School Council Members 2015
Congratulations to Mr. Imran Maniar, Ms. Kathleen Porter and Mrs. Lesa Clarke for their election to School Council. I look forward to working with all of our School Council Members throughout 2015.

Students arriving too early for school
Student should not be at school before 8:45am. There have been between 40 and 60 children arriving at school each day, between 7.30am - 8.30am which is far too early, and extremely unsafe. Teachers are not on duty until 8.45am and the school does not provide supervision before this time.

Children not being picked up after school
Each day we have many students who have not been collected from school by 3:15pm. Often the child becomes distressed especially when we are unable to make contact with a parent or any of the emergency contacts. We ask that parents ring the school if they are running late to pick up their child. This allows us to reassure your child and save a lot of time in the office for staff.

Before & After School Care
We are in the process of attaining quotes and information for a Before & After School Care program to operate at Lyndale Greens. It has been approved by School Council and I will keep the community informed about our progress.

Homework Tips for Parents
Who groans louder when homework is assigned: children or their parents? And who needs homework anyway? The fact is homework should be and can be a positive experience, with a purpose. First and foremost, homework gives children a chance to learn how to work independently. Most of the day they work as part of a group; at home they learn how to work alone. Homework also gives students an opportunity to review information and practice newly learned skills without taking up classroom time. That’s particularly

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important for children who need extra time to learn. Quick learners can use extra homework time for special interest projects.

Homework struggles between parents and children often occur because parents forget one important fact of life. Children want to do so well in front of their parents, even though they don't always show it, that they react more dramatically to criticism from their parents than they would to the same words from their teachers.

**Bikes, Scooters & Skateboards**
The school expects that student bikes, scooters and skate-boards are locked away whilst at school, throughout the day. The use of such items in school grounds before and after school is not permitted and students must wheel or carry these items whilst on grounds. These items are brought to school at the owners risk; the school is not responsible for repairs or replacement for lost, stolen or damaged items. In addition, State legislation indicates that wearing bike helmets is mandatory for all bicycle users. All students bringing a bike to school must have and wear a bike helmet that is in good condition and of an approved type. The wearing of bike helmets for skateboards and scooters is also highly recommended and strongly encouraged by the school.

**Sale of School Car**
Lyndale Greens School Council has decided to sell the school car. If any member of staff or school community is interested in purchasing the car, please submit a written offer with your name and phone number to the school office by close of business (4.00pm) on Tuesday 24th March 2015.

**Car Details:**
2009 Ford Territory TS RWD SY MK11 4D Wagon 4.0Lt, 7 seater. 4SP Auto Mileage 81,000kms Reg No. XGM359 Registered until 5th Oct 2015 Selling Price: $18,500 ONO with RWC All offers are to be addressed in writing to Mrs. Pam Mizzi.

**UNSW Educational Competitions 2015**
Students from grades 3 to 6 who enjoy a challenge are invited to enter The University of New South Wales International Competitions in **Digital Technologies – Mathematics - Science and English.**

Students sit the tests at school and receive a certificate acknowledging participation. Students are eligible for awards including High Distinction, Distinction and Credits Certificates as well as the prestigious University of NSW Medals. Medal presentation ceremonies are also held at various venues so the medal winners can celebrate their achievements with their parents and teachers.

There is a cost of $8.80 per competition. Please complete the form below and return to either your teacher or the office by 27th March, 2014

**Private Property brought to school**
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
UNSW Educational Competitions
I want to sit for the UNSW Educational Competition at a cost of $8.80 per competition. I have enclosed the correct money.

Name: ........................................................

Grade: ................

Digital Technologies (19th May)  ☐
Science (3rd June)             ☐
English (28th July)            ☐
Mathematics (11th August)      ☐

Total Cost included $ _______

Cultural Diversity
Concert Friday 27th March
This year our school will be celebrating Cultural Diversity Week with a Multicultural Concert.
All families and friends are welcome to attend.
All students and teachers can come dressed in their national costume or colours.
If any parents or students would like to perform a cultural dance, sing a song or play an instrument please come and see Ms Mara, Mr Fernando or Mrs Hicks.

Persuasive Writing
As part of their lesson on persuasive writing, students in 3A and 3B decided to write a letter to Ms Golding on whether we should have more or less school holidays. Here are two opposing views.

Dear Ms Golding,
I strongly believe that we should have less school holidays. First of all, being at school more can help me to do maths and I can get smarter. Next, I could get the chance to be a Junior School Captain. Finally, I could do more handwriting and get my pen license.
In my opinion, school is more important than holidays.
Yours sincerely, Pooja (3A)

Dear Ms Golding,
I strongly believe that we should have more school holidays because we could get more confidence so we’re not so shy with people. I have to say that we should have more school holidays because I could get more time with my mum and dad and see them more. Also in my opinion I could help mum with the cooking and the washing.
Clearly I have to stay at home more and I hope you agree.
Yours sincerely, Richard (3B)

Exams should be banned at primary school
“Ash! Wake up. It is exam day.” Said Mum. “Ok. I hope that I pass. I have studied so hard. Well off I go. Bye Mum.”
9.30. I made it. I better get in my seat.
“Hello students. You can start your test now.”

Book Fair In The Hall
Last year the children had a fantastic time browsing and buying a wide range of books from the Book Fair. This year our Book Fair starts Friday 20th March till Thursday 26th March (before school).
During library lessons, the children will have the opportunity to browse at the books. If you would like to buy the Book Fair will be open

8.30-9.00am and
3.15-4.00pm
Fotina Mangonis, Librarian
30 minutes later, “You all passed except Ash Jago. You failed.” Home time.  
I walked home. My mum asked “Did you pass?” I told her that I had failed. I should just go in my room. I will study harder and longer. I will not stop studying until I pass. I have to study English, Maths and History. I can’t do this. It will be very hard.  
I think exams should NOT be banned because it will help you in life. But if it was banned you would not get a good job or go well in life.  
You even have to do an exam to get your drivers licence, so its best to get exam experience early. by Ashley 6C

Recycling is good for our environment
Recycling is good for our environment so this world wont get full of garbage and it is good to recycle so all of the rubbish will go to the Recycling Machine.

If we don’t recycle this world will smell maybe like nappies. We recycle in a red bin, blue bin or green bin. The recycling bin is good for our environment as we have only one bin so we don’t get mixed up.

We need to recycle so that we don’t have rubbish all over the ground. It is safer as you don’t slip.

We recycle juice boxes, water bottles, pizza boxes and glass and make other things.

We recycle for our environment and we use old things to make new things. Mohammed 4D

I think we should recycle otherwise we have to be living in junk and these are my three reasons to tell you why we should recycle and keep our world clean!

In my opinion, we should recycle because its better for our environment and then there wont be any more pollution in our oceans and on land.

The fact is, if we recycle we can save millions of animals and plant life because if we don’t we along with animals and plant life will die!

I know that if we recycle, it can be fun using all of the machines to crush all the aluminium cans.

Of course, I think we should recycle because who wants to be living in a garbage house and running out of oxygen from not having any trees? I know I sure don’t! by Aahil 4D

Community Announcement

Invites you to a FREE screening of Disney
FROZEN
Saturday 21 March
Tirhatuan Park

FREE EVENT
FREE ANIMAL FARM AND JUMPING CASTLE

From 6pm
ACTIVITIES AND BBQ
FEATURE FILM STARTS AT 8.30pm
In case of rain, the venue will be at Rosewood Gardens Primary School, Murray Road, Sandringham North