

# LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## **PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:** **ANZAC Day Service**

A beautiful ANZAC service was held in Loch on Saturday morning with many of our students in attendance. I was very proud of our students and how they conducted themselves; listening carefully to the speakers, participating in the placing of poppies and singing the national anthem. Members of the community expressed to me how impressed they were with our students wearing their uniform and behaving politely and participating in the service with interest. The poppy banner created by our students was on display and looked lovely. Thank you to all teachers and students who participated.



## **National Gallery of Victoria**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May all students will travel by bus to the city to the National Gallery of Victoria. The bus will depart at 8.15am and we ask that all students arrive at school by 8 am. We anticipate that we will return by 4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to view the Age of China exhibition and we are extremely lucky to have had this excursion fully funded. Students are to bring morning and afternoon snacks and a water bottle. Please pack only healthy brain food for this excursion and water. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist on this excursion, your participation on this day is very much appreciated. You are not required to consent to the media publication if you do not wish to but we will need the Permission Note attached to the newsletter for them to attend the excursion.

## **District Athletics**

Congratulations to all of our students who represented the Karmai Cluster at the District Athletics on Tuesday. The competition was very tough and our students showed great determination and gave every event their best effort. It was wonderful to witness the team spirit amongst the Karmai students and their encouragement of each other.



Students in Years 3 & 5 will be participating in NAPLAN on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN is a skills test. It tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

Teachers will conduct the Naplan tests as part of their classroom routine and students will be encouraged to do their best. The Naplan tests should not cause anxiety or concern in students and is to be seen as part of our school's ongoing assessment program. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me.

### **Selecting a Secondary School**

This week, parents of Year 6 students received their transition packs providing information about selecting a secondary school for their students. For most parents choosing schools for their child is a major decision. It requires a good deal of research to learn about schools and their offerings. What's really important in choosing a school for your child is focusing on the 'right' school – not necessarily the perceived 'best' school. Right' schools – the schools that you need to look for – are the schools that match your child's needs and your education preferences.

Academic results and school reputation, such as Year 12 results, university entrance rates, and NAPLAN scores, are important factors in evaluating the suitability of a school for your child. But they're just one series of measures. In fact, you're more likely to find the school that best matches your child if you consider more than just academic performance. According to author Erin Shale, many parents don't look at their child to really understand what kind of school would best suit his or her needs. She says: Remember your child will have only one experience of school. He or she may be able to get similar academic results in a school where they're really happy as opposed to one where they're not. Sure, they've got the piece of paper, but not the memories you'd hoped for or the experience of school to encourage their lifelong learning.

Other considerations include:

- School location – long daily travelling and inconvenient travel arrangements can make children very tired
- Single-sex or co-educational schools
- Selective entry high schools
- Zoning – many schools have strict boundaries dictating where they can accept students from
- Philosophical or religious focus of the school
- The educational curriculum offered.

- Affordability of the school fees and associated costs
- The predominant emphasis of the school – academic achievement, social-emotional wellbeing, balanced individual, etc
- The facilities offered by the school and its focus – science, sports, performing arts, etc
- Class size and structure.

Attending Open Days and Information Nights held by secondary schools can be useful to find out important details about schools and their strengths and foci and to meet teachers and principals. Our local schools are currently advertising open nights in May.

Some useful website to assist with researching schools:

- Victoria (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) – [www.education.vic.gov.au/findaservice/Home.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/findaservice/Home.aspx)
- Association of Independent Schools Victoria –
- <http://services.ais.vic.edu.au/ebiz/customerservice/schoollocator.aspx>
- My School website – [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)
- Australian Schools Directory – [www.australianschoolsdirectory.com.au](http://www.australianschoolsdirectory.com.au)
- Catholic Schools Guide – <http://catholicschoolsguide.com.au>
- Kidspot's Private School Finder – [www.kidspot.com.au/private-school-finder-kidspot.asp](http://www.kidspot.com.au/private-school-finder-kidspot.asp)
- Private Schools Directory – [www.privateschoolsdirectory.com.au](http://www.privateschoolsdirectory.com.au)
- Private Schools Guide – [www.privateschoolsguide.com](http://www.privateschoolsguide.com)
- School Choice – [www.schoolchoice.com.au/](http://www.schoolchoice.com.au/)
- School Select – [www.schoolselect.com.au](http://www.schoolselect.com.au)
- The Good Schools Guide – [www.goodschools.com.au](http://www.goodschools.com.au)
- Which School? Magazine – [www.whichschoolmag.com.au](http://www.whichschoolmag.com.au)

### **Curriculum Days**

During 2015, three curriculum days have been approved by school council: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. These days are student free days and students are not required at school. Teachers will participate in professional development and collaborative planning on these days with a focus on literacy

## **OTHER INFO:**

### **Absences letters – “It’s not O.K. to be Away”**

Many thanks to all the families who have already returned the explanation for absence letters. These letters are merely an opportunity for you to explain your child’s absence easily. Sometimes parents have already sent notes or made calls and occasionally that information is not conveyed to and/or from the office to the teachers. Please return the explanations as soon as possible so that our records can be updated.

### **Sporting Schools Program**

Badminton commenced last night and Taekwondo will start tonight. A reminder that Badminton is on Tuesday nights not Thursday as previously stated. Both sports run for 7 sessions. There are still some places if you wish your child to participate.

### **Lunch Orders from Cosy Kitchen**

The next Fried Food days are this week, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The scheduled day would have been the 7<sup>th</sup> May but the whole school will be on the excursion on that day so we have brought it forward.

You can now order Fried Food on either day to spread the load at the Cosy Kitchen but only on the first Thursday and Friday of the month or when specified.

### **Grade 6 & Whole School Photos**

These are displayed at the office. If you wish to purchase one please fill out the attached order form. An 8 x 10” is \$20 and a 6 x 8” is \$13

### **Lost Property/Clothing**

Once again there is a huge stack of lost property. This morning there were 17 jumpers. Luckily 6 had names on and have been returned to their owners. Could families please come and look and see if any of these belong to you and could we reinforce the need for all school clothing to be named.

### **Parent Payments**

Thanks to those who have made payment plans. The Term 2 payment is now due. For the remaining families who have not yet made payment or a plan please arrange payment of \$200 per child. This can be made in cash or cheque or directly deposited into the school account, BSB 063 515 Account No. 1001 4378 Please use your family name in the description field.

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS:**

### ***Mother’s Day***

If anyone has any donations or ideas for a raffle prize could they please contact the school. The date for the Mother’s Day stall will be announced soon. Please return tickets by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

Next meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## **WELL DONE AWARDS:**

### ***Mrs Massaro:***

Phoenix Lorkin for some fantastic reading and writing, Kai Gray for working really hard in SSP.

### ***Miss Mitchell:***

Bailey Nettle for always ensuring others are looked after and things are fair, Michaela Richards for working hard on all activities with Mrs. M.

### ***Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:***

Grades 3 & 4 for working together and doing all of the right things on camp to make it a very fun and fantastic experience for all.

Lexie Jobling for always displaying great leadership and a positive attitude, Lara Standish for learning to use emotional language in your expositions.

## **DIARY DATES:**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Bookclub due back  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>/Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Cosy Kitchen Fried Food Days  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May – Whole School & Grade 6 Photo orders due  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – National Gallery Excursion  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Mother’s Day raffle due back  
12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> May – Naplan  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – School Council  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Curriculum Day – No students



## **1<sup>st</sup> Lang Lang Scout Group**

P.O. Box 204, Lang Lang Vic 3984

Scout Hall – 9 Oxford Street, Lang Lang

Hall Telephone: 03 5997 5188

Do you have children who may be interested in joining in the fun of our Joey Mob?

What’s a Joey Mob you ask? Joey Scouts are where the real cool stuff begins. It’s for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 and is the first step in what can become a lifetime of involvement in the Scouting Movement.

Joey Scouts is an after school based program where children are encouraged to grow and develop through a challenge based program based on participation. Joey Scouts provides a safe, fun, learning environment for young boys and girls. Joey Scouts are encouraged to express themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. Building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, growing plants from seedlings or singing songs together all develop a strong sense of belonging.

Joey Scout’s Motto is HOP - Help Other People

Joey Scouts are taught to jump in and help other people and to share with their friends. This starts off with helping in the home. It’s all about learning through participation.

We are holding an information night for parents at the Lang Lang Scout Hall in Oxford Street, Lang Lang on **Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:00pm**. It will be a great opportunity to come along and find out what Joey Scouts is all about as well as Scouting in Lang Lang.

Joey’s normally run between for approximately one hour on one night a week however these arrangements are flexible and can be tailored to suit our leaders. There are also occasional weekend.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a leader will receive support from other leaders as they undertake their training. Scouts Australia supplies TAFE accredited training to our leaders and this is all done free of charge.

What will it cost – As a leader, your time and enthusiasm!

What will you get in return – Unbelievable satisfaction of seeing the Jokeys grow and have a fantastic time. Plus a little fun as well!

If you are interested in your child becoming a Joey Scout &/or would like to be involved as a Leader please come along to the Scout Hall on **Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm** to ask any questions & see what Joey Scouts and Scouting is all about, we would love to see you there.

Want further information? Please contact Group Leader Scott Hamilton on 0417 015 225 or e-mail on [g.langlang1st@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:g.langlang1st@vicscouts.asn.au) or Group Committee Chairman Travis Davidge on 0400 572 069.

Cubs – Tuesday Nights 7:00pm till 8:30pm  
Scouts – Wednesday Nights 7:00pm till 9:00pm

**PERMISSION FORM - Whole school excursion to National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

Family name: .....

I give permission for my child / children  
...../...../.....

to attend the excursion to Melbourne on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

I understand travel will be by bus. I authorise the teacher in charge where it is impracticable to communicate with me to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be needed necessary.

Please list any special food allergies/dietary requirements  
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No. of adults able to attend the excursion .....

Signed: ..... Date: ...../.../15  
(Parent/Guardian)

Mobile or Emergency Number: .....

**PHOTO ORDER FORM**

Family name: .....

I would like to order the following:

**WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO**

10 X 8" \$20       6 X 8" \$13

**GRADE 6 PHOTO**

10 X 8" \$20       6 X 8" \$13

Money attached: \$ .....

Orders in by 6<sup>th</sup> May please.

**KORUMBURRA SECONDARY COLLEGE**



*"Developing lifelong learners who are respectful, resilient, strive for excellence and are productive members of their community"*

Cordially invites Grade 5 & 6 students and their parents to our

**YEAR 7 2016 INFORMATION NIGHT**

to be held on

**TUESDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.**

The College staff look forward to introducing you to the next phase of your education and will be showcasing the exciting academic program that is available at our College.

You will also receive valuable resources outlining the ethos and curriculum programs at our College.

We believe that Grade 5 students will also benefit from beginning to familiarise themselves with the Transition Process.

- 6.15 onwards** Arrive at the PAC & collect your Tour Guide
- 6.30 - 7.30pm** Displays and Tour of the College
- 7.40 - 8.30pm** Information Session in the PAC
- 8.30 - 9.00pm** Supper in the PAC

Further enquiries can be directed to Linda Jennings  
Middle School/Transition Coordinator on 56551566

The Grade 6 photo below and the Whole School Photo are displayed at the office.



Grade 6 - 2015