

LLV Newsfeed #1 2020

Welcome all to the 2020 school year. We hope that the holidays were a time of joy and a chance to rest and relax. A special welcome to our new families and students. We are sure that you will quickly feel welcomed into this strong community.

This year we welcome some new staff members to the team:

Tavisha Ginige (K-2 Hub)
Phoebe Lillywhite (K-2 Hub)
Emily Shaddick (Stage 2)
Hugo Adrian (Stage 2)
Michelle Tabrett (Learning and Support Teacher)
BK Cullen (HSIE)
Joanna Cheok (Languages)
Jacki Smith (TAS)

Our Littlest Villagers Join the Village

We are looking forward to officially welcoming Kindergarten students and their families this Friday 31st January. Best Start Interviews have been taking place throughout this week to determine students' early literacy and numeracy skills. A welcome morning tea will be held this Friday morning near the cafe. We hope that you'll take the opportunity to attend after you have settled your child into the learning space. A huge thank you to Friends of the Village for their organisation of this event. Please feel most welcome to join us, regardless of which stage your children are in.

Important Dates for the Diary

Meet the Teacher Night: Wednesday 12 February from 5.30pm. Details to follow.
Swimming Carnival: Thursday 20 February

Learning Guides (the 2020 enhanced iteration of Mentors)

Learning Guides are a key element of our Wellbeing Ripple. It is under their guidance that we focus on connecting beyond ourselves, learning character traits, goal setting and our learning journey. Learning Guides (formerly known as mentors) are also the first point of contact for parents. Learners will regularly meet one on one with their Learning Guide and with other learners in their pod. This allows us to work closely with students to support their wellbeing and truly personalise the learning experience. The Learning Guide also supports the student in building portfolios and in Student Led Conferences. In Primary School the Learning Guide will be one of the students' learning space teachers. In Secondary School, the Learning Guide will be the teacher of their Beyond class. This time will no longer be at the start of each day but

embedded within the learning time. The first learning session of the day will start promptly at 8.50 am. Children will be finding out more about their Learning Guides over the coming days.

BYOP

This year, we're turning BYOD into something new, BYOP, Bring Your Own Plant. It's no secret that plants can add a touch of freshness and vibrancy to any space. Studies have also shown that learning spaces containing plants can contribute to the psychological wellbeing and development of children. It has even been proven that plants in learning spaces reduce student anxiety, sickness & absenteeism. All this from a humble little plant.

The following plants will thrive in an indoor setting. If you have not already been contacted by your child's teacher, please choose one of these, bring it in in a pot with a saucer for your child's learning space.

Jade Plant Spider Plant Janet Craig Dracaena	Chinese Evergreen Asparagus Fern Fiddle Leaf Fig	Guiana Chestnut Chinese Money Plant African Violets	Peace Lily Aloe Vera English Ivy
Begonia Crown of Thorns ZZ plant	Mother-in-laws Tongue Dieffenbachia Cast-Iron Plant	Zanzibar Gem Aureum Devils Parlor Palm	Calathea Rubber Plant Philodendron

Communication and Learning Management Tools

New parents to the school will be emailed login information for Compass, which is our school communication app and Canvas, our learning management system. We ask that you all familiarise yourselves with Compass as this will be our main communication tool.

Although still a work in progress, the school website [Lindfield Learning Village](#) is now live and we encourage you to get into the habit of looking at it. In time we plan to store all parent communication on the website for ease of access to important information and correspondence.

Coronavirus Update

Please see the attached information directly from the Department of Health regarding the latest recommendations regarding Coronavirus.

Pick Up Arrangements

There will be no foyer supervision after school. Any students who are waiting for parents or older siblings will be supervised in the front playground along with those students waiting to be collected from Kiss & Collect. Please remind your children that they cannot play on playground equipment after school unless they are being supervised by you.

Parking

Please do not park in the kiss and drop zone whilst in operation and never in labelled staff parking spots.