



LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

Today, Friday 18th March, is **National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence**. Held on the third Friday of March each year, it presents an opportunity for our school to highlight our everyday work to counter bullying and violence.

- Bullying is ongoing and deliberate misuse of power against someone through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.
- Bullying can involve an individual or a group misusing their power (real or not) over one or more people who feel unable to stop it from happening.
- Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices, and it can be obvious or sometimes hidden.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between individuals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. It is important to understand what behaviours are not bullying, such as:

- arguments and disagreements where there is no power imbalance
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness - name calling, rejection or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation, or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Bullying prevention is everyone's business and at Lower Plenty we continue to work very hard as a school community to address bullying issues.

At Lower Plenty Primary School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Parents are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone. Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. We encourage parents to contact their child's teacher immediately if they have concerns about their child.

If your child believes they're being bullied, please encourage them to tell the yard duty teacher or their classroom teacher so the matter can be dealt with swiftly. Most importantly of all, at Lower Plenty, we empower and teach our students to speak up so we can ensure that all children feel safe.

Professional Learning

On Thursday 17th and Friday 18th, Alison completed MiniLit training. MiniLit is an evidenced-based explicit and effective early intervention program for teaching reading skills to children. Alison will be using Mini-Lit and Multi-Lit as the basis for our tutoring program and supporting children to improve their reading skills.

Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Buns

The PFA have begun organising both the Easter Raffle as well as the Hot Cross Bun Drive with Bakers Delight Diamond Creek.

Hot Cross Bun forms will go home with students next week and will need to be returned by April 1st so that the Hot Cross Buns can be delivered by 8th April.

The Raffle will be announced via Compass as well as posted on Facebook.

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

23rd March
Visit and PL from Montessori
Australia
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28th March—1st April
OPEN WEEK
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30th Mar
Lower Plenty Kinder
Kite Night
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31st March
Visit from Monty SC
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31st March
Guest Speaker from School's
Plus
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4th April
School Council Meeting
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6th April
Grade 3-6 Stop Motion Excur-
sion to ACMI
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8th April
Last day of term—1:45 pm
Finish
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25th April
ANZAC Day
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26th April
First Day Term 2
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26th April
P-6 Swimming
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28th April
P-6 Swimming
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3rd May
P-6 Swimming
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5th May
P-6 Swimming
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10th May
P-6 Swimming

Principal's Report (cont)

Open Week

The school will be running an OPEN WEEK from Monday 28th to April 1st. This is an opportunity for any prospective families that are considering where to enrol their children to come to the school and see how we operate and what makes Lower Plenty a great school

If you have any friends or family that are looking at enrolling in the next two years, please let them know about the Open Week and encourage them to give the school a call and visit us.

Monty Great Tomato Taste Off

The official 'LPPS Tomato' was entered into the Monty Great Tomato Taste Off held by The Monty Community Group. Clearly the taste testers had a very good palate as we were voted equal 1st in the judging.

Thankyou to Kate for entering the Tomatoes and to Katrina for planting them.



Facebook

As a part of our school marketing we are trying to ensure that we have daily updates of things that are occurring throughout the school. If you happen to be on Facebook could I please encourage you to both like and share our content when you can. The more we can get things shared and liked the greater our reach is and this in turn helps with promoting our school.

SWIMMING EXCURSION/LESSONS

Our whole school swimming sessions will start on the first day of term 2. The lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the first 3 weeks of term and will run from 11am until 12pm. If you are available to assist on any or all of these days, please let me know. Don't forget to record permission and organise payment via Compass prior to the end of term please. Please be aware that swimming will be a whole school activity and there will be limited supervision available at school.

Harmony Week

Harmony Week begins on Monday 21st March. It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

To celebrate Harmony Week, on Wednesday 23rd March we would like all students to bring in something that represents their cultural background that they can share and talk about to their class. We will send home a notice on Monday. Students could choose to bring in food, wear clothing that represents their cultural background, or bring in an item or picture that celebrates who they are and where their families are from.

Daniel

Student of the Week

7th to 11th Mar

Congratulations to:

Oliver—Prep/1

Cleo—2/3/4

Eli—5/6

Student of the Week

14th to 18th Mar

Congratulations to:

Harrison—Prep/1

Dean H—2/3/4

Zac P—5/6

Grade 2 to 4

NEWS

Lately in the 2/3/4 ...

They have been continuing their studies on African animals. The 2/3/4s have begun researching their choice of a landmark in Africa.

In English, the 2/3/4s have been learning how to critique a text. This means reviewing a text and using evidence to support their review.

In Mathematics, the 2/3/4s have been learning different stuff like the 2s are learning place value and the 3/4s have been learning about decimals

In Art, the 3/4s have been underglazing their clay sculptures to come out of the kiln looking like the colour they underglazed with.

In P.E they were playing basketball. Daniel was teaching us how to pass the ball. There are three different passes : chest pass, lob pass and the bounce pass. It was very fun thanks to Daniel.

In STEM they've been planting seeds learning about the seed and the parts of the seed.

And finally Music. They've been learning about beats and music notes and we realised that there is a lot of notes to know of.

By Sam and Zack

Grade 5/6

NEWS

This week was really exciting. On Monday we had Labour Day so we had the day off!

On Tuesday we got back to school, in English we watched Crow The Legend and we did an activity by character analysis.

We had PE and Music. In PE we did basketball with the younger children by helping them throw and catch the ball. Then we had a 5v5 half court game.

In Music we hummed to music notes and we shared them to the class. In the last hour we did a resilience worksheet for the Word of The Week!!

On Wednesday we watched Crow: The legend for the second time and then we had to write the 10 main events from the movie.

We also had STEM and had a great time checking all our seeds then had to write a summary about how our seed have changed. Then we had maths and worked on multiplication and addition and problem solving. After lunch we split up into our Change Making teams and worked on our project.

On Thursday we did a movie review and rated the text. Some special people also got to start organising the 2022 Yearbook pages. In Art we continued doing our clay masks and animals.

This week was an amazing week for 5/6H!

By Alana and Ana

Prep and Grade 1

NEWS

This week in the Prep/1 class room they've been learning about rhyming words so they can learn how to use rhyming words in the right context and the right sentences.

Also this week they have been learning about sequencing events like writing a book with these words first, then, next, and lastly.

Apart from all of that the prep/1 are starting to count up to 30 and the prep/1 are really enjoying it and they want to do more.

They have also been doing some mindfulness activities like drawing, colouring and maybe some calm music and also some word searches.

In buddies we did some fun harmony themed activities on harmony day and I think everyone will like it very much

Also they have been making books and they are also putting a lot of work into their books and they are doing great and they really love what they are doing with their books their loving it

In writing for the prep/1 classroom they have been doing a lot of writing so they can improve their writing and spelling

A BIG THANKYOU

Grade Prep/1 would like to send a big thankyou to Kate Landers for all her work covering our new home readers. We really appreciate all your support.

Thanks from Gr P/1

