

Term 4, Week 3 Issue 17 - 2023

The Lakes South Morang College respectfully acknowledges that beneath the significant River Red Gums that feature across our school's landscape lay the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri-Willam people of the Kulin Nation.

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

BONNIE LEE
SECONDARY CAMPUS PRINCIPAL



Hello students and families,

As we near the end of this academic year, we celebrate the successful completion of formal classes for our Year 12 students. This week, our 2023 graduating class experienced a memorable Celebration Day, marking the transition from formal schooling to new exciting adventures that await them.

The day began with the time-honored tradition of the Year 12 breakfast, followed by the Guard of Honour walk through the learning street, seeing our campus unite in applause and admiration for our Year 12s. Celebrations continued with an exhilarating afternoon of ice-skating, enabling: moments of camaraderie and reflection between students and their teachers; celebration of accomplishments and memories forged throughout their journey at our College; and, recognition of the lasting bonds formed between our graduating class and their College community.

To our Year 12 students, as you prepare for your upcoming exams, we extend our upmost encouragement and best wishes. Your journey has been one of determination, resilience, and tenacity, traits that will undoubtedly guide you toward success in your examinations and beyond. May your paths be filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and make a positive difference in the world. We eagerly await the day when you return to share your triumphs and accomplishments, knowing that you carry the spirit of The Lakes within you, shaping a brighter future for all.

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- Crazy Colour Day Launch!
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Primary Campus

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

SECONDARY PROGRESSION POLICY AND REDEMPTION WEEK

In line with our commitment to student progression, we would like to remind you about the College's Progression Policy and upcoming redemption weeks. Student learning growth and academic rigour have been key focuses of 2023, and our Progression Policy outlines our approach to ensuring that all Secondary students are prepared for the next step in their learning and progression into the following year level. Redemption week, scheduled for the end of the year, provides students an opportunity to complete any missed, incomplete or unsatisfactory key learning tasks, enabling teachers the opportunity to confidently assess student learning growth and readiness for the next year of learning. Families, as key partners in student learning and development, play a key role in determining student progression. As such, over the next week families of secondary students that have been identified as 'at risk' of not automatically progressing to the next year level and in benefit of the additional support provided through participation in redemption week will be informed.

COMPASS 2024

The Lakes is excited to announce the transition of our Student Management System (SMS) from Sentral to Compass, set to launch at the beginning of 2024. Significant efforts are underway to ensure a seamless transition for both students and families. The decision to switch SMS providers has been made to enhance school-home communications, providing superior integration of features that surpass those currently utilised by The Lakes through Sentral. Information and training sessions will be available to both students and families throughout Term 1, 2024.

UNIFORM

A gentle reminder to families to ensure students attend in full school uniform. The College has worked hard this year to hold high expectations of our College community, and wearing full school uniform assists us in building school pride both within and beyond our College. The school uniform helps us to nurture a sense of connection and belonging amongst those who wear it and assists us with easy identification of Lakes students - which is particularly important now that both campuses are co-located with other schools – Merriang SDS and Collingwood English Language School. We ask that students and families are prepared with appropriate uniform items to accommodate the unpredictable weather patterns we have observed and expect to see continue throughout the remainder of the term.

EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

In the final stretch of this year, we encourage you to stay informed about upcoming events and celebrations. The Sentral calendar contains the most up-to-date information, offering much to look forward to as we approach the end of the year.

With warm regards and best wishes,



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



PRIMARY SCHOOL REFLECTION

ISLA & ARJUN YEAR 2

We cannot believe it is already Term 4! Year 2 have been busy learning!

In STEM we have been learning about how shadows are made. Using torches we practiced making our own hand puppets to share with each other. Then we learnt about shadow puppets from Indonesia. This week we have begun making our own puppet characters ready to perform with.



We are very excited because this week we have our Year 2 sleep over. We will be bringing our sleeping bags, PJs and teddies ready to have lots of fun with our teachers! Katie and Liam have told us we have a special surprise and then we will get to watch a movie together. We can't wait!

SECONDARY SCHOOL REFLECTION

CHARLOTTE YEAR 11

With the school year coming to a close, we have so many exciting things to look forward to. It is bittersweet to see the Year 12s leave, but it means that we are now the leaders of the school which is very exciting.

All of our hard work is finally paying off with our exams being so close. In some of the subjects, including Health and Human Development and Biology, we have even already started learning the Year 12 content. It's been great to get a head start. After our exams, we will start learning the Year 12 content in all of our subjects in our 'Year 12 Step Up Week'. Even though that is where our education ends for the year, we still have more events to look forward to. Myself and many of my peers have been working on performances to present at Song Dance and Drama Night in December, this is something that we are all looking forward to.

It has been a long but rewarding year so far, and we can't wait to see what else it has to offer us.

WEEK 2 PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Prep C
Gavin F	Connor D
1B	
Dhven M	
2B	
Moana C	
3B	
Tadana C	
4B	
Kian S	
5B	5C
Pournami S	Hunter E
6B	6C
Jasper B	Ryan E
	Gavin F 1B Dhven M 2B Moana C 3B Tadana C 4B Kian S 5B Pournami S

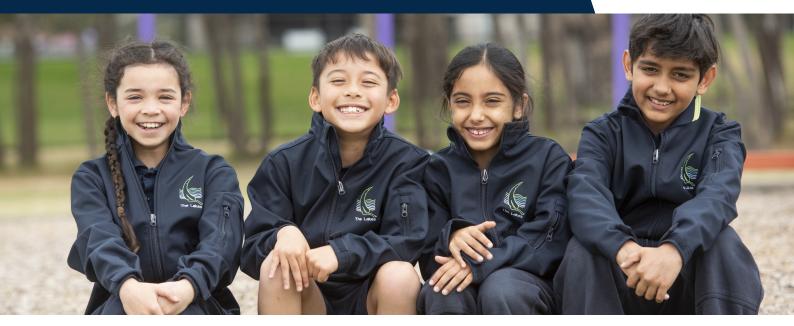


LIFESTYLE AWARDS

	Sport	Art	STEM
Prep	Monson P	Marley T	Mia C
Year 1	Noah Y	Mackenzie T	Vanessa K
Year 2	Bailey G	Ethan F	Ariyah C
Year 3	Ryan L	Matt B	Thaemela S
Year 4	Levi B	Kenzi E	Ayoal D
Year 5	Amrit B	Maddison B	Tinaye C
Year 6	Kiara T	Tessa B	Dylan S

POLICY SPOTLIGHT





DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT THE LAKES



http://www.thelakes.edu.au/uploads/8/3/9/0/83901006/

inclusion and diversity policy 2022.pdf

The Lakes strives to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive school environment which values the human rights of all students and staff. We proudly celebrate our diverse College community and recognise that diversity exists in both bodies, hearts and minds, and, we commit to promoting equity, inclusion, compassion and mutual respect. Diversity and equity enrich our College and both are instrumental to our success as we nurture a community of learners who feel safe to express themselves, explore the world around them, and develop and grow in a global and ever-changing society.

The Lakes is committed to creating a school community where all members are welcomed, accepted and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual

orientation, so that they can participate, achieve and thrive at school.

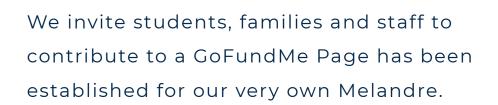
At The Lakes we value the human rights of every student and we take our obligations under anti-discrimination laws and the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities seriously.

The Lakes will:

- actively nurture and promote a culture where everyone is treated with respect and dignity
- ensure that students are not discriminated against (directly or indirectly) and where necessary, are reasonably accommodated to participate in their education and school activities on the same basis as their peers
- acknowledge and respond to the diverse needs, identities and strengths of all students
- encourage empathy and fairness towards others
- challenge stereotypes that promote prejudicial and biased behaviours and practices
- contribute to positive learning, engagement and wellbeing outcomes for students
- respond to complaints and allegations appropriately and ensure that students are not victimised.



FUNDRAISING FOR MELENDRE





To contribute

to this very worthy cause we invite students and families to either make a donation of the day or donate through our GoFundMe page. https://gofund.me/184a322c

Melandre, currently in Year 11 and a member of The Lakes student body since Prep, was diagnosed with cancer in 2022 and has since been undergoing intensive treatment.

Out of Uniform Day

His peers are reaching out to our school community to support Melandre in his fight against cancer and invite you all to participate in an out of uniform day on **Friday November 10**th

Funds raised will go directly towards supporting Melandre.



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT



Hello all.

Massive congratulations to our Year 12s for finishing their last day of formal classes this week, and well done to all their parents/carers who have supported them in their education journey. Finishing secondary education is a huge achievement in itself and best of luck to all of our students, regardless of the pathway they have chosen going forward, whether it be sitting exams for an ATAR score; pursuing other training/higher ed options; or employment. Best of luck to our Year 11s who begin their exams next week too.

You will have all received an email regarding our inaugural School Colour Run! This is an amazing initiative organised by our SRC and will bring together our two campuses again for an united event. Most importantly though, it is about having fun together as a school! Please support the SRC by either encouraging your child to participate, raising funds for items for the school as request by the students themselves; attending on the day to cheer our students on or by being a volunteer helper. Cannot wait!

Our Fundraising Subcommittee's next activity will be a Welcome Back BBQ to be held in the second week of Term 1 in 2024. More details will be sent before the end of the school year, but again this will be another opportunity to bring everyone together to welcome new families, meet our teachers and Leadership team and reunite after the 6-week break.

Lastly, the Fundraising Subcommittee has also begun taking steps towards putting together a school community directory. As a community, The Lakes would like to support and acknowledge the many businesses our families own and run by providing an opportunity to promote themselves to our school community; and for them to support the school for events or with trades and services. We are hearing that many families would rather use a local family for The Lakes when looking for a trade or service, so again this will be another wonderful community initiative. Details of how you may like to participate will also be forwarded to families in the near future.

In other news, at School Council's most recent meeting on 18 October, we:

- Endorsed Curriculum Charges for 2024;
- Endorsed a change to our BYOD policy for laptops and iPads across both Primary and Secondary campuses; and
- Brainstormed a list of building grounds improvement projects across both campuses for 2024.

As always, if you have any issues, ideas, questions that you would like raised at our next Council meeting, or any other support, we are more than happy to hear from families so please feel free to send me an email to amanda.farrelly@education.vic.gov.au. Our last meeting for 2023 will be on Tuesday 21 November. Visitors and observers are always welcome!

Cheers,

Amanda Farrelly School Council President



CURRICULUM

HELPING YOUR CHILD READ

Part Two: How to help your child work out difficult words

When your child begins to read to you, they will often have difficulty with long or tricky words. It is important to give your child time to work out difficult words themselves. This helps develop their reading skills.

You might, however, help them if they are stuck by asking questions like these:



flat

splat ter



ALWAYS
•Make Sense
•Sound Right
•Look Right

Think "What

nakes sense?

- Look at the picture. What word makes sense?
- Look at the picture. What object can you see in the picture that might start with that letter?
- What letter (or letters) does the word start with?
 What sound does that letter (or letters) make?
- What letters are in the middle of the word?
 What sound do these letters make?
- What letter (or letters) does the word end with?
 What sound does that letter (or letters) make?
- Can you put those sounds together to make a word?
- It is also important to ask your child to reflect on their decoding strategies. How did you work out the word?

For more ideas and support with helping your child read please talk to your child's Literacy teacher.







CRAZY COLOUR DAY

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER

Today we're launching our Crazy
Colour Day! We're holding the
School Fun Run's Crazy Colour
Day as a major fundraising
event this year!

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au.

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids. The best way to share your link is to pick five people you think will donate, write a personal message to them and either call, text or email them. These initial donations will encourage others to help you!

Two days after doing this, start sharing your link far and wide. Text message is always the best way to share your link, followed by social media and lastly, email.

If you have any issues at all, please contact Jaz Hayton and we will gladly help you. If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day, please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thank you in advance for being a part of our Crazy Colour Day! Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

WHAT'S ON @ THE LAKES

Breakfast Club on Both Campuses Every Wednesday - 8.15am-8.45am

(Except for the first week and last week of the term)

OCTOBER:

Wednesday 18th 8th November

Year 12 Exams

Wednesday 25th

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 26th

Year 3/4 Soccer Competition

Tuesday 31st

5/6 Victorian Coding Challenge

Year 9 & Year 11 VM
Real Life Job Interviews



NOVEMBER:

Friday 3rd

Year 3 Edendale Farm Excursion

Monday 6th

Student Free Day

Tuesday 7th

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th

Prep Farm Excursion

Friday 10th

Last Day of Year 11 VCE Classes



Book Now for Primary Tours on

9404 9000

for individual 2023 School Tours

Book Now for Secondary Tours on

9401 3919

for individual 2023 School Tours



A reminder to our current families who are planning to enroll siblings for Prep 2024. With Prep orientation sessions fast approaching.

Please see the office for information about enrolling your child for 2024. All new enrolments receive a free T shirt!



THE LAKES COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PRIMARY & SECONDARY CAMPUSES

Your feedback is valued.

Please use the following
link to provide our College
Council and Leadership
Team with feedback to
help make The Lakes a
positive learning
community for all.



WHAT'S ON @ THE LAKES



SOCIAL SCENE





The Lakes South Morang College

The Lakes South Morang College is a vibrant learning environment. We aim to empower all students to strive for excellence and ongoing growth. www.thelakes.edu.au



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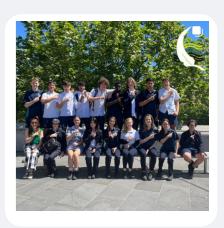














COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you are aware that your child will not be attending school due to illness or other circumstances, please contact either office to ensure our attendance records are accurate.

Ways of communicating absences include:

- Placing a future Absence Request through the Parent SENTRAL Portal;
- Calling the office;
- Sending an SMS on 0427 226 537.

As required by the Department of Education, all schools must notify parents/carer informing that their child is absent. Please inform the office of absences before 10:00 am each morning.

STUDENTS LEAVING AT THE END OF 2023

If your child / children are not returning to the Lakes in 2024, please ensure that you have notified either the Primary Campus office or the Secondary Campus office.

NO HAT - NO PLAY

We will be enforcing our 'No Hat, No Play' policy in Term 4 on the Primary Campus. Wide-brimmed hats (with the school logo), are available at the uniform shop.

STAY CONNECTED

The Sentral Parent Portal is the primary method for home-school communications at The Lakes.

We are excited to say that most families have access to the Parent Portal. The portal allows students and parents\carers to keep up to date with important information and communication.



BELONGINGS, AMBULANCE & INSURANCE

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Parents and carers are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers 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.

CURRICULUM CHARGES

We can see that many parents/carers have began to make financial contributions towards the 2023 Curriculum Contributions through QKR Payments. The College is most appreciative of the continued support and commitment shown by families through their contributions.

Your financial contributions are what enables our College to operate and deliver the best possible education and support for our students. With exciting upgrades happening throughout both campuses this year including new carpets, sporting facilities, fencing, lockers and upgrades of toilet facilities, it is important that we work together to provide the best facilities for our wonderful students.

Thank you for your support and partnering with us in 2023.

Please call Karen on 9404 900 to discuss further, if you have a service or upcoming event you would like to promote through our Newsletter.





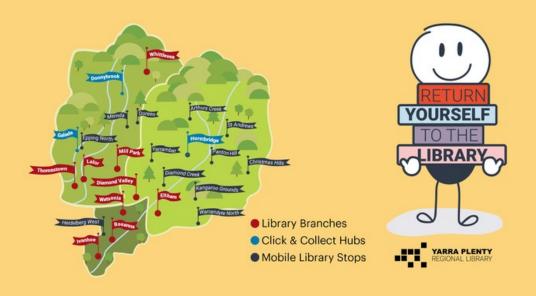
Scan the code to setup an account and select The Lakes South Morang College. Orders need to be in by 9am on the day.

Simplify your school life.

We have partnered with Flexischools, to make school lunches even easier.







COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of homebased treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet: and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if







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School Crossing Supervisor positions now available



PLAY

MILL PARK SUMMER HUB

PLAY FOOTY WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY THROUGH VARIOUS OFFERINGS THIS SUMMER

PLAY NAB AFL AUSKICK

- 4 weeks \$40
- For participants aged 5-8





PLAY AFL SUPERKICK

- > 5 weeks \$50
- > For participants aged 8-12

PLAY AFL NINES YOUTH & OPEN

- > Youth \$65pp for participants aged 13-18
- Open \$100pp for participants older than 18



THURSDAYS STARTS NOVEMBER 2





Auskick & Superkick

Nines

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TheHub. 3757



Term 4 2023

TUNING INTO KIDS

An emotion focussed parenting program

Tuning into Kids (TiK) is a program that provides parents and carers with skills in emotion coaching. Emotion coaching is about recognising, understanding and managing your own emotions as a caregiver as well as your children's emotions. When children develop these emotional skills they are better equipped to negotiate the ups and downs of life.

TiK is an evidence-based program; randomised controlled research trials have shown that it makes a difference to parents and children.

TiK is a **FREE** program run by Kids First that is suitable for parents with children aged 3 to 10 who reside in Whittlesea catchment.

Session dates & time

Session 1:	Friday, 13th October
Session 2:	Friday, 20th October
Session 3:	Friday, 3rd November
Session 4:	Friday, 10th November
Session 5:	Friday, 17th November
Session 6:	Friday, 24th November

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location

McLeans Rd Kindergarten 151 McLeans Rd, Bundoora

For all enquiries please contact

The Hub 3757 on 1300 038 401















TheHub. 3757

Harmony Story Time



The Hub3757 together with the City of Whittlesea invite you to join FREE Bilingual Storytime and Wellbeing Activities.

These fun-filled sessions will

- Start with 30 minutes Bilingual story time with your children and grandchildren.
- From 1pm to 2.30pm parents can participate in a variety of wellbeing sessions while a childcare worker will keep the children occupied.

Wellbeing activities will include Yoga classes, meditation and mindfulness, Bollywood dancing, Craft and Art.

The sessions are about

- · Connecting with your community,
- Children exploring books in multiple languages and
- Learning how to practice self-care and wellbeing activities.

Complimentary coffee, tea, hot chocolate, light refreshments and delicious snacks are provided each session! Kids First and City of Whittlesea practitioners are on-hand to provide information and support services to Children and Families.

*Facilitators in Hindi, Punjabi and Arabic

Details

- Every Tuesday from 3rd October till 12th December 2023
- 12:30 pm 2:30 pm
- Ganbu Gulinj Community Centre 55 Macedon Parade, Wollert

Registration

To register for this group, please contact one of our Family Coaches by text message

- Deepty Cusima 0448 928 268
- Navpreet Kaur 0402 157 618













COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

Mill Park Drive Children's Centre 152 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park

CONTACT:

Karen Allen - Facilitator karena@mytimevic.com.au

Mobile: 0411 523 187

MyTime

children with disabilities

9.30am - 12 noon

Unwind and

share experiences

with others who

understand



MyTime term plan

mytime.net.au

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
Fridays, Fortnightly		*Actitivites may vary depending on group interest and abilities
6 October 2023	Welcome back Guest Speaker from Carer Gateway	Outside Fun
20 October 2023	Coffee and chat	Shaving cream sensory play
3 November 2023	Guest Speaker from Association for children with a disability.	Trains, planes and blocks – let's play
17 November 2023	Happy eaters – Meal tips and recipe exchange	Fun with bubbles
1 December 2023	Special Event	Special Event
	MyTime is a place to socialise, discuss, get information, support and be supported by other parents and carers.	Children are also welcome at MyTime Mill Park. A play leader will engage children in meaningful play nearby in a
	This may be by discussing members' experiences, from research or guest speakers.	playgroup, while parents can unwind and enjoy the sessions.
	Limited places available.	
	To enrol please contact Karen	
	Ph: 0411 523 187	

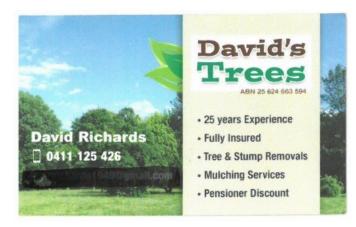












We are always looking to build new or foster current connections within our community!

Please call Karen on 9404 900 to discuss further, if you have a service or upcoming event you would like to promote through our Newsletter.



To thrive, children need a safe and supportive environment at school, at home and in the broader community; no exceptions. At The Lakes South Morang College, we believe meeting the physical and emotional needs of our students is paramount in laying the foundations for a fulfilling future. We pledge to provide an environment that has zero tolerance to child abuse and will strive to work in partnership with our parents and community members to keep our students safe every day, in every way.

The Lakes South Morang College Child Safety Statement

PRIMARY CAMPUS: Telephone: 9404 9000 • 275 Gordons Road South Morang 3752

SECONDARY CAMPUS: Telephone: 9401 3919 • 80 Jardier Terrace South Morang 3752