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

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 3 – WEEK 4
SCHOOL VALUE: SAYING NO!!!

This focus is strongly aligned to the previous topic of Assertiveness and focuses specifically on Saying No. Many of the activities associated with Assertiveness could be modified and be used with this topic. However, there are a variety of activities just related to Saying No that can be used under this focus. Many people have great difficulty saying "NO" to others. Even people who are quite assertive in other situations find themselves saying "YES" to things that they don’t really want to do.

If you say “YES” when you really mean “NO”, resentment and anger can build up towards the person you have said “YES” to even though they have done nothing wrong. You can also become increasingly frustrated and disappointed with yourself.

Sometimes people find it hard to resist pressure from others to do:

- Things they don’t really want to
- Things which are mean, wrong and dangerous

We all need to practise Saying No confidently and calmly, but still remaining friendly and firm. Some important Dos and Don’ts of Saying NO are:

**Dos:**
- Look the person in the eye
- Tell them you do not want to do it
- Briefly say why (eg No I want to do something else after school)
- If it is a mean thing or against the rules or dangerous, point out the consequences (eg No it’s too risky, No it’s against the rules, No, that’s mean)
- Sometimes you may want to thank them for including you so you could say (Thanks anyway but not this time)
- Keep your tone of voice and expression calm and friendly
- Continue to calmly say NO even if they keep asking you. Try not to get angry

**Don’ts:**
- Don’t look away or down at the ground
- Don’t say Yes just so they will like you
- Don’t say Yes because you are scared that they will do bad things to you or say bad things about you
- If they ask you to do is mean, dangerous or against the rules do not give them a lecture about it
- Don’t get angry or upset

**FOOTSTEPS PROGRAM—IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!!!**
The Footsteps Whole School Program will commence on Tuesday August 20. The $10 fee per student has been included in this year’s school fees but not everyone has paid their fees. Today letters will go home to parents who have not fully paid their fees. If you have not paid your fees you will be required to pay the $10 by Tuesday August 13.

Anne Hulett
Calendar of Events

Aug 7
♦ 3/4 Excursion to Melb Museum & Imax

Aug 16
♦ McDonald’s Hoop Time (basketball)

Aug 20
♦ School Council Meeting—6.30 pm
♦ Footsteps—all grades—Tuesday until 17/9/13

Sept 17
♦ School Council Meeting—6.30 pm

Sept 20
♦ Last Day Term 3 Students finish 2.30 pm

Lost Property
The lost property box is overflowing with wind-cheaters, if you child has lost one, please check box. Please name or place name tags on all your children’s clothing.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following students who have had a birthday or will celebrate their birthday during the week.

Dylan Gorgioski
Hiba Fakhrualdin
Noor Al-Kelabi
Stefani Stefanoski
Fatima Al Ali
Madison Lazzaro-Moloney
Maya El-Kotob

FUNDRAISING
CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
COMING SOON!!!!!!
A NOTE HAS BEEN SENT HOME TODAY ASKING FOR FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE. PLEASE TRY TO SELL AS MANY CHOCOLATES AS YOU CAN TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL.
Congratulations to 1/2C who had 98% attendance last week. The second week in a row for best attendance. Well done everyone!
“BEING POSITIVE”

Prep A Khoder Ali
For trying hard to be positive about his learning.

Prep B Alex Hana
For having a more positive attitude towards his learning.

Prep C Rosario Paone
For making a happy and positive start to his school year at Lalor Gardens.

1/2A Mihailo Trpeski
For showing greater confidence and a positive attitude towards his school work. Well done!

1/2B Hayden Currie
For having a positive attitude towards his learning and for staying focused and on task during class.

1/2C Mustafa Asady
For displaying a positive attitude to his work. He tries hard to finish work on time and doesn’t give up.

1/2D Stephanie Dimovska
For being a positive, friendly class member who always tries her best.

1/2E Makala McKenzie
For displaying a positive attitude towards her learning and for doing some fantastic writing this week. Well done Makala!

3/4A Izabella Pitaroska
For showing a much more positive attitude this year and sharing her lovely smile more often. Well done!

3/4C Fatima Fakhrualdin
For having a positive attitude towards her work and taking the initiative to create a dinosaur poster at home.

5/6A Achmad Jufri
For showing positive vibe in and out of the classroom. Well done Achmad.

5/6B Ali Alzihari
For always keeping a positive attitude towards his work and difficult situations! Well done Ali!

5/6C Brittney Magnone
For being positive to her classmates and to the teacher! Well done Brittney!

5/6D Georgia Hopkins
For trying really hard to look at things in a positive way and communicate how she is feeling.
TEACHING & LEARNING

This new section of our newsletter aims to provide parents with current information about education. It will give you insights into teaching and learning at LGPS and provide some useful tips about how you can support your children as they grow and develop.

Your children will have changing learning needs at different stages during their education. There are three main stages of learning and as your child moves through these stages they are continually developing the academic, social and physical skills they need.

These three stages of learning are:

- **Prep to Year 4 (laying the foundations)** - your child will develop literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge in other areas including physical and social capacities, which will form the basis of their future learning

- **Years 5 to 8 (building breadth and depth)** - your child will progress beyond the foundations built in the previous stage and their literacy and numeracy skills will become more developed

- **Years 9 and 10 (developing pathways)** - your child will develop greater independence and will begin to develop preferred areas of interest for their learning.

At each stage your child will develop skills and learn subjects targeted to the level of understanding and comprehension expected at this age.

**Prep to Year 4**

**Curriculum**
The Prep to Year 4 curriculum emphasises the importance of reading, writing, spelling, essential maths and problem solving skills.

Students are also encouraged to explore the world around them and are given opportunities to develop physical, creative and information and communication technology (ICT) skills.

Students will work with the whole class, but at other times will be grouped for sessions with those who have similar needs. This allows students to work both independently and cooperatively with other children and teachers.

**Years 5 to 8**

**Curriculum**
The curriculum in Years 5 and 6 requires students to ask more developed and focused questions as well as investigate a variety of issues as they prepare to start secondary school.

Students are encouraged to take part in situations and solve problems that relate to real life, and to work with their local community and use resources outside their school.

In addition, students are encouraged to identify possible pathways for their future learning, and teachers are on hand to assist with the transition from primary to secondary education.
THIS TERM 1/2S HAVE BEEN STUDYING SCIENCE—THE SEASONS/WEATHER. HERE ARE SOME SAMPLES OF THEIR WORK.

Emily Abdallah

Kawsar Chebbo
We wish to thank Richard Galbraith for coming to our school. He has been kind and donated books to our library for all the children to enjoy. He also gave the school 2 original colour prints we will have framed and displayed.

1/2 Grades Comment:
“We had fun last week drawing with Richard Galbraith”

3/4 Grades Comment:
“We enjoyed the cartoon workshop so much that we have been doing drawings from Richard’s books ever since! Without attending this workshop, we don’t believe we would ever have learnt to draw cartoons so well. Richard Galbraith is an awesome cartoonist and we learnt a lot of tips and tricks from him. Our favourite part was adding speech bubbles to our characters. Thank you for teaching us cartooning—we can’t wait to have you back again”.

5/6 Grades Comment:
“On the 22nd of July, 2013 Richard Galbraith came to Lalor Gardens. He is a cartoonist and he taught us how to draw different cartoon characters. Everyone was amazed by what he drew and at the same time it was really fun. There was also better news, you could buy one of Richard’s books. Some of us bought some so we can really improve on our drawing and we will have it to remember the special day forever!!”
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**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

If you are eligible for EMA and didn’t apply at the start of 2013, tomorrow (Friday 1st August) is the last day to apply. Late applications will not be accepted.

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**Live locally, Learn Locally.**

– What’s possible for you in 2013?

**Diamond Valley Learning Centre**

Diamond Valley Learning Centre has 40 years’ experience in delivering accredited, pre accredited and recreational programs locally

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For a copy of the DVLC Semester 2 brochure go to [www.dvlc.org.au](http://www.dvlc.org.au) or call us on 9435 9060
LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

will be celebrating the one Year Anniversary in our new school building

on Wednesday 14th August

We will be having
• a sausage sizzle lunch for students and
• some special learning area activities

Order forms for this special lunch - $2 for a sausage and a drink will be sent home next week

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the lunches. If you can assist please leave your name and number at the Office and you will be contacted by the Fund Raising Committee. If you can spare an hour or two please come and help!
Make Cute Egg Carton Spiders

What you need:
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Egg carton
- Skewer
- Black pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Scissors
- White craft glue

Activity:
Cut the bumpy half of your egg carton into individual egg cups.
Using the skewer or sharp pencil, make eight holes in the bottom edge of each egg cup, four on each side (see note), these are for your pipe cleaner legs to poke through.
Paint each egg cup black, and let dry.
Push a pipe cleaner in through one hole and out the opposite side’s hole.
Bend the legs at halfway for knees and then a small section at the end for the feet.
Repeat for each of the legs.
Glue on googly eyes, and your egg carton spider is ready to pounce!

Notes:
- To safely punch neat holes in your egg cups, place a large blob of blu-tac on your work surface, and position your egg cup on top where you want your hole to be. Pierce through the egg cup and into the blu tac with your skewer - this creates a neat hole without harming your fingers! A pen or sharp pencil are also good tools for this job.
- Pre-cut the carton and prepare the holes ahead of time for group or party use.
- You can make your spiders as colourful as you like - why not use bright colours and sprinkle on some glitter before the paint dries?
- To hang your spider, pierce a hole in the top of each egg cup, and carefully thread the two ends of a 60cm length of string through the hole, so the ends are inside the egg cup. Knot the ends inside the egg cup so it won’t pull out, and hang your spider wherever you wish!