

# The Lake Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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### Important Dates

28/11/2022-02/12/2022

5-6 Swimming Program

7/12/2022

Yr. 6 Graduation

9/12/2022

Whole school concert

13/12/2022

Orientation Yr. 6

Prep 2023 Final Orientation

15/12/2022

Whole School Swimming Carnival

20/12/2022

Last Day Term 4 dismissal 1.30pm

## Principal Message – Week 8

### School Council 2022

On Tuesday night, School Council held the last meeting for the 2022 school year. Areas of discussion included-

- The current work that is repairing any broken/damaged bricks/pavers
- Following up some options to cover half of the basketball court with roofing
- State Election- The Lake PS MPR will be used a voting centre
- Student hands-on activities for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

My sincere thanks to our President **Rick Burley** and school council members **Erin Taylor, Georgia McNair, Emily Wandel, Meagan Watson, Karalee Brice, Shaun McInerney, Steven Gale, Robyn Bacon, Rebecca Crossling, Julia Cavallo, Dean Shean** for a very productive and successful year for school improvement!

### Classes for 2023

On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December**, all students will participate in the State-wide Transition Day. Our current year 6 students will spend a day at their enrolled secondary school and students in years 1-5 will spend the morning in their new classroom with their peers and teacher for 2023. Our 2023 preps will participate in this transition also from 9am-11am.

Over the past two years we have organised the following year's classes using the software called 'Class Creator' which is a very effective tool to make classes balanced with boy/girl ratios, academics, specific learning needs & mental health and wellbeing concerns. However, we have found that by allowing students to choose 'friends' for their class has resulted in some unnecessary

anxiety and disruption if particular friends are then not in their class group. This overshadows the excitement & enjoyment of the transition process.

To help alleviate some of the anxiety around transition day we will be listening to our capable teaching staff with regard to wellbeing and learning. Students have many opportunities to play with their friends before school, at lunch & recess time, after school and on weekends. Our teachers have the best knowledge of how each student learns best in a classroom environment and have had the opportunity to include any relevant information when inputting student data. I would like to ask for your trust in our teacher judgements and encourage your child to be resilient and open to the possibility of making new friendships. **Thank you.**

**Traffic Concerns**

As you will have noticed, with the closure of River Road between 11<sup>th</sup> street and Merbein this has forced all traffic to/from Merbein to be routed past our School. The increase in this traffic has presented some **very significant concerns for the safety of our students, family and staff**. MRCC have been contacted to express our concerns about this issue and also the fact that we do not qualify for a MRCC supervisor for our crossing and that it is illegal for anyone to man a crossing without official training. This has posed a dilemma in how we can provide the safety the students and families need to use this crossing on Seventeenth Street. **MRCC are working on a solution and are providing a supervisor for the crossing today-thanks to MRCC for this prompt and quick action!**

**What can we do as a school community?**

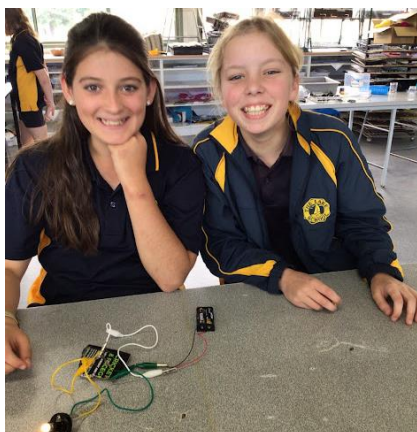
As a community, it is vital that all traffic signage is adhered to- speed limits, being patient with the additional traffic and looking out for pedestrians. This will add another layer of safety for our community.

To ensure the best possible safety for all until at least the end of the school year, MRCC is coming to our school tomorrow to provide a one hour training so that we can legally man this crossing, thank you to the many staff who have volunteered to do this training!

**As a community, we need to ensure our school is a safe place!**

Kind regards, *Ms. Warburton*

**Steam News**



During STEAM this week, the 5/6 classes have been investigating electric circuits and how they can be controlled by switches. Using cardboard, split pins and a paper clip, students had to problem solve to make a switch. The switch needed to be easy enough to use that it could be operated with 1 hand. Once made, they then used that in their circuits to power a light bulb, small motor, buzzer or a combination of them.



<i>P&amp;C bulletin - NEWS</i>	
News	We are now taking Donations for our Christmas Raffle, all donations can be dropped into the office. Raffle tickets have been sent home today. All tickets and money are due back Friday 9th of December.
Next meeting	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> of December at The Office @ 6pm
Thank you	Thank you to our lunch ladies for hot dogs.
<i>All new members, parents, carers and grandparents, are always welcome.</i>	

**P&C Lunch - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Orders Due – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2x Sausages in Bread \$4.00**

Name ..... Year .....

Extra of the same order \$2.00  
**NO ICYPOLES FOR TERM 4**

Total amount enclosed \$.....



**NO LATE LUNCH ORDERS ACCEPTED** – For catering purposes, please be reminded that any lunch orders brought to the office on Wednesday will be handed back to the students.



## Wellbeing



### *Starting the day positive*

At this time of year many of us are low in resilience as we are all tired and ready for holidays. A great tip to help your little people get through the day is to start it off with some positivity. Here are a few things you can say in the morning.

What are you most excited about today?

What is one thing you want to achieve today?

Right now I'm feeling like sunshine what type of weather are you feeling?

What are you feeling grateful for today?

Can you try to make someone smile today and tell me after school?

I'll miss you today and I can't wait to hug you after school!

With much kindness

Miss Louise



## Worker of the Week' Awards

Congratulations to the following students:



Avianah Kennedy, Isla Strike, Harper Morgan, Harry Cooksley, Theo Saville, Frankie Zappia, Cristiano Dichiera, Harley Parker, Evie Jacobson, Jenson Roberts, Madeline McAskill, James Caruana, Azaylia Cohrs and Brooklyn Scarr.

## Walk to School with us

Next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a community Active Travel to school morning to celebrate the end of Active Travel to School month.

Families are welcome to join us at the corner of Flora Ave or Dyer Ave and Seventeenth St at 8:30am and travel to school together.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible join us.

I Walk to School



This week, Joe Clarke from the Community Engagement Unit of the Victoria Police visited the Year 5/6 students to talk about road safety in preparation of the upcoming school holidays. He identified three aspects of safety relevant to the students:

- Safety as a pedestrian;
  - Ensuring you have your mobile phone in your pocket and music on pause when crossing any road.
  - Asking yourself where is the safest spot to cross any road?
  - Visibility, be seen, wear bright colours.
- Safety while bike riding or scooting;
  - Checking that all parts of your bike are working correctly.
  - Wearing appropriate clothing, especially shoes, he told a gruesome story from his childhood when he and his mate were riding in bare feet. His mate lost his little toe in an accident, they thought they would just, "have some fun!"
- Safety travelling in a car;
  - Don't be a distraction to the driver.
  - Wear your safety belt.
  - If the driver is breaking a rule, for example, talking on a mobile phone while driving, feel comfortable about telling them that you don't feel safe. Be an upstander.

He finished with a competition. In groups of four, who could make a 'helmet' for a raw egg using three lengths of sticky tape, a rubber band and 8 plastic drinking straws? The egg had to survive the 'drop' test.



Congratulations to 5/6A Sophie, Max, Brodie and Gemma, also 5/6C Louis, Jax, Toby and Finn whose designs protected the vital egg! As a prize, Joe presented them with a special Junior Neighbourhood Watch drink bottle.



Wishing you a good week.

Liz Patterson