



LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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Principal's Report

Welcome to the New School Year. What a smooth start we have had to the school year, given the very complex operations that the school is currently operating within.

It was certainly pleasing to be able to welcome students back to face to face learning on Monday and it was indeed impressive to see students embrace the return to school in such a positive and studious manner in their classrooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean Marshall for his contribution to the school over the last three years. He has accepted a position at Sherbourne Primary School and will be working there this year to pursue different leadership opportunities.

This change has provided us the opportunity to move Diana Lovat into the classroom. Diana brings a wealth of experience as a classroom teacher and this will only benefit the students learning.

Upcoming School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging/engagement.

Each year, approximately half of the School Council retires to allow new members to become involved. To this end, we are now formally calling for nominations for the 2022/2023 Lower Plenty PS School Council. Membership on the council is for a period of two years and regular meetings are held twice a term.

On Tuesday we will post a compass message detailing the number of positions that are vacant so that you can come in and fill in a nomination form if interested. If we receive more nominations than positions available, an election process will follow in the coming weeks.

We will confirm the final membership of the 2022 School Council in the newsletter when the election process has been completed.

COVID-19 Restrictions

We sincerely thank all families for monitoring their children and using rapid antigen tests twice a week. We will send home the second box of RAT's with students next week.

Assembly

Students will be running assembly from 2:35. Starting next week parents are welcome to attend in the middle space of the main building, however please follow standard Covid precautions with masks and practicing social distancing.

2022 Term Dates

T1—31st Jan to 8th April
T2—26th April to 24th June
T3—11th July to 16th Sept
T4—3rd Oct to 20th Dec

Calendar

9th Feb
Prep Testing
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15th Feb
Getting to Know You Interviews
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16th Feb
PFA Meeting at 6:30pm
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16th Feb
Prep Testing
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17th Feb
Getting to Know You Interviews
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21st Feb
District Swimming
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23rd Feb
Prep Testing
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28th Feb
Dental Van
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14th Mar
Labour Day
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8th April
Last day of term—1:45 pm
Finish

Principal's Report (cont)

School Garden and OSH Club

Over the school holidays we have had a number of parents help out the school by maintaining the planter boxes and gardens around the school as well as cleaning up and sorting out the OSH Club Room.

In particular Kate, Katrina and Jacqui have been regularly working on the planter boxes and school surrounds. James has removed some of the old signs from the school. And Kate, James, Lauren, Amelia, Katrina and Janet have all helped to make the OSH Club a great spot for our children.

Thanks also to Rachel and Adam for picking up the Table Tennis table for the room.



Thanks to our student helpers as well

OSH CLUB and Breakfast Club

OSH Club has begun and you can enrol students using the online portal (sent out on Compass). We will hold off sending statements until the CCS authority comes through. We have been approved to run the service through NQAITS and put in the application to claim CCS on the 14th January. This can all be backdated when approved.

Breakfast club is available from 7:30am to anyone that requires early drop off. We open the school gate at 7:30 so that you can drop children off from that time. Children will be taught how to come in and get their own breakfast and clean up.

OSH Club runs from 2:45 till 6:00pm. I would also like to welcome Mary Kapsis to the school who will be running OSH club starting from Monday 7th February.

Sun Smart

Lower Plenty Primary School is a SunSmart School as such when children do not have a hat they will be directed to play in the under cover area outside of the artroom. This is in place from mid August to the end of April. Due to allergies we cannot provide sunscreen for students but will remind them to apply it at recess and lunch breaks. It often works best if you buy a small sunscreen bottle with a clip that can be attached to your child's bag so they can apply it as needed.

Class News

Each fortnight members of our grade 5/6 classroom have the responsibility of preparing the news for each grade level. This week it has been prepared by:

P/1— Sophie and Sarah

2-4—Samul and Zac W

5/6—Ana and Alana

Specialist Position

With Diana moving into the classroom we have advertised for a specialist position to take music, STEM and tutoring. This closed on Thursday night and we will interviewing for the position next week.

We hope that you and your children have had a great start to the year. If you have any feedback or would like to discuss anything with me please feel free to call or come in and see me.

Daniel

Student of the Week

Congratulations to:

Quinn—Prep/1

Mitchell—2/3/4

Alana—5/6

Prep and Grade 1

NEWS

100 Prep 1 words

This week the prep 1s...

Had a play in their new play space. They had so much fun and really enjoyed playing with each other and making new friends.

They love getting to know each other and a lot of them love pizza and ice cream. They have a great time working together. They all have made so many friends.

They love going to the art room, they had a blast. They enjoy drawing and creating things together.

They also had a talk about the school's golden rules and then did some activities with the older kids.

They love playing outside at snack and lunchtime with their friends.

Finally they went on a tour around the school to see where to play and see all the cool things like the piano and the veggie garden. They also love using our rug to sit outside and eat brain food.

by Sarah and Sophie



Grade 2 to 4

NEWS

Lately in the 2/3/4 class they have been doing...

The History of the Hindu-Arabic Number System which is the 5th Great Story by Maria Montessori.

They spent some time getting to know each other with maths and reading games.

They have completed their first cold write for the year and it was a personal recount about their holidays.

Meanwhile in Art the 2/3 class have drawn a self portrait and their name in their art sketchbook as well as making a name on it's front page

As well while doing Art we started learning Italian and now we can say 'What is your name?' and 'My name is'.

They have also learnt the QU sound. They coloured a QU and then made puppets with icy pole sticks 'If they were good enough coloured they would be able to use googly eyes', Mrs Lovat said.

On Wednesday the 2/3/4s 5/6s did polka dots on what they were looking forward to in the year. With a one point perspective on it. They did the session with Caitlin.

They had PE, they focused on their catching and throwing with tennis balls and handballs with footies. They also played a game called toilet tiggly and played dodgeball.

By Zac W and Samuel

Grade 5/6

NEWS

Tuesday was our first day of school and we had Meg as our teacher. We started with interviewing each other and getting to know everyone. We also played a bit of never have I ever for example "never have I ever broke a bone". After Never have I ever we did some writing, Each of us had to write a section of a story and this is one...

It was a sunny day in the forest and bob was doing a theatre play, but then he slipped of the stage.

On Wednesday we had Caitlin as our teacher. We did a bit of art with her like "back to school polka dots" and we also wrote down all our goals for this year and 20 facts about me.

Finally on Thursday Mr Hewat was finally back! First we had art and learnt a bit of Italian. Then we did our recounts about the holidays...

It's been a fun start to the year.

By Ana and Alana