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

LGPS 2013 TALENT QUEST

A HUGE THANKYOU is due to Mrs Bev Guest our Performing Arts teacher who organised a talent quest for our students. There were many entries and yesterday the finalists performed in front of the students, who got to vote for the best acts. What was really evident is that there is such a wide variety of talent at our school. (I don’t know about Australia’s Got Talent. What I do know is that our Blooming Great School is full of talented young people). The fore most voted for and best acts will be performing at the Goodwill Gathering on Thursday evening. They are:

1st. Achmed (Magic)
2nd. Marija (Dancing)
3rd. Alex (Rap Dancing)
4th. Natalia and Laila (Singing and Dancing)

Congratulations to the other finalists:
Kaiya and Samira, Zeynap and Jamila, Jessica and Angelina, Brody, Sienna, Bouchra and Lena.

Thank you to all the children who actually participated in this talent quest. While you were not successful this year, keep working at it and you never know, next year you might win.

REMINDER!!! 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.

REMINDER!!!!! 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 EVENT TONIGHT

**Goodwill Gathering 5.00 PM**

Anne T Hulett

Principal: Anne Hulett  
School Phone No.: 9465 1351  
www.lalgardensps.vic.edu.au
Calendar of Events

Dec 12
♦ Goodwill Gathering
  5.00 pm/7.30 pm

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 students who have or will be celebrating a birthday this week.

Charlene Dang
Uwais Alhabshi
Lena Papadimitriou
Tien Nguyen
Filsan Moussa
Bahri Retzepoglou
Aiden Mesquita
D.J. Ah San

TERM DATES FOR 2014:

Term 1:  Wednesday 29th January (Grade 1-6) to Friday 4th April
Preps will commence on:
Monday 3rd February
(no school on Wednesday, until March)

Term 2:  Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 27th June

Term 3:  Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September

Term 4:  Monday 6th October to Friday 19th December
Student Attendance Report:

Congratulations to 5/6B 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.
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<td>Prep A</td>
<td>Alex Zaekis</td>
<td>For displaying excellent Leadership qualities for your Prep year. Well done!</td>
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<td>Alyssa Pampanella</td>
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<td>Imogen Bower</td>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Leyla Donmez</td>
<td>For working well with others when doing group work.</td>
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<td>Tiana Najdovska</td>
<td>For showing good leadership skills and helping others get organised when doing group work.</td>
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<td>Prep C</td>
<td>Vivian Huynh</td>
<td>For being a positive role model to others and encouraging others to do the right thing.</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Mihailo Trpeski</td>
<td>For being responsible members of the class and setting a good example for their peers. They help out when needed and use their initiative. Well done!</td>
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<td>Venice Scott-Recchia</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Jennifer Le</td>
<td>For setting a great example by always putting in extra effort in class.</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Kyle Sheng</td>
<td>For being a responsible member of the class and setting a good example for her peers. Kylie helps out when needed and uses her initiative on a daily basis. Well done Kylie!</td>
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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Nawar Al Najar</td>
<td>For demonstrating good leadership qualities by helping her peers with their tasks and problems.</td>
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<td>Zena Elzohbi</td>
<td>For being a responsible member of our class and setting an excellent example for her peers. Well done Zena!</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Alex Nguyen</td>
<td>For showing great leadership when welcoming our 2014 Preps during Prep Transition. Great effort!</td>
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<td>3/4D</td>
<td>Kim Nguyen</td>
<td>For always showing great leadership within our classroom. Well done Kim.</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Achmad Jufri</td>
<td>For always showing good leadership in a team. He always respects others opinions.</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Alex Tran</td>
<td>For always displaying our school values and leading others by being a fabulous role model. Well done Alex, keep it up!</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Thao Tran</td>
<td>For continually showing leadership skills by being a role model and a responsible student.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Rain Scott-Recchia</td>
<td>For being able to listen to others and contribute well to the organisation of her group and to the specific requirements of the task.</td>
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Summer Reading Tips.

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills.

Please remember though that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day.
Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

2. Set a good example!
Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mum and dad.

3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.
This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

4. Buy books on tape.
Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

5. Take your children to the library regularly.
Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they have read, and listen to what they say.

8. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.
Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.
**CHOIR**

The Lalor Gardens’ School Choir is made up of students from grades 3 to 6. The choir usually rehearses once a week during lunchtime and any student who has an interest in singing is welcome. The choir sing the National Anthem at School Assembly and other school functions. This year’s highlights include performances at the Northern Metropolitan Region’s ‘Schools of Rock’ and Lalor North Secondary College’s ‘Big Night Out’, and our Community Open Day. Congratulations to all this year’s choir members.

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**TALENT SHOW**

This year we held our very first Talent Show. The selection process began with students participating in auditions, which took place over many weeks. Well done to all those students. Then there were 3 semi-finals with students from each grade being invited to be audience members and vote for their favourites. Nine acts made it through to the Grand Final, which was held last week. Congratulations to all the Finalists. The whole school attended and voted for the winners who will perform at the Goodwill Gathering.
MUSIC CAPTAINS

A BIG THANKYOU to this year’s music captains:

  Alexandra Pontinelli
  Brittney Magnone
  Zeynap El-Ali
  Gemma Dimitrijevski

The captains assist with many tasks including setting up the equipment for Assembly. They played an important part in the organisation and running of the Talent Show.

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

The grade 1/2s rehearsed and performed to the famous music ‘The Carnival of the Animals’ by Camille Saint-Saens. They wore masks they had made in Visual Arts with Ms Harris.
Lalor Gardens’ Very Own Swimming Champion

Congratulations again to Philip Bogoevski as he continues to dominate the world of swimming. Philip is pictured below showing the preps his medals from the Echuca Swimming Carnival. He received 2 gold medals for freestyle and backstroke and a bronze for breaststroke. Philip is competing in the 2014 Victorian Age Longcourse Championships next week, an event he has been training for all year. On behalf of Lalor Gardens I would like to wish Philip the best of luck on performing to the best of his abilities.

Michael De Leo
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.

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at Epping SC, Lalor SC, Roxburgh SC & Thomastown SC

The Victorian School of Languages (VSL) is a DEECD government school service assisting all government, Catholic and independent schools in the State with the provision of Languages Other than English. There is a VSL campus at Epping, Lalor, Roxburgh and Thomastown Secondary Colleges, offering:

Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Khmer, Macedonian, Punjabi, Sinhala, Spanish, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese from Year 1-12. Other languages can be introduced according to demand – contact us for requests. An annual materials charge of $70 for Year 1-10 students and $85 for VCE applies. Enrolment for 2014 is now available online at http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au/enrol/.
Please contact Area Manager Mr. Khalaf Greis by email north@vsl.vic.edu.au if you require further assistance. Or 9464 0848
EMA
(Education Maintenance Allowance)

If you have a health care card and are eligible for EMA, please complete the application form and return to LGPS office no later than 28th February, 2014. Late Applications cannot be processed.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the “over flowing” lost property box before the end of term as all items not named will be disposed of.
Please ensure that all your child’s clothing is named.

Australia Day Celebrations
SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2014
Where: Council Offices, Terrace Lawns
25 Ferres Boulevard, SOUTH MORANG
(Melway 183 A10)
When: 6pm – 9.30pm
Admission: FREE
Contact: 9217 2174

Get your dancing shoes ready, collect an Australian flag as you arrive and celebrate Australia Day with your local community. Australian rock music legend Ross Wilson and his band the Peaceniks will entertain the crowds as they perform favourites such as Eagle Rock and Come Said the Boy. The City of Whittlesea Australia Day Awards, which recognise the achievements of local residents, will be presented and a fireworks finale will complete a great evening.

Transfiguration of Our Lord Greek School

Modern Greek language classes offered every Saturday at St Clare’s Catholic Primary School in Thomastown from 9:00am – 1:30pm during the educational year (includes traditional dance lessons & a class specifically for students from Greece).

For further information, please call the Parish on (03) 9465 9907.

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Congratulations to the Boys Rounders Team

Our boys rounders team were awarded Premiers of the Lalor District in inter-school sport. Not only were they Premiers, they also went through the whole season undefeated. It was a great effort by the boys who put in 100% effort every week and were complimented by the other schools for their teamwork, sportsmanship and overall play.

During Term 3, the 5/6’s grades have been interviewing, grandparents and relatives about their lives. With Lalor North S.C.’s help, these stories were all assembled into a book, yesterday a copy of the book was presented to Lalor Gardens PS.