



Week Ending October 16th, 2020

Discovering Doreen

Diary Dates:

Bike Ed P-2	21 Oct
School Council Meeting	22 Oct
Public Holiday	23 Oct
Bike Ed P-2	28 Oct
Cup Day Public Holiday	3 Nov
Dates are subject to change	

TERM DATES 2020:

Term 4

5 Oct—18 Dec

TERM DATES 2021:

Term 1

27 Jan (Students start 28 Jan) - 1 April

Term 2

19 April—25 June

Term 3

12 July—17 Sept

Term 4

4 Oct—17 Dec

From Glenn

Week one of our return has finished and a nice routine has settled into place. Children came back very excited but probably not as excited as parents who dropped them off. Thank-you for your co-operation on the pick-up and drop-offs, it seems to be running very well. Safety is always the big focus before and after school. All can get away quickly, as long as we are all patient. You might notice we have some extra “sentinels” on the fence line to remind us of the way our children see us. They will be there most days, windy days accepted. It is a School Council initiative that arose out of safety concerns at Pick-up and Drop-offs, from both School Council members and student worries relayed at Junior School Council. Our students are seeing that becoming an active member of the school community in bringing issues up for consideration can lead to responses and change.

We are still having 4 hours of contact cleaning each day and combined with our regular morning clean, this means the school is sparkling. I have been impressed with the regularity of sanitising our students are doing and I am grateful our staff are supervising and role modelling appropriate behaviour.

Bike-Education was a real hit on Wednesday and it is a real shame ‘The Great Doreen Bike Ride’ had to be cancelled this year. Bike riding skills allow children to mix with others, join family outings, develop fitness and also develop a healthy attitude to exercise and fitness. As to the Bike Ride, I know just as many parents were disappointed in the cancellation of the ride, we get a great turn out of parent helpers. Today was our planned Bike Ride and amazingly the weather has behaved as it has in the past.

Restrictions will be eased again on Sunday by the Victorian Government. Perhaps not as much as any of us would like, but they will move. Recent developments regards spreading the disease in our community show how important it is we stick at things and even with the easing of restrictions, masks, distancing, hygiene and testing are incredibly important. Thank-you for your co-operation around the school regards masks and staying out of the playground, we don’t wish to suffer through what we have before.

Your children may have mentioned there has been a little change to **Lunchtimes**. The play component is a little shorter whilst we determine the best way to cope with staggered pick-up times and keeping government set instruction time with-in expectations. A shorter lunch play also sees less “incidents” and injuries in the yard. Don’t forget next Friday is the Victorian Government declared Public Holiday. It is usually to celebrate the AFL Grand Final at the MCG. Although the Grand Final is in Brisbane, they are still having the holiday, and I believe the Premier said it was also to show thanks to the “Frontline” workers during this Pandemic. He said that many weeks ago and it has not been mentioned since. That seems to happen a bit.

The **Parent Opinion Survey** is now online, we sent a link via Skoolbag earlier in the week. If you get a chance could you please fill it in even if you are happy with the way the school is run. We are asking all parents instead of a select few as in the past.

Strathewen Primary School has had some unfortunate news this week, their large trailer has been stolen from the school. They have been very generous to loan us this trailer for our camps/bike rides over the past few years. If anyone has any information please contact the school on 9714 8278.

Late Arrival / Early Pick Up (eg. Medical appointment, Dentist etc)

Parents please park in the drop off zone and call the office on 9717 3563, we will then sign you child in/out from the office. A staff member will either come out and pick up your child or deliver them to you at the drop off zone. Due to Covid restrictions parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds.

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Drop-off

All Car Parks and Drop-offs are open, but the top Car Park is for Prep Families only. Grades 3-6 aim to drop children before 8.45 am. Staff will be on duty at 8.30 am. Grades Prep-2 aim to drop children between 8.45am and 9.00am. If you use the drop off area PLEASE stay in the car and actually do a kiss and drop.

Pick-Up

The Top Car Park will be closed. Prep -2 children can be picked up from the Bottom Car Park at 3.15pm. Teachers will bring them down and supervise them walking to cars. 3-6 children can be picked up at 3.30pm from the "Kiss and Drop" area or the Bottom Car Park. Please let your children know which. *There will be crossovers of grades etc. For Drop Offs, it won't be an issue which time slot you use, but earlier would be better. For Pick Ups, come to the Bottom Car Park for the 3.30pm time slot, as all younger children will be waiting at the Bottom Car Park.



The Doreen store has unfortunately closed their doors, we will be unable to provide lunch orders for school at this stage.

Warmies and toasties will NOT be available until further notice.

COME & PLAY CRICKET at LAURIMAR CC 2020/21

JUNIORS, WOMENS, SENIORS & VETS

We're in our 4th season, last season we had great success as a club - Juniors, Seniors, Women's and Vets. Games are scheduled to start as of November 14 (Covid Pending) COME and PLAY and be part of this exciting Cricket Club!



If you want to PLAY

register at Playcricket.com.au

Juniors - laurimar.juniors@gmail.com

All others at - laurimar.seniors@gmail.com



Hope to see you playing at Laurimar CC this year!!

Pay your account
by Direct Deposit



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GRADE 3**

