

# The Lake Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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### Important Dates

**23/07/2022**

Yr.3/4 camp payment due

**04/08/2022**

'Pie Drive' orders to be returned

**11/08/2022**

'Pie Drive' Delivery

**1/08/2022 - 3/08/2022**

Yr.5 Camp Kookaburra

**3/08/2022 - 5/08/2022**

Yr.6 Camp Kookaburra

**8/08/2022 - 10/08/2022**

Yr.3/4 Ballarat Camp



## Principal Message - Week 2

### Ms Warburton's Home Reading Challenge

**Congratulations** to Year **3/4B** for their amazing collective achievement of reaching 906 nights of home reading in term 2! Well done! I hope you all enjoy your pizza lunch on Friday 😊 **Special acknowledgment** also to **Prep B, 1/2D and 5/6A** who had the most home reading nights within their units! Enjoy your classroom cake that will be delivered to you on Friday! Fantastic effort!



It is pleasing to note that nearly all 13 classrooms had significantly increased their home reading nights! Reading each night, even for just 20 minutes, has significant impacts on student's learning-



Please encourage and support your child to reach every night! 😊

### Congratulations Mr & Mrs Van Soest!

It was a very exciting day on Monday as we congratulated the recent wedding of Miss Rowe! We wish you all the happiness for the future!



## **COVID-19 DET Update**

Due to the increasing number of COVID cases state-wide and the impacts of Influenza, the DET have updated their expectations for the wearing of face masks. In summary-

*“The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings. As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter. Students won’t be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors”.*

The letter can be read in full and is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your support to keep our school community safe and healthy!

## **Get Bushfire Resilient!**

Please find attached a flyer that which promotes a series of online webinars for families regarding bushfire preparedness. Whilst the current weather may be cold and drizzly, the bushfire season will be upon us before we know it! The first free webinar is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Have a great week!**

Kind Regards,

Bernadette



## **Wk.2 School Value - RESPECT**

This week’s school value is ‘RESPECT’. Over the next few weeks, throughout our school-wide ‘Respectful Relationships’ program, we will be revisiting our five school values and deeply exploring associated dispositions (behaviours). Excitingly, we are in the early stages of designing a ‘Lakers’ mascot to help strengthen our identity. A big thank you to the families who have already returned their brief family survey that was distributed to all students last week. Keep these coming in!

## **School uniform**



Firstly, thank you to our supportive families who sold socks to support the recent school fundraiser – we very much appreciate your efforts!

Throughout Term 2, we were happy for students to wear both the ‘wacky’ socks and ‘Big Freeze’ beanies as they are both important and respected fundraisers. On some days, this really did result in a kaleidoscope of colours across the school! With the commencement of a new Term, we feel as though the students have had a good run with both the beanies and socks and it is time to realign ourselves more closely with the uniform expectations and fully harness that sense of ‘team’ and belonging. We are prepared to be somewhat lenient with the socks if they don’t stand out too much (ie; beneath tracksuit pants), as these are school fundraising items purchased by families.

Can I remind families that school beanies are available from the front office for \$10 – they look great and are super warm during these colder months. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that your child is in full school uniform each day at school.



Getting to school – For most students, getting up and getting to school is exciting, they can't wait to catch up with their friends and start the day. Unfortunately though, for some students, coming to school is a chore. Since the recent pandemic disruptions, this concern has increased.

As parents and carers, you are not on your own, and we ask you to contact your classroom teacher as the first port of call if your child shows some of these signs....

- Struggling to get out of bed, leave the house or get out of the car
- Disrupted sleep cycle; oversleeping or not getting enough sleep
- Feeling sick before school (E.g. headache or sore throat)
- Tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school
- Complaints about attending school and reluctant to talk about school
- Difficulty attending school after weekends and holidays
- Panic symptoms, threats of self-harm
- Isolating behaviours at home (E.g. gaming, YouTube and social media)
- Extreme distress or aggressive behaviour

Working together ensures we can move forward with positive relationships.

Enjoy your day.

Liz Patterson

## Prep B News

The students in Prep B have had a wonderful start to Term 3! We are learning about Fairy Tales in Prep this Term and this week we have been focusing on The Gingerbread Man. So far, the students have been completing a range of reading, writing, sequencing, singing and craft activities related to the story. On Wednesday, the students enjoyed decorating and eating their own gingerbread men! Just for fun, we also baked a large gingerbread man in the staffroom, and we were very pleased that he didn't jump out of the oven and run away!



# P&C News

The 'Pie Drive' notes went home with students on Tuesday with money and orders due back on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our dedicated ladies for party pies, sausage rolls and pies this week. We are still needing a couple of helpers for lunches on Thursday. So, if you are able to help out, see either Sallie or Robyn in the office.

Our next meeting is July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**LUNCH DAY - Thursday 28th July**

**Orders MUST be in by Tuesday, 26th July**

**Chicken Schnitzel Burger with Cheese**

**\$4.00**

Name .....Class.....

Extras \$2.00

**NO ICY POLES FOR TERM 3**

Amount paid \$.....



Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommends that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter.

Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances.

We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible.

We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school.

We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

**Dr David Howes**  
Deputy Secretary

Victorian Department of  
Education and Training

**Michelle Green**  
Chief Executive

Independent Schools  
Victoria

**Jim Miles**  
Executive Director

Catholic Education  
Commission of Victoria



### Recommended viewing for family and friends.

Eminent subject matter experts will provide thought-provoking, relevant and practical information.

Viewer response to ten previous BRI webinars: 91% rated very good or excellent, 100% would recommend to others.

Viewers can ask questions before or during the webinar, and when you register we'll also send you a link to videos.

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#### Horses and bushfire – what do we know?

- 7:30 AEST Wednesday 20 July
- Kirrilly Thompson, University of Newcastle
  - Andrew McLean, Equitation Science International
  - Chris Heiders, Veterinarian

#### Your vegetation – what you need to know

- 7:30pm AEST 10 August
- Kevin Todhurst AM, University of Melbourne
  - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
  - Peter Ashton, DELWP
  - Nick Guyatt, Surf Coast Shire

#### Your last resort options

- 7:30pm AEST 24 August
- Justin Leonard, CSIRO
  - Jim McLennan, La Trobe University
  - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist

#### Why get kids involved in the family bushfire plan

- 7:30 AEST Wednesday 7 September
- Michelle Roberts, Australian National University
  - Rob Gordon OAM, Clinical Psychologist
  - Briony Towers, Co-director, LEADRRR
  - Jane Hayward, Principal Strathewen Primary School

#### Understand your bushfire risk

- 7:30pm AEST 21 September
- Kevin Todhurst AM, University of Melbourne
  - Justin Leonard, CSIRO
  - Ian Bennetts, Bushfire Building Council of Australia

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