Thursday 8th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2015
A Term Planner for term 4 will be issued shortly.

CANTEEN OPEN: MONDAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Learning is Our Work

Welcome back to term 4 2015! What an exciting term this will be indeed, we have so many varied educational opportunities for our students this term and we are looking forward to these experiences.

Firstly though a reflection on a couple of events that occurred towards to the end of last term. We had our Author visit and Mrs Ignacz expertly organised this annual event. We thank Sarah Davies Illustrator for visiting our school. Please read Mrs Ignacz’s insert, later in the newsletter. Mrs Hewa and Miss Gardiner took their classes to Australian Pioneer Village and a good time was had by all, again please read the insert in the newsletter. Years 3-6 went on an excursion to the Opera House, Miss Jones organised this event and it was attended by Mr Urio’s, Ms Wilkie’s, Ms Ryan’s and Miss Jones’s classes, read more in the newsletter. We had our Jersey Day, organised by the SRC. The staff versed the students in a Touch Football game at lunchtime and fun was had by all participants and spectators alike. Mainstream 3-6 went to Seven Hills HS to watch ‘Showcase’, which the students loved especially since some of our past students were participating in the event. There is always so much going on at Lalor Park PS and we are so lucky to have staff that take time to organise these valuable educational experiences.

This term we have Music Therapy, Dance to Be Fit, Cyber Bullying Incursion, Netball Skills Day, Kinder Orientation, Preschool Orientation, YMCA Camp, Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Presentation Day and much more.

Our 3-6 Social Skills Programs will conclude this term, but as always these have been extremely valuable educational experiences for our students. I would like to thank Mrs Nazley Slamang, Miss Jones, Mr Galloway-Smith and Mr Urio for their organisation and facilitation of these programs and all staff that also assist this program. We started this program last year for our girls and we saw the value in it and extended it this year by having a boy’s social skills group and a girl’s social skills group.
I would like to thank the many parents and carers who have been working tirelessly in our garden across last term and the school holidays. I truly do appreciate this work and you all go about it so quietly and without problem and this is what makes our school community a school community to be proud of.

It is Mental Health week and I suggest that catching the programs on the ABC and SBS throughout the week would be valuable. It is so important to ensure that we discuss mental health openly without judgement. The importance of mental health week is to promote mental wellbeing, furthering knowledge about mental health and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental illness. Lalor Park PS is partnering with Liverpool Hospital's Mental Health Ward with a promotional activity that the hospital is organising for Mental Health Week. The Hospital is trying to create a mural made out of bottle caps and they would like us to collect bottle caps for the project. So if you could please bring in your milk and drink bottle caps that would be greatly appreciated. We need these as soon as possible please.

Mr Urio is on some Long Service Leave this term, in his absence we welcome Miss Barker, who our 5/6 class know very well. I too will be taking some Long Service Leave starting week 2 of the term. I am taking 4 weeks leave; however I will still be in close contact with the school whilst on my leave. During my leave Ms Wilkie will relieve for me weeks 2 and 3, Mr Urio week 4 and Mr Galloway-Smith week 5. I will be back week 6.

It is with sad news that I write to let you know that Mrs Milne’s father passed away in the holidays after a long battle with cancer. Mrs Milne cared for him and that is why she had taken some time off. Mrs Milne plans to return week 2 of this term.

Be Kind

Mrs Gardiner

3/2G & K/4H’s Excursion to Pioneer Village

On the 2nd of September, 3/2G and K/4H enjoyed a day Pioneer Village in Wilberforce.

Through our history unit of work, our classes have been learning about life in the past. This was a great opportunity to see and experience for ourselves what life was like in early Australia. The students got to pump water from the well outside, since there no were taps inside the houses. They watched a lady spin wool into yarn on a spinning wheel and learnt how warm clothes were made before we just bought stuff from Target. We churned milk into butter and tasted in on bread for lunch. We even tried our hand at washing clothes before there was such thing as washing machines. It was hard work! We got shackled and put into stocks to experience what happened to you if you were caught doing the wrong thing!
We visited an old schoolhouse where boys and girls lined up in separate lines to enter the room, and sat silently in rows of uncomfortable wooden chairs and desks. The grumpy teacher told us about the cane, individual chalk slates instead of paper or iPads and ink and nibs instead of pencils. He told us that back then children only had to go to school 2 days a week!

The highlight of the day was the horse and carriage ride through the village, waving hello to the friendly volunteers who were dressed up in olden day clothing and there to teach us about life in the “olden days”.

Well done to all students on your perfect behaviour during the day and the way you showed respect and kindness to the volunteers who taught us. It was a privilege to be with such wonderful students who showed everyone we met what respectful, responsible, safe and eager learners we all are at Lalor Park Public School. Students’, you represented our school proudly. Well done 3/2G and K/4H! See our photos in this newsletter.

Mrs Hewa and Miss Gardiner

**Year 3-6 Opera House Excursion – Thursday, 10th September**

Lalor Park Public School was recently successful in the subsidy application to attend Little Big Shots performance at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday, 10th September. Little Big Shots is a film festival about kids, by kids and for kids. It features shorts, animations, documentaries and films made by children for children. Little Big Shots films and the connected classroom activities support learning about world cultures, languages, diversity, responsibilities, friendship, emotional intelligence and human values. Our students had a great time exploring the sights of Sydney and watching the show.
We had the very exciting illustrator Sarah Davis visit our school library during the last week of Term 3. Sarah was previously a school teacher. She is a self-taught artist and the illustrator of over 30 books with major publishers.

The students had the opportunity to discover first hand the way in which Sarah approaches her art work as she created posters for the students after they had made up a short story for her.

She explained to them the different mediums she uses for her work from chalk, oil paints, acrylics and even sculptures of spooky dolls made from resins.

By far the student’s favourite part of Sarah’s visit was hearing her read Fearless, sons and daughter as this was the third book after Fearless and Fearless in Love. They especially enjoyed the way Sarah’s illustrations built onto the story in a humorous way and added to the interest levels of all listening.

You can learn more about Sarah by visiting her very own web page:

http://sarah-davis.org/about/
Term 3, Week 10

**Responsible: Return equipment and treat it with care**

Students have continued to use our new sporting equipment at lunch times. This coloured sporting equipment allows responsibility and ownership of equipment to the students in each class. In Week 9, students practised how to use this equipment safely and correctly. This includes, walking around the school with equipment, the safe use of the equipment in games and taking care of equipment by returning it to the correct bags or location. Students at recess play with designated equipment brought out by our House Captains. It is the responsibility of our House Captains to make sure there is enough of the appropriate equipment so students can play and enjoy their recess time. At the end of each recess students must return the equipment to the House Captains who will then pack away the equipment in the appropriate places.

Term 4, Week 1

**Safe: Walk while inside room**

LPPS students have been building up their knowledge of our expectations on how to be **safe** around our school. This week, our focus was on walking around the classroom. Walking around the classroom allows for **safety** for all students and staff. When students are walking around the classroom there is less risk of accident and injury occurring. It has been great to see so many students take this target on board and link it with our previous target of walking around the school.
‘Nurturing a community of visible learners and empowering them to strive for continuous growth’

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