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

**BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 4 WEEK 3- USING APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE**

The words we choose to say are often determined by the environment we are in and the people to whom we are talking. Good communicators understand that we need to choose language that is appropriate to various situations. If you are speaking to your elderly aunt, you will probably use language different from that chosen to speak to your best friend. If you met the Prime Minister, you would probably speak differently from talking to your cousin. In the same way, the language we would choose to speak at a football match is likely to be different from that used in a church.

Being able to work out what language is appropriate in a range of circumstances is important. We need to be aware of the needs of those around us and communicate in the best way possible.

**EID-AL-ADHA**

On Tuesday October 15, our Muslim community celebrated Eid-Al-Adha. Eid al-Adha is a significant annual Islamic observance for Muslim communities across Australia. It is also known as the Feast of Sacrifice or Festival of Sacrifice as it commemorates Ibrahim’s (Abraham) willingness to sacrifice his son to God.

The Eid al-Adha festival has a special atmosphere of peace, respect, giving and receiving, as well as sharing and caring. It is a special day for children because it is a day to socialize with family, friends and other children in celebrating Eid al-Adha. Many Muslims are united in prayer at mosques and other appropriate venues during Eid al-Adha. People also exchange gifts with one another and celebrate feasts together.

Eid al-Adha is also a time for many Muslims to make donations to the poor and the needy. This observance is known as the Feast of Sacrifice because it traditionally includes the sacrifice of an animal permitted for food (eg. a lamb) as an act of thanksgiving for God’s mercy. Some of the food is donated for charitable purposes.

Eid al-Adha also follows from the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. This pilgrimage applies to Muslims worldwide, as they are required to perform the Hajj once in their lives. Some Muslims in Australia may travel to Mecca prior to Eid al-Adha to make this pilgrimage.

Anne Hulett
Calendar of Events

Oct 23
♦ Community Open Day
♦ Girls volleyball regional finals

Oct 29
♦ 3/4’s T-20 Blast Cup (cricket)

Oct 30 & Nov 6
♦ 5/6s science program at Thomastown S.C.

Nov 5
♦ Melbourne Cup Day—no school

Nov 12
♦ Scholastic Book Fair
♦ 1/2s Zoo Excursion—all day

Nov 15/Nov 22/Nov 29
♦ 2014 Prep Transition—9.15 am/10.45 am

Nov 19
♦ 5/6 T20 Blast Cup (cricket)
♦ School Council Meeting—6.30 pm

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

Kaiya El Mahmoud
Julian Cabrera
Samir Moscatiello
Isabella Ilieski
Batoul Hamie
Ali Abbas
Violet Thodori

Did you know that Lalor Gardens Primary School now has EFTPOS available?

So you can pay your school contributions, excursions and school camp by debit/credit card at the school office ($10.00 minimum).
“VOICE”

Prep A  Filsan Moussa  For always using an appropriate voice when speaking to friends and teachers.

Prep B  Bill Nielsen  For speaking confidently and using his voice appropriately when speaking to his classmates.

Prep C  Nicholas Huynh  Nicholas speaks confidently to others and is always eager to contribute to class discussions.

1/2A  Batool Alamara  For showing confidence in using her voice in different situations.

1/2B  Layal El Kantar  For speaking with confidence to her classmates and teachers and for working hard and trying her best.

1/2C  AJ Sakaria  For using a clear, confident voice when sharing his opinions with the class.

1/2D  Justin Stefanovski  For being able to change the tone of his voice to suit the situation and for using his voice appropriately this week.

1/2E  Samir Moscatiello  For making some good efforts to use his voice to communicate with others in different situations. Well done Samir!

3/4A  Ali Khochaiche  For having a great start to the term! It is great to see you challenging yourself in maths and using an appropriate voice to communicate with your classmates and friends.

3/4B  Maya El-kotob  For using her voice effectively in different situations. Well done Maya!

3/4D  Natalia Hana  For using a calm voice and tone in order to solve a conflict. Well done Natalia.

5/6A  Ramy Aljalil  Ramy has been using his voice confidently and responsibly in the right situation. Well done Ramy!

5/6B  Emile Sagaga  For using his voice appropriately in different situations. Well done Emile!

5/6C  Zeynap El-Ali  Zeynap is really confident with speaking and she always puts her hand up.

5/6D  Dilara Bicer  For always sharing what is on her mind and speaking up when she is feeling doubtful about something.
Student Attendance Report:

![Histogram showing student attendance rates](image)

**Student Attendance Rate Term 4 Week 1 2013**

Congratulations to 3/4C & 3/4D who had 99% Attendance last week. Well done!

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**FUN RUN**

This year’s school fun run will be held on Monday the 11th of November. It’s a healthy way to raise funds for our school and students can earn great prizes at the same time. Students will bring home their sponsorship forms this Friday the 18th of October.

Thanks from,

**The Fundraising Committee**
COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 23/10/13

Badge Making/Book Mark Making in the Library.

Have fun making your own badge/book mark. Bring a photo from home or a picture from a magazine of your favourite pop star, actor or TV personality to use for your badges. Your photo or picture must fit in the template below (6cm). Cost for this activity is $1.00. Book marks will also be laminated for you at a cost of $1.
On Wednesday 23rd October 2013 Lalor Gardens Primary School is holding a “Community Open Day” in celebration of our new school, so put this date in your diary. Come along and bring your family and friends!

The school will be open from 9.00 am-5.30 pm with the Official Opening taking place at 4.00 pm.

On the day:
* Students need to wear full school uniform
* Students need to bring their normal lunch
* Entry for visitors will ONLY be via the School Office
* After 3.30pm parents will need to supervise their own child/ren (no student can remain at school without their parent)
* More information will be going out next week from each grade area about their activities

* Please note the price of items for purchase on the day. Come along and have a fun time!

A TIMETABLE OF EVENTS FOR EACH AREA WILL BE SENT HOME TOMORROW FOR PARENTS TO CHECKOUT WHAT THEIR CHILD WILL BE INVOLVED IN DURING THE DAY

Please make sure you can make our Official Opening and Art Auction commencing at 4.00pm
BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE ON THIS DAY
(instead of Tuesday)
STARTING FROM 8.15 (Bring your parents along)

- Nail Painting $2.00
- Face Painting $1.00
- Badge Making $1.00
- Bookmark Making $1.00
- Cordial 50cents
- Zooper Doopers 50cents
- Chocolate Freddos $1.00
- Chips/Popcorn 50cents
- Cakes $1.00
- Tea/Coffee $1.00
- Devonshire Tea $3.00
- Art Auction (4.30pm) Starting from $5.00
  (EFTPOS will be available for purchases $10 and over).

** Art Work is on display in the School Foyer

BRING YOUR MONEY ON THE DAY
**TEACHING & LEARNING**

*How is speaking and listening taught?*

Speaking and listening play a vital role in all learning and is given the same importance in the classroom as reading and writing.

Learning to speak and listen effectively is a lifelong process of learning about language and using language for social, cultural and academic purposes.

Talking is used for:
- interacting with others
- thinking aloud
- working out ideas
- considering possibilities
- building on the responses of others.

At school students learn and practise their skills in speaking and listening by sharing their experiences and new learning. They do this in:
- pair work, group work, whole class discussions
- share time
- debates
- guided small group discussion
- formal presentations.

Students need to develop skills in sharing ideas, listening to others, clarifying misunderstandings, changing the topic and being able to present another point of view in an appropriate manner.

**How can parents help?**

It is important that you model to your child appropriate speaking and listening skills. When listening to your child talk, ensure that your behaviour demonstrates that you are listening, not just hearing by asking purposeful questions.

If you speak a language other than English at home, continue to support your child in maintaining the home language. Being able to speak more than one language is a good thing.

Encourage your child to tell you about their day. This helps your child work out what a listener needs to know and prepares them for writing.

Encourage your child to explain the decisions they are making. Listen and respond in a positive manner and attempt to avoid ending the conversation with your opinion.

Talk with your child about the things you do together such as reading, using the computer, watching videos and socialising. Often younger children will restart conversations later in the day when they have had time to think about the topic.
School Fete 2013

Sunday
10th November
10am - 4pm
Epping Views Primary School
20 Mansfield Street
Epping

Face Painting
Dunk a teacher competition
Rides
Jumping Castle
Balloons
Yoga, Martial Arts, Meditation Displays
Show Bags
Hampers
Canteen Drinks BBQ
Darts
With The Great Stalls
Food & Drinks

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Mill Park Leisure Centre
Morang Drive
Mill Park

5:30 pm Every Tuesday & Thursday
10:00am Saturdays

Martial Arts Tuition Specialists
These are photos of 5/6 A and B and Prep C dancing for “healthy bodies”.
On 5/6B
Make A Halloween Mask

Challenge your kids to see who can make the scariest mask with this fabulously fun Halloween mask activity. These scary monster masks can be made by even the youngest in the family so enjoy this fun art and craft project this Halloween.

What you need:

- Paper plates
- Markers
- Colourful pens or pencils
- Scissors
- String or yarn

Activity:

Measure where the eye holes on the mask should be by holding a paper plate up to each child’s face and marking the area carefully with a pen. Cut the eye holes out of each mask. Give each child some markers, pens or pencils and let them decorate their masks in their own way. Punch a hole in either side of the mask edge and thread a string through, knotting the ends to secure in place. Slip the finished masks over the kids faces and watch as they transform into hairy, scary Halloween monsters.