Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools
Dear parent,
I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.
Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. We will be organising a practise of our emergency management procedures over the next week or so.
Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.
If you have any questions, please contact me.
Kind Regards,
Victoria Golding
Principal

Welcome back
It is lovely to see our students and families return for 2016. I hope each of you had an enjoyable time over the school holiday break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and parents.

Welcome to our new and returning staff members.

I would like to welcome our new and returning staff to Lyndale Greens Primary School. We are delighted to have them on board, to further support our teachers and students.
Mrs. Joanne Peterson – Grade 2
Ms. Rachel Bell – Grade 2
Mrs. Tivendale – Grade 4
Mrs. Brown – Student Support Programs

New Shade Structures and Sandpit
One of our new shade structures has been completed and I am expecting the second one to be completed within the next two weeks. We have also installed a new sandpit for students which also has a lovely shade sail.

Hats Compulsory Term 1 and 4
Just a reminder that hats are compulsory in all Government schools during Terms 1 & 4

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about the teaching and learning programs their child will be involved in during 2016.

CSEF
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are linked to the student. Your Centrelink Card must be valid on 27th January 2016 to apply. Please bring your card with you when you apply. If you did NOT complete an application form when you collected your child’s book box, please come to the school office with your card as soon as possible.

Applications close 29th February 2016

School Captains and Student Leadership Roles 2016
The Grade 6 students have been busy writing their applications for Student Leadership positions within our school. The children had to write an application outlining why they are 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
- Music

I am currently reading their applications. Students who have applied for the School Captain positions will also be required to attend an interview with the Principal to discuss their applications.

Specialist Programs for 2016
In 2016, 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.

Term Dates -2016
Term 1: 28 January – 24 March
Term 2: 11 April – 24 June
Term 3: 11 July – 16 September
Term 4: 3 October – 20 December

Community Announcements

ENROLMENTS - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST GERARD’S CATHOLIC PARISH FOR STATE SCHOOL CHILDREN - TUESDAY – 2 & 9 February 2016 @ 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

We meet every Tuesday in the school term between 4-5pm on the premises of the Parish.