



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Dear Families,

Our next newsletter will look a little different! Following your feedback from the Term 2 survey, we heard that you'd like to see upcoming events, more photos of students and their work, student achievements, classroom highlights, and student voices. We've taken that on board and can't wait to share our new format with you next Friday.

The Last Two Weeks at LPS

It has been another busy and wonderful fortnight! Highlights have included a student-free day with staff participating in professional learning, gymnastics sessions for P-2 and 3/4E, a visit from the Police Unit and the Butterfly Foundation for our Grade 5/6 students, and our whole-school Crazy Hair and Hat Day. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and donated a gold coin – your generosity goes directly towards supporting our students and Maria with the upcoming production.

Looking Ahead – Week 10

- Wednesday 24th June – Grade 1/2 Hands On Science Excursion
- Friday 26th June – Students finish at 2:30 pm. School Holidays begin.

Visiting Lilydale Primary School During School Hours

The safety and wellbeing of every student is our highest priority at Lilydale Primary School. To ensure we always know who is on our grounds and that every child feels safe and secure, we are introducing a clear and consistent visitor sign-in process beginning Term 3. We appreciate that this is a change, and we thank you warmly for your understanding and support.

Arriving during school hours (9:00 am–3:15 pm)

All visitors – including parents, grandparents, and carers – are asked to report directly to the Front Office via the Castella Street entrance upon arrival. Please do not proceed to classrooms or other areas of the school before checking in. Our administration team will ask for your name and the reason for your visit, and will then:

Ask you to take a seat in the office area if you do not need to proceed further onto the grounds, or

Ask you to sign our Visitor Register and collect a visitor lanyard to wear visibly while on site.

If you are not personally known to our office staff, a form of photo ID will be required. Any visitor who needs to go beyond the Front Office will also need to complete a Visitor Induction and hold a valid Working with Children Check.

When you leave, please return to the Front Office to sign out and return your lanyard. We kindly ask that all visitors maintain respectful language and behaviour while on site.

Late arrivals after 9:00 am

If your child arrives after 9:00 am, please come to the Front Office via the Castella Street entrance, sign your child in on the iPad, and collect a late pass. A staff member or students will accompany your child to their classroom. You will not be required to sign in as a visitor for this.

Start of the day

We kindly ask that all parents and carers depart the school grounds by 9:00am once the morning music has concluded. This ensures a calm and settled start to the school day for all students.

Fortnightly assemblies

Families are warmly welcome to attend our fortnightly assemblies. Please enter via the Castella Street gate after 2:35 pm and make your way to the BER. No sign-in is required for this occasion.

Photography and video

Please note that photography and video recording of students is strictly prohibited on school grounds without prior written consent, including during assemblies and events.

If you have any questions about our visitor process or Working with Children Check requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office or reach out to Emily Murcott on 9735 1642. Thank you for helping us keep every child safe.

Warm Regards

Emily Murcott



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Run Around Australia Challenge



We have run a total of 14,809km and have 260km to get back to Launceston.

We have raised a total of \$2,489.20 for sports equipment. We have purchased more dodgeballs and sets of Velcro catch balls



The Grade 5/6s had Asha from the Butterfly Foundation talk to them about Body Image. The important message given to the children was to stand up for all bodies, be kind to everybody, move your body in ways you enjoy, stay savvy to the tricks used on TV and online, celebrate what your body can do and eat for fuel and fun. Asha also spoke about changing comparison talk to acceptance talk. See below for an example.

Tayah competed at the Regional Cross Country last Thursday. Tayah was the only LPS student who qualified to compete at the Regionals. She did a great job coming 40th out of 79 competitors running a personal best. She ran 2km in 8:28. Wow is she fast!!!



A TRICK TO HELP YOU Accept & Appreciate



- COMPARISON TALK**
- I wish I was as big as a German Shepard.
 - It's not fair that I look like a puppy longer.
 - Why couldn't I be fierce like a watch dog
 - If only I wasn't so clever.
 - I wish that I wasn't so fluffy and cuddly.
 - I wish I was just a poodle!
 - I wish I didn't get called cute.



- ACCEPTANCE TALK**
- I am loving and gentle.
 - I am clever.
 - I am good at barking when someone arrives.
 - I am fluffy and that's ok.
 - I am glad that other dogs can be watch dogs. I love that for them!
 - I am small because my parents are small.
 - I am unique.



Our Grade 6 Boys Cooking Project has been a huge success this term!

Each week, students have been working together to plan, cost, prepare and cook a variety of meals. So far, the boys have made pizzas, hamburgers, beef tacos and fruit kebabs with chocolate and yoghurt dipping sauces. The food has been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved, with the beef tacos being the clear favourite so far! The project has provided a fantastic opportunity for students to develop important life skills, including teamwork, organisation, budgeting, food preparation and kitchen safety. It has also allowed students to apply their mathematical skills in real-world situations as they calculated ingredient quantities and meal costs.

One of the highlights has been seeing the students confidently work together, solve problems and take pride in creating meals from start to finish. The hands-on nature of the program has been highly engaging, with students looking forward to each cooking session.

The project has also inspired some students' persuasive writing. Several students are currently writing persuasive texts explaining why cooking should be taught in schools, drawing on their own experiences and the many benefits they have gained from participating in the program.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, cooperation and responsibility shown by the boys throughout the project and look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow.

Please enjoy some photos of our young chefs in action!





Crazy Hair Day

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Tuesday 21st July for Prep to Gr 3



GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief Initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au

2026 Junior Development Program

Get a head start over Winter, join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Venues across metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

- Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players
- Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running
- 2 hours each week over 6 weeks
- \$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle

Shaping Tomorrow's Softball Stars

REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/2633687



Contact: Tim Hatzi - State Participation & Development Manager email: tim.hatzi@softballvic.org.au or ph: 0479 104 403

School Holiday Softball Program

Unlock your Softball potential these July School holidays, with this fun and engaging program, designed for kids of all skill levels aged 7-14

Programs across metro Melbourne on various days, times and venues, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

About

- 4 hour duration
- Experienced Coaches
- Equipment Provided
- Safe & Inclusive & Fun Environment

REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/2633049



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ONLINE INFO SESSIONS

Wednesday 24 June @ 6.30pm
Tuesday 7 July @ 12.30pm
Thursday 23 July @ 7.00pm

Register to Attend!
1300 889 335
www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering

- Full training, carer allowance and 24 hour support provided.
- Respite, emergency and longer term care options available. Flexible options to suit your lifestyle.



BECOME A FOSTER CARER

One safe home can change everything!



Occupational Therapy School Visits



ATTENDING LILYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FORTNIGHTLY THURSDAYS

AVAILABILITY STARTING TERM 3!

GET IN TOUCH

- Philippa Csernatony
- 0493 444 596
- philippa@littleseedlingsot.com.au

More information available at <https://littleseedlingsot.com.au/>

Let's help your child sprout and grow!





Upcoming Events

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TERM 2 2026

June

- Fri 19 Gr 5/6 Interschool Sport vs Oxley (away)
Pie Day order pick up canteen 2:30 - 3:45pm
Assembly 2:45pm
- Wed 24 Gr 1/2 Hands On incursion
- Fri 26 Last day of Term 2 - finish at 2:30pm

Term 3

July

- Mon 13 First day of term 3
- Fri 17 Assembly 2:45pm
- Tues 21 Glasses for Kids program Prep - Gr 3
- Fri 31 Assembly 2:45

Aug

- Tues 4 House athletics Gr 4 - 6
- Wed 5 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 6 Junior House athletics Prep - Gr 3
- Fri 7 Whole School dress rehearsal for Production
- Wed 12 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
School Production
- Fri 14 Assembly 2:45pm
- Wed 19 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Wed 26 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm

DON'T FORGET!

- Pie Day order pick up Fri 19th June canteen
- Last day term Fri 26th 2:30pm finish

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available on Friday's

Ordering cut off time is:

- 2pm for Daily Specials
- 9pm for ALL ORDERS the Thursday prior

Place your order via the Flexischools App



Lilydale Primary School staff are on duty before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm. Outside these times students will be unsupervised in the playground. If your child needs to arrive before this time in the morning or after the time in the afternoon please contact Extend at lilydale@extend.com.au to arrange for your child to attend before or after school care.



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2026 TERM 1 DATES

- Thur 29th Jan - Thur 2nd April
- Mon 20th April - Fri 26th June
- Mon 13th July - Fri 18 Sept
- Mon 5th October - Fri 18th Dec

CURRICULUM DAYS 2026

Tues 9th June
Tues 25th August
Mon 2nd November
Mon 23rd November