

**Friday January 29th 2021**

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## CALENDAR DATES FEBRUARY

**Thursday 11th Welcome sausage sizzle and Information Session: 1.00**

**Friday 12th Sailing / Safety day at Boat Cub**

**Thursday 18th Scholastic Bookclub orders**

## BIRTHDAYS

January  
14th Gemma R  
February  
6th Isaiah S



**WELCOME BACK** to the 2021 school year, let's hope it's a lot better than 2020. The students have returned so excited and ready to learn.

### STAFFING CHANGES:

During the holidays, Tracey was offered a position at a school closer to home so Sophie has been able to increase her hours to cover Tracey's teaching days.

We are fortunate that Sophie is so familiar with the students and the start of the year has been seamless. Sophie will also be working as our tutor working with small groups and individuals, as part of the Victorian Governments Tutoring Program. That brings Sophie to 4 days.

Other staffing remains the same, Damian and Meaghan fulltime, Mary is in the office Thursdays and Fridays, Kevin our Welfare Support will work Mondays and Thursdays, Greg will teach music on Thursdays mornings and Kiki our new Chinese teacher will join us via Zoom on Thursdays.

A priority set by the Education Department this year as a way of reducing the effect of last years interrupted school year was Happy, Healthy and Active students (something that has always been a priority at LSPS). At school we will be implementing a number of programs/activities to help keep this in the forefront of our planning including another sailing/safety day at the boat club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### LUNCHES AND FOOD BREAKS

As we have in other years we will be having fruit break and asking parents to send whole fruit/vegetables where possible. We ask that students bring a drink bottle, as we are still restricted with water bubblers (these can stay at school and be refilled here if that is easier.) I remind parents that we are able to heat up lunches such as left overs. Last year we had a run on noodles that offer very little nutrition for the students and we really discourage these this year.

We still have active Covid Safe plans for school that limit the amount of adult visitors to the school. We just need to sensible and be aware that if we are feeling unwell or our students are feeling unwell to stay away, wash hand regularly and maintain physical distancing. We don't need to wear masks outside but if you are coming into the office carry a mask.

### INFORMATION & WELCOME

We are planning a welcome sausage Sizzle on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb from 1pm, for families, which at this stage, will need to be outside and spread out. We are still permitted under COVID SAFE RULES to be outside as a group so we'll have some things to show out on the deck (let's hope the weather and mossies are good to us).

After not being able to get together at all last year, it will be great to be able to mingle (from a distance) again.