Welcome Back
We are certainly well into 2014. The first half of the year was extremely productive and certainly busy. We have had a larger than expected enrolment, which I believe is a result of the very positive student outcomes, outstanding programs and facilities. We currently have 593 students.

Attendance Excursion to the Circus
Yesterday we had 400 students go on our Mid-Year Attendance Excursion. To have such a huge number of students who achieved 95-100% attendance for the first half of the year is certainly outstanding.

We are not asking children to come to school if they are sick, we are simply encouraging students to be at school the maximum amount of time possible, to enable our teachers to provide them with the very best education. We want our students to aspire to be the very best they can be, and achieve the very best outcomes.

Students DO NOT come to school on this day. The teachers will be involved in a range of professional development activities.

Cold Weather
Just a reminder to parents about the cold and wet weather we are currently experiencing. If your child has a coat, hat or scarf, please remind them to wear them to school. This year has been particularly cold and wet and we want our students to stay warm whilst they are out playing during recess and lunch times.

Parent Opinion Survey – Will be sent home Monday 28th July
Dear Parents,
Each year the Department of Education ask schools to survey their families using the “Parent Survey”. Families are selected at random. We generally send out approximately 90 surveys which is the number required by the DEECD. Some families may have been asked last year as well as this year, and others may not have been asked in the past few years. As it is a “Random” sample, schools have no control over the names the computer provides. The survey is also available in a range of languages. If you receive a survey in English, but would prefer in another language, please speak to the office and we can arrange a translated version for you.
The Parent Opinion Survey is one way for parents to provide us with valuable data and feedback about our school. This enables us to better understand how the parent community feels about our school. It takes about 15 – 20 minutes to complete, and your input and contributions to our wonderful community is appreciated.
The Parent Opinion Survey will be sent home on Monday 28th July. Once you have completed the survey, please place it inside the envelope provided and return it to school by Friday 1st August.

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free will be Monday 22nd August
Swimming – Grades 3-6
Swimming has started for students in grades 3-6. Next term, students in grades Prep -2 will be offered the opportunity to participate in the swimming program.

Parent and Emergency Contact Details – Please Update
During the past couple of weeks we have attempted to contact a number of parents/families and found that we did NOT have the correct contact or emergency contact details. It is extremely important to ensure that ALL of your details are correct. Have you changed home phone, mobile, address or have your emergency contacts changed? Please see the office if any of the above has changed.

Ready - 4 – Prep (Foundation)
Our highly successful Kinder to Prep Transition Program will start in Term 3-Thursday 31st July 2013. The first day for our Ready 4 Prep program will be Thursday 31st July.

Where: Lyndale Greens
Primary School
1-19 Oakwood Avenue
Dandenong North
Ph: 9795 2271

When: Every Thursday afternoon during Terms 3 & 4 Starts Thursday 31st July

Time: 2.15 -3.15pm
Cost: Free for all 4 - 5 year old/pre-school & kinder children

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)
Lyndale Greens P.S. has offered SRI to students through “Access Ministries” for the past 10 years. However a new directive from the Minister of Education has commenced which requires schools to send out a new consent form to parents. On 1 May 2014 the Minister for Education issued a Ministerial Direction (MD141) to provide further direction to schools in relation to SRI. This Direction will commence on 14 July 2014. This means that all schools and principals must comply with MD141 from the start of Term 3, 2014. In accordance with this Direction:

Parents will receive a new Consent Form and Information regarding SRI early next week. Students can only participate once the new form has been completed and returned to school.

Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd Instalment
Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2014 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Community Announcements

Have You Seen Us?
Lost Saturday afternoon 12/7/2014
German Sheppard: 5 months old named Hunter. A very affectionate puppy. Rottweiler: Nearly 1 year old named Dante. Intelligent, affectionate and a gentle giant. Both are much loved and very missed. Any information regarding either dog would be much appreciated. Please contact:
Emma: 0432 806 817 or
Chris: 0413 706 0