



Lyndale Greens Newsletter

Keeping Our School Community Informed

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	7 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday	24 November	Curriculum Day
Monday	4 December	Swimming Starts

Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday – Tuesday 7th November – **Students DO NOT** come to school on this day

Curriculum Day – Friday 24th November – **Students DO NOT** come to school on this day

Prep Enrolments 2018
Our 2018 Prep (Foundation) numbers are filling fast. However, we still have a few spaces available for next year. If you have a new prep student for 2018, please complete our enrolment form and return it to school or alternatively, please ring the school to arrange a tour.

2018 Planning
We are currently looking at our 2018 planning for grades, grade structures, specialist and grade teachers. To help us with our planning, we need to know as accurately as possible, our 2018 student enrolment numbers.

Moving house or moving to a new suburb – If your family is intending to move out of the area and will not be attending Lyndale Greens in 2018, we would greatly appreciate you notifying the office as soon as possible

**Swimming Program –
Prep To Year 2
Only 10 Places Left**

The swimming program for years Prep -2 will be run this term in December. The total cost is \$85 per student. Permission. If you would like your child to participate in the swimming program please return the permission note and the payment to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. There are only 150 places available and there are on 15 places left. Please note we cannot hold a place for your child without the payment or CSEF. If you successfully applied for the CSEF this year, this money can be used to pay for the swimming program

Kids Teaching Kids Conference

Lyndale Greens Primary School's Science Captains, Dero, Ayra, Izabela and Pooja, attended the Melbourne Waters' Kids Teaching Kids Conference at Melbourne University and Collingwood Children's Farm last Tuesday and Wednesday. Kids Teaching Kids is a school-based education model that motivates young people to learn and care for their local environment. This year's theme challenged students to think about what water means to them and the value of water to different communities around the country and the world.

It was an inspiring and empowering experience for the four. Over 500 students from New Zealand and every state, except Tasmania, arrived in



Melbourne ready to deliver Workshops and Presentations using technology and the arts. While only 4 students

attended, all grade 6 students were involved in researching and creating Water Warrior Shields using Melbourne Water's information about protecting more 8 600 kilometres of creeks, rivers and streams while providing the water for Melbourne's population. The Science Captains presented four of the shields on stage on the first day. The Hon Lisa Neville M.P. opened the Conference and many of the sponsors echoed her message, *"Schools and young people in our communities have an important role to play prioritising the care and protection of our water resources and natural*

environment, ensuring a better future for all Victorians,"

Izabela Szafranski reflected, *"Different schools presented on the same issue in different ways deepening our awareness"*. She was captivated how well planned the conference was – *"all the workshops ran on time, the food never ran out and was delivered smoothly and there was plenty of seats on the bus and at the Gala dinner"*. However, it was the friendly, happy atmosphere that most impressive.



Pooja Don Manuvelge Don, revealed how *"I learnt more with each workshop I attended, each presentation and video I saw."* She thought that the kid leaders were good at presenting, *"clear voices and well timed"*. Pooja said the dinner and lunches were delicious too. Nonetheless, her personal favourite activity was feeding and patting the animals raised at the Collingwood Children's Farm.

Dero Antony Suvendrasooriyar said, *"Every issue offered through workshops, videos and presentations was new to me and I got to learn lots of stuff so Kids Teaching Kids really works! Every school that was there will have benefited from attending. Balloons will be disappearing replaced by bubbles. It was the first*



conference I have attended and it has set a very high standard."

Ayra Chandla said, *"I knew that plants need nutrients and water to grow but I walked out of a Workshop*

knowing much more about plant growth than I ever expected.



Presentations were so kid-friendly. The presenters put the information in words and ways that many kids readily understood.

One Presentation was told in funny way. It had most of **us feeling sorry for a little plastic bag!** as it tried to avoid the street cleaners, a dog and being caught on the seaweed beds before it could reach the great Pacific Ocean plastic wasteland twice the size of Texas. This was truly a once in a Primary School life-time event!"

As a teacher attendee, I was most impressed by the respect all student audiences displayed as they listened to the Kid M.C.s, participated in workshops or watched videos and presentations. I was overawed by the standard of the kids' presentations. I was proud of the Science Captains who spoke confidently on the Water Warrior shields and when presenting our combined reflections on the conference.



I am sure the Science Captains will take their passion for the environment (their hearts), and what they have learnt through the workshops process (their heads) and to show us that they have taken

actions (their hands) to change environmental practices at Lyndale Greens Primary.

Judith Sise Science Teacher

Choir Competition Recount

On Tuesday the 24th of October 2017, 60 students from Lyndale Greens Primary School went to a choir competition called, "Voices of the Choirs". There were eight different choirs competing. Our school entered three categories and sung one song for each of them. The first category was a free choice song. The song we choose was, 'How Far I'll Go' from the popular kids movie Moana, which was released in 2016. The second round was an 'A Cappella'. This is where you sing without music in the background. The song we sang for that was "Inanay". The last and final round was an Australian song and we performed 'Friday on my mind'.

Three judges were there on the day and announced the awards and the overall winner. Every school choir received an award and we were proud to receive first place for our 'A Cappella' performance.

I was nervous to perform on the day, but that is natural to feel like that. Overall, I really enjoyed the experience and I had a lot of fun! I definitely want to be part of our school choir again next year. I encourage any student wanting to develop their confidence and singing skills to become involved by attending trials!

by Rachelle Magoga Grade 5D.

On 24/10/17, 60 children attended 'Voices of the Choirs' competition, at Woolarara P.S. For the first part of the program, we had to sing our free choice. We sang 'How Far I'll go' from the movie Moana which was originally sung by Auli'i Cravalho.

After the first break we had to sing our 'A Cappella' song. We sang 'Inanay' which is sung by a group called Tiddas.

For our Australian song we sang 'Friday on My Mind', written by the Easy Beats.

After all the suspense, the judges announced which schools won what award. Lydnale Greens Primary won the 'A cappella'. Everyone came back feeling very proud and happy of our accomplishment. The experience was heaps of fun and we were successful because of all the effort we put into at weekly rehearsals.

by Nathan.Titus Grade 5C

reducing the amount of litter entering our school storm drains is not bring any plastic or alfoil wrappers to school. Dero, Pooja, Izabela and Arya discussed their idea with our Principal, Ms Golding. Using their most persuasive language, it was agreed that there would be a trial for November to see if students from Grades 4 to 6 could be challenged to bring "Nude Lunches". Nude Lunches means placing snack and lunch in containers without any plastic cling wrap or paper. Ms Golding gave the captains a tip on how to have a "Nude Lunch". Her sandwich is placed in a re-cycled butter plastic container!



Science Captains' Challenge "Nude Lunches"

The Science Captains were challenged as Marine Ambassadors to reduce the amount of litter that flows into Port Phillip Bay through the creeks via the storm drains. At the Melbourne Water Kids Teaching Kids Conference, Dero, Arya, Izabela and Pooja attended many workshops showing the dangers of plastic wrappers and bags to marine animals and birds and eventually to our health. The captains did a survey of the litter in the school after lunch and found that most of the litter was plastic and alfoil. They decided that maybe the answer to

As Ms Golding said most people, eat butter, margarine, or yoghurt, which comes in a plastic container that can be re-used as your lunch container so there is no need to buy a new lunch box. The Captains also won a free excursion to CERES Community Environmental Park. They thought that the students who bring Nude Lunches should have an opportunity to attend the excursion. They have explained the process at Monday's Assembly by which those who bring Nude Lunches will be placed in a raffle. The Captains hope that parents will assist the students to not bring any wrappers to school and see if we can reduce the amount of plastic and alfoil at our school.

Judith Sise and Science Captains, Dero, Arya, Pooja and Izabela.