Welcome back to 2015
I would like to welcome all of our families back to Lyndale Greens Primary School, as well as the many new students and families who have enrolled at our wonderful school. Our school is certainly growing with an expected enrolment of approximately 580 students.

Small Grade Sizes
We continue with our commitment to small class sizes, to ensure that your child receives the maximum teaching and learning time. Our focus is to provide every student with the maximum teacher/student time and highest quality learning and programs. Prep – 2 grades have an average of 19 students per grade, and grades 3-6 have an average of 21 students per grade.

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thursday 12th February
(2pm – 7.30pm)
On Thursday 12th February, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s learning needs with the teacher, as well as learn more about the teaching and learning programs their child will be involved in during 2015.

School Captains and Student Leadership Roles 2015
Grade 6 students have the opportunity to apply for “Student Leadership” positions for 2015. The children will be required to write an application outlining why they will be the very best candidate for the various positions. The following Student Leadership Roles are available for Grade 6 students;
- School Captains
- House Captains (Melaleuca, Banksia, Eucalyptus & Acacia)
- Sports Leaders
- Library Leaders
- Environment Leaders
- ICT Leaders
- Science Leaders

Specialist Programs for 2015
In 2015, the children will receive a range of Specialist programs. Some of the programs will continue all year, whilst others will be for half of the year. This provides students with the opportunity to experience a wider range of programs throughout the year. Your child’s teacher will provide a timetable.
- Art – Prep to 6
- Physical Education - Prep – 6
- Music - Prep – 6
- Science – 1- 6
- Library – Prep – 6
Language Program - Indonesian - Prep & 1

It is a Department of Education requirement that ALL Government schools offer a language program in Prep (Foundation), from the commencement of 2015. In 2015 we will introduce our Language Program – Indonesian for students in Prep and Grade 1. Languages education offers significant benefits for Victorian students, their families and communities. At school, it helps our children and young people to develop their first language literacy, problem-solving, intercultural and communication skills, and it equips them for a wide range of careers. (The Victorian Government’s Vision for Language Education 2013 -2025)

Fruit Program – Mr. Ken Franklin of APC Logistics – Thank you for your Generous Sponsorship for 2015

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Mr. Ken Franklin for his extremely generous sponsorship of our “Fruit Program” for students in Prep – 6. This means that students in grades Prep -6 will once again be provided with a piece of fresh fruit for their enjoyment. We are extremely fortunate to receive such generous sponsorship and support for our students.

Hats Compulsory Term 1 and 4

Just a reminder that hats are compulsory in all Government schools during Terms 1 & 4.

Naplan Information & Parent Workshops - Tuesday 17th March

Dear Parents,

Early next term, students in grades 3 & 5 are required to complete NAPLAN testing.

Many parents have mentioned to me that they would like further information or assistance, so they can help their child or simply understand what is involved for their child during NAPLAN testing.

Therefore, we will be running a number of WORKSHOPS for PARENTS to provide examples of the NAPLAN test questions as well as some practical ideas of how to help your child at home. For many parents, it has been a while since you have been to school, and we all get a bit rusty with our maths, spelling, reading strategies etc. At our parent workshops, we will be providing and explaining how to break down the questions, which strategies the children could use to solve problems, ideas for improving spelling, sentence structure and story writing and many more ideas. If you want to know some tips and ideas about how to further assist or support your child’s learning, please come along to these “parent workshops”. Our aim is to support our parents, and you won’t be asked to get up in front of other parents to solve problems or complete work. We will be there to demonstrate, discuss, provide ideas and strategies to support our parents. We will give you a handout of the practical ideas as well as sample pack of NAPLAN type questions you could take home to support your child.

When: Tuesday 17th March
Time: 9.10 – 10.30
Where: (Grade 5 Gallery area)
Morning Tea provided.

Community Announcement

ENROLMENTS - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST GERARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH FOR STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN - TUESDAY – 3 & 10 February 2015 @ 4-5pm

Enrolments will be taken for the Sacramental Programs:

- Pre-Sacramental Class - Grade 1&2
- The Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion - Grade 3 &4
- The Sacrament of Confirmation - Grades 5 – 6