Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the Lalor Gardens Primary School Community

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 1 – WEEK 3: PLEASE AND THANKYOU

There are opportunities everyday to say Please and Thankyou. At home, in the classroom, visiting the office, in the yard of a friend’s home – there are people who help us and all of them need to be treated courteously. One great way we can do this is by saying Please and Thankyou. These simple words let people know you do appreciate what they do for you and also let them know how you are a friendly kid. So this week let’s hear lots of Please and Thankyous! Parents you can help establish these manners in your child(ren) by ensuring that these simple words are used in your interactions at home—at the dinner table, when shopping when your children request anything. Take the time to make them say PLEASE before the request and then THANKYOU afterwards. No matter where you go in the world, not matter what language you speak Please and Thankyou demonstrate that you respect the person with whom you are interacting.

MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS REMINDER

The booking notices for the Meet the Teacher meetings has been sent home. Please ensure you return your time request as soon as possible to get an interview time when you want it. Parents who do not return the form will be given the times that are left.

SCHOOL FEES 2014

Don’t forget your school fees. $165.00. This is less than 80 cents a day. You cannot even buy a coffee or a Macdonalds burger for that!!!

MULTICULTURALISM AT LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lalor Gardens Primary School is very proud of our multicultural heritage from both Lalor West and Lalor Park Primary Schools. When the former two schools were opened, the school population was mainly Macedonian. Throughout the 70s and 80s, this changed to being mainly Macedonian, Greek and Italian. Over time this has changed again with the majority of our school population being Arabic and Vietnamese with a range of other cultures/ethnic groups from all over the world and Australia. No matter what ethnic group, culture or religion, the school has welcomed everyone into our great school community.

All members of our school community are responsible for upholding the values of our school and especially RESPECT. This is expected of our staff and students and needs to be modelled by our parent community as well. Racism should never be tolerated in any way shape or form and I urge parents to adhere to the United Nations Charter on Human Rights.

Anne T Hulett
Calendar of Events

Feb 25
♦ Meet the Teacher interviews

Mar 10
♦ Labour Day Holiday

Mar 14
♦ Responsible Pet Ownership—Prep Grades

Mar 27
♦ School Photos

Apr 4
♦ Last Day Term 1

Happy Birthday

Bryana Sulke
Constaretn Fonoti
Delilah Ioelu Utumapu
Seema Alkhudari
Hassan Fatfat
Mahkus Fitu
Jovana Kostovic

THANK YOU ! THANK YOU !
To Lena Papadimitriou (5/6C) for a donation of books to the School Library.

Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria
Every Day Counts - School Attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.
“START UP PROGRAM AND SMILE”

1/2A  Jazmine Abdulrahman  For always coming to school with a great big smile on her face. Keep smiling, Jazmine.

1/2B  Mihailo Trpeski  For having a great, big, smile on his face at all times.

1/2C  Noor Khudhair  For always greeting everyone with a huge smile. Noor brightens up the 1/2 area.

1/2D  Shahad Al Haj Makki  For greeting everyone with a happy smile each day.

1/2E  Lucas Andreevski  For being a fantastic helper with a beautiful smile. Well done Lucas!

1/2F  Imogen Bower  For sharing her infectious smile every day.

3/4A  Claire Micallef  For being a kind, caring, positive member of our grade and always greeting people with her warm smile!

3/4B  Aya Abbas  For having a positive attitude, a friendly smile and trying her best throughout the week.

3/4C  Aiden Mesquita  For using his best smile to make others feel welcome and happy at school. Well done!

3/4D  Zena Elzohbi  For using her best smile to make others feel welcome and happy at school.

5/6A  Brian Huynh  For a great start in Grade 5, and for always smiling in class.

5/6B  Gaby Hassan  For always being prepared to give a helping hand and a friendly smile.

5/6C  Maria Keo  Maria is always smiling and has a positive attitude towards her learning.

5/6D  Kevin Nguyen Bui  For always being friendly to others and showing us his amazing smile. Keep it up.
Student Attendance Report:

Congratulations to our 2 Prep classes who began school last week.

Well done to 1/2F who had an attendance of 99%. It was fantastic to see all classes have an attendance rate above 90%. This is a great start to the school year. Keep it up!

Remember: ‘Every day counts’, so come to school unless you are unwell. School starts at 9:00 each day and it is very important that you are at school ON TIME!
Spotlight on Prep A & B
This week (Friday 14th February) Lalor Gardens plays Lalor North at their grounds.

**BAT TENNIS GIRLS:**
*Today the bat tennis girls played against St John’s. We played a fun and fair game. We won; the scores were Lalor Gardens 35 and St John’s 31. The stand out players were the whole team. I would like to thank Ms M for coaching us.*

*By: Sabrina Qyteza*

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**Bat Tennis Boys:**
*Today the Bat Tennis Boys played St John’s. We had a fun and fair game. Even though it was a very sunny day we all put in 100% effort. The scores were 35-21 we won. The stand out players were the whole team for putting 100% effort even though we were losing.*

*By: Tien*

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**Softball**

Today we played softball for the first time this year against St Johns. It was a really good game unfortunately we lost. The scores were 3 to 14. We would like to thank Mr De Leo for coaching us.

*Marija*

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**Cricket**

Today the cricket boys and girls played St. Johns it was an awesome first game back from the New Year. Unfortunately we lost by 2 runs but Kelly got 2 wickets and Koda got a wicket. Arun got 3 fours and I got 3 as well. Our whole team played great thank you Miss Hoyne for coaching us.

*By Arun and Christopher*

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**Rounders Girls**

Today on the 7th of February we played against St. Johns Primary School, we had a fun and fair game. It was bad luck that St. Johns lost but they were really good and they were trying their best. Luckily we won and we all hit really long. The scores St. Jones were 3 and L.G.P.S were 24. We would like to thank Mr Vann for coaching us really well and the girls for good team work.

*By Jessica Bogdanovski*

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**ROUNDERS**

Today rounders boys played the first game of the year against St Johns we had a fun and fair match. The score was Lalor Gardens 22, St Johns 6, the outstanding players were the whole team putting 100% effort, I would like to thank MR VANN for coaching us.
Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma

Ever wondered what the experts would say about a cure for asthma?

Or how to get your teenager to take their medication?

If you want to find out the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about children and asthma, watch The Asthma Foundation’s new video series – available from http://forum.asthma.org.au/

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au
You are Invited to attend
Bunnings Epping
Ladies Night

Thursday, 13th March 2014
6.00pm till 8.00pm
With
Celebrity Chef
Tobie Puttock

Cooking up a Storm
Give-aways
Light Refreshments

Bookings Essential
Call Marlene on 9409 8600
Or Email eppingao@bunnings.com.au
Whittlesea United is a family friendly club offering kids the opportunity to learn skills and play soccer in a positive team environment.

FREE Summer Social Soccer training!
Boys, Girls & friends of all ages are now training every Wednesdays in January and February!!

Training will help develop ball skills including passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

Time: 7pm - 8.30pm
Location:
Thomas Reserve, Thomastown
No obligation!
Bring a friend!
BYO drink bottle!

For more information email info@whittleseaunited.com.au or ph Pauline 0407 108 476
www.whittleseaunited.com.au and check facebook for updates!

Please note: at times there will be a photographer on the ground. Please advise the club if do NOT wish to have your childs photo taken and used for marketing purposes.
Kindergarten Open Night
27 February 2014

Kindergarten Program
Kindergarten (Preschool) is an important program for all four year old children to attend. Evidence shows that a quality kindergarten experience provides young children with the opportunities to improve skills that are important for life, including being ready for school.

Kindergarten Open Night
Most of the Kindergartens across the municipality will be opening their doors from 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 27 February 2014. Take the opportunity to speak to teachers and see the quality programs on offer at kindergartens throughout the City of Whittlesea. Bookings are not required. Contact your local kindergarten for more information.


2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

For more information regarding enrolments contact Council’s Kindergarten Enrolment Officer on:

Phone: 9404 8876
Email: keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
E: info@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Chocolate Banana Ice Cream

This yummy ice cream has just three ingredients - bananas, cocoa powder and peanut butter making it pretty healthy compared to regular ice cream. Freeze your bananas and blend your way to heaven!

**Prep Time:**
10 mins

**Ingredients:**
- 4 bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 tbsp smooth peanut butter
- 1 tbsp. cocoa powder, sifted

**Method:**

**Step 1.** Place banana slices separated on a tray lined with baking paper.

**Step 2.** Freeze for 30 minutes or overnight.

**Step 3.** Remove from freezer and place in a food processor. Pulse a couple of times and then process until you have a creamy consistency. Add the peanut butter and cocoa and process again until combined.

**Step 4.** Serve immediately to keep that soft serve texture or place back into the freezer for a hard ice cream texture.