

# LOCKWOOD

## Primary School

Newsletter #2

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### Dates To Remember

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 16th February | Prep Rest Day                         |
| 17th February | Bookclub Issue 1 Orders Due           |
| 22nd February | Final Meeting for 2021 School Council |
| 23rd February | Prep Rest Day                         |
| 24th February | School Council Nominations Close      |
| 14th March    | Labour Day Public Holiday             |
| 28-30th March | 3/4 Camp to Ballarat                  |
| 1st April     | Junior Fun Day/Cross Country          |
| 8th April     | Final Day Term 1—2:30pm Finish        |
| 25th April    | ANZAC Day Public Holiday              |
| 26th April    | 1st Day Term 2                        |

Junior School Council – 2 representatives from each year level in 3- 5 (eg: yr3 x 2, yr4 x 2, etc.)

Information has been sent home today for those students in Year 6 regarding the School Captain and Vice-Captain applications. Those students who are interested in applying for these roles need to complete a written application as well as prepare a speech for the student community.

Students who are applying for the School Captain and Vice-Captain positions will have until Monday, February 21st to complete their application and speech.

Once School Captains and Vice-Captains have been decided, year 3-6 students will help to decide their Junior School Councillors for each grade and then, House Captains will be voted for.

School Captain, Vice-Captain and Junior School Council members will be announced at the whole school assembly at a date to be advised.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL—NOMINATIONS FOR 2022

We are currently seeking nominations for the 2022-2024 School Council term.

Each year we have a group of retiring council members which provides the opportunity for new members to join. Being on school council is a great way to contribute to our school. We meet twice a term and are a collaborative group of people.

This year we have four parent positions available so please consider joining. A nomination form is included with today's newsletter.

### What is the role of the School Council?

The Lockwood Primary School Council is the governing body of the school. All schools are required to strive for continuous improvement, using a four year School Strategic Plan (SSP) and an accompanying Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). School Council is responsible for approving these plans and ensuring that they set a direction for the future that is aligned with our shared vision for Lockwood Primary School. We are a policy-driven organisation and operate around a set of policies that are regularly reviewed by School Council. Council is also responsible for approving camps, excursions and pupil-free days.



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a very pleasant week here at Lockwood with all students very settled into their school routines.



### COVID-19 UPDATES

I'd like to thank our families who are utilising the Rapid Antigen Tests with their children. Regularly testing is one thing we can all do to try to slow the spread in our school and community. As a result of this I'm pleased to advise that although we have had a few positive cases reported, our numbers are very low. For any families affected I wish you all a speedy recovery and don't hesitate to contact the school for any support.

Supplies of RAT kits for weeks 3 & 4 have arrived today and can be collected from the school office.



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT LPS

At Lockwood we value student voice and contribution to our school community, through the inclusion of student leadership roles. In 2022 the following positions are available for our students to apply for:

School Captains – x 2 (Year 6 students only)

Vice Captains – x2 (Year 6 students only)

House Captains: *Bullock, Calder, Wiegards, and Wishbone*  
– 2 leaders for each house

### OSHC -Online Booking Form

All OSHC bookings should be made through this link. Please save it in your favourites.

<https://forms.gle/TmTqzLfm1VSQnVPv7>

### Parent Volunteers for the Canteen Needed:

We are looking for volunteers for a roster for our Wednesday Canteen Program. Every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00am, please contact Fiona if you can help out.

'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

**MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

Lockwood Primary School understands that some students may bring a personal mobile phone during school hours.

In accordance with the Department’s **Mobile Phones Policy** issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at Lockwood Primary School during school hours, unless an exception has been granted.

Where a student has been granted an exception (eg: for a health condition), the student must use their mobile phone for the purpose for which the exception was granted, and in a safe, ethical and responsible manner.

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored at the office during school hours.

Mobile phones owned by students at LPS are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner’s (student’s or parent/carer’s) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Lockwood Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Where students bring a mobile phone to school, we will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. Students are required hand their mobile phone into the school administration office to be placed in a lockable cupboard.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

The DET (Department of Education & Training) wishes to remind parents that personal items brought to school by students are not covered by insurance. Items brought to school are at the student’s own risk.

*Carmen Huzzar* 😊

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Book Club is back for 2022! Going home with today’s newsletter is the Issue 1 Book Club catalogue. If you would like to order something from the catalogue, there are two ways you can order. Option 1 is that parents can go on line to order and pay for their children’s purchases through the LOOP portal. If families choose this option then orders do not need to be returned to school. There are lots of great extra specials and bonuses available if your family orders through the LOOP portal. Please see the Book Club brochure for further details.

The 2nd option is to send the order form, along with money—Cash back to the school office.

Orders and payment should either be completed online or returned to school Thursday 17th February. Books will be delivered by to school usually a week or so after orders close.

**HEALTHY SNACKS CANTEEN**

Our Healthy Snacks Canteen is back and will start next Thursday. The Healthy Snacks Canteen will operate at afternoon recess every Thursday afternoon.

**MENU:**

- \* Plain popcorn
- \* Banana and berry smoothies
- \* Frozen pineapple
- \* Icy poles (for Term 1)



The smoothies contain fruit, milk and plain yoghurt. This year all items are **80 cents each.**

**Start of Year Reminders**

**2022 INFORMATION UPDATE & CONSENT FORMS**

Our annual information update and consent forms were sent home with the newsletter last week. They are due back to the office today, so if you haven’t had time to complete these forms, please take a few minutes to complete them and return them to the office as soon as possible.

**TISSUES**

We ask that all families provide each of their children with a large box of tissues for their classrooms. Please hand their box of tissues to your child’s individual class teacher.



**SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL**

Have you created a SENTRAL account? Do you have your login details? **Have you downloaded the app?**

In 2022 SENTRAL will be used for absence notifications, booking student led conferences, viewing student reports and first aid notifications. Please call the office if you need us to generate log-in details in order that you can create your own SENTRAL Parent Portal account.



All new families should have received a letter with an “access key” and instructions on how to register for the SENTRAL portal with the newsletter last week.

Please note that after registering and creating your own username (email address) and password, you no longer need the code issued in the letter. You can simply log into:

<https://sentrall.lockwoodps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

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

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. 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.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Application forms have been sent home to all new families and to existing families who have new students starting in 2020. If you believe you are eligible for the CSEF fund and have not received a form, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

If you did not complete a form with the start of year paperwork, please call into the school office to collect one. You can also contact Fiona if you have any queries.

**OSHC NEWS**

As mentioned in our newsletters late last year, we highly value our Before and After School Care service and thanks to a Federal Government grant we have been able to operate our service at a very manageable cost over the past 5 years. Unfortunately, the grant period has ended and there isn’t one available for the 2022 school year (at this stage). As a result, School Council approved a price increase in order to ensure our service can continue. Whilst this price rise is quite a jump in costs, it is also important to note that we haven’t had to increase to our prices since 2016. The price increase has been calculated to cover our running costs and the LPS OSHC is a not-for-profit service.

From the start of 2022 charges will be:

- Before School Care: \$12.00
- After School Care: \$20.00

However, please remember that with the CCS rebate will still apply for those eligible families. Please contact Fiona if you have any questions.

A reminder that OSHC enrolment forms need to be completed every year and new forms were sent home with the start of year paperwork last week. Please ensure if your child is attending OSHC, that a 2022 enrolment form is completed and returned to the school office as a matter of urgency.

Statements for payment will be sent fortnightly, starting this Friday.

**WE ARE HIRING:**

*We are looking for new OSHC Staff for 2022. If you or someone you know, has a Certificate 3 in Education, a Diploma or are working towards a diploma or teaching degree and are interested in working at our OSHC service, please contact the school office during office hours.*

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHES**

Canteen in back and we had a successful first week. The addition of fresh fruit salad was definitely a hit!

Thank you to Austin Junks for volunteering with us this week. The support of the school community is essential to the canteens success. If you are interested in volunteering for two hours on a Wednesday morning, whether it be a one off or regularly please let Fiona know. Also feel free to have a chat to Patty Morris or Kelly Jinks about what is involved. We know many parents that are available in a Wednesday may have younger children at home, you are welcome to bring younger siblings and we can set them up to play in the shed which adjoins the canteen.

This week we have a new addition to the menu for a 3 week trial. Fresh Vietnamese Rice paper rolls. There is a chicken or a vegetable option. More details of ingredients are available on the QKR app under the Cold Foods tab (These are supplied by our local caterer so if your child is not at school in the Wednesday and they are ordered they cannot be carried over to the next week, they will need to be collected or we can keep them in the fridge for your child on the Thursday).

Reminder that the orders close off on the Monday night at 7pm. Please ensure you are selecting the correct week in the app, as there will be two weeks available.



**Self Portrait Sketches from Art This Week:**



Qkr! | masterpass
TIP OF THE WEEK

**Q. How do I use the calendar display when placing food orders?**

**A.** For ease of use, you are presented with a two week calendar view when placing food orders. The calendar makes it easy for you to place orders for a particular child on a particular day.

**To place a food order:**


1. Open Qkr! and tap on your canteen menu.
2. On the calendar view tap the date next to your child for which you want to place the order. If you have registered more than one child, the calendar view enables you to place individual orders for each child for different dates. If a date is greyed out you cannot place orders for that date, either because the canteen is not open, or because it is past the cut-off time for that day's orders. Check with your school to confirm the cut-off time.
3. Browse the menu, select items, and add them to your cart.
4. If you are ordering for more than one child you can switch between children by tapping your child's name at the top of the screen.
5. When you are ready to pay, tap 'Checkout' at the bottom of the screen and complete the payment steps.

Attention Regional Victoria

# Community News:

Melbourne Oztag/Melbourne City Oztag are happy to announce that starting this week there will be "Come & Try" clinics run in Bendigo - Central Victoria, on Wednesday evenings for any interested players.

This Oztag "Come & Try" activity is being organized by one of our families for the next 6 weeks!

 All Junior & Senior players are welcome  
 "Come & Try" Oztag Clinics  
 Wednesdays from 6pm [09/02 til 23/03]  
 Allingham Street Reserve, Golden Square  
 Contact Marnie on 0447 946 927 for expressions of interest or more information  
 Courtesy of [Australian Oztag](#)



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