

# EAGLE EXPRESS



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Friday 25th March, 2022

Dear GDPS Community,

This week's swimming lessons at the Latrobe Leisure Centre have been very successful; I've enjoyed being able to join the students on occasion. I have been particularly impressed with the swimming instructors' approach and our students' willingness to 'have a go'!



## Positive COVID Cases Reported at GDPS

Unfortunately, GDPS has had several of our students test positive for COVID. Thank you to families for testing their children regularly using a RAT Kits and following the recommended isolation guidelines—please contact the school should you require additional kits. It is particularly important for families at this time to access the uEducateUs app regularly as this is how GDPS will notify our school community of any positive COVID cases at our school. If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms. A reminder of some key information regarding COVID recommendations a listed below:

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.

Term 1	<b>COMING UP</b>	Term 1	<b>COMING UP</b>
29th March	Swimming, Teacher Catch Ups & School Council Meeting	31st March	Swimming
30th March	Swimming BRING TRACKSUIT PANTS AND T-SHIRT TO SWIM IN	8th April	Curriculum Day—Last Day of Term 1

Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.

For information on symptoms visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>.

For more information on how to get tested visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19>.



### OSHC (Gumnuts Early Learning Centre)

Finally, Gumnuts Early Learning Centre has been granted service approval by QARD (Quality Assurance and Regulation Division); and we are very hopeful that Child Care Subsidy Approval will take place today. We do continue to struggle to appoint an education leader, however recruitment is the priority focus for Gumnuts; if you or someone you know is interested in the position please contact me at school for more information. Should you wish to enrol your child/ren, Gumnuts will have staff to

allocate to our OSHC facility from one of their other centres to meet the need whilst recruitment takes place. Gumnuts are busy organising an information session to take place before the end of term or early in term 2.

### Positive Start 2022 Initiative

This is a friendly reminder to families to explore the **fully funded holiday camp** initiative offered by the Victorian Government. The Victorian Government is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all children and young people. The VIC Government is offering the chance for eligible students to attend a holiday free camp program as part of the Positive Start in 2022 initiative, during the 2022 school holiday periods. Parents can check if their child/ren is eligible for a fully funded holiday camp and how to access to camps, visit this website

<https://vacodata.educationapps.vic.gov.au/PositiveStartHolidayCamps/>



### Teacher Catch Up Meetings

A reminder to book your Teacher Catch Up Meeting via the uEducateUs app for sessions next Tuesday 29th March. Thank you to the families who have completed the survey that will assist teachers to meet your needs and focus on the topics that you believe to be most pertinent for your child at this time. [Click here to complete the survey](https://forms.gle/S9aFq7keZdbj1sjb6) (if the link doesn't work please paste this url <https://forms.gle/S9aFq7keZdbj1sjb6> into your address bar).

The main purpose of this meeting is to gather information about your child that may support teachers to be more effective.

Given the COVID climate, we expect many families will prefer to complete their meeting over the phone; we are more than happy to accommodate this. Unfortunately, families who are not fully vaccinated will need to complete the meeting via phone or WebEx. Please contact the school or the classroom teacher directly to organise a phone or WebEx meeting.

### **Playground Upgrade Update**

I wanted to provide everyone with an update on our bottom playground upgrade project. Unfortunately due to some tendering issues with another school, our project has only just gone to tender. We expect it will take 2.5 weeks for companies to apply, which will take us to the end of this term. Once the successful contractor has been identified, they are contracted to start the project within 28 days (unfortunately, this could be delayed due to supply issues also). At this stage we believe the bottom playground upgrade to be completed no later than term 4.



### **Parent Club Morning Tea**

It was such a lovely way to start the day this Tuesday morning. I enjoyed taking a few moments to meet casually with new and returning members of the GDPS Parent Club. The Parent Club undertakes valuable work by promoting the welfare of and supporting our school and community. Strong and positive relationships between GDPS and families demonstrates to our students that everyone is working together in their best interest. The GDPS Parent Club has continued to make

important contributions to our school community during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and I would like to thank them for demonstrating such adaptability. Unfortunately, the numbers of Parent Club members has decreased over time for various reasons—this, as you can imagine, puts significant pressure on the remaining few members to continue to meet the needs of the school. If you can spare one morning a week or a month, I know this will support and be greatly appreciated by those few members who are working tirelessly for our GDPS Parent Club. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.



Have a great week.

Leanne Sinnadurai, Acting Principal

## Breakfast Club

Each morning from 8.40am at the 5/6 line up area:

GREAT SELECTION INCLUDING: ,

- BAKED BEANS,
- SPAGETTI,
- CEREALS
- FRUIT CUPS
- APPLES
- WHEN AVAILABLE MINI MILKS



Bree & Ebony

## FOR SALE

Get in quick! We have a few 2022 GDPS student

diaries for sale. They are only \$16.50 inc GST.

We can even personalize it for you. Please contact the office if you would like one.

## 18th March Awards

**Congratulations to the following award winners:**

**Eagle Award: Harry, Ethan, Beth**

**Principal's Award: Bree**

**Other Award Winners: Masie, Emily,**

**Billie-Rose, Levi, Emily, Eleiahope,**

**Harry, Lachlan, Vicki**



# FROM THE CLASSROOMS



## Prep/One—Miss Williams

This week it is Harmony Week. It is a time where we acknowledge that everyone is different, and celebrate that everyone belongs. We enjoyed listening to many picture story books about diversity and engaged in some activities where we could practise our fine motor skills.



## Two/Three/Four—Mrs Judkins

This week grade 2/3/4 were very excited to go to Swimming lessons. We also celebrated Harmony Day on Monday by making some paper dolls and reading the book "I'm Australian too" - learning about how we all come from different places but live together and get along. Last week we made fox 2D and 3D shapes after listening to "what does the fox say" and wrote about what our shapes would say by describing their special features.



## Five/Six—Miss Darby

Within the Respectful Relationships program we have been learning about understanding people's emotions and body language. The students extended on this learning by writing down different events and scenarios that might lead to feeling certain emotions.



## VISUAL ART:

The P/1 Class has been extremely busy the last couple of weeks. The turf houses from Iceland are displayed in the school's hallway, as well as their Pandas from China. They have also started working on a Kokeshi doll from Japan.

The 2/3/4 Class are working on a Mount Everest art project. They looked at the art element space and are developing a multiple layered artwork.

The 5/6 Class has finished off their cannell houses which will be displayed in the hallway next week. They have also started their Asia project featuring a monkey collage where they are creating texture and multilayers. We are looking forward to seeing the end result!



## REMINDERS

- \* Donations for Easter Raffle
- \* Please put your child's name on their pie warmer lunches
- \* Easter Raffle Tickets Due
- \* Don't forget to bring TRACKSUIT PANTS AND A T SHIRT FOR SWIMMING WEDNESDAY
- \* Hot lunches will continue while swimming program is on—served at 11.10am



## TUCKER NIGHT Tonight MARCH 25TH TAKE AWAY

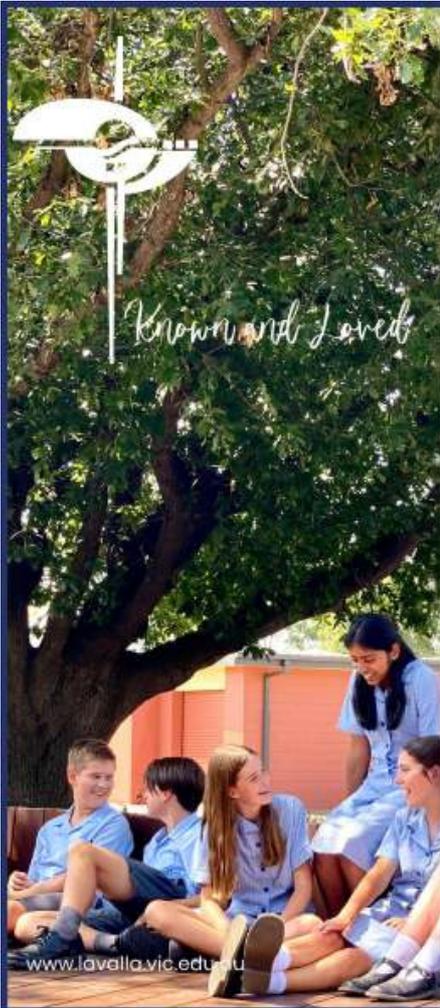
Chefs choice is Lasagna. Schnitzels are BBQ, Meat Lovers, Hawaiian, Plain and Parma. A loaded Spud, Fish & chips along with seafood basket are also included on the menu. Chocolate mousse as usual for our sweet treat. Kids meals are Lasagna, Mini Dim Sims, Nuggets and Fish.

Phone orders 0351 977 369 start at 5pm for pick up under the verandah from 5.30 to 7.30pm.

# Icy-poles are back!!!

**Icy-poles are back every Friday for \$1.00 until it's winter—so get ready for them, they are here today!**





**LAVALLA**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Information Evening

Lavalla Catholic College invites you to an Information Evening for Enrolment Applications for Year 7 2023.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

St Paul's Campus - Grey Street.

**4:00pm to 7:00pm**

All welcome to attend.

For further information please contact PH: 5174 7355

Email: [registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@lavalla.vic.edu.au)

Website: [www.lavalla.vic.edu.au](http://www.lavalla.vic.edu.au)

There will be 30 minute information/question and answer sessions for parents/guardians as well as workshops for prospective students during this time.

Separate to the Information Evening we invite you to make a time to come and see our College in action with student led school tours and an optional chat with a member of Leadership.

Both the Information Evening and School Tours can be booked on our Website. We look forward to meeting you and helping you experience our wonderful College family.

**\*\*In accordance with COVID-19 safeguarding, all adults must be double vaccinated to attend these events.\*\***

*Lavalla Catholic College is a welcoming, inclusive community called to make Jesus known and loved through education in the Marist Tradition.*

*With 'Strong Minds and Compassionate Hearts,' we unite to inspire, journey with, and prepare learners for life in our changing world.*

## Book Information Evening places now:

### Information Sessions:

Parent information sessions will run at 4:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:30pm and 6:15pm, and can be booked via TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BYIFT>

Please book 1 seat for each person attending the information session.

## **COVID Restriction Updates**

- Unfortunately, due to current DET COVID guidelines, students are unable to share homemade goods (cupcakes etc) with their class. If you would like your child/ren to share a treat with their class mates to celebrate their birthday please send individually wrapped store purchased goods such as icy poles.
- QR code Check In is not required of visitors when entering the school grounds for 'drop off and pick up' - if you enter the building you must show proof of vaccination. Thank you for your continued understanding. We will inform you when the current restrictions are relaxed.



## 2023 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

Student led school tours from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. This is a time to meet teaching staff, and discuss opportunities that are provided in each learning area.

Like Minds Program information will be available in the Digital Learning Hub for the entire evening.

Information session at 5.30pm and repeated at 6.30 in the Digital Learning Hub – with a focus on the learning opportunities offered at Traralgon College.

*Growing together as adaptable, confident, successful learners and citizens*

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**5:00pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Shakespeare Street Campus**  
**Digital Learning Hub**



For additional information please call 5176 2240 – option 2



*'Where every child is an active participant in their individual learning'*



*'After school care (OSHC) is a place of play and leisure for today's neighbourhood children. Where children can learn skills and attitudes for citizenship.'*

**How do you make a booking?**

To make a booking for BSC and ASC you can do this by emailing or calling the office.

Email: [gumnutselc@netspace.net.au](mailto:gumnutselc@netspace.net.au)

Phone: 5144 6952

**If you have any queries or require assistance, regarding any of this information please don't hesitate to contact the office.**

**Thank you and we hope to see you at our OSHC service in 2022.**

**Gumnuts is committed to child safety**



*Gumnuts acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land of where Gumnuts now is. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.*

**What is Gumnuts OSHC?**

Gumnuts Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) is a service that provides professional, fun and safe care learning and supervision for your child outside normal school hours.

**Services Provided by Gumnuts OSHC....**

The services that we provide are **Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.**

**Before School Care (BSC)**

Our Before School Care Program's Opening hours are 7am-9am

Cost - \$ 22.00 per child, per session BEFORE the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

When your child arrives, they will be greeted by our experienced educators who have activities set up in the morning to begin their day. Children are then taken to school by 9am.



**After School Care (ASC)**

Our After School Care Program's Opening hours are 3pm-6pm

Cost - \$ 27.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

Our ASC service begins with your child being collected from school by an educator The children are then offered afternoon tea before engaging in a variety of activities and play opportunities set for the afternoon. These activities are driven by and resourced for children through their ideas and interests. You are encouraged to pack extra food for hungry after school tummies.



**Vacation Care**

Our Vacation Care program (To be offered depending on demand)

Opening hours are 8am-6pm

Cost - \$85.00 per child, per session BEFORE CCS.

During the holidays children are offered a variety of activities including local excursions.

**Please provide your child with the following items:**

- Ample amounts of food for duration of day
- CLOSED TOE shoes must be worn, spare set of weather appropriate clothing/shoes
- Drink bottle (filled with water only)
- Hat and own sunscreen and mosquito repellent if required

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### 🐱🐱 JNR Tigers 🐱🐱

Is your son or daughter, niece, or nephew between the ages of 5-12?

If you answered yes, then Auskick is coming back to Gormandale and we want you involved.

Commencing around the end of April (dates to be confirmed) and running for approximately 8 weeks.

Auskick will be held at the Gormandale Recreation Reserve.

This is a great opportunity to get your child active and into sport.

If you would like more information, please get in contact with myself on 0447778820

Regards  
Daniel Earl  
President  
Gormandale Football Netball  
Club



### Are you interested in playing Basketball?

The 2022 Winter season (School terms 2 & 3) for the Traralgon Basketball competition is fast approaching and St Michaels Basketball Club is currently recruiting players across all age groups, all abilities, and all experience levels.

Age Category Birth Year

U10 – 2014/2013

U12 – 2012/2011

U14 – 2010/2009

If you are interested in joining a team for the Winter season, please email [StMichaelsBasketball1@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelsBasketball1@gmail.com) with the players name, DOB, school and playing history.