



A great state school serving the Lyndhurst community.



## From the Principal's desk

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### Diary dates

	<b>January</b>
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Community BBQ
	<b>February</b>
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 – 6 begin
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Preps begin
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	School photographers
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Drum workshops and performance
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Official opening
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher interviews
	<b>March</b>
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day holiday
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting
	<b>April</b>
Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 ends
Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins

Welcome to the first edition of the Lyndhurst school newsletter for 2011. This started out as just a brief one with some information for parents but it has grown somewhat. Last Friday was such a fantastic day for me personally and for all of the staff here at the school. After so much work in setting up and preparing the school for the first intake of students, Friday was an incredibly rewarding time. To see so many smiling faces from both children and parents made us all so pleased and proud. The feel from the whole community has been amazing and fills me full of optimism for the future of our school.

#### Prep beginning

Monday morning was also a fabulous milestone for us as 47 Prep students began their very first day of school.

Resplendent in their new uniforms, they settled so very quickly into the activities that had been prepared for them. It was great to see so many parents welcomed into the rooms and it was amazing to watch the calmness across the whole Prep area. It bodes well for the future.

#### Community open evening

Thanks to everyone who came along to our opening evening at the end of January. The suggestion for the evening came from our School Councillors and it was a fantastic way to meet members of the school community and for families to meet each other as well as the teachers. There was a wonderfully positive vibe on that evening that I am sure we will be able to harness as we build our school culture.

#### Staff thank you

I also want to take the opportunity to publicly thank all of the staff for their incredible commitment to successfully opening this school. Their voluntary attendance at the open evening was just a single example of the amount of work and time they have all contributed whilst other teachers all over the state were on holidays. We have a fabulous staff team who will help build this school into one of which we can all be proud.

#### Particular thanks

I want to extend particular thanks to Kerry Bates, our Assistant Principal and Lisa Sutherland, our Business Manager. Kerry and Lisa have worked tirelessly alongside me since October and the success of the school's start this last week is largely as a result of their commitment and often their good humor!

### General points of information

To follow are a few general points of information for parents.

**Heat Policy:** We have formulated a policy to cater for days of extreme heat. It has been decided that, should the temperature reach 37 deg or over at lunchtime (local temperature), then children will be kept inside and supervision arrangements as for a wet day timetable will be implemented. If parents feel that children are better off at home on a very hot afternoon, then you are welcome to call at the office before 12.50 pm to pick them up.

**Hats:** Lyndhurst PS is a “Sunsmart” school. The official school hats are compulsory for all children until the end of April. Baseball caps are not an ideal form of sun protection, and are not acceptable. The school hats look terrific and are also very “Sunsmart”.

**Medication:** We CANNOT give medication of any kind, without your written permission. If you need your child medicated during the day, whether on a short term or long term basis, you must fill out a medication form, available from the office. The information that you send should have full information as to dosages, times, indications for use and permission for the medication to be administered. This information should be given to the office along with all medication in suitable containers. If the medication is for ongoing issues such as ADHD or asthma, a full management plan should be given to the school on the appropriate form.

**Entering the school:** There are several entry gates to the school grounds. Children, upon arrival at school, should come in one of those gates and remain inside the fences until it is time to enter class. Parents and children should only enter the school through the front entrance if they have office business to attend to or if they are late.

### *Early morning and after school*

**supervision:** Children should not be in the school grounds prior to 8.45am each morning. The school grounds are supervised from 8.45am and we have a well-staffed and closely supervised Before School Care program that opens at 6.45am. Beyond this we cannot take responsibility for children left in the playground in the morning unsupervised. This applies equally after 3.45 pm in the afternoon. Drop off and pick up for children in before or after school care is through the end door in the colored glass wall near the staff car park.

**Parking and traffic:** Please be patient and considerate when picking up and dropping off at school, especially at this time of the year. We understand that it is a difficult situation here, especially after school, as it is at most schools around Victoria. There is plenty of parking around the school grounds. Parents are asked not to park in the staff car park at any time. The risk to children with traffic in that car park is high. There should be NO children in that car park at any time. We have spoken to the children regarding safe practices when travelling home on foot or on bicycles. At this stage, we have no school crossings but are continuing to monitor the traffic around the school so that we can work with Casey Council in deciding the safest and most effective locations for school crossings.

**Uniforms:** The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Lyndhurst Primary School. The uniform policy is there for reasons of uniformity of appearance, convenience for parents and security for children. Please ensure that your children are wearing the prescribed uniforms at all times. On those odd occasions when the drier has broken down or the dog has eaten the only clean shirt, please send a note along. There can often “variations” that appear in children’s uniforms and that is disappointing. The uniform is attractive, comfortable, functional and good value for money. We don’t want a whole lot of variations appearing. Changes



## Lyndhurst PS How do I enroll?

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website at:

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

The following are all required to complete enrolment:

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

Enrolment forms and documentation can be dropped in or posted to:

Lyndhurst Primary School  
70 Brookwater Parade  
Lyndhurst, 3975  
Phone: 8768 6700  
Fax: 8768 6799

to the school uniform are approved by School Council. Should you have any suggestions, please put it in writing to me and we can consider it. In the meantime, I ask for all parents to support our efforts to maintain this important part of our school culture. We are proud of our uniform and we hope that the children feel the same.

### Forms To Fill In

This week, you have received a number of forms to be filled in. It is most important that these forms are filled in correctly and fully. Student Information forms will be sent home with all children soon. The forms will contain all current information on our system. Parents are asked to check the form carefully and alter any incorrect information or add further information where appropriate. Please return the Student Information forms as soon as possible to the office. We emphasise the importance of up to date information in case of illness, accident or emergency. New Asthma Management forms are available from the office if there have been any changes to the management plan for your child.

### Art news

Dear Parents,

Welcome to an exciting start to Art at Lyndhurst PS. If any parents would like to offer assistance during art classes, please come and see me. You are required to have a current "Working with Children Check".

Any donation of art and craft materials, ice-cream containers etc. is highly welcome. You can send these to school with your children. If in doubt as to any items you want to donate, just drop by or send me a note.

**IMPORTANT:** Can you please organise an ***art smock*** for your child. It needs to be ***thick and labelled*** with the ***child's name and grade***. It needs to be thick to absorb/protect from wet art materials; paint, glue, clay, etc. Your child's grade teacher will organise an art smock container to keep these in.

I look forward to meeting you, and working with your children in art to create magnificent artworks!

Regards,

Ingrid de Bree

Visual Arts

### Community support

We would like to thank the following butchers who supported us with donations for our open night BBQ. Thanks to Sean from Weston Meats, Cnr Monahans Rd, Cranbourne, 59954036 and Don at Don's Meats, 10 The Arcade, Cranbourne, 59965626. Let's support them as they support us!

**Official opening**

We have been requested by the Minister's office to have our official opening this Friday afternoon. We will be privileged to welcome the Minister for Education, The Hon Martin Dixon MP to our school for a brief ceremony. We have invited a number of other special guests to help us celebrate this important occasion. Later on in the year we will organise a larger, community celebration event. However, in the meantime, we invite all community members to join us for our Official Opening. The ceremony will include the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the event. The details and times are set out below. At this stage, we expect the ceremony to be conducted on the outdoor stage next to the school hall. We hope that you will be able to join us.

**Photos from the open evening**




**AN INVITATION  
TO THE COMMUNITY**

*Members of the Lyndhurst PS Community  
are cordially invited to the official opening of*

**LYNDHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*by*  
**THE HON. MARTIN DIXON MP  
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**

*on*  
**15TH FEBRUARY, 2011**

*The Minister will arrive at 12.30pm  
after which a short ceremony will be held  
followed by a tour of the facility.*

*Community members are asked to arrive prior to 12.30pm  
and assemble in the central courtyard.  
The Minister will leave at 1.45pm.*

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## Day One



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