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CALENDAR

February
Thursdays Playgroup
Mon 2nd Mrs East/Miss Fisher First Aid course
Thu 5th School Nurse visit
Thu 12th School Council Meeting 4pm
Mon 16th - Fri 27th Swimming program – Unisports 2:20pm

March
Mon 9th Labour Day
Tue 10th Moorabool Cluster Network Staff Conference (students not at school)
Thu 12th School Council Meeting 4pm
Fri 27th Last day of term – casual dress day

April
Fri 24th Athletics Sports – Llanberris Reserve (full day)

NOTE: Foundation students (Preps) do not attend school on Wednesdays in February however are expected to participate in swimming classes at the University pool.

From the Principal:
Welcome back to school for 2015. I hope all families are refreshed after the long break and I imagine you are as excited as the students about the start of school. They've all grown so much and it was lovely to greet them all this morning as they connected with their friends and teachers again. Welcome to Carissa and Dexter Gabriel, to the 6 new Foundation students and to their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Lal Lal Primary, enjoy learning and love being part of the school community.

Thank you to the East and Harris families who looked after our hens and birds over the holidays. The children were excited to be collecting eggs again and to be looking after our pets.

Over the holidays several people helped to keep the school in shape- many thanks to parents who looked after the vegie garden and a huge thanks to Mandy Oliva for her work weeding it and the tennis court and repairing the fence near the playground. You put in a huge effort.

When the school nurse visits next Thursday, I imagine she will make time to speak to anyone with a concern. If your child is in Years 1-6 and you wish to see her, please ask me for a referral form.

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water and a hat at school every day, this next week especially!

Till next week,
Jude Porteous, Principal

Please note that library bags are required for your children this year to borrow from the library. Students would have received a bag at the literacy trail last year which they can use. Preps will receive a bag very soon which they will be able to use.

Art smocks are required for all students; please send something along for your child to use as an art smock as soon as possible.

Assembly will be on Monday mornings, parents are welcome to attend.
Melbourne and greater Victoria will experience extremely high temperatures for the back to school period.

- Parents and/or guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in a car.
- Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature.
- Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death.
- Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.
- If a parent or guardian is travelling with a child, never leave them alone in a parked car, not even for one moment.

For more information, see:

Playgroup will be 9am – 11.30am every Thursday morning.
Please bring a hat and a piece of fruit to share. All school and non-school families welcome.

Lunchtime Music Groups
Singing Group will resume on the first Monday back at lunchtime from 1:40-2:10pm.
We welcome new members as well as previous members.

We will also be re-establishing the recorder group this year. Ideally, the students should bring their own recorder (Yamaha preferred) and a display folder to keep their music in.
This group will commence on the first Tuesday back, also at lunchtime from 1:40-2:10pm.

Mrs Lyons

School Council Elections 2015

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 (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- A mandated elected DEECD 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. DEECD 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.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**
Lal Lal Primary School 2015 Instrumental Tuition Form

Below is a list of instrumental choices offered at Lal Lal Primary School by Fiona Lyons and Frank Francica. Paired or group lessons may be available where students are of a comparable standard and ability to progress (not guaranteed).* In these instances the cost of the individual lesson can be shared among the participants. If the instrument your child wishes to learn is not listed, you can still put in a request. We will attempt to secure a teacher but cannot guarantee that lessons will be available. Another consideration is the age, developmental stage and physical size of the student. Please contact me if you would like advice on whether a child is ready for a particular instrument.

*Piano, guitar and drum lessons would not be suitable as paired or group lessons.

*The teacher will advise parents if the paired or group arrangement is not working for any reason.

Lessons will be billed in advance, and are payable either as a full-term or half-term payment. Enrolment in individual lessons reserves the student’s time with a teacher. If lessons are missed due to another commitment, it is important that 48 hours prior notice is given to the teacher. When a lesson is missed due to illness, the parent should notify the teacher as soon as possible and where practicable, the teacher will try to arrange a make-up lesson for the student.

Piano, vocal, guitar, recorder, flute, saxophone, clarinet, drums and music theory at $25 per half hour lesson.

Fiona Lyons: 0448880196

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Student’s surname: ___________________________ Student’s given name: _______________________

Student’s year level: ________

Name of instrument requested: _______________________

Lesson type: [ ] Individual [ ] Paired [ ] Group

Has the student had lessons on this instrument previously? Yes/No (please circle)

Years of experience/examinations or grades completed: _______________________

If you have selected paired or group lessons and they are not available, would you like your child to have individual lessons? Yes/No (please circle)

Do you need to hire an instrument? Yes/No (please circle) (further costs will be advised in advance)

Further information: _____________________________________________________________

Contact name and number: _______________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________________