

LOCKWOOD

Primary School

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Dates To Remember

6th May	Division Cross Country
6th May	Mothers Day Stall & Afternoon Tea
10-12th May	NAPLAN (Gr 3 & 5)
12th May	Teeth On Wheels Visit
12th May	Grade 6 Transition Forms to be returned to school
13th May	Cluster Athletics
21st May	Election Day BBQ Fundraiser
23rd-27th May	Education Week 2023 Prep Tours
25th May	2023 Prep Information Evening
3rd June	Student Free Day
13th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 2 has brought with it cooler mornings and it is great to see most students are remembering to bring their jumpers/jackets. Please make sure your children's jumpers are clearly named. We are awaiting our supply of jumpers from the supplier, hopefully it won't be too much longer.



EDUCATION WEEK

This year, Education Week runs from 22-28 May. The theme, '150 Years of Public Education' commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is an opportunity for our school to highlight our education journey.

This year, our school is 158 years old, with the original Lockwood Common School opening with 29 students in February 1864. Our current school buildings were opened in the year 2000. Our OSHC building is the original school building.

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL/APP

The SENTRAL app and portal are still NOT WORKING. We are as frustrated as you are with this. Please be patient as we have a solution underway. I will have exciting news to share within the next week or two and it will be a positive change for all of us. Thanks for your understanding and patience in the meanwhile.

STUDENT TOILET RENOVATIONS

Today, I met with the Architect and the builder for our student toilets project. I'm so pleased to let you all know the works will commence from Wednesday May 11. Portable toilets will be delivered to the school and the area near the current toilets will be fenced off for the safety of all of our students & staff. From that date, the gates near the canteen (gate C) will be closed to all access. While you will still be able to park in that area, students will need to walk to the main gate to enter the school grounds. Students should not access the school through the staff car park entry. Photos of the project design will be on display on the STEAM building windows. I'll keep you informed as the project continues.

MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, May 8th we celebrate Mother's Day. It is important to acknowledge and thank the very special women in our lives - Mum, Aunty, Grandma or even a very special friend or neighbour who helps you out. We will be acknowledging the wonderful Mums, carers, and special friends at our Afternoon Tea this Friday.

Mothers' Day Stall—thanks to Sashi Cross and other parent helpers for organising our stall and to Ella Birch and her grandmother for the lovely handmade gifts that they donated. All gifts will cost between \$1 - \$5.

I wish our mums and carers a wonderful, wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.



Lockwood PS will be celebrating Education Week by offering school tours for prospective 2023 families (conducted by our School Captains), and an open afternoon on Thursday 26th May for House Colours activities—parents and carers are welcome to come and watch.

- **24th, 25th & 26th May—9:00-10:00am**
Foundation 2023 School Tours
(other times can be arranged by contacting the school office)
- **25th May—6:00-7:00pm**
Foundation 2023 Information Session

OSHC -Online Booking Form

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

<https://forms.gle/TmTqzLfm1VSOqVPv7>

All alterations or cancellations should be made by calling the school office.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER:

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH VOLUNTEERING.

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RAT kits for Weeks 3 & 4 are being sent home with students today. Please check your children's bags for the kits.

'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

LOST PROPERTY

If your child is missing any items (eg: drink bottle, lunch box, jumper/jackets) please email the class teacher - they will be happy to help to try and locate them. ALSO—please clearly label all of your child's property, it certainly helps as well.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS:*** Medication at school**

An important reminder for all families that all medication, except Ventolin, must be handed in to the office so that it can be properly administered. Medication needs to be in its original container and a medication authority form needs to be completed. These are available from Mrs Adams or by accessing them on the school website through Documents/Forms. Please note that children must not have medication in their bags.

*** Personal items brought to school**

Families are asked to note that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

This includes mobile phones, toys, electronic games, sporting equipment, bikes, cars parked on premises, scooters, skateboards, etc. The Department will not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

*** Mobile phones/devices**

Parents are reminded that mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. If your child needs to bring a phone to school it needs to be handed in to the school office during school hours. It can then be collected at the end of the school day.

COVIDSAFE REMINDERS

The Department of Education announced some important changes to our COVIDSafe measures, in line with the Victorian Governments changes:

Face masks — face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements — Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts — Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period, and wear a face mask when indoors (8yrs+). Please let us know if your child/ren is a household contact prior to sending them to the school.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools — Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT testing — Complimentary RAT kits will be provided for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Students and staff are encouraged to continue the twice weekly testing regime.

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

Be Well—Be Happy!

Carmen Huszar 😊

Current News:**ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**

All of the pies were handed out last week and I'm sure lots of families enjoyed a pie for tea last Thursday night (and maybe even a lemon tart!!!) We raised \$997.00 from our pie drive, so we thank everyone who has supported this fundraiser in 2022!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

Debbie Hughes (our School Nurse) will be visited Lockwood Primary School tomorrow to see our prep students. Thanks to all families who returned the Health Questionnaires so promptly.

BOOKCLUB –ISSUE 3

A reminder that orders for Issue 3 of Book Club are due back to the office or need to be completed online by Friday 6th May. Brochures were sent home last week.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

As you would all be aware the Cross Country was postponed from Wednesday (due to a poor weather forecast). It has been rescheduled for tomorrow, hopefully the weather will hold off until after all of the students have run their race.

In the event that the Cross Country is called off, it will revert to a normal school day. Buses will be leaving at 9:00am for students in grades 3 & 4, so please ensure students are at school on time tomorrow.

ANNUAL LCDSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL –FLORA HILL CARNIVAL-HELP NEEDED

Advance notice that our LCDSA Athletics Carnival is early this year, being held on **Friday 13th May**. Further information on the Athletics Day is included with today's newsletter.

This day which requires a lot of people power to help run the day. Each school has been asked to start collecting names of parents who can assist in one of the following jobs on the day:

- **Age Group Supervisor** (supervising a group of students)
- **Age Group Recorder** (recording student scores at each event)
- **Age Group Assistant** (general assistant for an age group)

To assist on the day you will need to have a current Working With Children Check. If parents could please check their diary for availability and let either Jessie Wardell or Fiona in the office know if you can help out on the day. **The event is held at the La Trobe University Athletics Track in Flora Hill and will run from 9am until 3pm approx.**

**HOT LUNCHESES RESUME — FRIDAY 6TH MAY**

During the cooler months "hot lunches" will be available on Fridays starting tomorrow.

For those who are new to our school, "Pie warmer" lunches are **lunches in tin foil (not plastic) with the child's name marked clearly on the outside** that are placed on the shelf at the kitchen before 9:00am each Friday morning. **Foods cannot be microwaved**, so please ensure packaging is safe for heating through a pie warmer.

Examples of food that can be heated this way include pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwiches, pizza, spaghetti bolognaise, etc. Food for the pie warmer must be thawed prior to coming to school as frozen foods will not heat in time for lunch.

The school does not supply sauce or forks so please ensure your child has the appropriate cutlery to eat their "hot lunch" where required.

Students participating at the Division Cross Country tomorrow should not bring food for hot lunches as they will need to take their lunch with them to the event.

**Mothers Day Stall
Friday 6th May
9:15 - 11:00am**

All students are invited to visit our Mothers Day Stall

On Friday 6th May

Open From 9.15am -11:00am

(All classes will be visiting during the morning)

Come to the "Big Blue Shed"

We have a range of gift ideas ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00 that Mum will love!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cooper H
Seth D

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HELP NEEDED!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO HELP WITH OUR MOTHERS DAY STALL TOMORROW FRIDAY 6TH MAY FROM 9.00AM TO 11.00AM?

ELECTION DAY BBQ—PLEASE SEE NOTE INCLUDED WITH TODAY'S NEWSLETTER. PLEASE RETURN THE FORM IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER ON SATURDAY 21ST MAY.

Five Minutes With Staff:

Emma Birch



How long have you worked at Lockwood PS?

This will be my 5th year at our fabulous school.

What is your role at the school?

I support students in grades 3 to 6.

When you were little what did you aspire to be?

All I wanted to do was work in a nursery, selling beautiful plants and flowers to everyone.

What was your favourite subject at school?

I absolutely loved History and Art.

If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?

The super powers of Mary Poppins! Click - clothes folded. Click - shower scrubbed. Click - kids in bed (ASLEEP!)

It would also be amazing to fly through the clouds holding an umbrella (and save on petrol money!)

What's your favourite holiday destination?

I would have to say anywhere in Tasmania. We love Tassie. But most of our holidays are spent in Bright or Point Lonsdale.

A holiday to Ayers Rock turned into our home for 6 months, that was pretty special.

EXCITING NEWS
Teeth on Wheels will be visiting this term!



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YOU ARE INVITED!

TWO LOCKWOOD CHURCHES ARE CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BUILDINGS

ON SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022 | AT LOCKWOOD UNITING CHURCH 813 CALDER ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY

- 1.30PM Opening of History Displays
- 2.00PM Welcome & Book Launch
- 2.30PM Celebration Service
- 3.00PM Cutting of Cake & Devonshire Tea
- 3.30PM Wrap Up

BYO picnic chair (we'll be outside weather permitting).



For further information contact Sue Bewsell on 0457 980 722 or admin@lockwood.victas.uca.org.au

Community News:

Marong Panthers Under 12 Junior Girls Football Training commences Monday 2nd May, 2022 - 4:15pm—5:30pm



Play Friday nights under lights. Please contact Marong Football Netball Club for further details.

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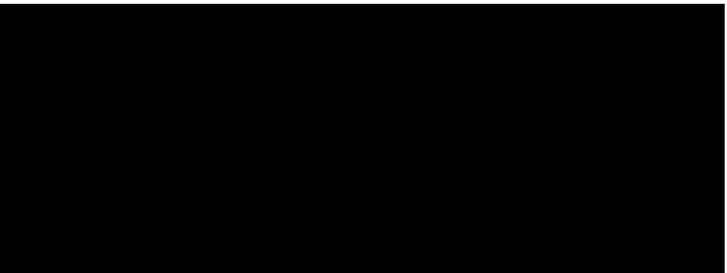
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