

Newsletter – 27th August 2025

next week:

Monday 1st September
Gr 3-6 Girls Basketball
Clinic

Tuesday 2nd September
Gr3/4 Swimming

Wednesday 3rd September
Gr3/4 Swimming

Thursday 4th September
Father's Day Stall
9:15 – 10:45am
Class walk through
Gr3/4 Swimming
Book Club issue 5 closes

Friday 5th September
Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45
Father's Day Stall
11 – 11:30am
Final purchases
Last Gr3/4 Swimming
Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

Tomorrow Thurs 28th Aug
Grade 5/6 Snow Day
5:15am arrive at school

This Friday 29th August
Gr 1/2 Drama performance
at assembly 2:45pm

Monday 8th September
Prep Gr1/2 Swimming
commences

Wednesday 10th September
Poetry Night 5 – 6pm

reminders:

Check Compass for any
permissions to sign.

Father's Day Stall

Next Friday 4th September and
Friday 5th September

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, then 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)

We are still
looking for
volunteers to
help on either
or both days.
Please let the
office know if
you can help
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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

Principal's Report

Naplan Results....

Slowly, as more comparisons are made with the recently released Naplan results, we're starting to see the success our school and students have had. Over the last few years, we have seen our results consistently show incredible growth to surpass national and state averages. Recently an article published in the Herald Sun, showed us once again how well our students are succeeding.

'Underdog schools defy the odds with outstanding above-average NAPLAN results'

From remote outback towns to urban centres, underdog schools are smashing academic expectations with NAPLAN results that rival private institutions.

'Other primary schools in low socio-economic areas that obtained scores beyond the state average on more than one occasion and were within the top 10 highest achieving disadvantaged primary schools, were Osborne's Flat Primary, Hepburn Primary, Arthurs Creek Primary, Lakes Entrance Primary and Eildon Primary school.'

Showing strong results every year continues to ensure our students show great success and coupled with the extensive extra curricula activities (bring on Snow Day this Thursday) and our wellbeing programs developed over the last 2 years eg, Berry Street, it brings the best possible learning environment for the students in our community.

Grade 5/6 Snow Trip....

Tomorrow I will be spending the day with our Grade 5/6's students at Mt Baw Baw. After making our way through the ski hire, we will hit the slopes for our first lesson. The weather this year looks windy and colder but no doubt the students will still have fun. Please keep a look out for photos published on Facebook from the day. It is always amazing to share the day with the students.

Prep Transition....

Next term we will begin to welcome our 2025 preps as part of our comprehensive transition process. After consultation with staff, students and particular parents and members of our community, we will be running Prep transition for 8 weeks on Friday's in Term 4. These transition sessions provide our students with effectively 5 terms of Prep and provides a huge head start to our students learning. **If you are aware of any parent still undecided, or yet to complete their enrolment, please encourage them to return their paperwork to the office as quickly as possible to ensure they are part of our transition process.**

Parent Opinion Survey...

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Please use the link below:

<https://research.orima.com/parent>

A personalised PIN number has been published on Compass for you to access the survey.

Thank you for your support.

Simon Prior

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 18/08	81.15%
Tuesday 19/08	Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 20/08	83.77%
Thursday 21/08	85.34%
Friday 22/08	83.25%

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Tinsley So – Tinsley you were so persistent coming to school every day last week. We are so proud of you. Keep it up!

Matthew Downey – For persisting with learning new skills in mindfulness and using his kind words. Well done!

Jeremy Caitens – Jeremy has worked hard to improve his skills to write with speed and now completes tasks in the given timeframe. His determination in developing his skills has also led to much neater handwriting! Jeremy's commitment to develop and extend his personal best has been impressive! What a great attitude towards improvement you have! Keep it up!

Alliana Denton – Alliana you have shown fantastic persistence in your learning, especially in reading and writing. It has been so wonderful to see you try your best every day and never give up, even when things are challenging. You always contribute thoughtfully in class and set a great example for others. Keep being a star! ★

Autumn Evans – I love how hard you have been persisting this term. Always remember, you are more capable than you think!

Kohen Buchanan – For always working hard to achieve your goals. It is great to see how determined you are to reach your Maths and Reading goals. I love seeing you work so hard to get there!

Izzy Gannon – Izzy, you had a goal to get on task straight away and you have shown so much persistence with this. I am so proud of how on task you have been!

Jayce Clay – Loving how you continue to persist and include yourself and engage in all class discussions, activities and games. Keep up the great work!

Xavier Ward – For working hard and persisting in your work. Great work Xavier, keep it up!

Eamon Kelly – For hard work and persistence taking part in the Gateways program!

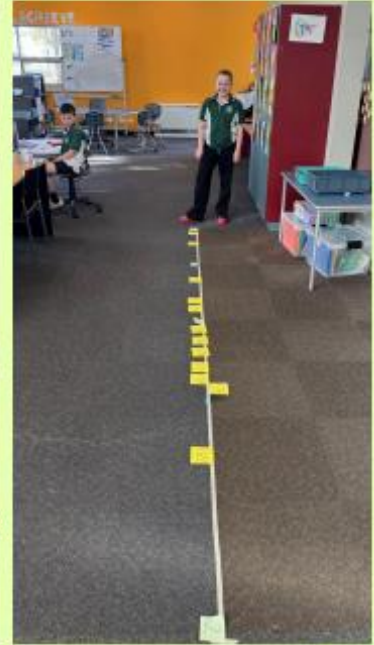
Drama Award – Bodhi Gannon – Bodhi is a fantastic leader in Drama. He joins in consistently while always making tasks fun for everyone. Bodhi has many great ideas and it's wonderful seeing him act them out!

Phys Ed Award – Kohen Buchanan – Kohen has a great attitude in Physical Education, always willing to have a go at everything. Kohen is also great at helping his peers persist by encouraging and guiding them. Keep it up legend!

STEM Award – Johanna Andy – For powering through challenges in STEM and shining with persistence!

Visual Arts Award – Ryder Neilson – For persisting in art and creating colours to match his Australian Grayling in our art workshop! You did a great job!

PERSISTENCE IN 3/4B



It has been fantastic to see everyone in 3/4B show persistence in lots of areas! Here's what they said about what they have been persisting in.

Tilly – In maths I got everything right with Miss Donaldson for addition and subtraction. I want practice new skills in netball.

Jayden – In down ball I kept trying and made it to kings.

Sean – In reading I have been reading my chapter books and working towards my goal.

Kohen – When I went fishing on the weekend, I eventually caught 4 fish after waiting an hour because I didn't give up.

Light – I kept trying to win the mingle game, and I won because I ran fast enough to the other players.

Millie – I tried hard writing every poem this term and I have been persisting with my handwriting so I can get my pen licence.

Charlotte – I kept trying on my Writers Showcase on belonging.

Ashlee - I persisted while walking the book parade in my costume and during the stories by listening.

Audrey – I have been persisting while riding to school every day by trying to keep my balance and not bump into anyone.

Maddie – I have been persisting in horse riding alone by not bumping into people at the book week parade.

Kayleigh – I want to persist in basketball because my first game will be a tournament.

Daejah – I'm going to try to breathe out my nose, so I don't get water in it while I'm swimming.



Book Week Celebrations





Even our
Principal and
Crossing
Supervisors
joined in with
the fun!



Book Week fun at the School Crossings
Dinosaur, shark, and safety all around





Prep 2026 Transition dates have been decided.

If you know any children who are due to start Prep in 2026, share the dates for transitions or direct them to LEPS office for an enrolment pack.

PREP TRANSITION 2026

9:00AM - 1:30PM

Friday 17th October

9:00AM - 1:30PM

Friday 24th October

9:00AM - 1:30PM

Friday 31st October

9:00AM - 1:30PM

Friday 7th November

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Friday 14th November

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Friday 21st November

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Friday 28th November

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Friday 5th December

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THE LAST TRANSITION DAY, 5TH OF DECEMBER BETWEEN 2:00PM – 2:30PM.

WE WILL DISCUSS PROCEDURES AND CLASSES FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE 2026 YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR CHILD TO LAKES ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.



Vicspell

On Monday, 25th August, selected students from grade 5/6 travelled to Paynesville to complete in the Vicspell competition against other schools in the area.

Congratulations to Chloe Walker, Hunter Lorimer and Riley Groth who all made it through to the second round of the spelling bee and did an amazing job representing our school with pride. Huge congratulations goes to Mikaela Walker, who won the competition and is on to the next round in Traralgon next week.

We wish her the best of luck.

Gateways

Lakes Entrance Primary School was privileged to host the first ever regional Gateways Eureka program on Monday. This provided an opportunity for high ability students to come together to explore concepts with like-minded students.

Students completed experiments that involved analysing different blood types and exploring the importance of blood donation in medicine. They then went on to exploring the world of mathematical lines in our environment and the importance they play in real life scenarios.

A huge thank you to the event organisers Allen Dickson and Jacob Pini for providing our students with this amazing opportunity. The day was a huge success.



Grade 5/6 Art Incursion

Grade 5/6 students were busy this week painting garden stakes of various threatened species.

Thanks to Arika from East Gippsland Gallery for her expertise.



Ready Set Go....

Hybrid Webinar: How to Support Career Exploration

When: Tuesday, September 2 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Where: Online via Zoom or in-person at The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale

Register here: www.trybooking.com/DEEIJ

Parents and carers are invited to a free upcoming hybrid webinar — *How to Support Career Exploration* — taking place on Tuesday, 2 September 2025, both in person at the Study Hub in Bairnsdale and online via Zoom.

This interactive event will provide families with practical tools and valuable insights to help the children and young people in their lives explore career options and navigate future educational pathways. For those unable to attend live, a recording will be made available following the event.



SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS & CARERS HYBRID WEBINAR: HOW TO SUPPORT CAREER EXPLORATION

When? Tuesday, September 2, 2025 from 4–5pm

Where? The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale + online via Zoom

What? During this hybrid webinar, parents and carers will explore how to support school aged children and young people on their career exploration journey. Possibilities, aspirations, education opportunities and resources will be discussed by a selected panel including a student, a parent/carer, an educator and a career professional.



Visit www.trybooking.com/DEEIJ or scan this QR code to register!
Registrations will close by 3pm on September 2. If you can't make it, register to get a copy of the recording



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Melissa Oakley

Melissa is a Careers and Employability Advisor at Federation University. With a degree in Communications and Public Relations, Melissa began her career journey with strong academic credentials, but little clarity about her professional direction. Melissa's story is a testament to resilience, creativity, and the power of transferable skills.



Dr. Nicole McDonald

Nicole is a Senior Research Fellow at CQUniversity Australia with a PhD in the Vocational Psychology of Agriculture as well as an early career researcher in the field of career development in the agricultural industry. Nicole will share what she has learned about supporting students to explore their various career interests in Australian agriculture.



James Bush

James is a Facilitator for the H.E.Y. (Healthy Equal Youth) Project, empowering local LGBTQIA+ young people. James specialises in advocacy work within the community services sector. James has recently completed a Diploma of Counselling and enjoys furthering his learning through webinars, training and workplace experiences.



Kimberly Erwin

Kimberly is an enthusiastic and dedicated VCE VM year 12 student at TAFE Gippsland. Kimberly grew up locally on a farm with a hard-working family who played an important role in supporting her skills, interests and giving her the guidance she needed. TAFE has encouraged her personal growth by giving her opportunities to take on leadership roles and finding her passion.



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About the Program

The webinar is part of *Ready Set Go*, a two-year career exploration initiative delivered through the Eastern Australian Regional University Centres Partnership (EARUCP) and funded by the Department of Education's Regional Partnership Project Pool Program (RPPPP).

Locally, *Ready Set Go* is brought to life through a partnership between the Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network (Gippsland East LLEN), Federation University, and CQUniversity. The program aims to support students as they explore potential career and education pathways through a range of activities, including school visits, excursions, and events like this webinar.



A Flexible, Hybrid Experience

After last year's successful delivery, this year's event embraces again a hybrid format, giving families the flexibility to attend either in person at The Study Hub or virtually via Zoom. The format also enables participation from a broader range of speakers, including professionals and community members with lived experience who will join both onsite and remotely.

The session will feature dynamic panel discussions, shared insight from experts, and a Q&A segment, creating opportunities for interactive learning and meaningful dialogue.

The session will shine a light on useful resources — such as Study Hubs, the My Future website, and other regionally available tools — to assist families in guiding young people through their career exploration journey.

Meet the Speakers

This year's panel brings together a diverse mix of voices from education, research, advocacy, and lived experience, including:

- Melissa Oakley, Careers and Employability Advisor at Federation University, will share her personal journey of resilience and how the power of transferable skills has shaped her career path.
- Dr Nicole McDonald, Senior Research Fellow at CQUniversity, will reflect on her work helping students explore their interests in Australian agriculture, and how rural industries offer surprising and meaningful career opportunities.
- James Bush, Facilitator of the H.E.Y. (Healthy Equal Youth) Project, will speak about his passion for youth advocacy and supporting LGBTQIA+ young people in regional communities.
- Kimberly Erwin, a Year 12 VCE Vocational Major student at TAFE Gippsland, will offer her perspective as a student, highlighting the key role her parents played in guiding her toward her passions

Why This Matters

"As Executive Officer of Gippsland East LLEN, I'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all our speakers and partners for supporting this event," said Neeta D'Souza.

"Parents and carers are often the most influential source of career advice a young person will receive. That's why supporting families is just as vital as supporting students on this journey. In today's fast-changing world, preparing young people with the right skills, knowledge, and guidance is more important than ever."

"Through Ready Set Go, we are creating opportunities for families, educators, and industry leaders to come together — to inspire young minds, to foster curiosity, and to build the confidence needed to turn dreams into reality."

Visit www.trybooking.com/DEEIJ to register to attend this event or access the webinar recording.

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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

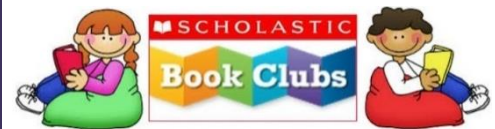
Email: competitions@jamesyeates.com.au or drop into our office at 65 Macleod St, Bairnsdale 3875

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

Book Club orders 2025 Issue 5

Cut off date:

Thursday 4th September

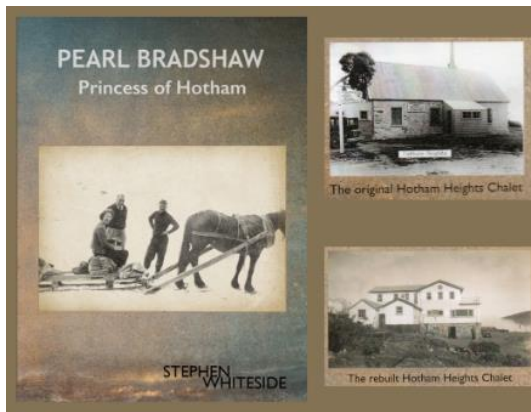
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Join us for a talk with author, Stephen Whiteside!

Stephen Whiteside interviewed Pearl Bradshaw in 1987 as part of his research for 'Snow, Fire and Gold - the story of Bill Spargo and Evelyn Piper's life in the Australian Mountains', his previous book. With her husband, Jim (who died in 1981), Pearl had managed the Hotham Heights Chalet at Mt. Hotham from 1937-1945, a total of 9 consecutive winters. This period included the 1939 bushfire, which burnt almost two million hectares of the state of Victoria and cost 71 lives, as well as the Second World War.

Reflecting on the interview afterwards, Stephen realised that Pearl's own life had been fascinating, and returned to interview her a second time later in the year.

This is Pearl's Story.

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