Principal’s Report

Congratulations Barb……

On Thursday 26th January I attended the Australia Day Breakfast run by the local Lion’s Club at the Mechanics Hall. Each year they acknowledge the work of individual members of our community. This year they have awarded Barb McMahon Lakes Entrance Citizen of the Year. Lakes Entrance Primary School is lucky to have so many dedicated staff committed to not only the school but the extended community. Barb has committed to so many projects over the years at LEPS and while she is the first to acknowledge the work of the team, continues to go above and beyond her role for our students. In one of her many roles, every week Barb continues to coordinate our school breakfast program. 80 students come for breakfast on a Friday morning coordinated by Barb. These students benefit from a full breakfast to start their day. So on behalf of our students, staff and community, thank you Barb for your contribution to our school and our community.

Student Leaders……

After an overwhelming response for school leadership positions at the end of 2016 we announced our school leaders for 2017 at our final assembly. It was great to see so many of our Grade 6 students looking to take on a position of responsibility and leadership. Already all of our Grade 6’s have started the year strongly and are setting an excellent example of leadership for the remainder of the school.

I would like to officially welcome to our leadership positions in 2017:

- **School Captains** - Daniel Hughes and Jaylee Roberts

Junior School Council - Paige Rees and Grace Scott
Koorie Leader - Carly Weatherby

Later this term we will hold an assembly to present them with their leadership badges and certificates.

SMS System…..

Over the next week we will be trialling and implementing changes to our SMS system. All parents will receive a test text message to ensure the system is working properly. Previously we had a system to only use in the event of an emergency. Now with the updates to our current system we are able to keep parents informed of any last minute changes or alerts. As always the newsletter and office are the best sources of information however this system will provide us with the opportunity to keep parents informed in a quick and efficient manner.

**next week**

**Monday 13th February**
- Book Club orders due back

**Tuesday 14th February**
- Rest day for Preps
- District Swimming - Orbost

**Wednesday 15th February**
- Laneway Art Project
- Homework Club 3:20-4:30pm

**Thursday 16th February**
- Breakfast Club 8:15–8:45am
- Laneway Art Project
- Zooper Dooper Sales
- Assembly – 2:50pm

**Friday 17th February**
- Breakfast Club 8:15–8:45am
- Laneway Art Project
- Zooper Dooper Sales
- Assembly – 2:50pm

**coming up**

**Monday 20th February**
- Grade 3/4 Bike Ed (all week)

**Tuesday 21st February**
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- School Council Meet 6:30pm

**Monday 27th February**
- Gr 5/6 Swimming commences

**reminders**

Bottle green broad brimmed hats must be worn for all outdoor activities during the school day.

Asthma Management Plans must be updated for the new school year, please provide the office with a copy as soon as possible.

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manner. Our school Facebook site also provides live updates throughout the day and in the event of an emergency will be used to quickly inform parents. The SMS system will also be used in the event of an emergency. Parents will be automatically registered into our system and sent messages, if you do not want to be added to our system or receive any texts from the school please inform the office. In using this system we will try to limit the number of messages that come through.

**Instrumental Music Lessons.....**
A reminder to parents that this year we will be offering instrumental music lessons. Those parents who replied last year will be contacted shortly to arrange the start of our program. We still have limited spots available for some instruments. Please return the form or contact the office immediately if you are interested in having your child learn a musical instrumental. A reminder to parents that there is an additional cost associated with learning an instrument.

**STEM Room.....**
This year we launched another exciting initiative to LEPS. Our STEM room is slowly taking shape as our students begin to use the space. Every student will use the room at least once a week. Students will start by looking at cyber safety and begin looking at how the technology can be used to enhance their learning. As the year progresses students will be involve in various projects including robotics, coding, 3D printing, and virtual Reality. This week some of the staff took the opportunity to trial the Virtual Reality headsets in preparation for the students for later in the year!

**School Council.....**
Several members who have donated their time over many years are moving on as their children have left the school and are beginning their journey at Secondary College. Over the next month we will open up the process for new nominations, there are several vacant positions that need to be filled and I would encourage anyone interested in being involved in the running of the school to put in their nomination. Meetings are held twice a term on a Tuesday at 6:30pm. School council forms a valuable part providing an essential link with our parents and governance of the school.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings.....**
This week all families should have received information about the upcoming Parent/Teacher Meetings. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s new teacher and discuss any concerns. All parents will be allocated a time to meet with their child’s classroom teacher. Improving communication is a focus area for us this year, all teachers will make contact with every family twice a term to discuss the progress of each student.

All of our students have made an amazing start to the year, keep up the good work!

*Simon Prior*

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**BOOKCLUB**
Could all Bookclub orders please be returned to the school office by next Tuesday 14th February 2017. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED. Cheques must be made payable to LEPS. NO MONEY ORDERS PLEASE.

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*Please keep in mind that we have some students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. We ask you to keep this in mind when sending food to school.*
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017
Application forms for the Camps, Sports and Excursions funding support program for 2017 are available at the school office. Eligible parents who hold a concession card are able to claim $125 per year for eligible primary students. This money will be paid directly to the school to offset any camps, sports or excursions. Parents will then be informed of any remaining amount outstanding through the office. A FAQ sheet as well as an application form is available at the office. Please contact the office should you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover
Parents and Guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
Some of our students will be involved in this project later next week.

About the project:
The Lanewayz in Lakes Project was made possible by a $20,000 grant from the Victorian Government Department of Justice and Regulation Graffiti Prevention Grant Program. Lanewayz in Lakes will transform the laneway into a contemporary, welcoming green space.