

Newsletter – 13th December 2023

2024:

Monday 29th January

Uniform shop open

11:30 – 3:30pm

Tuesday 30th January

Uniform shop open

11:30 – 3:30pm

Wednesday 31st January

Students commence 2024

9:00am start

Thursday 1st January

Friday 2nd January

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

Assembly

coming up:

Tuesday 19th December

Uniform shop open

9am – 3pm

Wednesday 20th December

Uniform shop open

9am – 11am

Office closes 12:30pm

reminders:

Tonight 13th December

Grade 6 Graduation

Students arrive at 5pm

Parents/Carers arrive for

presentation at 7pm

Tomorrow Thurs 14th Dec

Prep & Grade 1/2 swim –

Last session

This Friday 15th December

Last day for students for

2023 – 3:15pm finish

Civic's assembly is held at

2:15pm

All families and friends are

invited to attend.

2023 is coming to a close...

Wishing all our families and friends a joyful holiday and safe New Year.
Looking forward to seeing you all again at the start of school in 2024.



Grade 6 Big Day Out

Last Thursday 7th December our grade 6 students were treated to the Big Day Out run by Gippsland Youth. While the weather may not have been the greatest, it's clear to see our students made the most of the day.

Thank you, Gippsland Youth!



More photos further in the newsletter.

Principal's Report

Class Structure - 2023:

Teaching positions for next year will be:

Prep: **Lucinda Jakobi (Team Leader)**

1/2A: **Marian Loukes (Team Leader)**

1/2B: Karren Scott

1/2C: Mark Doddrell

3/4A: **Amber Castleman (Team Leader)**

3/4B: Morghan Zagami

3/4C: Sarah Van Soest

5/6A: **Mel Clifford (Team Leader)**

5/6B: Brett Boyd

5/6C: Rye Stevens

PE: Kelly Poynton

Drama: Ash Wust

STEM: TBA

Art: Natalie Bire

ES staff: Lynda, Lindy, Georgia, Kellie, Sue, Donna, Carly and Amanda will also be providing support across the school to various students.

Staffing Arrangements: I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mark Doddrell to our team, Mark has been spending the past 2 days getting to know his students and key programs we have around the school. I would also like to acknowledge those teaching staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Jess Erickson, Maria Etheridge, Tori Hibbins, Paige Roberts and Georgie Boyd have all made various contributions to the school throughout their time here at LEPS. Each have been instrumental in running so many different programs around the school and I would like to wish them all the best for their future. Annie will be back with us for a couple of days at the beginning of the year before she welcomes the new addition to the family. Alex Collett will be on leave for the first 6 months of the year before returning in the second semester.

Final Thank You: As we enter our final week of school it is always important to acknowledge and thank three key groups within our school for their work throughout the year.

To the community – Thank you for supporting us in so many areas around the school and for wanting to become involved in the school for the benefit of our students. Every additional support adds so much value to the school and has continued to build our sense of identity and involvement in the community.

To the Staff – Thank you for being extremely passionate and dedicated to your role. Every staff member goes above and beyond their role, putting not only valuable time and effort, into ensuring they create the best possible environment to achieve success for our students. All the staff have been a passionate driving force behind what we have achieved this year and should be credited fully with our achievements over the last 12 months.

To The Students – Finally to the students who have risen to so many challenges throughout the year to make sure they make the most of every opportunity available to them throughout the year.

Reflecting on 2023: As we look back over the year and reflect on the progress we have made, it reminds us of how far we have come with our students. Tonight I am attending grade 6 graduation, to acknowledge the journey each of our students has been on since prep. Students spend less than 1% of their lives in school and it always reminds me of the importance of making every minute of every day count. I wish all of our grade 6's the best of luck for the future and look forward to hearing about their adventures in the years to come.

A number of our families will be leaving the school as their final child completes grade 6 or they are moving to another school. Some of these families have been with the school for many years through various siblings, providing ongoing support to the school across a wide range of areas. Sadly we say goodbye to the: Lane, Rogers, Daniel, Woodward, Balintong, Jakobi, Bushby, Carter, Grizic, Hawke, Misiak, Schaefer, Van Nispen, Bell, Fitzgerald, Freeman, McManus, Perry, Teohaere, Honeychurch, Klos, McKay, Lothian and Russell families. We wish you all the best and thank you for your ongoing support throughout the years.

Final Assembly: A reminder to all parents that our final assembly will be on this Friday 16th December at 2:15, students will then be dismissed at 3:15pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Every day I feel honoured and lucky to be part of such an amazing team working in an incredible community. Whilst I am looking forward to the holidays, I am already excited about what the new year brings as we continue to build on our strengths to create amazing learning opportunities for our students. See you in 2024.

Simon Prior

Instrumental Music

Can all students that have a LEPS hire instrument, either a guitar, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, flute or violin, PLEASE bring them into their classroom tomorrow or this Friday – Place them in their bag locker or in a safe place in their classroom. I will be coming in to check, maintain, and tune instruments before the end of term and need to do an inventory of all the instruments.

Mrs Caddie

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 4/11	80.00%
Tuesday 5/11	85.34%
Wednesday 6/11	84.89%
Thursday 7/11	87.56%
Friday 8/11	78.23%

Belonging 5/6B

Belonging is a big responsibility, it's not the only responsibility, but the other values too, but this week we will be talking about belonging. Belonging means to take care of equipment in a useful way, like say you have a pencil but it is broken, you should still use the rest of it. To show you actually care about using the equipment properly. Not only that, but you should make people feel like they belong. Make them feel they are a part of this school, you should also wear your school uniform proudly. You don't need to just use belonging in school, but also out of school. It's important to understand this value because you're going to need it one day. Like money, you need to spend it wisely, not in a stupid way. You should use money in a useful way, you should only spend it when needed and not wanted. Especially when people don't look, feel or act in a 'usual way'. Like disabled or autistic people, you should really help them feel comfortable and belong.

By Ariana & Sav



Prep 2024 Start

Week 1 : Wednesday 31st January 2024

Prep students commence school at 9:00am and finish at 3:15pm

- If you arrive after 9:00am, please sign your child in at the front office and make your way to the prep classroom.

Prep students attend school on Thursday 1st February and Friday 2nd February 9:00am to 3:15pm.

- Every prep student will be given a time for a 1-hour mandatory assessment during the first week. This will be held on one of the Prep free Wednesdays at a time chosen by you.
- Parents are not required to attend this assessment.

Week 2 : Wednesday 7th February

Prep students stay home for a rest day.

Week 3 : Wednesday 14th February

Prep students stay home for a rest day.

Week 4 : Wednesday 21st February

Prep students stay home for a rest day.

Week 5 : Wednesday 28th February

Prep students stay home for a rest day.

- This is the last Wednesday that Prep students stay home.

Week 6 :

Prep students are expected to attend a 5 day school week.

- If your child is unable to attend, please use the Audiri App or call the office to notify of missed attendance.

Grade 6 Big Day Out



Grade 2 Sleepover

On Thursday 7th December our Grade 2 students started their camp program with our sleepover in the library. They had a great time in the evening with mini golf, ice cream, lollies, pizza, birthday cake and a movie. The following morning, they ate pancakes and fruit for breakfast before being picked up for a much needed rest at home.

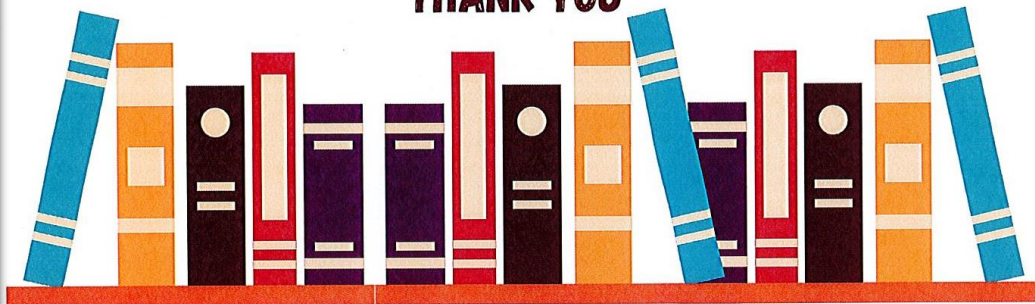
Congratulations Grade 2 on a successful night!



BOOKS

**PLEASE LOOK AROUND YOUR HOME
FOR ANY OF OUR LIBRARY OR TAKE
HOME BOOK AND RETURN THEM TO
THE LIBRARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

THANK YOU



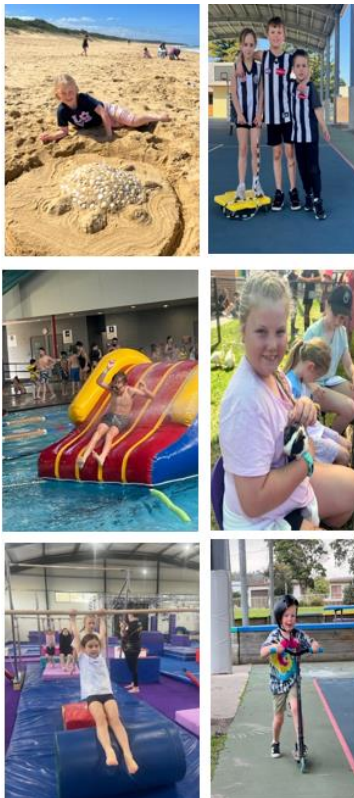
Label all items.

Over the break, please check that all items like drink bottles, lunch boxes, bags, hats, school jumpers etc are labelled with a clear name.

We want every student to get their items back!

We have an extensive number of unnamed jumpers hanging in the grade 3/4 area that would like to find a home. Feel free to claim an additional jumper by taking one home before Friday 15th December.





FEES

Vacation Care: \$90

Subsidy. This subsidy will determine your actual fees. Please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 to find out more about your entitlements.

Additional payment is required for excursions and some incursions.

Please note: These costs will be added to your child's fee.

HOURS OF OPERATION

8am to 6pm

WHAT TO BRING



Vacation Care Program January Holidays 2024

Operating from the
Lakes Entrance Primary
School
(Lambert street access).

PH: 5144 6952

gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com

WEEK ONE

Monday 15th January: Buchan caves

Come and experience the natural beauty of the Buchan Caves which is situated in Buchan. We will go through one of the caves on a tour with a tour guide so he will be able to answer all of your questions. After the tour we will have a BBQ lunch before heading back to school.

Cost: \$25

Tuesday 16th January: Water day and arts and craft

Today the children can bring in their super soakers and water pistols. We will have a day of water play, please make sure your child/ren bring in spare clothes, bathers, hat and waterproof foot attire for outside. Unfortunately if your child doesn't bring a hat they will need to stay indoors. Those that prefer not to get wet will have full access to the OSHC resources indoors.

Wednesday 17th January: Tie day and sports day

Let's be creative and make bold and bright colourful clothing. This is an experience that can't be missed. We will have a white t-shirt for each child, but you're more than welcome to bring in other items of clothing to tie dye. Please send lunch and snacks for the day.

Cost \$10pp

Thursday 18th January: Aqua dome and inflatable

We will walk to the aqua dome, leaving the service by 11am. When at the aqua dome the children will have access to the inflatable slides and climbing equipment. Please pack lunch and lots of snacks for energy for this day. We will then leave the pool at 3pm. Children can be collected at the pool prior to 3pm or back at the service after 3.30pm.

Cost: \$10pp

Friday 19th January: Movie day and Cooking

To stay out of the scorching summer sun, today we will be cooking homemade pizzas under the air conditioner. Starting from scratch, making the dough and then topping it with your own choice of toppings. We will also be watching a movie with popcorn, so bring in anything you feel will make it nice and comfy.

Cost \$7pp

WEEK TWO

Monday 22nd January: Ice cream making and mini golf

To coincide with our healthy eating policies we will make our own fruit ice cream in the morning so it has time to freeze for our afternoon refreshment. While we wait we will head down to mini golf and enjoy a challenge of trying to gain a hole in one.

Cost: \$15pp

Tuesday 23rd January: Technology Day

By request... Its technology day. Bring in your choice of device with suitable games to play and share with your mates. Games will be monitored, we have limited access to the internet so if possible please bring a console that doesn't require internet. Those children not wanting to bring technology they will have access to all resource in the OSHC service.

Wednesday 24th January: Cinema and all abilities playground

We will be catching a bus to Bairnsdale cinema to relax and enjoy a movie with popcorn and a drink. The children will need a packed lunch for this day and plenty of water and snacks to keep refuelled as we will be stopping at the all abilities playground for lunch and a play before heading back to the service.

Cost \$35pp

Thursday 25th January: Blue light disco end of VAC party

Come dressed in your best white and light coloured clothing and get ready to boogie and dance the day away at a blue light disco party. We will have party food for lunch so please bring enough snacks and drinks to last the day.

Cost \$7pp

Friday 26th January: Closed for Public Holiday

We are closed today, no care available.

If you need to contact the Vacation Care directly, we can be contacted on

0493 364 179

PLEASE NOTE:

During the program children participate in spontaneous and planned cooking experiences which may include light lunch servings or afternoon tea items. **On these days your child will still need to bring their own lunch and enough food to last the whole day.**

PLEASE NOTE: If your child does not attend on a day they have been booked in, you will still be charged for the day unless **48hours notice** is given for a cancellation.

****Please ensure that your child has a sufficient amount of food packed to keep them sustained for the day. We also encourage children to bring a drink bottle filled with water only. (Please refer to our Healthy Eating policy.)****

This program is **subject to change** depending on the following circumstances: **Covid-19 restrictions**, severe/code red weather, numbers of children and availability of extra-curricular activities. Prices for excursions may also change. **Staff will notify you of any changes**

To book a place for your child in our Vacation Care program, please contact our office on 5144 6952

Alternatively, please contact us via email at:

gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com





A fantastic opportunity for
OSHC Educators

to join our Centre on a **Casual** basis.

We require OSHC educators to work at Lakes Entrances and Swan Reach Services.

Our growing team is seeking enthusiastic & dedicated early childhood & OSHC educators to join us. We cater for children aged birth to twelve years and provide a range of additional services to our children and families in the community.

Due to continued growth and expansion of our service we are looking to build on our already established team of highly motivated, professional Educators to continue our journey in a great workplace environment.

Our Educators must be passionate about achieving quality outcomes for children, their families and our community. You must be highly motivated, enthusiastic and have proven Early Childhood skills. If you would like to work in a community run not for profit centre who value and appreciate their staff, then this is the centre for you!

Some of what we offer:

- Above award wage
- Excellent facilities and resources
- Ongoing professional development training

Successful applicants must:

- Hold a Cert 3 or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care or willing to upskill
- Be passionate and enthusiastic about Early Childhood Education
- Have strong leadership, communication and organisation skills
- Have a Working With Children Check

Further enquiries to the OSHC Supervisor on 5144 6952

Please contact the centre to receive a position description and email your updated CV to
gumnutsoshccoord@gmail.com

Gumnuts is committed to child safety

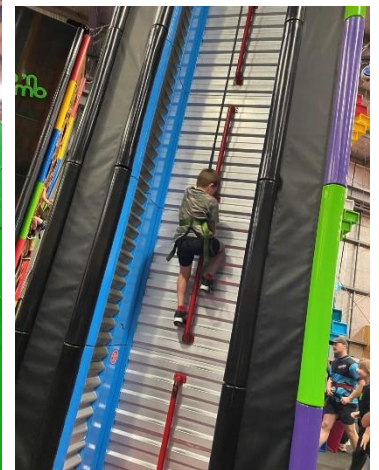
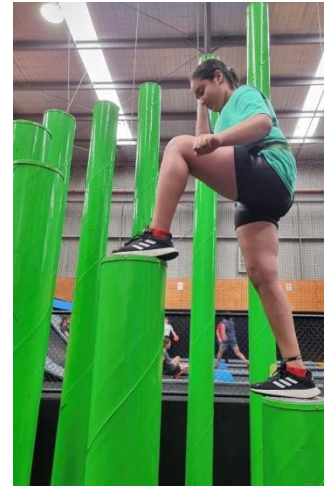


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We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.*



Grade 5/6 Students at Jump and Climb

Last Friday 8th December, our grade 5/6 students travelled to Jump and Climb. With an early start, we ventured to Traralgon for a full day of fun! We jumped for an hour and climbed for an hour making very exhausted students for the bus trip home.





– JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING CLINICS –

Join us these school holidays for **three fun days** of tennis games and activities!

Develop skills • Improve fitness • Have loads of fun!

WEEK 1 - LAKES ENTRANCE TENNIS CLUB
MON 8TH, TUE 9TH & WED 10TH OF JANUARY

WEEK 2 - METUNG TENNIS CLUB
MON 15TH, TUE 16TH & WED 17TH OF JANUARY

4-7 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 10AM \$30 PER PLAYER

8 YEAR OLDS +
10AM - 12PM \$50 PER PLAYER

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

MIKE SPRUZEN - 0412 517 700
TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH

@LakesEntranceTennisClub play.tennis.com.au/LETC

LEPS Out of school hours care holiday hours



Closed from Thursday 21st December 2023

Re-opens Monday 15th January 2023

Vacation care program commences.

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FROM

3PM

SANTA RUN!!

@Lakes Entrance Fire Brigade

Follow our Facebook page to see Santa Tracker, live updates and further information on the day!

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*SUBJECT TO WEATHER & EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

CFA

Children's Christmas Workshop



Prepare for Christmas with singing, a short movie with popcorn and a craft to make and take. A light snack and drink are provided.

Free Event

Register here:

Lakes Community
Church website or
via QR code

Scan here



For: Pre and Primary aged children
(parents are welcome to stay)

When: Friday 15th December

Time: 4pm until 5:30pm

Where: 125 Palmers Road
Lakes Entrance

For enquiries contact Church office 03 5155 3277
or Coordinator, Caroline Simpson 0405 215 362



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