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

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 1 – WEEK 7: RESPECT YOURSELF

This topic is all about feeling good about yourself. When good things happen to you and others, your thoughts give you those good feelings. When things go wrong or not as you expected or wanted you might begin to think that it is all your fault or that it just isn't fair.

It is important for you to understand and remember that:

- Everyone makes mistakes
- Everyone loses some times
- No one is perfect (but we can all try to be better)

You need to judge yourself on your effort when things do not work as exactly as you wanted them to. Be kind to yourself. Bad things happen to everyone, even though you think they only happen to you. You need to be brave and make the most of a difficult situation when things go wrong. Don’t blame yourself when bad things happen. Think about how much of what happened was because of your behaviour, how much was due to what other people did and how much was due to bad luck or circumstances (being in the wrong place at the wrong time). Think about what has happened and where it fits on the “Catastrophe Scale”. The teacher's at Lalor Gardens PS use this when things don't go right. It helps us see the positives from negative situations. And remember, you can make a poor situation more negative or positive by the way you talk to yourself about it. So Think and Talk Positively to yourself in all situations good and bad!

TRAFFIC HAZARDS IN KINGSWAY DRIVE AND THORNTON STREET

A parent came into the school yesterday very concerned about the “accident that is waiting to happen” in both of these streets. Drivers are not respecting the speed limit and drive excessively fast and dangerously along both streets when dropping off and picking up their children. The speed limit is 40 km per hour outside the school and in fact should be lower given that children’s lives are at risk. Please slow down and take care when driving and parking along these streets.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

This is usually our biggest fundraiser for the year so we ask all parents to support this fundraising effort. The money raised is being put towards our grounds development and every dollar helps.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that school photo envelopes have been sent home. Don’t miss this opportunity to capture your child’s image at this stage in his/her life.

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Calendar of Events

Mar 14
- Responsible Pet Ownership—Prep Grades

Mar 18
- School Council Meeting—6.30 pm

Mar 20
- Grade 5/6s to William Ruthven S.C.—all day

Mar 27
- School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo Envelopes were distributed to students on Tuesday 11th March.

Please return CORRECT money with your order sealed in the envelope provided. (change cannot be given) by Monday 24th March

Sibling (family) photo envelopes are available at the school office.

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all of the parents that have expressed an interest in joining us with the organising and the running of the exciting events that we have planned for this year.

Parents' support is vital to the Fundraising Committee's success in events such as the Mother's and Father's Day stalls that our children love so much.

Our first meeting will be held at 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th March in the main meeting room. Everyone is welcome, please feel free to join us there.
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<th>Prep A</th>
<th>Charlie Rice</th>
<th>For using her manners and playing nicely with others.</th>
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<td>Lachlan Baker-Flynn</td>
<td>For using his manners and playing nicely with others.</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Yianna Meliniotou</td>
<td>For using her manners especially when trying to walk past people. Keep it up Yianna.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Helal Roma</td>
<td>For being a very polite and respectful member of 1/2B.</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Noah Bonafede</td>
<td>For always using his manners by waiting and saying “excuse me” when he wants to talk to others. Noah is an extremely courteous and kind student.</td>
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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Eve Pontinelli</td>
<td>For having beautiful manners and remembering to say excuse me and sorry.</td>
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<td>1/2E</td>
<td>Anthony Nguyen</td>
<td>For setting an excellent example by saying ‘sorry’ and ‘excuse me’. Well done Anthony!</td>
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<td>1/2F</td>
<td>Alex Hana</td>
<td>For saying sorry and making sure that he takes responsibility for his actions.</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Kathleen Le</td>
<td>For working well with others. Listening, waiting her turn and always using her manners.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Tunjay Tilki</td>
<td>For having excellent manners and trying his best in class at all times.</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Sedra Elmasri</td>
<td>For always using her best manners and remembering to use ‘excuse me’ and ‘I am sorry’. Well done!</td>
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<td>3/4D</td>
<td>Mayuran Sasikumar</td>
<td>For knowing to use his manners in a difficult situation and remembering to say sorry. Well done!</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Olga Zaekis</td>
<td>For always using excuse me and sorry. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Taylor Fitu</td>
<td>For always being polite and caring when approaching and talking to adults and her peers.</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Amalia Meliniotou</td>
<td>For always saying excuse me and sorry to the people around her. Well done Amalia!</td>
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<td>Keharn Hudson</td>
<td>For always saying excuse me and sorry when she needs to.</td>
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Student Attendance Report:

Congratulations to 3/4D who had an attendance of 99% for this week. Keep up the amazing work!

Reminder:

Please advise the school office if you have changed your contact details, it is very important that we are able to contact parents/guardians if children are sick or hurt at school.
BE A GERM STOPPER.

Cover it. Bin it. Kill it.
Be a germ stopper at school and at home.

- Always cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve.
- Always throw used tissues in the rubbish.
- Always wash your hands with soap and warm water and dry thoroughly or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
Spotlight on 3/4A

Facts:
- The Aboriginal flag is a special flag. The Uluru is the dark blue, the sun is the yellow and the red dot is the ground.
- The first settlement by Europeans in Australia was established at Sydney on 26 January 1788 when the first fleet arrived.

The Ships of the First Fleet!

Fatima and
Thelma

When Governor Hunter arrived in 1788, the convicts did not want to lose their chance to make money, so they did not obey his orders.

The Ships Of the First Fleet

Each nation had a different language and system of laws based on caring for land.

When the First Fleet sailed into Botany Bay the Australian continent was divided into about 600 Aboriginal nations.
& 3/4B

The First Fleet

- In the first fleet to come from London to Australia, it will take 27 weeks to get to Australia.

Approximately 1030 people landed at Sydney Cove in January 1788.
About 250,000 Aboriginal people lived in Australia at the time.
About 550 male convicts arrived with the first fleet.

The first fleet

Captain Arthur Phillip was the first man chosen to command the first fleet and the to govern the new colony. His career as a naval officer had taken him to the West Indies, Brazil, India, and the south.

Captain Phillip’s fleet of 11 wooden sailing ships finally left England at 3am on Sunday 13 May 1787.
The Fundraising Committee would like to say a big thank you to the families of Lalor Gardens for putting in such a great effort in our first fundraising event for 2014.

As an extra incentive to sell the chocolates quickly we have created a prize draw to win a $20 Woolworths voucher. The families that have sold a full box of chocolates and returned the money to the school by this Friday 14th March will all go into the draw.

Then we will have another $20 Woolworths voucher prize draw for the families that have sold a full box of chocolates and returned the money by Friday 21st March.
Help us break a world record at the Community Festival!

Join Lee Chan – Coxy’s Big Break presenter, players from the Melbourne Storm and TRAC trainers for your chance to win some great prizes.

Date: Sunday 16 March 2014
Time: 2.30pm registration 3pm start
Venue: Public Gardens, Barry Road, Lalor (Melway 8C5)

For information or pre-registration visit healthy.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Free transport is available from Thomastown Station every hour from 1pm – 8pm

Foster Care Information Session

Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people?

Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting and can provide a safe and loving home for children needing care for weekends, short term and long term.

Our next information sessions are on

Tuesday 1st April 2014, 7 - 8.30pm (Glenroy area) &
Wednesday 2nd April 6.30-8pm (Yarraville area)
Details of the session will be provided when you have registered

Please come along to find out more and have your questions answered.

To book or to receive an information package please contact Lynette Tollit – Volunteer Recruitment & Support worker on 8470 9999 or email lynette.tollit@anglicarevic.org.au
Homework

Homework is an opportunity for you to help and be involved in your child’s learning by reinforcing concepts taught at school. Homework is an important part of your child’s learning and should:

- Complement and reinforce classroom learning,
- Develop lifelong learning and study habits,
- Provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning,
- Help to develop organisational and time management skills, and
- be an effective means of fostering understanding and communication between the home and school.

The homework set for your child will vary depending on their age. At Lalor Gardens Primary school homework will consist mainly of:

- Reading activities to, with and by parents, and
- Simple tasks associated with classroom activities including Literacy and Numeracy tasks and any unfinished work.

Homework will generally:

- require 15 minutes per day, or up to 1.5 hours per week for Foundation students.
- not exceed 45 minutes per day, or up to 3 hours per week for Years 1 - 4
- not exceed 60 minutes per day, or up to 4 hours per week for Year 5 and 6.

The degree of difficulty and length of homework will also be set according to the age and abilities of the student.
Help with dental costs to keep your child’s bright smile!

2014

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS

SCHEDULE

Eligible children have access to preventative and treatment services:

- check ups, cleaning and scaling, fluoride treatments
- fissure sealing, fillings, extractions, x-rays

Your children may be eligible for up to $1000 per child if they:

- are aged between 2 and 17 years
- are eligible for Medicare, and
- you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or certain other government payments

Eligible families, teenagers and approved care organisations will receive a letter to confirm eligibility.

It doesn’t matter if your child uses the family dentist or the public system—they’ll still be entitled to benefits under the new program!

DENTAL SMILE

THOMASTOWN

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47 Barry Rd, Thomastown VIC 3074
WILLIAM RUTHVEN SECONDARY COLLEGE
2014-2015 ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

DISCOVERY NIGHT
26 March 6.30-8.00pm

OPEN DOORS to all classes
7 May 9am-3pm

Our learning environment encourages each individual to be confident and committed to their personal learning success.

- A culture of high expectations led by committed, experienced staff
- The LEAP advancement program for high achievers
- Challenging, differentiated learning
- Explicit teaching of inquiry processes, content and skills
- Scholarships for academic excellence, civics, music and sport at all year levels
- Program links with La Trobe and RMIT Universities
- New open learning spaces, gym, performance spaces and canteen
- Staffed homework club

To LEARN at WRSC call 9462 2177
to book a school tour or interview

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