



The Lake Primary School - Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

14/6 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

17/6 Prep 2022 Info Evening 6pm

18/06 Pie Drive collection @

Cowards Cakes Etiwanda Ave

18/06 Prep -6 Farm Animal Visit

20/6 Working Bee 8.30am

22/6 St Arnaud Cross Country

22/6 Parents as Partners Conferences

23/06 Naidoc Day activities

25/06 Last Day Term 2 dismissal 1.30pm

Principal's Message Week 8

School Council News

On Tuesday night School Council met via Webex (we are getting quite savvy at Webex!). It was a very informative and productive meeting with the following areas discussed-

- **Buildings and Grounds** - various upgrades and works to ensure safety (levelling of pavers, upgrading existing concrete curbing, increasing bench seating for students) and a reminder - **Working Bee Sunday 20th June from 8:30am-11:30am!**
- **Vegie Garden** - money for vegie seedlings! Thank you P&C!
- **P&C Updates** - new atlases and dictionaries for Year 5/6 levels!
- **Major Fundraiser ideas** - to be held later this year, more information to come
- **Traffic Management** - erecting a boundary near the school sheds to make a safe walkway for students to walk to and from Dyar Ave, erecting a sign to indicate slow speed when entering the school grounds

Thank you to all in attendance! We are certainly making some great progress towards school improvement 😊

Prep Information Evening

Due to COVID restrictions we had to re-schedule our Prep Information Evening. The new date is **Thursday 17th June** commencing at 6pm. We look forward to meeting our new families and welcome our existing families to this informative night!

Year 5/6 Students - very persuasive writing skills!

I was totally *persuaded* in thought by a number of topics that had been written by Jemma Watson, Adelle Bott, Toby Scutcheon and Orlando Caia! Well done on such creative and well thought out topics. Please enjoy reading their persuasive writing pieces attached to this newsletter.

NAIDOC Week

During week 10 of this term, our school will be celebrating NAIDOC week! This year's theme is *Heal Country!* We will have many activities over this week to celebrate our First People's culture and traditions and welcome any of our Indigenous families to be part of these activities - just give me a call or email (bernadette.warburton@education.vic.gov.au) if you would like to participate or offer to take an activity by Tuesday 15th of June. Thank you!

Public Holiday

A reminder that next Monday 14th June is a public holiday.

Regards Bernadette

RESPECT LEARNING SUCCESS RESILIENCE TOLERANCE



Wk. 8 School Value - LEARNING

This week, our values focus has been 'Learning'. We acknowledge that students learn differently and demonstrate different levels of acceleration. Some note-worthy responses from the recent Student Attitude to School Survey relating to 'Learning' are:

a) my teacher understands how I learn (84%); b) my teacher asks me questions that challenge my thinking (87%); c) my teacher gives extra help when students need it (88%); and d) my teacher makes the work we do in class interesting (77%). Throughout the week, students have been reminded consistently to do their best and demonstrate behaviours that allow others to also do their best. Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is vital and it gives your child the best chance of a successful day's learning.

Wellbeing

Fund raiser update

Our school raised \$301 from our recent casual dress day. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. We are hoping to set up our second 'Buddy Bench' during our working bee scheduled for next Sunday.

Help seeking

During a recent survey with our Year 4-6 students, we discovered some alarming statistics. While some of the statistics are concerning, these statistics are helping us to actively plan steps to help our students and their families in many areas.

An average of just 86 % of our Year 4-6 students feel they can talk to a parent or guardian if they need help. Ideally, we would like to see this number at 100%. Did you know one of the biggest factors when young people trust someone enough to seek help from them is connection? Family connection can be improved quickly and easily with making just a few small changes or prioritising some good old fashioned family fun on a regular basis. Here are a few ideas -

1. Get back to the dinner table. Research suggests that families eating together at least five times per week without TV or devices helps build a much stronger family connection and trust. If you struggle for conversation at the dinner table, try creating a conversation jar for the family. You can pull out one question and ask everyone to answer that question or you might like to use multiple questions in one night. If you would like a list of questions to get you started please pop in to the front office and ask our lovely office ladies
2. Be interested in what they are doing and ask if you can join them. More often than not children enjoy sharing their interests with their parents and this will show them that you care about the things they care about
3. Play games. Dust off the UNO cards, Connect 4, Guess Who, Monopoly or any other family favourite board game you have. Family life is busy but prioritising having fun with your children will show them that they are valued, loved and that you have time for them
4. Be silly with them. Have a dance party, tell jokes, make funny faces and enjoy each other's laughter. When we feel happy around people we want to be around those people more.

**"When my child is in trouble I don't want them
to think what will my mum and dad say, I want them to
think I need my mum and dad"**

Author unknown

*With much kindness
Miss Louise*

No lunches next week until we have received more detailed guidelines.

P & C News

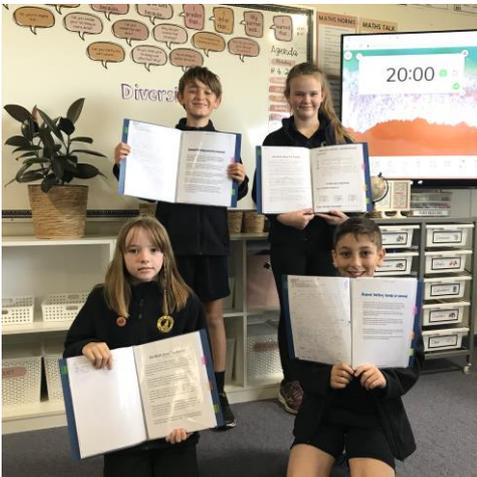
Pie Drive forms due back **TODAY 10TH of June**. Collection date is **Friday the 18th of June from Cowards Cakes - corner of 8th St and Etiwanda Avenue.**

Thankyou to all families who have placed an order - it is very appreciated!

Lunch orders cancelled until further notice. Thankyou again to all our helpers this term.

Also, a reminder for our **'Ladies Night'** on November 19th. For anyone who is interested in holding a stall please contact our P&C president, Jodie Wagner, via email at four3s@bigpond.net.au or the office at school.

5/6 C News



Lots of wonderful learning and progress has been happening in the 5/6C classroom this term. In Writing, the students recently planned, drafted and published a persuasive text on a topic of their own choice and have placed these in the Learning Portfolios, ready to share with parents at the upcoming Parents as Partners interviews.

The 5/6s have also started a geography-based Inquiry about 'Australia and Asia: A Diverse and Connected World'. Students have selected an Asian country to research and have been enjoying some map work, maths, reading and discussion, in preparation for a Google Slides presentation.

Keep up the fantastic effort and growth mindsets, 5/6C!



JSC News

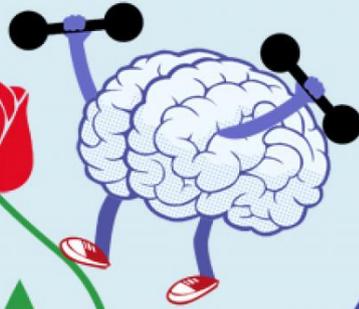
On Friday the 18th of June, the JSC are having a dress up day. You can dress up as your favourite movie character and bring a gold coin donation. The money we raise will go to Sunraysia Cancer Support Group. This group helps young people in Sunraysia that have cancer and other illnesses. We look forward to seeing you as your favourite movie character next Friday.



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.”
(Chinese Proverb)

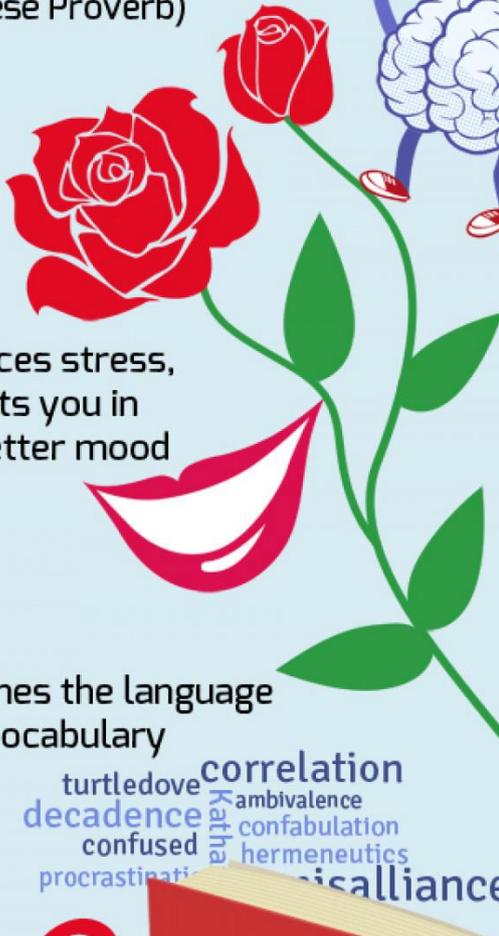
exercises your brain



i provides knowledge and information

books are a good topic of conversation

reduces stress, puts you in a better mood



better writing skills

★ great and free entertainment



improves concentration and focus

enriches the language and vocabulary

correlation
ambivalence
confabulation
hermeneutics
disalliance
Kathia
decadence
confused
procrastination
turtledove

develops creativity



books pose questions to stimulate further reflection



books are a window to the world

increases your ability to empathize with others

introduces to the unknown fantasy world

Animal testing should be banned

By Orlando Caia

Did you know about 100 million animals die from animal testing a year. Without a doubt, animal testing should be banned. Animal testing is cruel, some animals can save us and it's not effective to use them because their DNA is different.

Firstly, it is extremely cruel to use animals for animal testing. Animals are injected with diseases and kept in cages which is horrific. Therefore, animal testing should be banned.

Secondly, testing animals is torturing the animals that can help us with life problems. For example, the dogs are protecting us from getting robbed and also cats. If this testing continues we will be losing some of our wildlife. Therefore, animal testing should be banned in all countries.

Thirdly, animal testing is not effective because animals and humans are not the same. They have different DNA to humans. Why do they test animals when the results aren't accurate? Animal testing is USLESS.

So, in conclusion these are the reasons why animal testing should be banned. Let's take care of our precious animals.

We Must Save the Koalas

By Jemma Watson

Did you know that koalas are getting closer to extinction? I strongly believe that you need to save the koalas before they are extinct. They are at the risk of extinction because there are not many specialists, they are also affected by deforestation and they are also getting hit by cars on the road.

Firstly, many poor koalas are dying because they are getting diseases, which are often untreated. This is because they are getting chlamydial infections, ocular infections, urinary tract infections, reproduction tract diseases and a few more. There are not many specialists to help the koalas that are dying from disease. Therefore, we need more medical specialists to help the koalas survive from diseases.

Secondly, lots of poor koalas are getting their homes cut down, which means the koalas can't eat or drink. There are about one thousand eucalyptus trees getting cut down every year. There are way too many eucalyptus trees getting cut down for the koalas to get food and a drink. Therefore, we need to stop cutting down koala's trees so they can have food and water to survive.

Finally, we need more signs around Australia and we need to slow down in koala areas. There are about 300 koalas getting killed every year by cars on the road. It is very sad that about 300 koalas are getting run over every year. Therefore, you need to slow down on the road in the koala zones.

As you can see we need to save the koalas from diseases, stop deforestation and stop them from getting hit by cars on the road. To help the koalas more you could donate money to charities for koalas. **YOU NEED TO SAVE THE KOALAS** so we don't lose our beautiful Australian icon.

Animal Testing must be banned

by Toby Scutcheon

Did you know that over 100,000,000 animals die each year because of animal testing? I strongly believe that animal testing must be banned. It's cruel to kill animals, the tests barely ever work and it's basically sending millions of animals to death.

Firstly, animal testing is extremely cruel. Only 3% of animals survive lab experiments. The experiments often cause distress and pain to the poor defenceless animals. Therefore, cruelty to animals by testing must be stopped.

Secondly, the animal testing results aren't effective because animals have different DNA to us, and we are different to animals. Brands also use animal blood and other things in their products.

Thirdly, it's basically sending millions of innocent animals to death. As soon as they get caught they are taken to labs, where they give them drugs and test medicines on the animals and other products.

In conclusion, there are many reasons why animal testing must be banned immediately. Animal testing is clearly cruel, not effective, and is basically sending millions of animals to death. Donate to European Coalition and PETA and buy non-animal tested products and put a stop to animal testing!

We Must Save The Koalas

By Adelle Bott

Have you ever stopped and thought about how many koalas are left? It's about 80,000. We need to save the koalas. If you were wondering why I said how many koalas were left it's because koalas are dying because of deforestation, disease and cars. We need to stop before it's too late.

Firstly, koalas are dying by deforestation. Koalas only eat eucalyptus leaves and people keep cutting down eucalyptus trees. Koalas are dying because of it. As you can see we need to stop deforestation, not just for the koalas but for all animals.

Secondly, koalas are dying from disease because of no medical help. Koalas are dying from a disease that affects the male and female koalas, and even the joeys. The infection rates are 90%. Therefore, we need more medical experts going into the wilderness and rescuing the koalas.

Finally, we need more signs in the koala areas. In October, 2020, it was recorded that 29 koalas got hit by cars on the NSW North Coast and about 300 are killed a year by car in South East Queensland. If there were signs in the areas where there are koalas, people will be more aware of koalas being there so they will be more careful. That's why we need more signs.

In conclusion, we need to stop deforestation, help koalas with diseases and add more signs in the koala areas. **WE NEED TO SAVE KOALAS!**