



Laurimar Link 2018

NUMBER 13

FRIDAY 10TH AUG 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TERM 3

Wednesday 15th August

Prep Billycarts Incursion

Wed—Fri - 15/16/17th August

Grade 4 Camp

Tuesday 14th August

Pyjama Day

Thursday 16th August

Year 1 Disco

Friday 17th August

Balance Due Grade 5/6 Camp

Tuesday 21st August

Numeracy Dress Up

Thursday 23rd August

Book Week Performance

Friday 24th August

Father's Day Stall

Mon-Wed 27th-29th August

Grade 3 Camp 3A,3C & 3D

Wed 29th-Fri 31st August

Grade 3 Camp 3B,3E & 3F

Monday 3rd Sep

Curriculum Day (no school)

Thursday 6th Sep

Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 14th September

Footy Day Lunch

Mon 17th -Fri 21st Sep

Year 5 & Year 6 Camp

Assistant Principal's Report

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday September 3 is the next scheduled **Pupil Free Day** at Laurimar Primary School. Students **WILL NOT** be required to attend school on this day. Our Out Of School Hours Care Program will be open on this day from 7am to 6:30pm for working parents. Bookings can be made directly to the OSHC Program.

Teachers will be involved in a whole day professional development activity focused on reviewing and further developing the excellent literacy program we offer. The morning session will concentrate on Reading and how we use both individual and school wide data to meet the individual needs of all students and the afternoon will focus on Spelling. As you would be aware this year we introduced a new Spelling Program; Sound Waves. Sound Waves is a phonemic approach which is recognized as one of the most effective ways to teach both spelling and reading. The session will focus on further developing skills and knowledge in this area.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Thursday we had another very successful RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY. It was terrific to see so many students and parents supporting this great program. The benefits both physical and mental as well as providing the opportunity to highlight the importance of sustainability are very important to model for our students for life long health and wellbeing. A 'little birdy' did tell me that we used to get 90% participation. Let's see if we can get beat this at our next event which is 'Walk To School Day' on Thursday September 6th. A big thanks to Matt Karamitanis for leading this program.



Assistant Principal's Report

ATHLETICS DAY

A huge congratulations to staff, students and parents of years three to six who organised, took part in and/or supported a very successful Athletics Day last Tuesday at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium on a cold Melbourne day. To see the enthusiasm, effort, enjoyment and achievement on the faces of our students was fantastic. Doing our personal best in all activities we take part in is certainly highlighted on a day such as this. A big thank-you to our dedicated and hard working Physical Education staff, Sarah Coloe, Des Chapman and Rachel Attard for the long hours in putting this event together and working tirelessly on the day with Laurimar Primary School staff and our assistants from Concord School to make this event the success that it was for our students. Best wishes to those students who will now proceed to the District Event. We know you will do us proud!



BOOK FAIR

For the last 7 days we have been very fortunate to have our annual 'Scholastic Book Fair' operating in the library. This event has once again been a great success in supporting one of our Laurimar goals to build passionate readers. Building a passion for reading in our students brings life long benefits. A huge thank-you to Natasha Conti and the many other staff and parents who have assisted in making this event successful. Monday morning is the last opportunity to make a purchase so please make sure you get along to the fair if you haven't done so already. To those students who have bought a book or books, enjoy every moment of being taken on an exciting adventure in what you read.

PYJAMA DAY

Next Tuesday August 14th is Pyjama Day. This is our first fundraising event for our 2018 Energy Breakthrough Teams. I am personally looking forward to not having to think too hard about what I am going to wear on Tuesday and further look forward to the benefit of being comfortable and warm in my Pyjamas. Please support this great event and bring a gold coin donation to assist our EB Teams in the many expenses they have, to prepare our vehicles and equipment to be successful in Maryborough in November this year.


YEAR 4 CAMP







Excitement is certainly building in our year four team, especially the students, who are off on their camp next Wednesday to Friday at Phillip Island. The program is full of activities that will excite and challenge our students and the opportunity to build new connections with other students they may not previously had the chance to work with, further strengthen friendships and develop independence is a huge benefit of our strong camping program from Prep to year 6 at Laurimar Primary School. A special acknowledgement to our teachers who volunteer their time away from their families and regular life and to the parents who volunteer their time to go on camp to provide these great opportunities. We look forward to hearing all the great adventures on your return.

Assistant Principal's Report

SOUND WAVES SPELLING

Over the next two weeks students from years 1 to 6 will be studying the following phonemes:



s ss se ce x(ks) c	
 seal	 juice
 kiss	 fox
 mouse	 pencil


s as in seal and









ir ur or er	
 bird	 world
 nurse	 fern

ir as in bird.

It would be great if at home you could spend some time at home looking at these phoneme sounds and the different spelling choices we have to make these sounds. Fun activities such as making word lists and playing games with these words, as well as looking at where the phoneme occurs in each word and the letters that spell the phoneme, would really support the work that is happening in our classrooms. It is important to note that preps are also teaching spelling based on the Sound Waves Program but as they are just learning about sounds and letters of Australian English they are not in line with the rest of the school. In prep over the next two weeks they will be focusing on...



k c q ck x(ks) ch	
 kite	 sock
 car	 fox
 queen	 school



ng n
 ring
 wink

Deb Purser

Assistant Principal

Parent Opinion Survey

We want our parents to tell us what they think!

Laurimar Primary School is conducting an important survey that will assist us in our planning for the school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training and conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August. **If you are one of the lucky ones that has been randomly selected, please set aside some time to complete the survey as we value your thoughts!**

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. Students from Laurimar Primary School in Years 4 to 6, participated in the survey. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child.

Schools use the anonymous data to help them meet the needs of students in areas such as engagement or bullying. It gives teachers data to help target programs directly around these kinds of issues. This year the survey has been reviewed at a staff and School Council level.

The survey has highlighted areas we have made significant growth, in particular the learner characteristics and disposition domain. This domain included learning confidence, resilience, motivation and interest and self-regulation and goal setting. In all areas we had made significant growth from last year, with an average of 90% positively responding in these areas.

This year we specifically highlighted five areas of focus, learning confidence, motivation and interest, school connectedness, stimulating learning and classroom behaviour. We are very pleased to share that in all areas highlighted as a growth opportunity, we have met or are on target to meet our goals by the end of the year.

With any survey we always critically analyse and make decisions for future directions based on the results and trend data. This data helps us design work to support students.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

Justine Convery

Assistant Principal

APP REMINDER

PARENTS BAN FORTNITE BECAUSE OF DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON CHILD!

As the popularity of the game 'Fortnite Battle Royale' continues to grow amongst the students at school, it is important to share this important information again so that you, the parents can make an informed decision about your child's gaming activities.

What is Fortnite and does the video game have an age rating certificate?

Fortnite is an online video game set in a dystopian world where 98% of Earth's population suddenly disappears, living conditions become difficult, and zombie-like creatures roam the Earth - the player is among the remaining 2% whose job it is to survive. After the apocalypse, "survivor bases" were set-up and each player is in charge of looking after these bases before trying to find a way to return Earth to normal. Fortnite also includes a mode called Battle Royale, in which 100 online players are put in a battlefield to fight until death until one player remains. The video game welcomes players aged 12 and above.

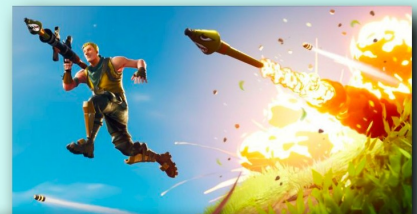
How many children play Fortnite and what are parents' concerns?

While there is no exact figure on how many children play Fortnite, the game has so far pulled in an audience of over 3.4 million players. Many parents are concerned about the harmful effects that the long playing durations, and violent content is having on their children. A thread on forum site Reddit summed up concerns, with one parent saying that while the game "promotes strategic thinking and cooperation," their child has started to "slam doors when he used to be pretty laid back." A recent poll asked if parents are worried about the effect the game Fortnite has on their children and 53% voted no as opposed to **47% who said yes**. The game has also experienced problems with hacking, with gamers finding fraudsters have been able to make payments using their details.

As an educator I do have some concerns with primary aged children playing such a game for instance:

- The violent nature of the game (the game is rated 12+)
- The notion that you have to "battle" and be the survivor
- The potential risk to children's development as a result of being exposed to violence and becoming addicted to playing
- Due to the addictive nature of this game, the impact it has on the children's friendships and peer group pressure.
- The potential for predators to groom children through online communication.

Parents, may I take this opportunity to ask you to reflect on whether this game is suitable for your children and if you share my concerns, consider banning your child(ren) from playing it. As a school, we are yet to be made aware of issues which have arisen from playing this game, I trust this will continue to be the case.



Paul Kearney, ICT Coordinator

APP ALERT!

PLAYER UNKNOWN BATTLEGROUNDS (PUBG)

Playable on ...



LAURIMAR PS HAS ADDED PLAYER UNKNOWN BATTLEGROUNDS TO THE LIST OF APPS NOT PERMITTED ON STUDENT DEVICES DUE TO ITS VIOLENT NATURE, ONLINE CHAT FUNCTION AND T RATING.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GAME

Parents need to know that PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds is a downloadable online-only multiplayer shooter for Windows PCs (there's also a mobile version for iPads). Up to 100 players compete in a last-man-standing, kill-or-be-killed battle royale. Violence is a core mechanic of the gameplay, as competitors hunt other players using a variety of realistic weapons such as rifles, machine guns, and crowbars. While the controls are relatively easy to pick up, the game's difficulty lies in trying to survive while scavenging items from the map to use in battle. Although the game doesn't feature any profanity in the dialogue, the in-game chat is generally filled with obscenities and offensive conversations from other players, unless the feature is turned off in the settings.



POTENTIAL CYBERSAFETY ISSUES

- The game pushes players to make additional in-game purchases, though they're not required to play the game.
- The game's online nature could expose younger players to offensive language and potential grooming from random strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.
- A free to play multiplayer mode, supports up to 100 players (potential strangers) fighting against each other or in teams.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND POSITIVE DIALOGUE AROUND CYBERSAFETY. TOGETHER WE CAN ENSURE OUR STUDENTS AND YOUR CHILDREN CONTINUE BEING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE CYBER CITIZENS.

- Paul Kearney, ICT Coordinator.

Information has been sourced from CommonSense Media



From the First Aid Room

Preventative Hayfever Treatment

The wattle is already in bloom and spring is not far away!

Up to 30% of children experience hayfever, and generally this is throughout spring and summer. If you know your child is affected by hayfever, please consider giving your child a preventative antihistamine medication **prior** to school. This will ensure they are comfortable at school and maximise their learning time.

If you wish to keep antihistamine or eye drops stored at school for the exclusive use of your child, please provide the medication, clearly labelled, and complete a **Medication Authority Form**, available from the First Aid Room or online via the Laurimar Primary School web page.

Thank you,
Caroline & Jess
School Nurse



Big Universe

Due to a number of factors we have decided at Laurimar Primary School that we will no longer keep our subscription to Big Universe.

We are very lucky at Laurimar to have access to many digital resources for literacy and we feel that the current programs provide many opportunities for our students.

Currently, we have the following which can be accessed by students for their own reading...

Reading Eggs - Can be accessed at school and at home using the password located in your school diary.

Activities to develop reading skills and a variety of books (fiction and non-fiction) some containing quizzes to develop comprehension.

World Book - Non-fiction texts and timelines. This is a great, cyber-safe, child-friendly research tool. Fiction texts and activities for beginning and emergent readers in the Early World of Learning Section are Included.

Get Epic - A variety of texts, some of these can be read to you if needed. Students can access this program at school only, with a password from the classroom teacher. You cannot access this program at home unless you pay for a home subscription. Sometimes they have a great deal for a cheap subscription for a few months. If we hear of this we will let you know so that you have the option to purchase it if you would like a home subscription. This is not compulsory.

If you have any questions please see your classroom teacher or contact the Literacy Leaders.

FOOTY DAY



LAURIMAR PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTY DAY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH 2018

Place your (OPTIONAL) lunch order early!

Orders will be live in the "School Shop" on MunchMonitor from

9am Thursday 9th August until Monday 10th September at 3.30pm

If you do not have an account please create one following the easy set up guide

www.munchmonitor.com

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click on sign up today and create your new account with your own email address and password.

Follow the prompts

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Go to www.munchmonitor.com Log on and click on the "School Shop" icon to order the (OPTIONAL) Footy Day Lunch.

Click on Students name

Click on Category – Footy Day Lunch

Select your item/s

Add to cart

Then you must "Check out"

When your order is COMPLETED, please ensure that you have received an email confirming your order

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO CATERING DEADLINES

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

From the Canteen

Canteen News:

Helpers for Footy Day:

With Footy Day fast approaching on the 14th September 2018 we are looking to lock in some helpers for the day. Starting time from 12pm through till 2ish. We'll supply lunch and bottomless Tea & Coffee.

We cant do it without our wonderful parent helper team!

Canteen Closure:

The canteen will be closed for the last week of Term 3, please ensure that you send your child/ren to school with adequate food/snacks/drinks for the day.



Father's Day Stall

Helpers needed for Father's Day Stall

We are currently looking for helpers for our Father's Day stall on Friday 24th August 2018. If you are able to spare some time during the hours of 8.45am—3.30pm and have a current Working with Children Check please see Sue Veld in the office to sign up. Various timeslots are available.

Year 6 Writing

Thai Rescue Challenge

I was one of the rescuers who was the first man to locate the boys, Jason Mallinson. I am a British diver who uncovered the boys at the cave. It is the longest cave in Thailand- Tham Luang Nang Non. It was June 23 when the boys explored the cave. They were found 2nd of July but we still needed to get them out. One by one we got them all out. The rescue went until the 11th of July.

We found the cave and in a few minutes we started the rescue. First what we did was there was so much water we started pumping litres and litres of water. The pumps worked 24hrs a day but there was still plenty of water. We pumped as much as we could. We went to the next the stage where divers went into the cave and started the search for the 12 boys and there coach. We started the search on the 23rd of June. We found dead ends but finally on the second of July we found all the boys and there coach sitting on a ledge but they were terribly weak. I saw grateful faces but we still needed to get them out. Sadly on the 6th of July on of our greatest and remembered divers pasts away and his name was Saman Gunan. He was coming back from the seen of the boys and coming out of the cave but forgot all about his oxygen tank and sadly past away.

We took several hours to get one boy out because it took around 7 hours. We used the whole day to rescue the first 4 boys on July 9th and on July 10th we got the second set of four boys out and finally a 9 day rescue on July 11th we got everyone out. All the boys were praying and thanking Buddha and God but most of all they were thanking the divers and all of us. The ambulance picked up the boys and the ambulance took them straight to the hospital in a flash and were given treatment. They had to put them in a different room so others wouldn't capture any type of disease or anything. After a few weeks they were back into a good health and decided to become monks but not for a lifetime, only for a week. Everyone worldwide and family thought that they would never make it but thank to men and women they were saved in 9 stressful days.

I thought they would never make it but thanks to me and the others they were saved and were back to the own health and were back to the Wild Boars there soccer team.

By Kavith. W



Year 6 Writing

Thai cave rescue

Olivia S

Oh my god it's freezing down here! I can't take it any longer! I've already considered trying to swim up stream but that ended horribly in my head. All I can remember is the day we came in here (23rd of June). What a big mistake! How unlucky can we possibly be? A monsoon came and we're stuck on a stupid rock fighting for life as we know it. A couple of the older boys are sobbing with their hands pressed together. I didn't used to believe in god but now I have no choice but to pray to him for survival.

It was my birthday a couple of days ago, well at least I think it was a few days ago. We have no sense of day and night down here. All I see is pitch black. I'm not feeling very well either. Being down here is the worst! My light is still kicking but flickers every now and then. Coach said that apparently there are people trying to find us and to not to lose hope. That's no help to me. I gave up 13 hours ago and I'm not prepared to start believing again. Surprisingly in not thirsty at all! I'm more hungry than thirsty to be honest. I've been drinking the cave water and I honk it's helping. The reason why I said That was because sometimes I feel like I need to throw up after I've just drunk some.

Ok after some consideration I've decided to stop believing in god and go back to being Buddhist. I'm promising Buddha that if I make it out of here alive, I will become a monk. I've also started to believe that we can actually make it out alive. I'm still not sure we will but I'm hoping.

It's been a couple of days now and coach was right! A couple of divers have found us! They set up tanks to pump some water out to make it easier for us to get out. They said that we needed to get some rest and they will start tomorrow.

I just woke up. I feel like it's about 7:00am but I'm not sure. The divers have started to take out 4 boys at a time (2 are my friends) I hope they're ok. I can't wait for my birthday presents! The divers are going to come back in 48 hours. I can't wait!

It's been about 48 hours and I'm going to go now Im so ready for it! They're wrapping me in foil and gave me a mask. Im starting to feel sleepy and I'm going to go to sleep now. I'm in an ambulance and we're driving to a hospital. They carried me out while I was sleeping. I'm going to need in a hospital for 2 weeks. After that I'm going to go to a press conference about my time in the caves! I can't wait!



Year 6 Writing

THAI CAVE RECOUNT - Summer B

It is silent, dark and terrifying. Sitting, waiting, until water zoomed through pushing us further into the cave system. I'm miserable and scared. I'm in the awesome yet terrible Tham Luang Nang Non cave. I'm with my coach and my teammates. We have had food but only crumbs. It's the 23rd of June I'm saying in my head worst birthday ever! How did I get here...

Yay! I scream. We won! It was the 23rd of June the wild boars and me just got back from our soccer match. Victory was ours. Our coach has surprised us by going to visit the cave. We have also visited the cave before. We all asked to go in and our coach said... yes!

We walked in slowly. We love the cave, it's awesome. "Ahhh"! Screamed one of the boys. Water comes zooming through pushing us deep in the cave. I'm super scared and heart broken. When will I get out?

All I could remember was the day we came, a huge mistake. I'm starving. Our coach said divers are coming to save the day!! Still it can take a while. I'm horrified, I'm not ready to die. All I know is I'm praying for my life. Live or die I will always remember my friends, family and my coach.

All of a sudden I see glimpses of light. I'm starting to find hope. There were flashes everywhere. "Hello" Yells the diver. How many are there? 13 the coach shouted back. Great.

One by one the divers gave out gas masks and special goggles for our chance to leave. It's deadly and dangerous. We swim. How do I even swim? Our gas masks could run out anytime.

There are walls that are so skinny and thin. We slide through. I feel like I'm carrying an elephant. We see daylight, shining through the cave. We are so relieved. They're no words to say how happy we are. Sadly a diver didn't make it. We made it to the hospital safely and lived. We're blessed!

It didn't take to long to recover. I've had food. I'm home with my family, opening presents. I'm so relaxed and blessed. Thank you.



Student of the Week – 30 July 2018

Class	Student
Foundation A	Chloe C
Foundation B	Janiru W
Foundation C	
Foundation D	
Foundation E	Parsa S
Foundation F	Oliver B
Foundation G	Tayah C
1A	Taneisha R
1B	Mackenzie P
1C	Kathryn H
1D	Grace T
1E	Kassius K
1F	Emily B
2A	Declan J
2B	Noah C
2C	Isabelle F
2D	Jenovic M
2E	Ella W
2F	Levi G
2G	Fynn M
3A	Nikayla G
3B	Nash B
3C	Elle B
3D	
3E	Belle O
3F	Layla F
4A	Ava F
4B	Cooper C
4C	Blake S
4D	Lily B
4E	Joshua Y
4F	Rami E
4G	Toby B
5A	Blake B
5B	Deacan C
5C	Harvie C

5D	Amy G
5E	Logan H
5F	Gidselle F
6A	Sebastien V
6B	Kaylyn F
6C	Kohen W
6D	Cooper A
6E	Riley M
6F	Ruan V
STEM	Zali L
OSHC	Timothy W
Enrichment	
The Arts	The E
STRIVE	
Social & Emotional Learning	Hamish C
Physical Education	
Chinese	Holly M

Energy Breakthrough presents

Pyjama Day
14th of Aug.
Wear your favourite pyjamas or onesies to school!

Laurimar

LAURIMAR SS 2018 PHOENIX
LAURIMAR SS 2018 DRAGONS
LAURIMAR SS 2018 GIBBIFINS

Bring a gold coin donation to help support our Energy Breakthrough program at Laurimar.

Remember: A good night's sleep supports the growth of a healthy brain and body. !

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Legend of the Month– July 2018

Class	Student
Foundation A	Chloe C
Foundation B	Menara S
Foundation C	Evangeline B
Foundation D	Neha B
Foundation E	
Foundation F	
Foundation G	Kayleigh W
1A	Maria D
1B	Phoenix M
1C	Chiara A
1D	Paityn B
1E	Brodie B
1F	Molly S
2A	Jasmehar S
2B	Sienna D
2C	Lily M
2D	Noah R
2E	
2F	Jesse L
2G	Maggie K
3A	Kristian R
3B	Conner W
3C	Hunter H
3D	Oliver P
3E	Mieke V
3F	Lachlan H
4A	Jayla R
4B	Bianca F
4C	Shaza M
4D	
4E	
4F	Chloe W
4G	
5A	Sabella K
5B	Ellie W
5C	Oscar W

5D	Liam M
5E	
5F	Fady D
6A	Jack L
6B	Riley D
6C	Aimee I
6D	Jack M
6E	Taylor P
6F	Blake F
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OSHC	Paityn B
Enrichment	
The Arts	Thomas P
STRIVE	
Social & Emotional Learning	Andrew S
Physical Education	
Chinese	



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