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Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day – Friday 23rd May
Students DO NOT come to school on this day.

**Mother’s Day**
I want to wish all of our mums and grandmother’s a very happy Mother’s Day. I hope that your children spoil you on your special day. Thank you to the mum’s who helped out organising and running the Mother’s Day stall. Once again, a wonderful effort from Bev Rollens, Vanessa Turner, Mona Elbayeh and Jenny Brown and everyone who helped run the stall. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing the various gifts for their mum or special person. Each year we try to provide a lovely selection of gifts for the children to choose for the their mums, grandmother and carers.

**Prep 2015—Parent Open Evening**

Wednesday 21st May

Is your child starting Prep in 2015? Join us for our Prep 2015 - Parent Open Evening. Take a tour of our school, meet the staff and learn more about our outstanding programs and facilities.

**Where:** Lyndale Greens Primary School
1 – 19 Oakwood Avenue,
Dandenong North
Ph: 9795 2271

**When:** Wednesday 21st May, 2014

**Time:** 5–6:30pm

**Light Refreshments Provided**

**Term 1 & 2 Attendance Excursion and Special Prize**
To acknowledge and reward outstanding student attendance for semester 1- (terms 1 & 2), every child who has been absent 3 days or less will be rewarded with a “Special Activity” day / excursion. The special activity day is being organised for a day at the start of term 3. Every excursion provides students with the opportunity to engage in learning, social skills and the opportunity to celebrate. We are still deciding the special excursion/fun day, but this will be communicated to students and parents in the letter they receive.

**Special Activity Day / Excursion** - Last year we introduced two, “Attendance Excursions”. At the end of this term, any student who has had 3 days or less will be invited to attend the special “attendance excursion”.

**Special Prize – Bike & Helmet**
Students who have had 5 days or less will be entered into a special prize draw and will have the opportunity to win a new “bike and helmet”.

**Naplan for Grades 3 & 5 Students**
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It
has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

What Is Foundation?
You may hear the word Foundation in correspondence or to describe a year level here at school. Why is this occurring? This year all schools in Australia are implementing the national curriculum, so no matter where you are in Australia, the range of year levels and names of classes at schools will be aligned. This has not meant a lot of change in Victoria; the one obvious change is the change in name of our prep classes which is now known as the foundation year.

Staff Carpark – NO Parking
I would like to remind parents they are NOT allowed to park in the staff carpark. We want to ensure the safety of every child in our school and ask parents to respect this rule. Young children don’t have the same peripheral vision as adults, and can’t see as much as we see. They have approximately 20% less peripheral vision, so they don’t see what’s to the left or right of them as well. Some research suggests this contributes to the particularly high rate of pedestrian accidents rates with children.

Leader photo orders
Orders for copies of the School Leaders, Captains and Junior School Council photo must be at the office by Wednesday 14th May.

Grade 3 Writing
An Ordinary Day
“OUCH!” My eardrums felt like they popped! While my pet goblin was playing the drums, I’m up and awake now I got dressed in to my goldfish suit and then parachuted down the BIG WOODEN STEPS! “Wooohooo!” That was so fun! I started to run for my GIANT PIECE OF AND TOAST! And then was about to ride my one wheeler clown bike to school.

After a while I got to school it’s a small cottage but it was being attacked by HUMUNGOUS TROLLS wait a minute where did they come from? I’ve got to find some HELP! And it has to be quick. Suddenly I saw my friends Penny, Zarah and Tarryn they were running and screaming “AHHHH!!!!” I started to call them PENNY, ZARAH, TARRYN!” Come quick they started to run more I know how to stop this but I need three more people since you’re here I need you we have to get in the cottage quick. We all ran there in a blink of a eye as we got there I told them to get the vacuum they did we have to click the red button and everything went to normal and we ate lunch. The End by Saamia

Just An Ordinary Day
“Why do I have to get up and ready for school at 1:00 in the morning?!“ DING! DING! “OK, OK I'll get up!” I said as I got dressed. I tripped over all the one thousand rocky stairs. CLASH! BAM! BOOM! “I’m alright!” I exclaimed with a thumbs up. “Penny, food is ready!” Dad shouted from the kitchen. I rushed to the kitchen and with a split second I was there. I wasn’t that hungry so I only had one piece of sticky toast (that was the size of Mr. Bears body!) After my amazing breakfast I drove Mrs. Blueberry ( the graceful dinosaur.) I drove to my colourful school.

The terrifying road started to get sucked in. there was a sink hole. But a HUGE ONE! It was so HUGE that it was pulling Mrs. Blueberry and I CLOSER and CLOSER into the GIGANTIC! We started to run and jump. It was like a game! “How do we STOP this HUGE SINK HOLE?!” Mrs. Blueberry shouted “I remember!” I said as I walked to the GIGANTIC sink hole!

“Jump in the sink hole!!!” I screamed to all the kids. “Wait, what you want us to jump in there?!” They all said at the same time. Finally they all jumped in and ended up in class! Mr. Slimey (my science teacher) started talking about what we were going to do for the rest of the day. We were going to blow up frogs!!! The End by Penny