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

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 4 WEEK 9—REVIEW OF THE TERM TOPICS

This term’s Blooming Great Kids Topics were

VOICE, BODY LANGUAGE, APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, BEING HELPFUL, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, CONSEQUENCES, SUGGESTING AND PERSUADING/NEOTIATING (NOT BOSSING), TEAMWORK AND MAKING DECISIONS IN A GROUP AND LEADERSHIP

It has been great to see the children practise the skills associated with these topics and embed them within their actions and words on a daily basis. During the holidays it would be fantastic if you could reinforce these areas so they become part of what the children do at all times.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4—FINISHING TIME 1.00 PM

Parents please note that school finishes at **1.00 pm on Friday December 20**. There will be an assembly at 12.30 pm and children will be dismissed from there. Parents are required to pick their children up at this time as the school will be vacated by 1.30 pm.

START OF TERM 1 ARRANGEMENTS IN 2014

Students in Years 1—6 will be required to return to school on **Wednesday January 29 2014**. Prep students will begin school on the following **Monday February 3, 2014**. The Prep testing program will take place from Wednesday January 29 to Friday January 31 2014. Letters will be sent home to 2014 Prep parents advising you of the time of your child’s testing.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

The major upcoming events prior to the end of the year are as follows:

- Final School Council Meeting on Tuesday December 10
- Goodwill Gathering on Thursday December 12
- Grade 6 Graduation on Monday December 16

REMINDER SCHOOL COUNCIL STUDENT REQUISITES FOR 2014

All parents are expected to pay for the School Council Student 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. Parents received these forms last week. Payment by EFTPOS is now available. You can either pay the fees in a lump sum or in 4 instalments.

Anne T Hulet
Calendar of Events

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—bowling & pizza

Dec 20
♦ Last Day Term 4 Students finish 1.00 pm

Congratulations to the following student who has a birthday today (5th December).

Adam Kahric

Thank you

The Lalor Gardens Breakfast club has finished for the year. I would like to thank the JSC for all their fantastic help during the whole year. They have displayed such a great effort and terrific leadership with providing breakfast for our students this year. I would also like to thank the other grade 5/6 students who gave their time to help out the JSC.

I would like to thank our sponsors in Baker's Delight Epping Plaza and Thomastown Supa IGA who have provided all the wonderful items for our Breakfast Club which has been a success once again. We hope their support will continue next year.

Mr. Vann
Congratulations to 3/4D who had 100% Attendance last week. Well done!
“TEAMWORK/MAKING DECISIONS IN A GROUP”

Prep C  Christian Taneski  For being a cooperative team member and helping his group to make decisions.
1/2A  Hussein Radi  For working positively along side others in the classroom that assist him in his learning. Hussein makes good decisions in group situations to ensure he gets along with everyone. Well done!
1/2B  Damon Laskaris  For being a very kind and helpful friend to his classmates and trying very hard to do his best work at school.
1/2C  Klajdi Qyteza  Klajdi works well with other people and tries to solve problems within the group by being a good friend and listening to others.
1/2D  Bilal El-kotob  For the great effort he has shown by working co-operatively in group work.
1/2E  Makala McKenzie  For being a great team member by sharing the work and helping others. Well done Makala!
3/4A  Dylan Gorgioski  For being able to work with others and reach a compromise. Keep up the great work!
3/4B  Hassan Fatfat  For always working nicely in team work activities. Well done!
3/4C  Michael Bagnato  For considering other people’s point of view when working in a group.
3/4D  Jasleen Kaur  For displaying good behaviour all week and displaying great teamwork.
5/6A  Kelly Mihalas  Kelly can work in any team or group situation with any person. She always makes the correct decisions.
5/6B  Mario Mitrovski  For showing team work and making fair decisions inside and outside in the yard. Fantastic job Mario!
5/6C  Brandon Ocello  For always participating in team work decisions. Well done Brandon!
5/6D  Cameron Kane  For always being a fair and productive team member.
TEACHING & LEARNING

The summer holidays are a great way to spend time with your children. The following are some ways to have fun and keep your children engaged with learning.

Visit the library
Find out what interests your child and select books on that subject. Participate in free library summer programs and make time to read every day.

Take educational trips
These can be low-cost visits to parks, the beach, museums, zoos and nature centres. When planning holidays, consider those with educational themes.

Practice math daily
Measure items around the house or backyard. Track daily temperatures. Add and subtract at the supermarket the cost of items. Cooking is a chance to learn fractions. Every day experiences can be fun and interesting, while giving kids opportunities to learn the skills they need.

Get outside and play
Limit TV and video game time, just as you do during the school year. Intense physical activity and exercise contribute to healthy development.

Do good deeds
Students learn better and "act out" less when they engage in activities that aid in their social-emotional development, such as helping others. Set your children small tasks where they can help around the home.

Keep a schedule
It makes sense to continue daily routines during the summer and to continue to provide structure and limits. The key is providing a balance and keeping kids engaged.

Locate a school holiday program
There are high-quality summer camps and programs in almost every price range. Camps offered by schools, recreation centers, universities, and community-based organisations often have an educational or enrichment focus.

KEEP THEM LEARNING OVER SUMMER!
The 5/6 area have been studying debating and have been conducting our own debates on various topics that affect our school such as should we have camp each year or should tackling been banned from interschool sport? They have all done a fantastic job at speaking and as an audience.
THE 5/6'S
Annual Lalor Gardens Goodwill Gathering

Date: Thursday December 12

Time: 5.00 pm—7.30 pm

Who’s Invited:
LGPS students and immediate family

Students Attending Must be Accompanied By An Adult

Items for Sale:

- Beef Sausages in Roll with Sauce $2.00
- Drinks $1.00
- Fruit Tube Icy poles 50¢
The GYMSPORTS ACADEMY

SUMMER SERIES

Commencing Monday 6th January 2014

General Gym series, Kindergym, Kidz Time (parents night off), Handstand and Cartwheel Clinics, Gym and Cheer camps, Dance, Circus skill clinic, Circuit play, Dynamic Dance, Party Parachute fun and Tumble Time.

SIGN UP NOW- visit www.gymacademy.com.au for timetable and call 8401 3595 or email admin@gymacademy.com.au to book.
LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property Box is again overflowing with items of clothing (unnamed) that have not been claimed.

Please check and take any lost property before the end of the school year as all of these items will be disposed of.

Please make sure you name all our child’s clothing.
From September, 5 things to remember

*Slip!* *Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!*

From September, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise, so it’s time to dust off the sun protection gear and *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide* whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times – you can find it on the free SunSmart app, online ([sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free website widget. If you can’t check the UV Alert each day, make sure you use sun protection every day from September to the end of April in Victoria. Don’t just wait for hot, sunny days.

**Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it’s cool or cloudy**

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child’s skin covered with cool clothing today?

2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?

3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child’s hat protect all of these areas?

4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun’s UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?

5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child’s eyes with sunglasses. Are your child’s eyes safe in the sun?

**A note about vitamin D**

The sun’s UV is the best natural source of vitamin D.

From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure to the face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

Children with naturally very dark brown or black skin need even more sun exposure to help with vitamin D. These children usually don’t need to apply sunscreen but they should still use the other SunSmart steps during sun protection times.

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Brick the whole family and enjoy the beginning of the festive season with your community at 2013 Carols by Candlelight. The Community Carols Choir have been busy rehearsing and will perform alongside the Diamond Valley Brass Band. Santa and his mischievous elves have been known to make a special appearance. Free entertainment includes face painting, live nativity scene, animal farm and art workshops.

Friday 13 December 2013
7pm – 10pm
Redleap Reserve, Redleap Avenue, Mill Park (Melway 9K4)

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