

LOCKWOOD

Primary School

Newsletter #05
1st March 2024

DIARY DATES

March 2024	
Fri 1 st	School Council nominations close
Mon 11 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Sun 17 th March	School Working Bee
Wed 13 th – Fri 22 nd	NAPLAN
Tue 19 th	School Council Meeting
Fri 22 nd	Cross Country & Junior Fun Day
Thu 28 th	Foodbank Food Fight Fundraiser Final Day Term 1 – 2:30pm Finish
Fri 29 th	Good Friday
April 2024	
Mon 1 st	Easter Monday
Mon 15 th	First Day of TERM 2
Fri 19 th	Legacy's ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony – Melbourne (School Captains)
Tue 23 rd Wed 24 th	Year 3 & 4 Ballarat Camp
Thu 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Despite a very hot Wednesday it has been a very pleasant week here at LPS. Oddly enough, there was some 'wackiness' happening around the school on Wednesday too. The staff were all a little 'wacky' on Wednesday and once the students caught on, they joined in the fun! We had odd shoes, crazy hair, weird socks, upside glasses, polish on only 1 nail, what a fabulous mid-week treat - Wacky Wednesday at Lockwood!

2024 STUDENT LEADERS

Today our student leadership team was announced. Congratulations to each of the students who applied, and I am sure they will embrace the responsibilities of their roles with pride.

School Captains:



Vice-Captains:



Junior School Council members:



House Captains will be selected next week now that the other positions have been filled.

The badge presentation assembly for all of our Student Leaders will be held later this term once the new badges arrive. I will keep parents informed once we know a confirmed date.



'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

NAPLAN 2024

In just over two weeks' time our Year 3 & Year 5 students will have a busy week as they participate in National Literacy and Numeracy assessments (NAPLAN). Every student in these year groups across Australia will participate, with the results available to all schools later in the year. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a single test at a point in time. It does not create a full picture about the child, their strengths and differences. However, it does provide us with valuable feedback and data on student performance in literacy and numeracy, which allows us to continually improve what we do here at LPS to support student learning.

Students will complete four separate assessments over the course of four days:

Wednesday 13th March – Writing

Thursday 14th March – Reading

Friday 15th March – Language Conventions

Monday 18th March – Numeracy

Parents of students in Year 3 & 5 will receive information regarding NAPLAN through Compass. If you have any further queries/concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher.

Be Well—Be Happy and have a great week 😊

Carmen Huszar

OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS (some repeat items)

PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Parent payments help the school to operate effectively. On behalf of our School Council, I wish to thank the families who have recently assisted the school through attending to Payments for 2024 in the *Payments Centre on Compass*, with some families chipping away with payment plans and online payments. Our school maintains outstanding resources, and the breadth of programs that we run is above that of a standard curriculum in a public school. Thank you to all families who continue to support our school in some little (and often big) ways here and there. The students, and staff cherish the opportunities presented to them.

QKR APP – ISSUE WITH ANDROID PHONES

We have been made aware with an issue downloading the QKR app if you have an android phone. We will follow up and advise when this is rectified, however in the interim you can still access the QKR app using the below link in any internet browser. This is probably best from a tablet or a computer.

[Qkr! by MasterCard \(qkrschool.com\)](https://qkrschool.com)

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

A reminder that when your children arrive to school after 9.00am, they need to report to the office to ensure that they are marked present in Compass.

We now have implemented a system where your child needs to receive a 'Late Arrival Pass' from the office which they can give to their teachers in class so that we know that they have been marked as present. Please ask your children to ensure they are coming into the office to get a pass before going to class.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you are after second hand uniforms, we have a rack setup for you to see what is available and purchase. All second-hand uniforms are \$2 per item.

If you have old uniforms at home that your child has grown out of and they are still in good condition, we will happily take donations in the office.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024

A Working Bee to be held at the school on Sunday 17th March 2024. The Working Bee will be from 9am – 12.30pm, followed by a complimentary BBQ as a thank you to those that have volunteered.

We are currently pulling together a list of jobs to focus on, and there will be tasks for all abilities, so if you would like to come down and help get some of those jobs done that we just don't get a chance to do in our regular maintenance.

More information will be provided, but please let Patty know if you are available to assist or if you have any questions.



CANTEEN

Next week is our Special Lunch Day for Term 1, with our popular summer BBQ menu. The menu for this will go up in QKR later next week.



Our Menu for BBQ day includes Hamburgers, Sausage in bread, Chicken Skewers, Salads and who can forget our Ice Creams – Drumstick, Paddle Pop or Cyclone. There are also some other healthy options from our standard menu including fruit salad and dips.

Being a special menu there will be no carry over lunches supplied in Week 6 or carried over from Week 6. If you have a carry over from an absence earlier this term, it will be supplied in Week 7.

All orders are placed through QKR and orders will close off on the Monday prior to canteen at 7pm. New Families, if you need any assistance in setting up or using QKR, please see Patty in the office.

If you would like to volunteer in our canteen, all you need is a valid Working with Childrens Check (WWCC). It is a great opportunity to meet other families. There are no long-term commitments or specific skills required, we are happy for you to volunteer once, or many times. Please let Patty know and we can roster you on.

CANTEEN ROSTER

6 March – BBQ Week

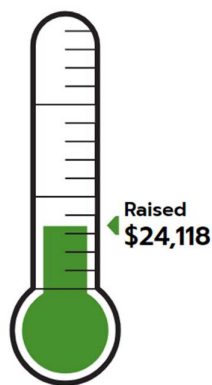
Austin J, Nathan F,
Kelly J, Lauren B,
Louise C, Caitlyn A

More volunteers req.

VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

Fundraising

\$100,000



School council have been busy planning and organising a fundraising calendar for the year. Our main fundraising goal continues to be to help fund an all-weather cover for the basketball court.

If you are interested in helping with any of the fundraising events below, please let Mel Tatt or Patty know. We will then contact you closer to the date when the event is confirmed. Help can come in various forms, from helping organise, volunteering on the day, behind the scenes in helping setup, assisting in getting donations from business for prizes etc.

Term 1 - 28 th March	Foodbank Food fight
Term 1	Firewood Raffle
Term 2	Mother's Day Stall
	Firewood Raffle
	Trivia Night
Term 3	Fruit Tree Drive / Plant Stall
	Bunnings BBQ – 4 th August 2024
	Book Fair
	Father's Day Stall
Term 4	Mango Fundraiser
	Christmas Hamper Raffle

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS (WEEK 5)



Foundation

1/2

Poppy S – (*Laughing Award*) for always having a smile on your face when participating in our learning activities. You always try your very best and help others. Well done, Poppy!

3/4

Geo S – (*Learning Award*) for staying focused during class time and showing determination with his learning.

4/5

Lachlan W – (*Learning Award*) For trying his best with all his work. He has been very engaged with his writing.

6

Joshua O – (*Learning Award*) For always working towards improving himself and being organised for school. Well done, Joshua!!

Angus J – (*Learning Award*) for showing greatly improved focus and determination during independent learning time. Keep up the great work!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD – Week 5

Congratulations to **Esme W** for receiving the award this week, for consistently demonstrating our School Values in everything she does at school

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT G.E.M AWARDS



Jett H



Tom R
Chelsea L
Sadie F
Ella Mc
Rubi-Lee C



Josua O
Grace G
Elaina C
Mason C

Reading Nights



25 nights

Olivia R
Jax Harry
Lily R
Eden R
Piper R
Ella Cox
Amelie Mc

Mckenzie A
Copper B
Kayden B
Sienna C
Sadie F
Lachlan W
Samantha R

Joshua O
Hunter O
Esme W



Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who will be celebrating their birthday over the coming week.

🌈 Olivia R



EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au
or e-headspace
www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online
counselling & support

Reach Out - www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours
a day, 7 days a week or [web](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/web)
[counselling](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/web)

COMMUNITY NEWS

If you are involved in a local community group and would like to have information of an upcoming event included in our newsletter, please email the information to Lockwood.ps@education.vic.gov.au



**BENDIGO FORD
FUN RUN
2024**
SUNDAY 3 MARCH

REGISTER NOW bendigofordfunrun.com.au

1km
KIDS DASH

5km
RUN/WALK
TEAM CHALLENGE

10km
FUN RUN

21.1km
HALF-MARATHON

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BENDIGO HEALTH
All proceeds support the Bendigo Health Foundation



**REGISTRATIONS
OPEN**

Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024

Come & join us - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!

No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.

Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's

Junior registrations close 8 March
Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au
Visit www.epsomfc.com.au or www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



**MARONG
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PLAY UNDER 12'S AND
UNDER 12'S DEVELOPMENT TEAM MARONG 2024**

GRADES 4, 5 & 6
U12'S DEVELOPMENT TO SUBSTITUTE U10's & PLAY ON FULL GROUND
TRAINING BENGINS MARCH 6th 4:15-5:30pm

PLEASE CONTACT
GREG 0407 104 484 U12'S
CHRIS 0438 445 914 U12 DEVELOPMENT

