Learning.........................Integrity..........................Freedom with Responsibility
........Tolerance, Inclusion and Respect....... 

**Calendar**

**Aug**
- Thurs 20th: School Council 4pm
- Sun 23rd: Photographic Exhibition
- 24th-28th: **Book Fair**
- Tues 25th: Breakfast Club 8:15am-8:45am
- Fri 28th: Winter Sport at Warrenheip (Yrs 3-6) 1-2:30pm

**Sept**
- Thur 3rd: 3pm Fathers' Day Stall.
- Fri 4th: Literacy Trail for Years F-4, Ballan 10am
- 7th – 11th: **Arts Week**
- Tues 8th: Bell Shakespeare ‘Just Macbeth’
- Fri 11th: Regional Aths and Winter sport
- Thurs 17th: School Council
- Fri 18th: Last day of term

**Oct**
- Mon 5th: Start of term 4

**From the Principal:**

Another cold week ahead but Spring is not far away, so at school we all look forward to warmer days. It’s amazing that this weekend the Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Exhibition is on with all the children’s photos being a feature. We think it’s so worthwhile to have contributed to a local community event- being part of this annual event.

Frances is still away and sends everyone her best wishes, however it’s she who needs our best wishes. I imagine she won’t be back until later this term. We’re all thinking of you Frances - all the best.

This reminds me of the terrific job Frances did setting up the Book Fair last year. The boxes have arrived and I’d love some help next Monday morning please if you have time. From 9-11 I’ll be transforming the office into the very exciting Book Fair! Let me know if you can help please.

Also, this week’s Bookclub is on the newsletter- due back by Thursday 27th please. Even though there are some fantastic books in this week’s Bookclub, check out our Book Fair as we may have the same ones, maybe even cheaper.

**Schedule:**

**Monday 24th** – set up and classes visit (English session) Children write ‘Wish Lists’
- 9am-10am Tues/Wed: open for viewing by Parents
- 3:30-4pm each day - Open for Viewing/purchasing etc
- 10:30-11:30 Fri: open for Playgroup parents
- Fri morning – Book Fair dress-up (Under the sea theme) with parade and prizes

Last week’s Winter Sports day went very well- we were so lucky with the weather as we had misty rain there and back but none while we played. The next 2 dates are 28th Aug and Sept 11th. Thanks to those who helped with transport.

Hope a great week everyone,

Jude Porteous (Principal)
FROM THE CLASSES:

F-1
Congratulations to Clare Inglis, this week’s Class Achiever for working hard at listening and following instructions. Well done also to Hudson Bennet on receiving your first reading award for 25 nights of reading. Harrison received the first Lexia certificate for the school… great job, and many children also received Reading Eggs certificates for attaining higher map levels.
In maths this week Foundation children are learning about the numbers 7, 8, 9 and Grade 1’s are exploring subtraction strategies. We completed an exploration of the picture book, Belinda by Pamela Allen. Check out the Lal Lal PS website (kid’s page) for a report on this unit! Our theme this fortnight is ‘People who help us’. Yesterday we read and talked about the role of a Vet and then role played in small groups. Junior children really enjoyed drawing the other half of their face in an exploration of self and symmetry in Art yesterday.
It has been productive catching up at parent-teacher interviews. Having shared understandings about your child’s education is vital to good progress.
Have a great week,
Mrs East

WANTED:- Shoe boxes needed for F/1 history project and newspapers for Art please

Grades 2-3
Congratulations to Jessica Caruana for receiving the classroom award this week for the fantastic effort she is putting in to making her handwriting neat and on the correct dotted thirds.
This week in Maths students are focusing on describing, continuing and creating number patterns, which link with addition and subtraction. In writing they are still finishing off their good copies of their recounts to Sovereign Hill and tomorrow we will begin to look at information reports. This week in reading we are focusing on the differences and similarities between fiction and non-fiction texts using a Venn diagram.
Last Friday I sent home students Individual Learning Plans and I also sent some students home with a note, listing what supplies they are short of. If you could please get these at some stage it would be much appreciated. Thanks.
Have a great week everyone.
Miss Fisher

Grades 4-6
This week Student-led community projects leaders are being chosen and are giving a “campaign speech” prior to that. Later in the week teams will be selected and will begin to plan their project. I’m very proud of the students who earn an award for Reading Eggspress and today Jazmin and Carisa were presented with bronze awards. Congratulations. It’s Carisa’s fourth week in a row, which shows an excellent effort and incredible focus on her learning.
Congratulations to Luke and Brionie who earned Mathletics Bronze awards last week on their set tasks, and also to all the students who set their targets in Reading Express last week.
This week we are continuing with Angles, fractions, (long) multiplication and number facts in Mathematics, while we are extending our understanding of how the beginning of a narrative is structure (the Orientation) and planning the story in Writing.
Ms Porteous & Mrs Lyons (PaL)

Performing Arts Classes:
As an educator in the Performing Arts, I am aware that the subject is more than just providing a fun lesson for the kids.
While I would hope that my lessons are fun for my students, there are many studies that show that there are many more benefits for students who are exposed to a good Performing Arts program. Firstly, they are more successful in literacy and numeracy. Not only are the skills learnt complementary to the core subjects but they help students to develop creativity. In the digital age, there is generally less time spent in being physically and mentally creative and creativity is a vital part of child development.
Additionally, there have been numerous studies showing that the Performing Arts help social and emotional development. I was reminded of this recently when a parent told me that her children were playing with puppets and
making their own plays at home. She happened to comment on the fact that the children were acting out an issue that was going on for their family through their performance. Psychologists have been using puppetry for many years in order to allow students to express their feelings more easily and as a means of working through problems.

Mrs Lyons

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

We still have a number of students that have overdue Library books. Please ensure that your child returns Library books, so they can borrow books during their regular Library session. Thank you to the students who return their books when they are due.

Navigators Tennis Club

Navigators Tennis Club (NTC) are looking for junior and senior members for the 2015 / 2016 season commencing October 2015.

Tennis is a great way for kids and Adults to keep fit and socialize during summer, NTC have great courts in a great country setting.

We are looking for children from 10 to 15 and Adults to play with the club regardless of experience.

Coaching is also available every Monday afternoon for all junior levels, coaching will start in mid-September.

If you are interested in having a go please contact David Reyne on 0428 996 079 or 53 347 914 for more details

Elaine Cricket Club Open day/ registration day Sunday 30th August 11am. Senior U16/U14/U13 players required to attend. Free BBQ please bring salad/sweet. Launch of new jugs bowling machine. All old and new players welcome. 2014/15 U13 Ballarat Cricket Association reigning premiers. Enquiries ph Junior Coach Daryl Wells 0418535713

Elaine Tennis Club Open Day
When: Sunday 30th August 11am  Free BBQ. Please bring salad/sweet.
Senior and junior players old and new required to attend. No experience necessary. Free prizes and giveaways from Tennis Victoria! Small nets, radar gun and much more!
Tennis Victoria Finalist Most Outstanding Club/Centre/School 2012.
Bring the family for a fun day out! Enquiries ph President Deb Mair 0415969290

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT RED CROSS
In times of disaster the Red Cross is always there. Bushfires, floods, disasters both local and international bring out the best in people who want to help.
CAN YOU HELP? The only remaining Red Cross Branch in the area is at Yendon with a membership gleaned from the surrounding area and Ballarat. We are actively seeking new members to join our enthusiastic little group. Ideally, you need to be able to bake a cake, make sandwiches and stand at a sausage sizzle every so often. We need to be ready should the need arise.
WILL YOU JOIN US? We have invited Frances Grace to speak at our AGM Meeting on 17th August. Frances was born in South Africa during the Apartheid Era, a system of racial segregation enforced through legislation by the Government from 1948 – 1994. She emigrated to Australia in the 1970s to seek a life of freedom. We look forward to hearing her story and hope you will join us and stay for afternoon tea.
YENDON RECREATION CENTRE  2pm  MONDAY 17th AUGUST  Contact: Jill Filmer  5331 2389/ 0400 936 574
PARENTS CLUB
Thanks to all those who filled out their names on the Hot Lunch roster. We still have one space for Wednesday and one for a Thursday – please pop your name on the list in the office if you can help.

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Parents’ Club will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall at school on Thursday 3rd September, 2015 (we’re away at the Literacy Trail on Friday 4th).
Children will be able to purchase gifts for Dad at $4 each. Please fill in the slip below and return to school with money by Friday 28th August, 2015. This will ensure that we have enough gifts for the children to choose from. Thank you.

Fathers’ Day Stall 2015 - Order Form

Gifts for Dad

Name: .................................................. Gifts @ $4 ea. Total: $..................
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