



# LABURNUM PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OUR VISION

Learn • Thrive • Contribute

## OUR VALUES

Curiosity • Respect • Integrity • Resilience

19/03/2020

Our new School Council, which is listed below, met for the first time this week. We thank these parents and staff members for their continuing contributions to LPS.

Councillors with one-year remaining (retire March 2021)	
<b><u>Parent Electorate:</u></b> Fiona Wynn Ghazal Taghdir Sean Watt Robert Stilling	<b><u>Dept of Education &amp; Training Electorate:</u></b> Narelle Sime Jo Braden
Councillors elected in 2020 (retire March 2022)	
Tom Harper Philip Grainger-Smith Michael Johnson (School Council President) Georgina Raudon	Kathy Verbi Michael Mottershead
Community Member (Parents Group) - Jonathan Teow	
Executive Officer: Principal - Kim Dray	

As School Council operates through its sub-committees, we invite any interested Laburnum P.S. parents or carers to participate in these. Meetings are listed on the school calendar. Please email our office if you would like to receive the agenda for a sub-committee meeting.

Parents Group is also represented at School Council and their meetings are also open to interested parents. Please consider joining this committed and welcoming group of parents.

This is our final newsletter for Term 1. The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 23 April (Week 2). Please continue to check your email for any updates on the Coronavirus situation. The same communication is uploaded to the school website's home page for ease of translation into multiple community languages.

It has certainly been an eventful term. I thank our staff for their support and professionalism, as well as all those parents who have been so positive and encouraging.

School finishes at 2:30 p.m. next Friday 27 March and resumes on Tuesday 14 April. Have a safe break everyone.

*Kim Dray*



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### PLEASE CHECK ON SKOOLBAG CALENDAR

#### Friday 20 March

NO School Assembly

#### Friday 27 March

End of Term 1 - School finishes 2:30pm

NO School Assembly

#### Tuesday 14 April

Term 2 starts - 9am

Parents Group meeting - 7pm

#### Wednesday 15 April

2021 Prep School Tour 10am

#### Friday 17 April

School Assembly 3pm

Second Hand uniform shop 3 - 4pm

#### Tuesday 21 April

2021 Prep School Tour 10am

#### Friday 24 April

School Assembly 3pm

#### Wednesday 29 April

2021 Prep School Tour 10am

#### Friday 1 May

School Assembly 3pm

Second Hand uniform shop 3 - 4pm

**Meetings are in the Staff/Community Centre unless indicated otherwise**

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## ***Sports News***

### ***EMR (Eastern Metropolitan Region) Swimming Carnival***

All teachers and staff at Laburnum Primary School are very proud to acknowledge our amazing student athlete, Angela A in 5A, for competing in the Regional Swimming Carnival at Aquanation Ringwood on Friday 13th March. Angela competed in the 50m breaststroke event and placed 3rd overall. A fantastic result, and one that Angela will undoubtedly be very proud of. We wish Angela all the best as she continues her swimming pursuits outside of school!

### ***Important Sporting Updates!***

School Sport Victoria, our governing body regarding all sporting events, has postponed all inter-school sport activities due to coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns. Several measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of our students and the broader community.

### ***House Cross Country:***

Based on the advice from SSV (School Sport Victoria) and from the Department of Education and Training, our annual term two House Cross Country will be postponed until further notice. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

### ***Interschool Sport:***

School Sport Victoria has already postponed a number of school sport events planned for the remainder of Term 1 and possibly for the start of Term 2.

We recognise the hard work from teachers and students in preparing to participate in these events. We also recognise the incredible work of our committed School Sport Victoria Coordinators and sporting partners in organising and running events.

We are all working together to ensure the safety of students and all others involved in school sport and ask for your patience and consideration at this time.

School Sport Victoria will be reviewing the Inter-school sport program over the coming weeks. At this stage we are unable to advise whether postponed events will be re-scheduled.

Please continue to keep updated through our school communication portals, such as Sentral and fortnightly newsletters, as well as by checking School Sport Victoria communication via their website ([www.ssv.vic.edu.au](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au)), Facebook (School Sport Victoria) and Twitter feeds (@SchoolSportVic).

### ***Team Vic Trials:***

Team Vic events including selection trials and training have been cancelled. This also means that Team Vic teams will not be competing in School Sport Australia Championships.

## INSIGHTS

# Leading the way for children during the Coronavirus pandemic



If you're like me, the news of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has your head spinning and your heart pumping. That's only natural as life as we know has taken a seismic shift in recent days.

International travel bans, cancellation of sporting and cultural events, shopping frenzies and talk of school closures continue to dominate the airwaves. Terms such as social distancing, self-isolation and social lockdowns have entered our vocabularies and may soon become part of our daily lives.

Coronavirus is having an unprecedented impact on our daily lives, and will probably do so for some time. While keeping ourselves and children healthy and safe is our main concern, it's also essential to address the anxieties of children and young people during these changing times. Here are some ideas to help inform, reassure and keep children and young people safe.

### Build on what your children know

Children and young people have already been exposed to a great deal of information about corona virus through media, digital means and direct social contact. Their understanding will vary depending on their age and also the quality of their information sources so you probably will need to help kids process what they already know.

Casual conversations with teenagers and older children can be useful ways to glean their understanding. You could ask questions like "What are you hearing about Coronavirus? Is there anything you're not sure about?" Younger primary age children may need a more direct approach with parents addressing their specific concerns without giving too much information that can overwhelm them.

### Check your own thoughts and feelings

Check your own frame of mind and emotions about COVID-19 before talking to kids. Most children are astute mood detectives and they'll gauge their safety by the way you communicate with them. If you tell a child, "You've got to wash your hands or you'll get infected," you are communicating your own anxieties, making it difficult for them to maintain a healthy state of mind. Have a think about how you can frame your instructions and their importance in a way that doesn't heighten your child's anxieties.

### Stay informed

It's difficult to work out fact from fiction, correct from incorrect, information from exaggeration when the news is changing so fast. However you need to educate yourself about the virus itself, including how it's transmitted and how to stay safe. Get information from trustworthy sources such as The Australian Government Health Department website and the current federal government corona virus information media campaign.

# parenting\*ideas

## Answer questions truthfully

It's important that parents and teachers answer children's questions honestly in age-appropriate ways and within context of what is happening at the given time. If their sport or hobby has been temporarily cancelled empathise with their concerns, while helping them maintain a sense of perspective.

## Initiate positive action

One way to reduce anxiety and allay children's fears is to involve them in planning and preparation for their personal and group safety. Positive activities such as maintenance of personal hygiene, greeting people with an elbow tap and getting plenty of sleep can help restore a sense of control, that is so important for their wellbeing.

## Find refuge in rituals

Regular rituals such as mealtimes, bedtime stories and regular one-on-one time provide both an anchor to normality and a sense of connection for kids at times of change. Consider reconstituting favoured family rituals at this time if they have lapsed due to lack of time, or lifestyle frenzy.

## Look outwards

In difficult times there is a tendency to look inwards, which is a natural protective strategy. The alternative is to establish a sense of connection and community spirit by focusing on generosity and togetherness. Help children see past their own needs and look for ways to assist others whether it's shopping for an elderly neighbour, helping a younger sibling occupy themselves, or planning an indoor movie night for the whole family.

The Coronavirus presents many practical challenges to parents and other important adults in the lives of kids. Staying calm, keeping informed, and adjusting our own habits are just some of the challenges we face. However a significant challenge is one of personal leadership. That is, during these difficult times we need to be civil to each other, look out for each other and be mindful of the common good in everything we do. In this, we can all take a significant lead.



### Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

## Parents Group News

### CONFIRMED DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Raffle Drawn by Dr Dray

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Day out – Barefoot Bowls

### Easter Raffle

All raffle tickets and money should now have been returned to the office for the draw this Friday!

Any unsold tickets should also be returned.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Rebel Sports Gift Voucher (Value \$400)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Lego Harry Potter-Hogwarts Clock Tower (Value \$139.99)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 1 x Easter Egg Hamper (Value \$100)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Lego Star Wars - Pasaana Speed Chase (Value \$89.99)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Razor Kick scooter (Value \$69.99)**



**6<sup>th</sup> Prize: 1 x Easter Egg Hamper (Value \$50)**

Thank you to **Rebel Sports** and **Toyworld, Forest Hill** for the prizes donated through their Loyalty Programs, and LPS families for supporting these programs.

### Barefoot Bowls – Laburnum PS Family Day out – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Please join us for a day out at the Blackburn Bowls Club for Laburnum families only.

You and your children will enjoy an afternoon playing bowls and a bbq lunch.

Tickets are available via the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BIVRY>

Adults \$10, Children \$5.

Price includes a ticket into our Raffle – to be drawn on the day.

Get in quick as only 200 tickets available!







## Come and join us on Parents

### **We desperately need more mums, dads & carers to volunteer to help with Laburnum's Parents' Group activities.**

What does Parents Group do?

- \* Organise a variety of social and community events to help build the school community and relationships at our school (for example Barefoot Bowls, Christmas Picnic, Twilight Sports BBQ, Trivia Night, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day breakfast).
- \* Organise fundraising events and activities to raise important funds for our school (for example previously we have had the Colour Run, Easter Raffle, Fete).
- \* Hear any updates and changes to the school firsthand from our school leadership team & school council and have an opportunity to provide feedback.
- \* Love having new people join with fresh ideas and input! There is no expectation on members to put all their spare time into activities – you can put as much or as little time in as you like.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the staffroom.

**For further information please email [parentsgroup.lps@gmail.com](mailto:parentsgroup.lps@gmail.com)**

The primary focus of the Parents Group is to plan and facilitate fun inclusive events for students and their families at the school.

I would like to thank all the Parents that have been and those that continue to be part of Parents Group, for the time that they volunteer to our fundraising and community events.

We would love to see more Parents join the Group and offer their opinions, time and expertise in continuing the great work that the group does throughout the year.

*Narelle Vais – President Parents Group*

**Next Parents Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm in the staffroom.**

Any questions about Parents' Group or our activities, please don't hesitate to email [parentsgroup.lps@gmail.com](mailto:parentsgroup.lps@gmail.com) and someone will promptly get back to you.

### **My School Journal**

The Laburnum Primary School Journals are a wonderful way of displaying your child's photos and memories from school.

Orders can be made early in Term 2 for either Deluxe and Standard albums, as well as refills. If you would like to view an example, a standard album will be on display in the school office.



# Lunar Drive In

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**SESSIONS AT [WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU](http://WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU)**

Information correct at time of printing. All dates and films are subject to change.



Program Update – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**OSHC program phone: 0413 227 071**

Dear Parents,

### **OSHClub Sunsmart Policy**

As the weather begins to warm up, take this time to search for your child's hat! When the UV is above 3, OSHClub will remind children to wear their hats when playing outside. Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. OSHClub has a "No hat- No outside play" policy (when the UV is above 3). OSHClub also provides sun cream.

If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream, please inform the coordinator (Mary) at the program. We also encourage you to read our sun smart policy, which states that a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat and sunscreen must be worn when the UV index is above 3.

### **End of Term- altered OSHC running times**

As school finishes at 2:30 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March OSHClub will be operating from this time to ensure continuity of care as soon as the bell rings. We will have our usual games and activities on offer as well as some party games to ensure children have a great time! There will be a custom fee for this session.

### **Vacation Care Programs now open!**

With the school holidays beginning soon, now is the time to begin thinking about the vacation care options you have available to you. Although we do offer a vacation care program here at Laburnum Primary School, you don't have to bring your child here - we have over 40 all across Melbourne!

By utilising an OSHClub vacation care program, you are ensuring that your child has a great day as they explore different themes! Enrolling your child into a VAC program also means consistent routines and expectations to help your child settle in and less paperwork for you to handle as your child is already enrolled with OSHClub.

You will need to complete a new enrolment if you want to attend a different school. However, we are available to assist you with this process. We also have fact sheets available in the OSHC room and school office. Otherwise you can book normally, by logging into your iParent Portal account.

### **Next term dates**

Before and After School Care will be running from the first day back next term (Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>). We will be open at our usual time of 7am for Before School Care (BSC) until closing at 6pm for After School Care (ASC).

### **Teen Club Vacation Care Program- for older children**

Teen Club Vacation Care is a program specifically designed for children aged 11-14 and is based in Richmond. It will be operating from the 30<sup>th</sup> of March - 9<sup>th</sup> of April (Closed for Good Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> of April). For more information visit the [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) website and search for Richmond OSHClub (VIC).



### **Our Menu for next week!**

Our breakfast menu includes a choice of wholemeal bread with spreads including Vegemite, marmalade and jam, or a low sugar cereal including Corn flakes, rice puffs, Uncle Tobys Plus Berries or Weetbix.

Porridge, crumpets and waffles are also available and we have gluten and allergen free options.

In addition to a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, we also offer the following mains and snacks at ASC:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>ASC Main</b>	Fried Rice	Caesar salad lettuce cups	Pancakes	Mixed vegetable roast	Sushi bowls
<b>ASC 5:15pm Snack</b>	Salada Biscuits	Ritz Crackers	Savoy Biscuits	Brown rice crackers and dips	Crumpets

### **Next week's goal: to focus on building friendships.**

Our weekly planner is on display in the OSHClub room and is changed weekly. If you are not sure where, feel free to ask and we will point you in the correct direction! Suggestions are always welcome- simply write down on a sticky note and place into our feedback box, or tell a staff member!

### **Parent Information**

All children **must** be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is **free**!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) (where you will be directed to the Kidsoft page).

All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings, please contact the coordinator directly at the program.

**OSHClub Head Office and Accounts: 1300 395 735 (8am-6pm)**

**OSHClub Accounts: [oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au](mailto:oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au)**

**Coordinators:** Mary Corbisiero & Lynette Bailey

**Educators:** Alagammal & Chiara

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# FOREST HILL COLLEGE 2020 OPEN NIGHT

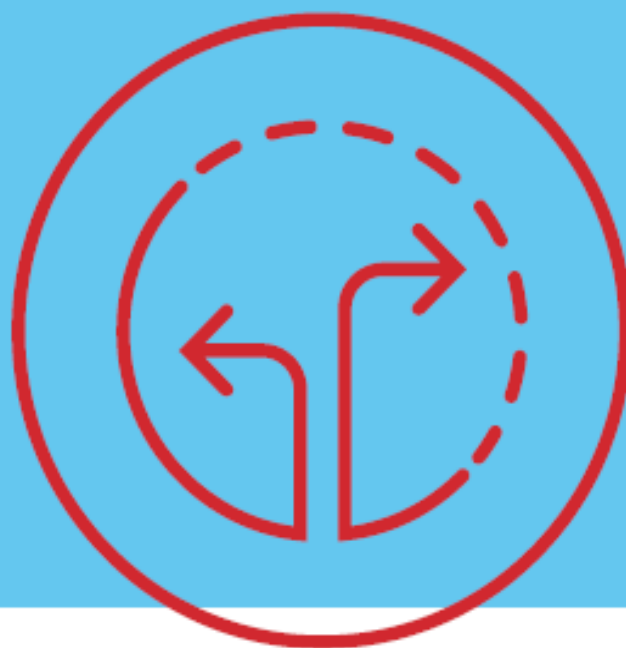
## EXPLORE YOUR SCHOOL

**Wednesday 29th April 2020, 6.00pm**

To register your attendance visit:  
**[www.fhc.vic.edu.au](http://www.fhc.vic.edu.au)**

Commencing at 6.00pm in the  
*Kel Watson Theatre* with an opening  
address by the College Principal.

**Meet our teachers, talk with our  
students, explore our spaces.**



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## Computer Programming Club!

@ Laburnum Primary School

In a world where technology touches every aspect of our lives, it is crucial that our children understand how it works. To accomplish this objective, there is an exciting Computer Programming club running at our school.

The aim of the club is to provide students with exposure to the fundamentals of computer science concepts. Run by external consultants from Digimaker, this program will see participants:

- Build games, animations, and stories utilizing the pupil's creative thinking
- Develop logical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Express ideas & boost confidence working in a collaborative environment
- Be enabled to grasp computational thinking which combines math and logic



For details on the course, visit <http://www.digimaker.com.au/courses/>

The club will run for 8 to 10 weeks each term (depending on the length of the term) and is charged on a per-term basis. Students are asked to bring their own laptop during the sessions.

The program for Term 2 2020 is as follows:

Room: School Classroom  
Years: 3 to 6  
Fee: \$171 + GST

Before School 7:50am - 8:50am	BATCH 1 Tuesday's 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr to 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun (09 weeks)
Before School 7:50am - 8:50am	BATCH 2 Friday's 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr to 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun (09 weeks – 8 <sup>th</sup> May curriculum day)
After School 3:40am - 4:40am	BATCH 3 Friday's 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr to 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun (09 weeks – 8 <sup>th</sup> May curriculum day)

If you are interested in your child being considered for the programming club, please:

Fill out the form online by  
Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
March 2019



[www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/](http://www.digimaker.com.au/contactus/)  
Digimaker will confirm your child's spot via email\*\*.

\* Existing students need not fill out the form

\*\* All important emails from Digimaker will be sent from [info@digimaker.com.au](mailto:info@digimaker.com.au). Please ensure this address is whitelisted in your Junk Email filters or added as a Trusted contact.



# OPEN

First Friday of the Month  
3pm - 4pm

7 February  
13 March  
17 April  
1 May  
5 June  
17 July  
7 August  
4 September  
9 October  
6 November  
4 December

## LABURNUM PRIMARY SCHOOL SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

**BUY** . All items are \$5 (including jackets and jumpers). All monies go to the school to support our students .

**ALL DONATIONS VERY WELCOME** We accept donations of pre-loved uniforms at the front office or during opening hours in the shop. Please ensure donations are clean and in good condition. Only school branded clothing (i.e. no Target, Kmart, Big W, etc brands).

Thank you, Clarissa, Liz, Lucinda and Kate



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270 Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill

☎ 03 9878 8951

### *Term Dates 2020*

*Term 1 Starts: Thur 30 January  
(28 & 29 Jan are student free days)*

*Ends: Fri 27 March*

*Term 2 Starts: Tues 14 April*

*Ends: Fri 26 June*

*Term 3 Starts: Mon 13 July*

*Ends: Fri 18 September*

*Term 4 Starts: Mon 05 October*

*Ends: Fri 18 December*