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE & MEDICAL EXPENSES– including ambulance

The Department (which includes our school) does not have accident insurance. Items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school is not the responsibility of Lightning Reef Primary School or the Department. Staff and students are reminded not to bring items of value to school.

The Department Policy states that “Parents/carers are liable for all medical expenses incurred as a result of a student’s injury or medical need, including transport costs such as ambulance costs. Principals must inform parents on enrolment, and annually that parents/carers are responsible for any medical expenses (including ambulance costs) incurred if their child is injured or requires medical treatment or an ambulance while at school, or participating in a school activity. Principals must inform parents/carers that they may not be called if an ambulance is required, until after an ambulance is called, depending on the situation. Principals must use their judgment as to what action to take in cases of a student’s accident or sudden illness.” We encourage families to check they have up-to-date ambulance cover.

2025 ENROLMENTS

As per the Department of Education timeline, we are currently accepting Foundation/Prep enrolments for 2025. If you have a child commencing next year or know of a new family, please ask them to contact the office for further information or refer them to our website. The closing date for enrolment applications for Foundation (Prep) for 2025 is by Friday 26 July 2024. You can find further enrolment information on our website.

DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY

Mr West has worked very hard in the first couple of weeks of the term to finalise the Inter-School representatives to compete in the District Cross-Country. For those students who were invited to compete, we ask families to confirm their attendance on COMPASS before the day. Any student who is attending and suffers from Asthma is required to have an updated Asthma Plan at school to take with them.

3-6 MAJOR EXCURSION

Mrs Tonzing has sourced a grant that will financially support all of our 3-6 students to attend a ‘phenomenal physical performance, exploring physical performance exploring all forms of rotation’ in a few weeks. The 3-6 ‘s will spend the whole day in Melbourne as their major excursion for 2024. Home Group Teachers are finalising the day and the event will be published on COMPASS next Monday.

BOOKCLUB

As Jennie has now finished working at the school, Kristie has offered to manage the BookClub orders through the office. To minimise the extra work this creates, orders will only be taken through the LOOP app– see ad later in the newsletter. No cash will be taken.

Jo Ryan
Principal

Mother's Day Celebration

As we no longer have a Parents and Friends Club this means there will be no Mother's Day Stall this year students will be creating a gift within the classroom.

We would also like to invite you to join us to celebrate with a muffin for mum. Please let your child's homegroup teacher know if you will be attending by **WEDNESDAY 1st MAY** so we can ensure we have enough muffins. You can contact homegroup teachers via text, email or ClassDojo.

Muffin for Mum

Come along to celebrate Mother's Day by sharing a muffin with a special person in your life.

Date: Friday 10th May 2024

Time: 8:30am - 9am

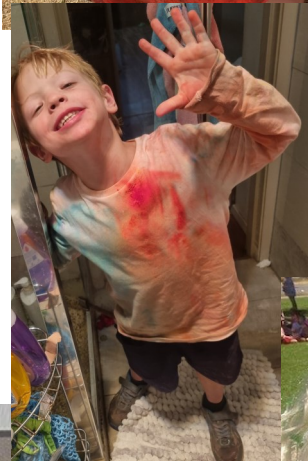
RSVP by Wednesday 1st May 2024 who your child/ren will be giving a muffin to.



Cross Country



Colour Fun Run



Reading awards



Wk 1 Learning Awards

Room	Name	Reason
4	Summer R	For improving her Numeracy skills by confidently putting her number collection teddies together.
5	Justin	For improving his writing ability to successfully write a complete sentence independently.
8	Dylan	For improving their reading skills by successfully using his knowledge of letter sounds to solve an unknown word.
7	Ella	For improving her reading skills by using different strategies to solve unknown words.
3	Zedakiah	For improving their reading stamina skills by concentrating on what he is reading.
2	Lan Pong Sue	Improving her Numeracy Skills by having a go at some challenging subtraction equations.
10	Harrison	For improving his writing skills by creating a well thought out narrative
9	Jaxon	for improving his spelling skills by moving a spelling level today
PE	Allirea	For improving her downball skills by using the correct technique to strike the ball.
Music/Drama	Aiden	For improving his musical language skills by describing timbre in instruments.



Wk 1 Values Award

Room	Name	Reason
4	Sarah	For demonstrating kindness towards her class mates every day.
5	Axel	For demonstrating persistence by not giving up when faced with a challenge.
8	Amaya	For demonstrating persistence by seeking help when something becomes difficult.
7	Evie	For demonstrating respect by listening to all instructions at gymnastics.
3	Leon	For demonstating Persistence by having a go at his Maths even when it is hard.
2	Jonty	For demonstrating Responsibility by always being a helpful and reliable student.
10	Amelia	for demonstrating responsibility by always being a helpful student
9	Anna	for demonstrating kindness by being a good friend
PE	Ryan	For demonstrating respect by listening carefully to instructions each lesson.
Music	Indy	For demonstrating responsibility by actively participating in discussions and experimenting with instruments.



Wk 2 Learning awards

Learning Award		
Room	Name	Reason
4	James	for improving their reading skills by confidently reading lots of books all the time.
8	Tommy	For improving his addition skills by counting on from the higher number.
7	Audrey	For improving her writing skills by rereading her writing to make sure it makes sense.
2	Emily	For improving her Writing skills by including a sizzling start and more adjectives in her sentences.
10	Riley-Jack	for improving his reading skills by using the text to support his responses.
9	Ember	for improving her maths by creating awesome bar graphs to represent data
PE	Abraham	For improving his throwing skills by using a good overarm throw technique.



Wk 2 Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
4	Zoe	for demonstrating kindness by holding the door for a class member who had full hands.
8	Ben	For demonstrating responsibility by making an effort to adapt to his new school and classroom expectations.
7	Allirea	For demonstrating respect by listening to all instructions at gymnastics.
3	Will.R	For demonstrating responsibility by making sure he is packed up quickly and ready for the next learning task.
2	Brodie	Demonstrating Responsibility by staying on task during writing and producing a long narrative.
10	Kay Htway Kyi	for demonstrating respect by listening to and following instructions
9	Ryan	for demonstrating responsibility by carrying out important tasks when asked
PE	Zedakiah	For demonstrating kindness by working well with teammates and partners in PE.



SLC Badges presentation



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club **LOOP** for Parents

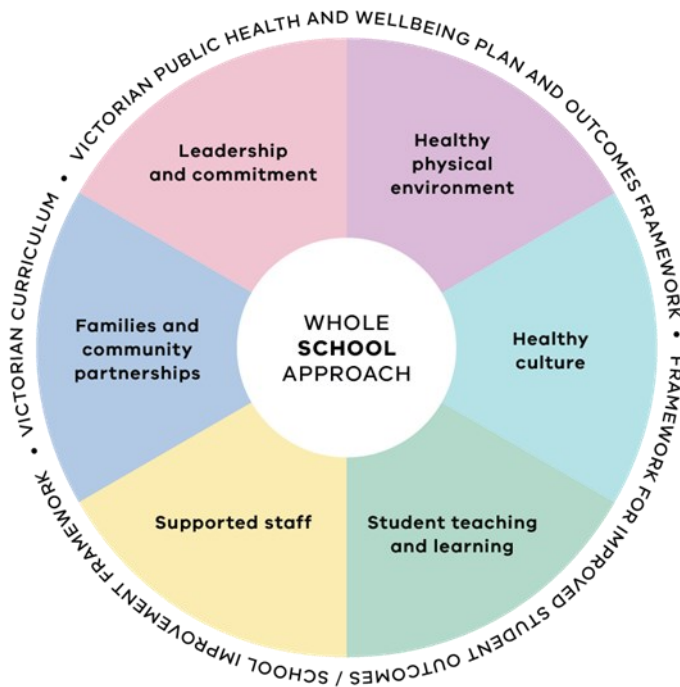
LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



WELLBEING



We are committing to health and wellbeing by joining the Achievement Program

We really care about health and wellbeing at our school and have signed up to work through the Achievement Program. The Achievement Program is a free State Government initiative that helps schools create healthier environments that benefit students, teachers, staff and families. The program looks at different health areas, including Healthy Eating and Oral Health; Physical Activity and Movement; Mental Health and Wellbeing; and more.

We are excited to start the program and will keep you updated with our progress. If you would like to read more, further information about the program can be found [here](#).

Now accepting referrals

Anna is a Master's Art Therapy student completing her placement with us here at Care For Your Mind!

Anna has spent over 20 years working as an educator and a therapeutic art facilitator in varied community, clinical and educational settings.

Anna's work is trauma informed and person centred. This means Anna works in ways to find out what is important to you and the range of skills and knowledge you have in tackling problems.

Anna is collaborative in her approach working with clients, using art materials and processes, to support you to navigate any challenges you may be bringing into session.

Anna holds a Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts, Graduate Diploma in Education and a Certificate in Sensorimotor Art Therapy.



CARE FOR YOUR MIND Bendigo is currently offering **no cost** Art Therapy sessions for NDIS Participants (with eligibility) from now until the end of the year Anna, a student who is completing placement with them.

Anna has worked extensively with children and young people, and is accepting new referrals for the below presentations –

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Grief & Loss
- Sensory Processing challenges
- Stress Management

Please call (03) 5441 0911 if you are interested.



Autumn SHP Reflection

In April 2024, Lightning Reef YMCA OSHC had their School Holiday Program. We had many children attend each day, they had so much fun on the excursion to the movies and doing so many activities each day! We went to the Bendigo Cinemas and watched the new movie Kung Fu Panda 4. Our incursions were; Cartoon creations, with a cartoonist demonstrating how we could create our own cartoon booklet, model clay work and skateboarding! The children loved all activities and were really engaged throughout. They loved that they could make a mold of different characters and paint them before taking them home and sharing with their families!

Some of our in-house days included; Baking, Arts and crafts, we even did a colour run! The colour run was amazing, we had various obstacles to pass with water and chalk throughout! There were many other fun and engaging in-house days that the children loved.



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Foundation Enrolment Information 2025

The Foundation Enrolment Information 2025 booklet has been produced by the **Government, Independent and Catholic School Sectors** across the City of Greater Bendigo. Schools have provided details of Education Week activities, Open Days and Transition sessions for families of children commencing school in 2025.

It is most important that all children commencing school in 2025 participate in their enrolled school's Foundation Transition Program.

At this time of the year, parents are encouraged to contact schools to discuss the prospective enrolment of their preschool aged children for the 2025 school year.

Please take advantage of the various special events and activities which are outlined in the Foundation Enrolment Information booklet. If further information is required, do not hesitate to contact individual schools.



Enrolments for all government schools
open from **Monday 15th April**
until **Friday 26th July**

Scan the code to
view the **Foundation
Enrolment Information
booklet online**



For further information visit www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

Message from Ben Carroll

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education



Tuesday 16 April 2024

Welcome to Term 2

Dear colleagues

I would like to extend my warm wishes to every school community across Victoria, and thank all school leaders, teachers and support staff for your enormous efforts to deliver a high standard of public education.

In support of the work you do, I have pre-recorded a [short video message](#) that speaks to parents and carers about the importance of the second school term for learning, along with a few helpful reminders.

Please share the link above with your school community in your Term 2 communications.

Thank you once again for your outstanding work and commitment to your students and school community.

Warm regards

The Hon. Ben Carroll MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Education





JUNIOR 2024

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BADMINTON CLASSICS

<p>GIPPSLAND</p>  <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: MAY 12 COMP: MAY 18</p>	<p>BALLARAT</p>  <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: MAY 19 COMP: MAY 25</p>	<p>SHEPPARTON</p>  <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: JUNE 16 COMP: JUNE 22</p>
<p>BENDIGO</p>  <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: JUNE 23 COMP: JUNE 29</p>	<p>GEELONG</p>  <p>ENTRIES CLOSE: SEP 15 COMP: SEP 21</p>	

Our key worker model offers many benefits for both your child and family.

These include:

- a single point of contact provides consistency, which can be particularly beneficial for children who may struggle with transitions or changes
- all areas of your child's life are considered, including their physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development, not just one aspect of their development
- the key worker coordinates all the services your child needs, which can save you time and reduce stress.
- They can liaise with other professionals, schedule appointments, and ensure everyone is working towards the same goal.
- we'll consider the needs of your child and family when providing services and strategies that easily fit into your family's routines and needs
- support is provided in the settings where your child spends their time, such as home, school, or community settings.
- research shows that the key worker model can lead to improved outcomes for children and families, including better communication, increased satisfaction with services, and improved child and family functioning.





2024 WOMENS & GIRLS 3HR MTB CHALLENGE



Beginning in 2017, the women and girls 3HR mountain bike challenge was created to encourage more women and girls to try mountain biking, get out on their bikes, get out in nature and ride in a supportive and fun environment. While some mountain bike riders love to race, the vast majority of female riders are all about the social side of riding – and so this is what the event focuses on. From humble beginnings of 45 riders in 2017, the event has grown to about 100 riders across a range of categories, of all ages and abilities.



When: Sunday 5th May 2024 from 10am

Categories: Dirt Squirts (4 – 8years)
Solo (e-bike or pedal power categories)
Pairs (e-bike or pedal power categories)
Mother/Daughter team
Junior Solo



Where: Spring Gully Trail Head, Muldoon Reserve, Wattle Drive, Spring Gully

Catering: On-Site Vendors: Brew to U selling Coffee and a food van
Kids: Kids Welcome!! Muldoon Reserve Pump Track and Skills loop is OPEN! Be aware the race track cuts through Muldoon reserve so please look out for racers.

Roving Fairies: There will be roving fairies for mechanical issues – so there is always someone to help with any issues while riding the loop.

Best dressed: A huge part of the event is about having fun, and there are lots of prizes for those who dress up connected to the theme "Count Her In"

The Course: Green Spring Gully Trail Network: approx. 4.5km
The 3 HR challenge will be a staggered start so no one feels under too much pressure from riders behind them.

Accept the challenge – organize your team of riders and come and have some fun.
Register at <https://my.raceresult.com/284098/>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those students who had a birthday in holidays and the last fortnight.

Sam, Jenny, Alex, Jackson, Sasha, Rylan, Zamarick, Krysta, Ro Ku, Myint & Amberlee.



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.

