

Newsletter – 26th November 2025

next week:

Monday 1st December

Tuesday 2nd December

Nagle Coll Yr 7 Transition

Orbost SC Yr 7 Transition

Wednesday 3rd December

Orbost SC Yr 7 Transition

Thursday 4th December

Orbost SC Yr 7 Transition

Grade 1 Experience

3:15pm – 5:30pm

Friday 5th December

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

Last – 2026 Prep Transition

9am – 3pm

Gr 6 Big Day Out

10am – 2pm

Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

Monday 8th December

LESC Yr 7 Transition

Tuesday 9th December

LESC Yr 7 Transition

BSC Yr & Transition

LEPS Student Transition

11:30am – 1:30pm

Wednesday 10th December

BSC Yr & Transition

LEPS Student Transition

11:30am – 1:30pm

Thursday 11th December

Gr 2 Sleepover

Thursday 5pm drop off

Friday 8am pick up

reminders:

Complete Gr 1 Experience, Gr 2 Sleepover and Yr 6 Big Day Out consent through Compass

Grade 1/2 Art

Grades 1/2 students have been experimenting with lemon juice and salt on their watercolour turtles!

Do you notice how these students have included shadows beneath their turtles?

Great effort!



Important message

Thursday 18th December is the last day.

Students finish at 1:30pm.

Buses are NOT running at 1:30pm on this day

for students. Please make other arrangements.

Principal's Report

School Fees....

Over the past few weeks, we have been reviewing our 2026 school budget to determine how we can best support our key priorities. For the last four years, we have proudly committed to *not* requesting families to make a voluntary contribution (previously known as school fees). Each year, our Finance Sub-Committee and School Council carefully assess our financial position to decide whether this commitment can continue.

In recent years, many of our families have benefited from various supports such as Bushfire and Drought funding, COVID payments, CSEF, Centrepay or BPAY credits, and more recently, the School Saving Bonus. Most families have now used the majority of this assistance.

In 2022, School Council made the significant decision to cover all Curriculum Contributions, including the cost of camps and excursions—a commitment we have proudly maintained for the past four years. While the school continues to incur substantial expenses for special programs such as camps and excursions, we remain dedicated to keeping these opportunities accessible and affordable so that every child can participate. With rising living costs, this support is more important than ever. Currently, the school invests over \$200,000 each year to ensure all students can attend these activities, and we have previously been able to cover the full cost.

I am pleased to announce that this support will continue in 2026. This means no school fees and no costs for camps or excursions in 2026.

Additionally, our free school uniform program will also continue next year, representing a further investment of approximately \$40,000 annually.

Ensuring our resources are used to best support our students, families, and wider community is central to our mission each year. We remain hopeful that we can continue these commitments well into the future.

Final Weeks....

Over the next few weeks we have several events organised, it is always a busy time of year. Staff are extremely busy finalising student assessments in preparation for school reports, a number of activities have been planned to finish off the year and our transition sessions in December will help prepare students for their new class and meet their new teacher. Please take note of each event and time to ensure a smooth end to the year. We are also putting dates in for 2026, please take note of these dates in our newsletter to ensure you are prepared for the beginning of next year.

Class Structure....

Please let us know if you are not planning on returning to LEPS in 2026. Each student has a significant impact on funding and class structures and it is important to let us know if you or planning to move out of the area next year. Our students will find out their grade and teacher during our whole school transition sessions on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December.

Have a great week.

Simon Prior

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 17/11	76.00%
Tuesday 18/11	79.50%
Wednesday 19/11	81.00%
Thursday 20/11	79.50%
Friday 21/11	77.50%

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Taya McConnell – For writing a successful story. I am so proud of your hard work. Well done, Taya!

Hunter O'Connell-Walker – For applying yourself to your learning, especially in Writing and extending your perseverance when learning!

Isla Dart – For always putting in huge amounts of effort and succeeding in gaining good skills in Reading, Writing and Maths!

Eddie Davis – Eddie, it has been wonderful to see the effort you've put into your learning and outside play this week. You are showing great success by knowing when to seek help—both in the classroom and in the yard—and using that support to keep growing. I also love hearing you share your knowledge so confidently with those around you. Keep up the fantastic work!

Frankie Hunter – You have shown huge success in Pathways recently. Well done!

Sean Payumo, Evelyn Jenkins, Emilia Docherty & Marlow Trainer – For actively engaging in your Book Club activities and completing all of your work on time with great effort! Incredible work. I am proud of you!

Vincent Dart – You have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Tornado' topic this week and that can be seen in your writing!

Sienna Matthews – Sienna pushes herself to keep improving herself as a learner. She has had great success in Writing, creating some captivating pieces out of her comfort zone. Sensational work!

Graham Atherton-Gordon – You have had such a successful week in everything you have done. I am super proud of you!

Mia Mitchell – Mia, it has been so great having you back. You approach all learning with a positive attitude and this is resulting in success in all of your learning!

Drama Award – Harmony Bunn – Harmony, it has been amazing seeing you join in and be such a great leader in Drama! You have wonderful ideas and help us all to have more fun. Well done!

Phys Ed Award – Ruby Smith – Ruby has shown great success in Hockey. She has listened well to tips and picked up the stick quite naturally. Ruby also helps her peers be successful by demonstrating and supporting them. You have really grown in the PE space this year Ruby, well done!

STEM Award – Kendrah Comber-Tidswell – Kendrah approaches every task with enthusiasm and always gives everything a go. Her positive attitude, willingness to try new challenges, and consistent effort, makes her a true example of our school value of Success. Kendrah is an absolute delight to have in the classroom. Well done, Kendrah!

Visual Arts Award – Albie Hunter – Albie has had great success in Art over the past two weeks. He crafted a lovely self-portrait that reflects both his artistic growth and imagination. Keep creating, keep exploring Albie!

3/4B SUCCESS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO IN 3/4B

- We have been welcoming our friends from 3/4C for split class.
- We have had Grade 2s joining us for transition.
- We have been learning all about natural disasters.
- We created a cyclone proof house out of paper.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT RECENTLY?

Millie - I have been successful at moving up levels on my addition and subtraction pathway.

Maddie - I have felt success in my handwriting because it is neat.

Audrey - I was successful in my gymnastics competition because I keep practising.

Marlow - I was successful in building my cyclone proof house out of paper.

Jonathon and Alex - We have been successful in working together as a team.

Sean - I have been successful in book club by completing all of my tasks.

Kohen - I have been successful in building my paper house.

Jayden - I have been successful in book club.

Ashlee - I have been creating incredible personification in writing.

Axel - I have been successful in building my paper house.

Jovan - I have been successful in writing.

Kim - I'm successful in moving up reading levels because I have practised so much.

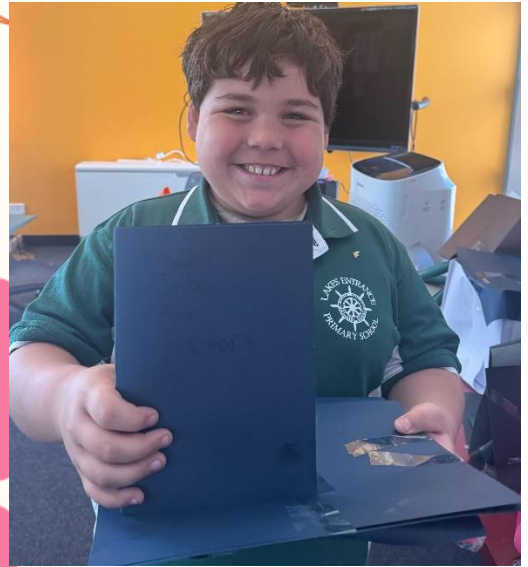
Tilly - I have been successful in PE because I try my best.

Evie - I have been successful in PE because I didn't give up.

Daejah - I have been taking pride in my writing.

Kayleigh - In art we created pop art and I was successful at it.

Charlotte - I have been successful in reading and spelling because I moved up levels.





Olivia Walker and Johanna Andy's Relief Paper Pop Art.



**Prep MIP –
Movement
Improvement
Plan**



Book Fair

Book Fair was a great success, helping raise money to purchase new books for our Library.

Thank you to our families and staff who volunteered their time to help during the Book Fair.

The winners of a \$20 Scholastic voucher are Kendrah, Haizel and Matthew. Congratulations!



REP TEAM TRIALS | Lakes Entrance Netball Association

Ready to test your skills and represent Lakes Entrance in 2026? LENA is inviting dedicated players to trial for the LENA Representative teams.

 Lakes Entrance Netball Courts

 Monday 1st December & Monday 8th December 2025

 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Come along, meet the coaches, show your talent, and be part of an exciting rep season ahead.

Rep Team Rules & Eligibility

To be eligible to represent the Lakes Entrance Netball Association (LENA), players must:

- * Hold a current Netball Victoria membership
- * Be currently playing in the LENA OR have played in the LENA within the 12 months prior to 14 June 2026 (Association Championships)
- * Be available to attend all scheduled rep tournaments
- * Be able to attend Monday night training sessions (times to be confirmed)

Commitment, attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork are essential expectations for all selected players.

Expected Rep Games & Tournament Dates for 2026

Sunday March 29 - Bairnsdale U11s & U13s

Sunday April 19 - Casey 11s Super  Tournament U9s & U11s

*Tournament Participation is subject to number of available players.

Sunday May 17 - Sale U11s & U13s

Sunday June 14 - Association Championships (Moe) U13s

 Training for all teams: Monday nights (times TBC)

Tournament dates TBC

Squads announced 15th by email

FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL | AGES 5-12



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Christmas Craft



After School Craft Activity



Join us for some Christmas fun!

Get into the holiday spirit with our After School Christmas Craft session at the library! This fun, festive workshop is perfect for kids to express their creativity while making a range of Christmas crafts.

Whether it's getting crafty or simply just listening to a Chrissy story there's something for everyone.

* Available crafts are assorted



Libraries
Change Lives



Bairnsdale Library

Tuesday 16 December

4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Lakes Entrance Service Centre

Tuesday 16 December

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Orbost Service Centre

Thursday 18 December

3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Paynesville Service Centre

Thursday 4 December

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Omeo Service Centre

Thursday 11 December

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Mallacoota Service Centre

Wednesday 17 December

3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

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