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# LANGWARRIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WELCOME

A very big welcome back to school to all of our students, parents and carers– I hope that you have all had a fantastic and relaxing holiday. In spite of the hot weather, we have had a smooth transition into the new term and it has been great to hear the students talk with excitement about being back at school. This morning we were delighted to welcome the newest members of our school community as our Foundation students had their very first day at school.

Tuesday was our first curriculum day where teachers spent time on the final preparations for the term ahead. Over the next couple of weeks there will be a number of opportunities for parents to build their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum and learning activities that will be provided for your child in their level. Information about 'Meet the Teacher' interviews can be found further on in this newsletter and more general information will be outlined in the level newsletters which will be issued soon.

There has been a small change to our daily organisation this year. We are encouraging punctuality in our students, so classroom doors will open earlier, the music at the start of the day will begin at 8:55 and students will be expected to be in their classrooms ready for learning at 9am sharp. The morning sessions are often the most productive, when children are fresh and full of energy and enthusiasm to learn. We are encouraging all students to make the most of their school day and that means ensuring that they are punctual. We thank you for your support with this.

We are fortunate at LPPS that the hard work of our School Council and our PFC has allowed us to continue to beautify the schools grounds and develop equipment for the students to use. Fences, playground equipment and sail shades have all been provided due to the fundraising efforts of these groups and the generosity of our parents. Over the holiday break the senior school playground was completed, gardening continued and painting in a variety of areas spruced up the internal buildings, ready for day 1. We are also very pleased to announce that we have received a grant through the Local Schools Community Fund to complete the renewal of the Junior School playground. The works are scheduled to start on 19 March.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Denise Webster

## STAFF TEAMS 2020

Principal Class	Principal: Mrs Denise Webster Assistant Principal: Richard Barren Assistant Principal: Deb Haddow		
Foundation	Ms Kristel Bergman Ms Maddie Angell Mrs Nicole Byrne Mrs Lisa Dempsey (Level Leader)	Grade 1	Mrs Lauren Jackson Mrs Sue Anderson (Level Leader) Mrs Brenda Petkovic (Learning Specialist)/ Ms Zara Love Mrs Sharna Dean-Wright (Level Leader) Miss Tobi Hailey
Grade 2	Mrs Kym Gilchrist (Learning Specialist)/ Ms Rebecca Gilchrist Mrs Rebecca Moulton Mrs Danielle Barrett (Level Leader) Ms Ashlee Exner	Grade 3	Ms Merylyn Thompson (Level Leader) Ms Kristen Whitehead-Bell (Level Leader) Miss Cleo Georgakopoulos Mrs Jo Smith
Grade 4	Mr Richard Emerson Ms Amy Milne Miss Simone Singh (Level Leader) Ms Jessica Holmes	Grade 5	Miss Brooke Cincurak (Level Leader) Miss Meggie Andrews Mrs Jackie O'Neill Mrs Kim Zerafa
Grade 6	Mr Luke Moran (Level Leader) Mrs Fay Hanifah Mrs Rowena Blake Miss Cassy Moss (CRT)	Specialists	PE: Mrs Sue Burt / Mrs Franca Peluso Music: Mrs Di Pendlebury / Mrs Erica Eichner Art: Mrs Kellie Rose / Mrs Melissa Hamilton / Ms Sarah Bailey LOTE: Ms Alena Schneider Performing Arts: Mrs Jenny Barnett
ES Aides	Ms Trudi Paydon Mr Travis Shakes Mrs Louise McLean	Mrs Kerryrn Cornelissen Ms Natasha Devereaux	Ms Julie Greenbury Ms Naomi McMaster
Welfare Officer	Mrs Louise McLean		
Finance Office	Mrs Sue Guest Mrs Bridgit Dooley Mrs Shona Byrnes	General Office	Mrs Joyce Stocker Mrs Fiona Smith
Library	Mrs Kate Mowat	Facilities Grounds	Mr Ron Skidmore Ms Carol Hopper



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to all students and families to a new year of learning. Moving around the school it has been great to see students with a happy and positive mindset settling into their new classrooms.

We value the importance of parent involvement with their child's learning. One way we foster this involvement is through our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews at the beginning of the school year.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 1-6 teachers will conduct a 10 minute 'Meet the Teacher' interview. Bookings for the 'Meet the Teacher' interview will be made through the Sentral Parent Portal which will be available from 4pm this Monday 3rd February. Also on this day, a brief questionnaire will be sent home with all Year 1-6 students. If this could please be completed and returned to your child's teacher by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

The purpose of this interview will be for the parent/caregiver to provide some insights about their child, so to better assist the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will not be providing any academic progress at this interview.

If you are unable attend these interviews, you are welcome to arrange an alternative time.

We look forward to seeing parents at these interviews.

Richard Barren



**SENTRAL**  
Parent Portal

## WELLBEING

Deb Haddow Assistant Principal

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### THRIVE—POSITIVE EDUCATION

- **TRY** your best
- Be **HEALTHY**
- **RELATE** well
- Get **INVOLVED**
- Live your **VALUES**
- **ENJOY** positive emotions



A letterbox is located in the front foyer so if you need to tell Ms Haddow about something you can write her a letter and she will get back to you



**Helping Kids THRIVE**

The THRIVE positive education network is committed to partnering with parents & carers to allow every child to be their best! Below are tips and resources you could use at home.

## WELLBEING

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**HATS—SCHOOL UNIFORM** Part of being healthy is looking after your body. Be active, eat well, sleep. We also need to be responsible enough to protect our skin from the sun. Australia has a high rate of preventable skin cancers—caused by sun exposure. **WE EXPECT EVERY STUDENT TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HAT FOR AT LEAST TERM 1 AND 4, AS SET OUT IN OUR UNIFORM POLICY.** This includes during any outdoor activities such as sport. Teachers will issue uniform notices for students without hats. No hat means students must stay in the shade. Please help us to support your child and protect them from UV rays.



### BREAKFAST CLUB

We are pleased to offer Breakfast Club again this year from Week 3: Monday 10 February. You will find us next to the Music Room, just inside the double glass doors near the school hall then follow the smell of fresh toast! We are open from 8:15-8:45 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. **If students are at school before this time they should be in the care of an adult or in Before School Care. Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am.** Everyone is welcome to come and have something to eat or even just a chat.



Thank you to our Education Support staff who run the program.

### SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CFA

In light of the bushfires happening everywhere, we decided we would like to help support our local CFA.

#### ***A message from the brigade:***

Langwarrin fire brigade is a volunteer station that looks after our community and surrounding areas in fire and rescue services.

Recently volunteer members were sent to Gippsland to assist with the recent bushfire emergency .

Donations assist greatly in purchasing new equipment and the upkeep .



We would like to encourage students to bring along some coins between now and Wednesday 5 February. Class teachers will collect the money, it will be processed and presented to our local CFA at our next assembly on Friday 7 February.

### BOOKLISTS

We understand there have been a number of issues with the booklists, and we truly thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you would like to give some written feedback for me to give to the company when I meet with the manager outlining the issues you have experienced that would be helpful. Clearly we will be working closely with the company about their performance and reviewing our process for 2021. Thank you for your support.

**Deb Haddow**

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## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Challenging Behaviours in Daily Life Part of the CfC Community Workshop Series:

*Designed for local sport and recreational groups, those working with children and parents and carers who are seeking information and practical strategies*

Presented by Irabina Autism Support Services, this workshop will equip attendees with a greater understanding of:

- ASD generally
- The function and purpose of some ASD behaviours
- How to apply practical strategies in a variety of settings, including clubs and schools

**DATE:** Tuesday 18th February 2020

**TIME:** 6.30pm - 9pm

**VENUE:** Langwarrin Community Centre, 2 Lang Road,  
Langwarrin

**REGISTRATIONS AT:** <https://cfcasd2020.eventbrite.com.au>

Contact Communities for Children for further details:  
CFC\_Southern@anglicarevic.org.au



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## FINANCE OFFICE

### WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

Introducing to you: *Qkr!* (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. *Qkr!*

- ◆ Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- ◆ Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;



### RETURNING FAMILIES

You will need to update your child's details on QKR at the beginning of every year to show their new year level and grades. Please ensure you have the latest version of QKR—just update and you are ready to go.

Qkr! offers a "push notification" function whereby you will be notified if something relevant to your child's level has been added to Qkr! Please ensure that you have opted in to this feature by opening the Qkr! App, going into Settings (**by clicking the 3 horizontal bars in the top left of the screen**) and opt in to receive push notifications. You can also just go into Settings on your phone, scroll down to Qkr! and change notification function there. Please ensure you have the correct grade and room number registered for your child/ren. This will avoid delays in processing Qkr! Payments. Check our school website for more information on Editing personal details or Forgotten Password how to guides.

**Updating student details on Qkr!**

It is important to update your child's Level and Class on Qkr! Problems can arise on Fun Food Days and with canteen lunch orders when this information is wrong as lunches get sent to the wrong classrooms.

Here is how you update your child's information:

- Sign into Qkr! and tap on any item – it doesn't matter which item
- You will see this screen, with your children listed:
 


  - Tap on the icon on the top right of your screen (box with arrow for Apple devices or three vertical dots on Android devices)
  - Tap 'Manage Children'
  - Tap the child whose details you wish to edit
  - Tap their Level and change accordingly
  - Tap their Class and change accordingly
  - Tap 'Update'

### EXCURSION / INCURSION FORMS

Excursion forms need to be returned to the teacher by the due date and payment made to the Finance Office via QKR/BPay/eftpos or classroom teacher. It is imperative that we have forms returned so that student numbers can be confirmed. For example, where extra teachers are needed for swimming etc.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Legislation requires everyone in direct contact with students to obtain a Working with Children Check. For full details please visit the website by following the link from our school website finance page. If you are assisting with swimming, excursions or within the school you must have a valid WWCC. If you have organised your WWCC please check the expiry dates to ensure it is current and notify the Finance Office of new dates. We value the support of our families and appreciate your compliance with these requirements to protect our students.



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



**Sue Guest**  
Business Manager

**Shona Burns & Bridgit Dooley**  
Accounts Receivable

## PLANNING GUIDE 2020

This tentative outline of forthcoming events is provided to assist parents with their calendar and budget planning

PLEASE NOTE THAT COSTS AND DUE DATES ARE A GUIDE ONLY UNTIL  
CONFIRMED WITH CONSENT FORM AND TAKE HOME NOTICE

				AMOUNT	DUE DATE
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Wednesday	29th	Year 1—6	<b>Term 1 Commences (9 Weeks)</b>		
Friday	31st	Foundation	Term 1 Commences (9am-12.30pm)		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Friday	7th	Year 1-6	First School Assembly—2.30pm Held fortnightly in the Hall School Community welcome to attend		
Monday Tuesday	10th & 11th	Year 1-6	Meet the Teacher Interviews (individual evening times)		
Monday Friday	10th- 14th	Year 6	Water Safety Program Mills Beach Experience	TBA	
Tuesday	18th	Foundation	Foundation Family BBQ		
Friday	21st	Year 6	Interschool Sport commences (9am-11am each Friday)	TBA	
<b>MARCH</b>					
Monday	9th	ALL	Labour Day—Public Holiday		
Friday	27th	ALL	<b>Term 1 Concludes Early Dismissal 2.30pm</b>		