



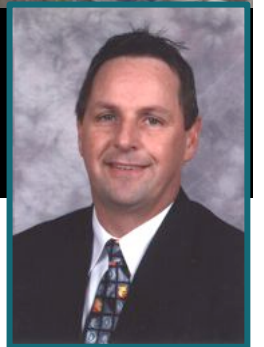
*A great state school serving
the Lyndhurst community.*

OPENING 2011



December 2010

Issue 4: Holiday edition



Principal's message Greg Lacey



Frequently asked questions

Answers to questions that parents have been asking. More about student well-being.

Information night dates. A bit more Lyndhurst history.

- Meet our teaching group.
- Partnerships and community links.
- More on ICT in the school.
- The new School Council.

Welcome to issue 4 of the Lyndhurst PS newsletter, the last for 2010. Things are moving at a frantic rate as we move closer and closer to opening the school with students on the 4th February, 2011. We are really working on the tin tacks of the process now, ensuring that all classrooms are fully kitted out with the required resources, that we have all of the teaching and support staff that we need to open the school successfully and that we are fully prepared for the students to settle straight into class next year. We have actually moved into the Lyndhurst buildings now, which has been incredibly exciting! It's terrific to come to work each morning in our own school and to really begin to plan in detail for next year. This week, we had our first official staff get together with a tour of the school and a social gathering. There was a great feeling of anticipation and a desire to "get on with the job" as soon as possible. It's a terrific team we've put together and I'm full of confidence and enthusiasm for the quality of teaching we will see in classrooms at Lyndhurst. Next week, I'm meeting with the Casey Council to plan for school crossings to be installed in the surrounding streets so many of the infrastructure details are also coming together. The official hand over of the buildings happens very early in January so I'll be back early from a short holiday break to finally take possession of our school. I'm thrilled!

Meet more of the growing team at Lyndhurst



CRAIG SKETCHER

Year 3/4 teacher

My name is Craig Sketcher and I am really thrilled to have been appointed a classroom teaching position at Lyndhurst Primary School. I am really looking forward to meeting our students and supporting them in their transition to their new learning environment. I have been a Year 6 classroom teacher at Rangeview Primary for the past three years and was the upper school coordinator. Prior to Rangeview, I was at Mount View Primary School for seven years, where I had experience teaching both junior and upper levels. My other background is in Music, Physical Education, ICT and Boys' Literacy research. Being part of a new school is a privilege and I look forward to working with the school community to make Lyndhurst a fantastic place to learn.



SUNITA KALIA

Year 1/2 teacher

My name is Sunita Kalia. I have been appointed as a classroom teacher at Lyndhurst Primary school. I am thrilled and energized to work in a brand new school and to be a part of making our school a wonderful place to learn. I have worked as a classroom teacher at Hampton Park Primary School with additional role as Maths Co-ordinator. I was also involved in sustainability projects last year. I look forward to developing a strong relationship with the Lyndhurst Primary School Community.



MATTHEW CAREY

Year 5/6 teacher

My name is Matthew Carey.

I'm really excited about being part of a new school community and culture. Being part of a new school is too good of an opportunity to pass up.

I believe in having strong values throughout life. These values include Respect, Honesty and being self-disciplined in all approaches. I would like to promote these values within the new school community and throughout my teaching. Health and Fitness are a big part of my life, which I enjoy immensely. Having previously worked as a year five teacher at Cranbourne West Primary, I have undertaken several community based projects, which include a radio program for the students at Casey Radio and the Human Powered Vehicle. I hope to bring these opportunities with me to Lyndhurst in the future.



AMY SHORT

Year 1/2 teacher

My name is Amy Short and I am extremely excited to be appointed to a teaching position at Lyndhurst Primary School. I am a graduate teacher and have just finished my four-year degree at Monash University. Over the four years I taught at various schools in different grade levels, including a wonderful internship, teaching Prep. I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences in all the schools and loved teaching the children and being a part of their communities. I feel privileged to be a part of a brand new school. I can't wait to get to know all the students and parents at Lyndhurst Primary School.



KATHIE BLYTHMAN

Prep teacher

My name is Katie Blythman and I am very excited to be a part of the Lyndhurst Primary School teaching team. My previous school was Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School where I taught prep. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to be a part of Lyndhurst Primary School's first year and I am looking forward to meeting all of the children, parents and members of the school community. I look forward to making a positive contribution to establishing Lyndhurst Primary School's community next year.



MADISON SHEATHER

Year 1/2 teacher

My name is Madison Sheather, and I am really looking forward to beginning teaching at Lyndhurst Primary School. I graduated from Monash University in 2010, with a Bachelor of Primary Education. I see starting my teaching career at a new and exciting school as a wonderful opportunity to help develop a school culture that all students, parents and staff can be proud of. During my internship year I was placed at Woodlands Primary School, and for the last four years I have assisted in the running of the Rosebud Primary School's Water Safety Program. I am excitedly awaiting the 2011 school year to arrive.



MEG HARDY
Prep teacher

I grew up in a small coastal town in East Gippsland with my 3 siblings. When I moved to Melbourne I completed a Diplomas Sport, Recreation and Management in 2007. Growing up right on the water I developed a great enjoyment for swimming and this lead me to become an Aquatic Instructor at Casey Arc, where I have been teaching for the past 6 years. I completed my Bachelor of Education at Monash University in October 2010 and am looking forward to starting with Lyndhurst primary in 2011.

I care about the development and wellbeing of children and value the opportunity to be part of their learning journey.

I am exceptionally excited about the opportunities that a new school presents and I am looking forward to building strong bonds between the school and families.

Together we are embarking on a new and exciting path towards developing caring, supportive and successful learning environments. As a graduate teacher, I feel exceptionally lucky to be able to begin this exciting journey with the new students and staff at Lyndhurst Primary School.



DARREN GLEESON
Physical Education teacher

I'm very excited to be a part of the new learning community at Lyndhurst Primary School and teaching Physical Education. Physical Education has long been a passion of mine and I plan to pass on to students the enjoyment that can be found in maintaining a physically active lifestyle. I have enjoyed participating in a range of sports myself over the years, with a special interest in athletics. It is through sport that I have been able to grow as a person, developing both independent and interdependent life skills. I have also developed many close friendships along the way, including my wife Tara who I met on an athletic track!

I very much look forward to meeting students and parents over the coming weeks.



MANSI VADERA
Year 3/4 teacher

My name is Mansi Vadera. I was born in India but my parents moved to Africa when I was a year old. We spent many years living in Tanzania and a year and a half, in between, living in Zambia. I completed the majority of my primary and secondary education at the International School of Tanganyika in Dar-es-salaam, Tanzania. I then went on to do my Bachelor of Education in the UK. A wonderful four years in the South West of England and many decisions later, I moved to Melbourne at the end of 2002.

I began my teaching career in July 2003 at River Gum Primary School in Hampton Park. During my time there, I worked as the ICT Specialist and have taught in Grades 1, 4, 5, 5/6 and 6.

I am very excited about being a part of such a wonderful beginning and a fantastic opportunity as Lyndhurst Primary School begins its educational journey. I look forward to meeting new colleagues, students and parents as we together, become the integral part of the LPS Community.

Other school staff recently appointed

REBECCA GRAHAM
(Front office/Reception)



MARINA WALALLAWITA
Out of School Hours Care



INGRID DE BREE (Art teacher)

Teaching Visual Arts to children is an amazing joy. I've had a roundabout journey in my teaching career to finally come to my happy destination. I began as a secondary ESL teacher, moved to Primary classroom teaching, and ultimately Visual Arts. I've always had a personal passion in arts and crafts and love sharing that.

I'm very excited to be working at Lyndhurst PS next year, a state of the art school with fantastic opportunities for staff, the parent community and of course, the children. I look forward to meeting everyone and making lots of wonderful art with the students next year!



EMMA GALVIN (Prep teacher)

Hi, my name is Emma Galvin. I'm very excited to teach at this wonderful new school! I have been teaching prep over the past three years at Aspendale Gardens Primary School. I love teaching, learning and am looking forward to building new relationships within this growing community. I have a background in performing arts and have enjoyed teaching dance to children. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year. Please pop in and say hello!



Lyndhurst PS How do I enroll?

The following are all required to complete enrolment:

- Completed Student Information Forms
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Certificate

Enrolment forms and documentation can be posted to:

Lyndhurst Primary School
PO Box 7138
Cranbourne North, 3977

Phone: 8768 6700
Fax: 8768 6799

FAQ's:

What do you want to know about Lyndhurst Primary School?

If you have a question why not drop us an e-mail at:
lyndhurst.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Have you found out anything more about the history of Lyndhurst Primary School?

I was able to track down two entries for Lyndhurst Primary School in a book called "*Vision and Realisation: a centenary history of state education in Victoria*" published in 1973. The book includes entries dating back to 1854 that relate to Lyndhurst Primary School. The extracts are reproduced in this newsletter.

School Council report

The interim School Council met for its first official meeting recently. Much of the meeting was taken up with various reports regarding the set up of the school and progress so far. The meeting was most productive and it is clear we have a terrific group of individuals to guide us through our first year.

Uniform update

It seems that many parents have been calling in to PSW to try on and order uniforms. The uniforms are on display in the Hampton Park store and look fabulous! If you haven't already, it would be a great idea to call in, try on for sizes and put your order in for uniform

OSHC progress

The registration process continues and importantly, we have appointed an OSHC coordinator. Marina Walallawita comes from the now closed ICA Casey school and came most highly recommended by a large number of the ICA parents. Marina has already been working in the office, assisting us with the paperwork and enormous set up process for our OSHC service.

Enrolment paperwork

If you haven't submitted your enrolment paperwork yet, please do so as soon as possible. The task of data entry is enormous and the sooner we have confirmed enrolment numbers, the better we are able to prepare for the year start.

FAQ continued

More on ICT in the school

We have recently submitted orders for about 75 computers to be installed in the school. We have a mixture of high end and low end workstations as well as laptops, netbooks and iPads. These will be supported with a range of classroom peripherals like visualisers, digital still and video cameras and audio equipment. It will be most interesting to see how teachers explore and work with the plethora of ICT resources to enhance the learning in our classrooms.

Family meetings

As I mentioned to many families, I am looking forward to meeting you all individually and so is Kerry, our Assistant Principal. At the information evening, we will be offering appointment times in January to meet with families for 15 mins or so to get to know you and to discuss your expectations. If you don't make it to the information night, please call the school and we can arrange an appointment time for you.

Barbecue

It was suggested at School Council that it might be nice to organize a bit of a social get together for families as well as a tour of the school buildings. We have decided to run a sausage sizzle and picnic evening at the school on the 27th January at 5pm. Please call us or email us if you wish to come along. We will have a sausage sizzle operating but you are welcome to bring along a family picnic if you wish. There will be a chance to see the school buildings and an opportunity to meet other families from the Lyndhurst community so we hope you can come along.

Booklists

Don't forget those booklists as well! Get them into us as soon as you can so that your children can begin with all of their required resources.

School Website

We have almost completed construction of the school website and should be going live within the next week or so. The school web address is....

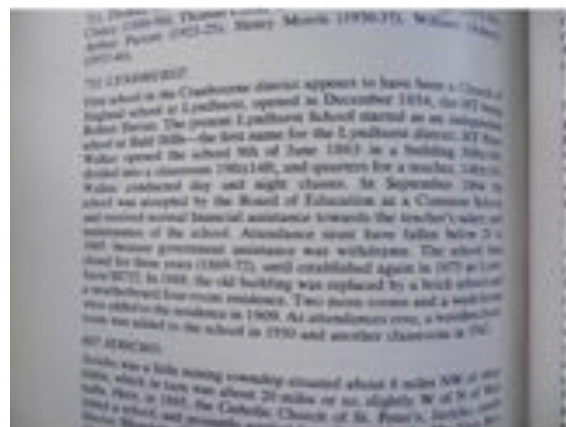
www.lyndhurstps.vic.edu.au

It would be great if you could visit the site and give us some feedback about....

- what you found useful
- what you'd like to see
- what you thought of the site
- how we might improve it
- how easy it was to navigate

Look forward to hearing from you!

A slice of history....





Front entrance



Senior wing



Junior wing



Hall



Music room



Classroom



Central Agora (Courtyard)

Lyndhurst PS

By reaching out to make neighbourhood connections with homes, businesses, the environment and local institutions, Lyndhurst Primary School can:

- offer real world, rigorous, interdisciplinary learning experiences
- provide facilities custom-designed for learners of the 21st Century
- be a school characterised by the laughter and smiles of children
- wholly engage children and the community in the process of learning
- prepare children to be happy, caring and productive adults
- develop adaptable and resilient individuals
- encourage respect for themselves, others and the environment

In the next edition...

- Your questions e-mail them to us.
- The next edition will be brought home by your children after they have started at our school. It will be full of stories about our first few days as a school and lots of photos too!
- This newsletter is your newsletter. Let us know what you'd like see in it!
- The newsletter will come out fortnightly to all of our families.

Lyndhurst Primary School newsletter



Issue 4: December 2010

Contact us:

70 Brookwater Parade
Lyndhurst, 3975

Principal: Greg Lacey
Phone: 0416 679 836

PO Box 7138
Cranbourne North, 3977

lyndhurst.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



A slice of history....

