

Newsletter – 20th August 2025

next week:

Monday 25th August

Gateways Challenge –
selected students

Spelling Bee – Paynesville,
selected students

Tuesday 26th August

Gr 5/6 Art Incursion

Lake Tyers Kinder visit Prep

Gr3/4 Swimming
commences

Refer to Compass for
class times

Wednesday 27th August

Year 7 Transition at LESC

Gr 3-6 Melb Star Cricket
clinic, selected students
9:30 – 10:30am

Gr3/4 Swimming

LAECG Info session in
Library 10 – 11am

Thursday 28th August

Gr3/4 Swimming

Grade 5/6 Snow Day
5:15am

Friday 29th August

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

Gr3/4 Swimming

Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

This Friday 22nd August

Book Week Dress Up
Parade 9:15am departure

Thurs 4th & Fri 5th Sep

Father's Day Stall

reminders:

Check Compass for any
permissions to sign.

Prep Celebrate 100 Day of School 100 Days Smarter!

Our Prep students looked fantastic dressed up as centenarians!
Congratulations on 100 days of school!



More photos further in the newsletter....

Principal's Report

Book Week.... This week we are excited to celebrate one of the biggest events of the school year and 2025 marks an incredible milestone — 80 years of Children's Book Week! That's a lot of costumes! This year's theme, "Book an Adventure!", invites students to set sail on the limitless journeys that reading can offer. Whether travelling through time, discovering new lands, or exploring the depths of imagination, books give our children the opportunity to learn, grow, and dream. Throughout the week, our school will be engaging in a range of exciting activities to promote reading and creativity, as part of our ongoing focus on literacy and the importance of reading. **Our big dress up day will be this Friday 22nd!!** Once again this year, we will be parading around town looking for story tellers to share some of their favourite books. We will be departing school shortly after 9am and parents are welcome to join the parade. We encourage families to join in the celebration by reading together at home and talking about your own favourite book adventures. Happy Book Week!

Curriculum Day - Berry Street Training – Day 4.... Yesterday the staff spent the day completing the Berry Street Training. For the last 2 years, all staff have completed the full 4 day training to continue to build of our ability to cater for the individual needs of our students. Each day represented a different aspect of student learning and by focusing on character strengths and core values, the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) empowers students to become more self-aware, resilient, and positively engaged in both their learning journey and future aspirations.

Yesterday identified a number of strategies including:

Character Strengths

Discussing a framework, which outlines 24 character strengths, the focus is on recognizing and fostering what is *right* within students, highlighting their positive attributes.

Values Exploration

Students are guided to identify, express, and reflect on their own values. This process helps them find personal meaning and extend their understanding to appreciate the values of others.

Understanding Self and Others

The training promotes deeper self-awareness and empathy by encouraging students to explore their identities within the context of their culture and community. This fosters respect and appreciation for diverse character strengths.

Future Pathways

Emphasis is placed on helping students apply their strengths and values to make informed decisions about their education, career, and life goals.

Practical Activities

Engaging exercises include identifying strengths through storytelling, using metaphors and heroic figures to explore character traits, by recognizing and respecting others' strengths.

Positive Hooks and Fun Breaks

To maintain engagement and energy, the training integrates uplifting activities and playful breaks into the learning process.

Simon Prior

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 11/08	87.96%
Tuesday 12/08	87.43%
Wednesday 13/08	85.86%
Thursday 14/08	88.48%
Friday 15/08	84.82%

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Jacob Wojtarowicz – You have showed the value of belonging this week, Jacob! You have settled in well and made new friends. We are excited to have you in our classroom!

Riana Singh – For forming new relationships with others and challenging herself to join in new games!

Ledger Elliott - For showing exceptional care and compassion to new students and classmates. Your warm and inclusive spirit helps everyone feel part of our class family. What a role model for us all!! Thank you for making our school a cozy place for everyone!

Peter Mitchell – Peter, you have been making a real effort to shine in our classroom. We are so proud of how you have been applying yourself to your learning. You are such a valued member of our classroom. Thank you for always reminding us how important it is that we all show up and support each other. We're proud of how far you've come. Well done and keep going!

Blake Widdows – You truly care for your friends and classmates. Keep being amazing!

Evie Jenkins – For consistently showing our school values and helping others feel like they belong. It's amazing to see you encourage others and be willing to help anyone. Keep it up, Evie!

Vincent Dart – Vincent, your kind smile and willingness to help everyone in our class always makes everyone feel like they have a friend in you!

Chloe Walker – For always helping others in need and encouraging your peers. Keep being awesome!

Johanna Andy – Well done on being at school so regularly and trying your best at everything!

Shyloh Elliott – Shyloh, you are consistently kind and supportive of others. You make us smile, looking after your peers and junior students. Keep being a great leader!

Drama Award – Emilia Docherty – Millie is a star in Drama! She performed well during our 'Acting Scenes' in class and was happy to present in front of others. Awesome work!

Phys Ed Award – Rylie Darcy – Your team spirit on District Athletics day was amazing! The best was watching you encourage a fellow teammate on the 800m track. Keep being the awesome you!

STEM Award – Oscar Greig – For being positive in the classroom and welcoming everyone, along with making them feel included and valued!

Visual Arts Award – Kiora Jack – For making our special guest in Art last week feel so welcomed and at home. Kiora's kind, caring and engaging nature creates a sense of belonging for everyone!



BELONGING IN 3/4

Belonging and friendship were the values of our camp at Gelantipy! The kids came together to work out puzzles and combat their fears together. I was so proud of everything they achieved!



Prep 100 Days of School



MUTUAL RESPECT

SUCCESS



PERSISTENCE

BELONGING

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Howitt Park School Athletics

Congratulations to our 2025 School Athletics age group champs! Well done legends!

33 students competed at District Athletics last Thursday 14th August. They all did their best, encouraged others and made everyone proud!

1st and 2nd place getters progress to Division on Monday 8th Sep. Goodluck to our 15 students advancing.



9/10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	12/13 Year Olds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jonah - Discus 2nd ★ Josh - 200m 2nd ★ Levi - 100m 1st, Long Jump 2nd ★ Rylie - Long Jump 3rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Benji - Discus 1st ★ Joel - 200m 1st, 800m 1st, High Jump 1st, Long jump 2nd ★ Remi - Hurdles 2nd, Triple Jump 1st 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Brodie - 1500m 1st, 800m 1st ★ Junior - Shot Put 1st, Discus 1st
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Autumn - Discus 1st, Shot Put 2nd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Sienna Mar - Discus 3rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Lux - High Jump 1st, 100m 1st ★ Riley I - Hurdles 1st, Long Jump 2nd, Triple Jump 1st ★ Zara - 1500m 1st, 200m 2nd
	Boys 100m relay (Ace, Remi, Hunter, Joel) - 1st Girls 100m relay (Azallia, Sienna Mat, Sienna Mar, Shyloh) - 3rd	Boys 100m relay (Junior, Tyson, Dylan, Brodie) - 3rd Girls 100m relay (Riley G, Zara, Lux, Riley I) - 1st




CHAMPIONS


Art


The art room has been abuzz with creativity as the East Gippsland Art Gallery conducted a workshop to commemorate Threatened Species Day. Students learned which native species in our area are threatened and painted wooden stakes. Colour mixing was a highlight for the children.




Lakes Entrance Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG) Information Session


 27th August 2025

 10:00AM-11:00AM

 Lakes Entrance Primary School Library

Morning Tea included
Children Welcome





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



East Gippsland LAECG Chairperson Vacancies

We are seeking local community members to chair LAECGs.

Vacancies:

- Sale
- Bairnsdale
- Lakes Entrance
- Orbost

Who is VAEA?

VAEA exists so that Koorie people can have a say about their and their children's education in Victoria. We are the peak state-wide Aboriginal community-controlled organisation for education and training in Victoria.

What are LAECGs?

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) are the heart of VAEA. They are voluntary bodies made up of local Koorie community members, and at the local level play an important role in providing important links between Koorie communities and educational institutions such as schools, TAFEs and universities.

LAECG's are a vital part of Koorie Education, as they:

 Support and advocate for Koorie learners and their families.

 Represent your community at local and regional forums relating to education.

 Track current trends that impact on all Koorie learners.

 Give advice on all education and training matters that affect Koorie students in the local area.

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To submit your EOI, fill in our online form.

<http://bit.ly/4mkw52X>



DRAMA UPDATE

Prep students have been learning new games (Horses & Jockeys, Look up/ Look down). They are currently learning the character roles from the story, 'The Mitten'. The Mitten is a traditional Ukrainian folktale.

1/2 classes are working on a performance called, 'The Train'. They will be presenting this at assembly at some point this term (keep an eye out on the Facebook page for updates).

3/4 students have been reenacting a folktale from India titled, 'Tiger Child'.

5/6 classes are working on two class plays that they will perform to younger students. They have also been working on building their focus through different games, such as 'Count to 20'.

Miss Wust



Lakes Entrance Surf Club

This one is for the mums and dads!

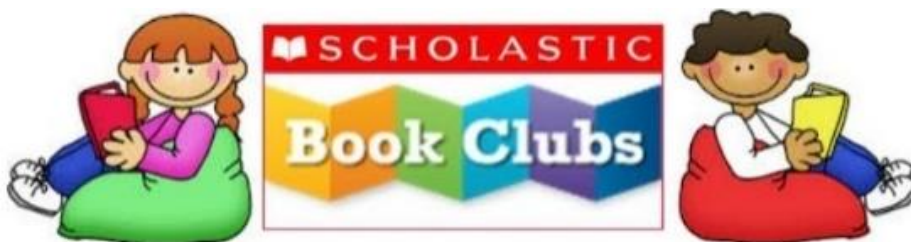
If you are interested in doing the adult Bronze medallion, the Lakes Entrance Surf Club, is running a course. By doing this course you can help out with water safety with our nippers each week over summer. More helpers means more time in the water for our kids. Please message me if interested.

Pippi_lee@hotmail.com



Auskick

Follow the link to sign up! <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/41bdc5>



Book Club orders 2025 Issue 5

Cut off date: Thursday 4th September

Please note: Orders can no longer be accepted after the cut off date

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GOOD CLEAN FUN
PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK
LAKES ENTRANCE PS K-6 AUSKICK CENTRE
WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM
STARTING AUGUST 13TH
LAKES ENTRANCE PS OVAL



AFL PLAY

Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day stall is fast approaching

Thursday 4th September – 9:15am – 10:45am

Class groups will walk through to make one purchase each.

Friday 5th September – 11am – 11:30am

Students who were absent Thursday have an opportunity to make a purchase. Students are free to make additional purchases.

We are asking families to limit each child's spending to \$10 (Please don't send in \$50 notes as we have limited change)

Can you volunteer time to help at the stall?

Please call the office to let us know if you can spare half an hour in the morning.



FATHER'S DAY

STALL

Are you able to offer help on the Father's Day Stall?

We need volunteer helpers for

Thursday 04.9
9-11am

Friday 05.9
11-11.30am

FATHERS DAY COMPETITION

2025

Draw a picture of you and your dad or grandad or write a poem and tell us why he is the best for your chance to win him a great prize.

To enter, send your entries with your name, age, phone number, and the name of your father or grandfather to:

Father's Day Competition

✧ ✧ Email: competitions@jamesyeates.com.au or drop into our office at 65 Macleod St, Bairnsdale 3875
Entries Close 5pm Friday, 29th August 2025



Terms & Conditions:
The winner will be contacted by phone and published the Papers on the 3rd September 2025
All entries published in our Fathers Day feature for 2025

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