

next week:

Monday 4th March

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

Prep attend school – Full day

Division swimming –
Bairnsdale

Thursday 7th March

Friday 8th March

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

5/6 Sailing

Assembly

coming up:

Today Wednesday 28th
February

Last Prep rest day

This Thursday 29th February

Gr 3/4 Tennis Clinic @
Tennis Club

Wednesday 13th March

Book Club orders close

reminders:

Absences – All student absences need to be reported to the office by 9:00am each morning. Either by phone, email or Audiri.

Save the dates.

Tuesday 12th March

Parent/Teacher interviews commence – All students are expected to attend these **10-minute** meetings.

Notes have been sent home with a choice of preferred times. If you haven't returned your note, a selected time will be given to you.

If this time does not suit, please contact your classroom teacher to arrange a better time.

Wednesday 13th March

Naplan commences.

Next curriculum day Term 1.

Tuesday 19th March

Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day for staff PD

Tuesday 26th March

School Photo Day – 9am start

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term 1

Aqua Park BBQ Friday 23rd February

Thank you to all the families and friends who attended the Aqua Park BBQ last Friday. Although the morning started off a little doubtful with thunderstorms, the afternoon turned out great. It is always a highlight seeing our families enjoying themselves.

More photos further in the newsletter.



Principal's Report

School Council: Last night we held our first school council meeting for 2024. Several members are up for re-election (if they choose to renominate) this year, however we do have a couple of spaces for new parents. This is a great opportunity to be involved and help oversee the governance of the school. I would encourage anyone interested in being involved in the running of the school to put in their nomination. Meetings are held twice a term on a Tuesday at 6:00pm and there are only 7 meetings for the remainder of the year. School council forms a valuable part providing an essential link with our parents and governance of the school. In Term 1 we will be presenting the plans for our major school redevelopment incorporating new prep classrooms, library, Art and STEM rooms as well as gaining parent feedback as part of our whole school review and development of our new 4 year Strategic Plan to guide our future. Our next meeting will also be our AGM where school council will be presented with the school's annual report. Anyone interested in being part of School Council please see Vicki or myself as soon as possible.

Staffing Difficulties: This year you may see some changes to staffing as part of our day to day operations. Staff will be absent at various stages throughout the year eg, illness. There are times when we are aware of this in advance whilst other times we don't receive notification until the students are about to start. Staffing continues to be a major concern within our system, finding suitable teachers to replace absent staff remains an enormous challenge. The staff have spent time working through various situations to ensure they are fully prepared in the event of an absence. Our aim will always be to ensure students have the opportunity to learn at their level in a calm and supportive learning environment. All staff are trained as generalist teachers and are able to teach in any class from Prep to Grade 6. This can often mean a staff member from another grade will be required to cover classes across the school. Grades can also be split amongst a similar level, allowing the students to work with their peers from a different grade. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff who have shown the flexibility and dedication in ensuring all of our students remain in a focused learning environment meeting their individual needs.

Please be Careful: This week we have been reminding our students to be extra careful at drop off and pick up times. Afternoons are very busy and with the increased traffic, all students need to ensure they are particularly careful and use the appropriate crossings. Police often have a presence around the school, targeting speeding motorists through our school zone when the speed limit changes to 40kmh. Local council officers are also monitoring parking restrictions and will hand out fines to anyone parked illegally. We actively encourage the support of the local law enforcement officers, to ensure a safe environment for our students coming to and from school. But as a school, we try and advise as many parents as possible to avoid receiving a fine. Please be well aware of the changes in speed limits and appropriate places to park and cross the road to avoid any fines. Changes will be coming to parking and traffic flow around the school over the next 6 months as we see the roadworks begin.

Parent / Teacher Meetings: In 2 weeks all parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress and learning. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate some of the success students have been having since the start of the year. Overall it has been one of our best starts to the year, so please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. This is also an opportunity to raise any concerns you may have. Meetings are held twice per year, however staff are always open to setting up a meeting at any stage. Please consider making an additional time if you wish to discuss any matters further.

Simon Prior

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 19/2	80.31%
Tuesday 20/2	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 21/2	89.90%
Thursday 22/2	85.36%
Friday 23/2	78.79%



Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Jordan Hayles-Almarinez – For always joining in new learning activities and helping others learn.

Jai Hobbs – For always doing his best at all activities and being willing to work with anyone with a positive attitude.

Jonathon Wright – For achieving amazing progress within all aspects of his learning. His sense of belonging is very evident within the classroom.

Levi Poynton – Levi has shown great success by putting great care and effort into all areas of his learning.

Bodhi Gannon – Bodhi has been so inclusive each and every day. Thank you for being your amazing self!

Blake Widdows – For making everyone feel like they belong in our class and school. You are so encouraging and helpful to others and this is a fantastic trait to have. Keep up the great work Blake!

Marli Butt – For always participating in class discussions and group activities with enthusiasm and openness. Keep it up! Well done!

Savannah Maroney – For always coming to school with a smile on your face, ready to learn. You make everyone feel welcome and are an important member of our 5/6A team!

Ruby Jakins – For always including your classmates and showing such great care and support for your school. Well done Ruby!

Connor Cuthbertson – For showing belonging by supporting and encouraging his mates and being an all-round great friend. Keep it up Connor!

Drama Award – Lily Mackay – You are always kind to all your peers in Drama. We all love your positive attitude.

Phys Ed Award – Hunter Lorimer – Hunter shows belonging in Physical Education by encouraging others. He is a good sport and compliments others even if they're not on his team. Great stuff Hunter!

STEM award – Macy McKean – For always engaging in lessons in a positive manner and making classmates feel included. Amazing Macy!

Visual Arts Award – Sara Kandathilputhenpura Bibin – Sara embodies the values of inclusivity and kindness. She leads by example and supports her friends to do their best.



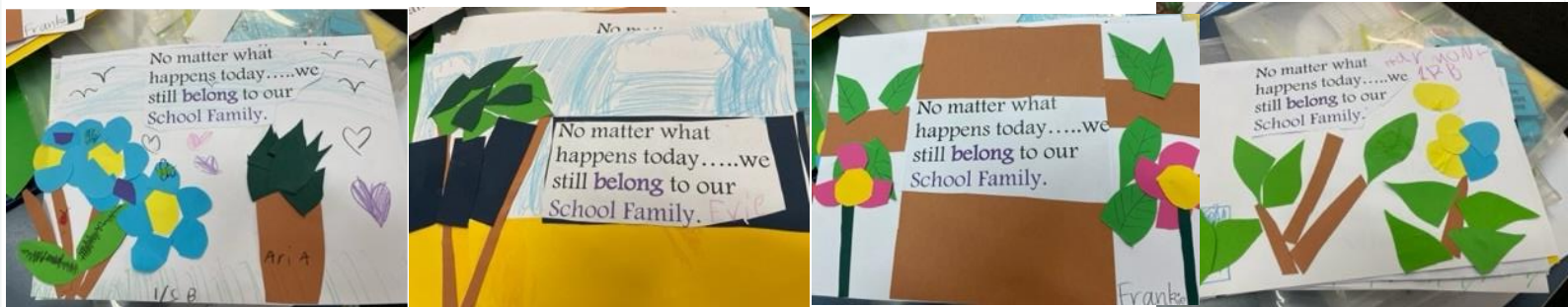
Artwork by Sara Bibin –

Sara created a unique landscape artwork.

Belonging

In 1/2B we feel very strongly about our sense of belonging. We all agree that we belong to a school 'Family'. Our latest mantra is: *No matter what happens today...we still belong to our school family.*

The children made some posters to help us remember it.



One student also wrote a poem about Belonging.

Being kind to everyone.

Encouraging others.

Listening to people that are new.

Outside people welcome.

Never talk over people.

Good behaviour on your first day.

Including people into your game.

No one left out.

Generous with your time

Aqua Park BBQ
Friday 23rd
February
continued.



Term 1 Visual Art Challenge.

Each week students are encouraged to be creative at home.

The process of creating develops our imagination, originality, productivity and problem solving skills. All students are welcome to take on the weekly challenges and submit them to Mrs Bire.

Look out for the Visual Arts Challenge in each week's newsletter.

Good luck and have fun!
Art Challenge

Art Challenge: Week 5

Think about how your view of a street changes when you are looking at it from high above.



Make a picture of what you would see looking down from a third story window.

Include the streets, cars, people, trees and dogs.

Grade 5/6 Art

Our grade 5 and 6's have been utilising watercolour resistance, printing and stamping techniques to create captivating landscape collages.



Grade 5/6 in STEM

Our 5/6 students are making great use of their new technology. Laptops have now been provided for one to one use in the senior school with no cost to parents. We want to equip our students with confidence and knowledge using a range of devices to support and enhance their learning, particularly before their transition to high school.

Currently the kids are teaching their classroom teachers a thing or two about using these flash new devices!!



Grade 1/2 Art – Quilts

The 1/2s have put in tremendous effort and their work radiates joy!



Drama

Students have settled back beautifully into another year of Drama! We have had a lot of fun with improvisation games where students are showing a lot of bravery in giving things a go. Our learning tasks have been centred around Respect, Empathy and Cooperation. 5/6 students have modelled working cooperatively through a warmup game pictured below.
Miss Wust



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

DAYS

Please wear appropriate uniform and shoes to move!

Tuesday- 3/4s and Prep

Wednesday - 1/2s

Thursday - 5/6s and Prep

Student Asthma Plans

All students who suffer from Asthma/Allergies require a current Asthma/Allergy Plan.

Please provide the school office with an

up-to-date copy.

These plans are renewed annually.

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

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Book Club Orders

Thank you to all our families who have already supported our book club.

- Orders can be made both online with a bank card or paper and cash orders.
- Please make sure you label your order with a student's correct name.
- Please order from the current catalogue and prior to the cut off date to avoid any confusion.

School Communication App



Have you installed the Audiri App?

Instructions on the following page.

Do not hesitate to call if you are not sure or require assistance.

Do not forget to follow your child's year group.

Unfollow 2023 and start following 2024 groups.

- **Stay up to date with classroom activities.**
- **Report any student absences 24/7. Saves you the phone call.**
- **Receive our weekly newsletter.**

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover

Parents and Guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2023

Application forms for the Camps, Sports and Excursions funding support program for 2023 are available at the school office. Parents/Carers who hold a Concession, Pension, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or are temporary Foster Carers are able to claim \$150 per year for eligible primary students.

New families to our school or families who have recently been granted a concession card or families with a child who is in Prep this year need to complete an application form available from the school office. (if you haven't done so already).

If you have had it previous years, then it will automatically be rolled over for that student. You do not need to fill out another form unless a sibling has started with us.

This money will be paid directly to the school to offset any camps, sports or excursions. A FAQ sheet as well as an application form is available at the office. **Please contact the office should you have any further questions regarding this matter.**

Conveyance Allowance



Parents/students may be eligible to claim Conveyance Allowance to assist with travel costs, if they are attending their nearest government school and live 4.8kms or more from that school, via the shortest practicable route.

The shortest practicable route should be determined with reference to Google Maps. Please use 49 Myer Street Lakes Entrance as the Lakes Entrance Primary School address.

Criteria

1. The student lives more than 4.8kms; by the shortest practicable route, from the school and there is no school bus available.

OR

2. The student lives further than 4.8kms from the closest school bus stop.

OR

3. The students lives further than 4.8kms away from the school and there is a fee-paying bus available.

Please contact the office on 5155 1812 for further information or to clarify eligibility.

All new parents/students wishing to claim the Conveyance Allowance in 2024 must complete a Conveyance Allowance Application Form and return it to the office by Tuesday 28th February 2024.

Lakes Entrance Primary School - School Council Election 2024

Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category.

Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

- **Nominations are now open and close at 4pm on Monday 4th March 2024.**
- **A list of candidates will be posted on Tuesday 5th March 2024**

Contact the principal Simon Prior 03 5155 1812 for further information.



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Monday 8 – Friday 12 April 2024

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Connect safely

- **Keep your personal information private** on apps and games
- Only **share passwords with trusted adults**
- **Be kind and caring to others online** like you are in person

Reflect before you act

- **Think of others' feelings** before you post, like or share content
- **Ask someone if it's OK** before you take or share a photo or video of them
- **Be curious and ask questions** about what you read or watch online



Protect yourself and others by taking action

- **Be a supportive friend** if you see someone who needs help online
- **Ask a trusted adult for help** if something doesn't feel right

Find more tips at
eSafety.gov.au



cfa.vic.gov.au



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Nyerimilang Heritage Park

Art in the Park

A special event at **Nyerimilang Heritage Park**.



Where is it? off Kalimna West Road, 10 minutes out of Lakes Entrance. Signposted on the highway.

Date: Sunday 7th April 2024. **Time:** 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Theme: Imagination, creation.

Cost: donations are invited. All profits go to maintenance of our beautiful Park and its buildings.

Attractions: mask-making for kids; art displays; art and craft demonstrations; sausage sizzle, damper and other refreshments including real coffee; musicians on the Homestead veranda - and more.

Children are invited to come dressed in **costume**. There will be spot **prizes** for costumes that best suggest imagination and creation. Characters from books or film? Children's own imaginative creations?

Things to do: view displays and chat with craftspeople, sample the food on offer, browse the Gift Shop, explore Homestead and Farmer's Cottage, walk a bush track or simply enjoy a picnic on the lawns while listening to lively fiddle and guitar music.

To find out more: check our Facebook page:

Nyerimilang Heritage Park – Friends of Nyerimilang nyerimilang2023@gmail.com

Email: info@nyerimilang.com.au contact@nyerimilang.com.au amaroo.daw@gmail.com

Mobile: Secretary 0408 933 338.

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