Curriculum Day
Curriculum Day – Pupil Free will be Friday 22nd August
Students DO NOT come to school on this day. The teachers will be involved in a range of professional development activities.

The teachers will be running a range of workshops for other staff including:
➢ Improving Questioning techniques
➢ Visual Literacy
➢ VCOP – Writing and Spelling
➢ Cars & Stars – Comprehension
➢ SREAMS – Data analysis
➢ Reading–12 Steps to Reading Success
➢ Maths – targeting improved and extension math

Student Behaviour
During the week, I had a small number of boys who were behaving in an inappropriate manner, which upset some other students. Those students have received severe consequences for their actions. Their parents have been notified and the children have received a range of consequences including suspensions, loss of excursion and loss of recess and lunch breaks.

I consider the behaviour of our students to be exemplary. The majority of our students are thoughtful, considerate and extremely well behaved. I want to acknowledge all of the wonderful students we have at Lyndale Greens Primary School. We have an outstanding school culture and I am very proud of our students, parents and staff and the work we do together to ensure that our school provides the very best on all levels for our students.

Head lice
It is that time of year when head lice reappear and I encourage all parents to check their children’s hair. (See attached information on how to treat your child’s hair). If we are alerted to a child having head lice, we contact the parents and the child is sent home for treatment.
Parent Survey
Thank you to all of the parents/families who have returned the Parent Opinion Survey.

Grounds Work
In the next few weeks we will be completing some additional grounds works which includes; Plumbing, Asphalting and a bit later – an Under Cover Area.

2015 Foundation (Prep) Enrolment
If you have a child starting school next year could you please collect an enrolment pack from the office and submit your enrolment form. We are filling up fast.

Old School Uniforms
If you have school uniforms that your child/ren have grown out of and are in good condition, we would appreciate some donations. At this time of year children can get a little muddy or dirty and require a change of clothes and it helps if we have some spare uniforms to give them to change into, rather than calling parents to bring up, dry pants or tops.

Only pants or tops in good condition please!

Ready - 4 – Prep (Foundation)
Our highly successful Kinder to Prep Transition Program runs every Thursday afternoon during Terms 3 & 4.

Where: Lyndale Greens Primary
When: Every Thursday afternoon during Terms 3 & 4
Time: 2.15 -3.15pm
Cost: Free for all 4 - 5 year old/pre-school & kinder children

Science Talent Search Judging Presentation
Good luck to Vatsal Vyas, 5B, Moin Vohra, 4C, and Jatan Shah, 6B, who will present to the judges on Saturday their individual projects for the Science Talent Search Competition. Science Talent Search is a competition organised annually by the Victorian Science Teachers Association to allow and encourage students from Prep to Year 12 to present their science knowledge in a variety of ways. Vatsal has completed a computer presentation on living in space; Moin has constructed and explained the way a windmill works and Jatan has produced a model to explain how a dynamo functions. These students have worked over three terms to perfect their models and to understand the science involved. There have been many problems to overcome but with the support of their families, they have shown perseverance and determination like true scientists. We wish them well on Saturday. Also on Saturday, representatives from grade 4C and 6D will present whole class projects. Grade 4C has completed a project on how food is preserved and grade 6D has investigated how important grasslands are to humans. While every student within these grades has contributed to the research and experimentation, it takes a very special student to present to the judges. These students have confidently analysed the class data and knowledge and judging criteria to write a presentation on the class project’s conclusions and scientific journey through three terms’ investigations. Whether they win bursaries or not, all the students involved have developed skills in confidence, organisation, persistence and teamwork to complete these projects. Congratulations!

Judith Sise, Science Teacher and Science Captains, Maxxi, Danushi, Vishnu and Thirandie
Frequently asked questions

Where do head lice come from?
Head lice have been around for thousands of years. As with any insect, they learn to adapt to their environment in order to survive. We are never going to be completely rid of them, but we can make managing them easier.

Do head lice fly or jump?
Head lice do not have wings so they cannot fly. They can't jump because they do not have ‘knees’.

So how do head lice move around?
Head lice CRAWL very fast and require head to head contact for transmission. It is possible that because of the way young children play, head lice are seen more widely amongst primary school children than adolescents or adults.

Can head lice spread disease?
No. Head lice cannot transmit or pass disease on to people.

Who is responsible for checking and treating head lice?
Like similar health conditions such scabies, and ringworm, it is a parent or guardian’s responsibility to treat and care for their child.

Do head lice live in carpets, clothes, hats or sheets?
No. Head lice very rarely fall from the head. They require blood to survive. Head lice feed 3-4 times a day and without blood, will dehydrate in 6 hours in a dry climate and 24 hours in a humid climate. An egg requires warmth to hatch and is the reason why they are laid close to the scalp. The further away from the scalp, the less likely they are to survive.

Is it true that head lice only like clean hair?
No. Head lice are not selective. They don't care if hair is long, short, blonde, brown, washed this morning or last week. As long as they are warm, and have blood to drink, then they are content.

What treatment kills 100% of head lice or eggs?
There is no single treatment that kills 100% of head lice or eggs. Whichever treatment you choose it can take time and persistence to get rid of head lice. Use a method that will not risk the health of your child.

Is there a way to prevent head lice?
No. It’s important to check your child’s head regularly with conditioner and comb even when you don’t think your child has head lice. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

How does the conditioner and comb method work?
It’s a very cheap and effective way of finding head lice. Hair conditioner does not kill lice, but it does stun them for about 20
minutes, meaning they do not move around, and it is difficult for them to hang on. This gives you time to comb through the hair with a fine tooth (head lice) comb.

**How does a chemical treatment work?**
Only use products that are licensed or registered for head lice. There are four different active chemicals that target head lice, each works differently and aims to kill lice and/or eggs.