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

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 4 WEEK 8

TEAMWORK
Why Learn This Skill:
Teamwork is very important at our school and used in many ways. You need teamwork if you are in a sports team, a music group, a cooperative learning group or when trying to complete or make something that requires cooperation. Teamwork is all about working with others to produce the best team result. It is about using your talents and interests with others to achieve something together.

What You Can Try:
Encourage others in your group to do their best
Put the team interests ahead of your own interests
Recognise everyone’s contribution to the team and congratulate them

What You Should Avoid:
Don’t criticise team members even when things go wrong
Don’t try to dominate them

MAKING DECISIONS IN A GROUP

Why Learn This Skill?
There are all sorts of ways to make a decision in a group. Sometimes a decision has to be made as a group for the good of everyone, so that everyone benefits. In some situations, if one person makes the decision for everyone because that is what that person wants, then some people will be disappointed. When we make decisions in a group, we can negotiate, suggest and persuade so that we can hear everyone’s ideas and discuss the best solution. We need to listen to everyone’s point of view and then work together to make the decision.

There are other ways to make decisions in the group.

You could try:
A majority vote (like in elections)
Giving the leader the right to make the decision
Taking it in turns to make the decision
Agree with the person who feels most strongly

What you should avoid:
Don’t just ask one or two people, ask everyone
Don’t see it as losing if your idea is not accepted

SCHOOL COUNCIL STUDENT REQUISITES AND SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014

The School Council Student Requisites and Subject Contributions will be distributed today (Thursday). All parents are required to pay the requisites and subject contributions regardless of whether you receive EMA or not as the school no longer receives a portion of the EMA allocation. The 2014 fees are set at $165 to account for increased costs of resources.

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Calendar of Events

Nov 22
♦ Interschool Sport
  TE/STC vs LG

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

Dec 10
♦ School Council
  Meeting –6.30 pm

Dec 12
♦ Goodwill
  Gathering

Dec 16
♦ 5/6 Graduation

Dec 17
♦ Student Reports
  sent home

Dec 19
♦ Grade 5/6 End of Year Excursion

Dec 20
♦ Last Day Term 4
  Students finish
  1.00 pm

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

Emilia Bogoevski
Daniel Georgievski
Cameron Kane
Digvijay Digvijay
Tamara Grmusa
Alexander Taskovski
Zena Elzohbi

A MESSAGE FROM
LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of School Council I am responding to a letter received from some parents in relation to students being sent out to play during inclement weather. School Council believes that the school acted in accordance with the school policy in regard to this matter (see the policy document opposite). When it began to rain during the recess break on November 13, the teacher on yard duty alerted the administration and the children were called into school. Depending on where the children were playing at the time, may have meant some children may have gotten wet. Children who do get really wet are sent to the office and parents called on an individual basis as the need arises.

It is the responsibility of parents to provide their children with appropriate warm clothing to wear outside during recess and lunch breaks during colder weather eg warm clothing, weather proof jackets, additional socks, appropriate weather proof shoes/sneakers and possibly even gum boots given the nature of the yard that has not been fully landscaped as yet. In terms 4 and one, parents are expected to provide their children with school hats that provide head protection from both the sun and light rain and school uniforms that cover their necks, shoulders and arms. School Council believes that the school takes its responsibility seriously in relation to this matter and endorses the action taken.

Connie Mihalas
School Council President
On Behalf of the Lalor Gardens PS Council
1.0 **Rationale:**
Schools have a duty of care to staff and students at all times. This duty of care includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside.

1.0 **Guidelines**
2.1 Ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather by consistently implementing a planned management strategy that will cater for all circumstances.
2.2 Inclement weather is generally defined as extreme heat, rain, lightning, high winds or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable.

3.0 **Implementation:**
3.1 As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be developed by the school for when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
3.2 Where inclement weather is obvious prior to children being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Principal/Assistant Principal advising class teachers to follow the inclement weather time-table until further notice.
3.3 In such cases, teachers will supervise a number of home groups (as previously agreed to by the teachers concerned), for half the recess or lunch break, then swap over.
3.4 All children will be confined to classrooms unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break.
3.5 Children will be expected to walk indoors at all times and undertake appropriate indoor games and activities.
3.6 In the case of inclement weather during a recess break, a yard duty teacher will inform the Principal/Assistant Principal of the possible need to activate the inclement weather timetable.
3.7 The Principal/Assistant Principal will assess the situation and make the decision to call the children inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teachers will continue to supervise outside.
3.8 In the event of children being required to come inside the school buildings, yard duty teachers will supervise entry to the school briefly while designated teachers make their way to the classrooms, or other areas, that they are required to supervise.
3.9 All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4 consistent with the school’s SunSmart policy.
3.10 Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.

3.0 **Evaluation:**
4.1 This policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis as part of the school’s annual policy review process.
Student Attendance Report:

Congratulations to 1/2C and 3/4A who had 98% Attendance last week. Well done!

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

at Lalor Gardens Primary School
134 Kingsway Drive, Lalor 3075

Don’t miss out, please come to the school office for an enrolment form, so we can include your child in our Prep Grades for 2014.

School tours are available at a time convenient to you, just call 9465 1351.
“CONSEQUENCES”

Prep A Khoder Ali  For understanding that positive actions have a positive consequence. Well done Khoder.

Prep B Fatima Ali  For being a responsible worker and she always makes appropriate choices at the right time.

Prep C Ali Alsamawi  For always making positive choices with his work effort and behaviour.

1/2A Hailey Eishold  For thinking before she acts and knowing that there can be consequences for our actions and always making the right decisions for her learning.

1/2B Jonathan Stefanovski  For doing lots of extra homework and learning his times tables so he can be Quiz Whiz champion.

1/2C Milan Grmusa  Milan thinks before he acts, knowing that there can be consequences for our actions and he chooses to make the right decisions.

1/2D Wil Rice  For being a responsible worker who makes the right and appropriate choices at the right time.

1/2E Nathan North  For being aware that actions come with consequences, and for making good choices. Well done Nathan!

3/4A Leon Cibolja  For making responsible, mature decisions about his learning and accepting when he has done something wrong, taking steps to address his behaviour so it doesn’t happen again. Great work!

3/4B Joshua Fancellu  For understanding about logical consequences and working hard in class to achieve his best work.

3/4C Joey Tawil  For displaying greater understanding of how consequences of actions can be positive or negative.

5/6A Ali Al Musawi  For understanding the consequences when he had done something wrong. Good job Ali!

5/6B Emily Nardella  For always showing respect and always listening to the consequences. Well done, superstar!

5/6D Ayman Yehia  For knowing that all of his actions have consequences and that he needs to make the right choices to get good consequences.
TEACHING & LEARNING

Family Maths Challenge

Over the past few weeks we have been discussing the importance of Mathematics and providing some tips and strategies on how you can support your children at home. This week we are providing you with a few short challenges that you can complete with your children. Answers will be provided in next week’s Newsletter.

One important thing to remember about math problems: they are supposed to get you thinking. They are not supposed to just jump out at you, or be derived from following a few steps. Children need practice thinking. They need to know that thinking takes time. They need to learn not to give up when it doesn’t come easily. The greatest thing you can teach them is to ‘hang in there,’ and keep thinking. Let them know - let them know - let them know that this is the way of mathematics. And that now they’re doing MATH.

Boiled Eggs - You have to boil an egg for exactly 15 minutes, but you have no watch or clock. You have only a 7-minute and an 11-minute hourglass. How can you time exactly 15 minutes using just these two hourglasses?

Numbers to 100 - Can you use the digits from 0 through 9 - using any of the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - so that when you do the math you get 100? Each number can be used only once, but you can use them in any order that you like.

Traveling trains - Everyone thinks they hate these kind of problems, but give this one a try. It’s not complicated, but you just might miss something....

a. Trains leave every hour, on the hour from Chicago to Peoria, and from Peoria to Chicago.
b. It is a two hour route.
c. They travel on parallel tracks.
d. Your train leaves Chicago at noon.

How many trains will you see out your window, going in the opposite direction, during your trip to Peoria?

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for their support.
We raised $532.00 which will be used to purchase new books for our Library.
Maggie & Rosa—Library
On Tuesday the 19th of November a selected number of grade 5/6 girls and boys travelled to Epping Reserve for a fun and exciting day of modified cricket competition. The day turned out to be one of the hottest days in November but it didn’t stop our cricketers from having an excellent day. The boys were very competitive winning 2 games out 4. The girls won 3 games, which put them into the grand final. The girls played a magnificent game and fell 7 points short of grand final win. What a great effort!
Lalor Gardens’ children did themselves proud by being competitive and by using excellent sportsmanship behavior.
CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful day!