

Newsletter – 3rd September 2025

next week:

Monday 8th September

Division Athletics – Howitt Park, selected students

Prep, Gr1/2 Swimming commences

Tuesday 9th April

Prep, Gr1/2 Swimming

Wednesday 10th April

Prep, Gr1/2 Swimming

**Poetry Night 5 – 6pm
In the 3/4 Building**

Thursday 11th April

Prep, Gr1/2 Swimming

Friday 12th April

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

**Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day – Gold Coin donation
Assembly 2:45pm**

coming up:

Thursday 4th September

Father's Day Stall

9:15 – 10:45am

Class walk through

This Friday 5th September

Father's Day Stall

11 – 11:30am

Final purchases

Last Gr3/4 Swimming –

Survival session –

Bring t-shirt and shorts

reminders:

Check Compass for any permissions to sign.

Grade 5/6 Snow Day

Last Thursday 28th August our Grade 5/6 students travelled to Mt Baw Baw to spend the day in the snow. What a day! Snowing on arrival (and consistently all day), a quick gear setup, ski lessons, early lunch, tobogganing and snowball fights... it was possibly the happiest snow day yet. The best part is, there's no cost to families for the day - it's entirely covered by the school, gear hire, lessons, bus, equipment. Days like this are such an important experience and should be provided for everyone!



More photos further
In the newsletter.



Principal's Report

Writers Showcase....

Each year, students from across East Gippsland submit their writing to be featured in a regional showcase. Next week, the showcase will open at Mechanic's Hall in Lakes Entrance for several days. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the creativity and talent of our young writers, selected from thousands of impressive submissions.

It's also a wonderful chance to recognise the outstanding writing skills our students continue to develop and display each day.

Following the showcase, LEPS will host our annual Poetry Evening, a special event where students will share a variety of original poems created during this term's poetry studies.

These are just two of the many positive initiatives we are proud to offer in celebration of our students' literacy achievements.

Hats, Hats, Hats, be SunSmart....

Over the next few weeks, the weather will begin to fine up and get warmer!! Term 4 all students are required to wear a sun smart hat. Can all parents please check the current condition of their child's hat and please contact the office if you need a new hat in preparation for the warmer weather.

Over the next few weeks, if we have particularly warm or sunny days we will be encouraging our students to wear hats outside at recess and lunch time.

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 Fridays 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 25/08	82.72%
Tuesday 26/08	84.29%
Wednesday 27/08	87.43%
Thursday 28/08	80.10%
Friday 29/08	75.39%



UV AHEAD

SunSmart

Slap! on your **hat** and Slop! on **sunscreen**, when the UV is 3 or above.

Even on cool and cloudy days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above generally from mid-August to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all five forms of sun protection

Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide

Cancer Council Victoria

VICTORIA State Government

Term 4 is approaching

Don't forget to have your hats ready for the start of term for recess and lunch play times.

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Haizel Subin – For showing success this week in writing, by consistently practicing extending her sentences. Keep up the great work!

Jai Hobbs – For amazing success with his poetry writing and consistently extending himself to achieve high standards!

Noah Collier – For showing success in his neat handwriting. Noah has shown great effort, patience, and persistence in writing beautifully shaped letters, positioned well on the line. His carefulness in colouring his published drawings is also making his work outstanding. Well done, Noah!

Hayden Subin – Hayden, you have shown amazing success in your spelling words, going up 2 levels this week! You have put in a fantastic effort into all areas of your learning. Well done, Hayden – we are so proud of you! Keep it up! 🌟

Baylee Fredericks – You have tried so hard in our poetry unit and swimming. Your perseverance has made you so successful!

Marlow Trainer – For consistently showing success in all learning areas, particularly poetry this term. The poems you have created have been fantastic to read and it's great to see your positive attitude to learning. You're a star!

Hunter Joseph – This past week, Hunter has had great success with his personal goals of being on task in the classroom and in his swimming lessons. Keep up the fantastic work!

Tyler Caitens – This week, your effort towards staying on task has been fantastic and has pushed towards success in all aspects of your learning. Keep up the good work!

Hunter Eason – Well done for celebrating and showing success during our interschool sport training!

Ruby Smith – Your skiing ability is amazing. Well done on your success on the snow day!

Drama Award – Alliana Denton – Alliana has been a real stand out performer in our 'The Train' play. She has been a leader when learning her actions and lines. Well done, Alliana!

Phys Ed Award – Taya McConnell – Taya has had successful progress with her soccer dribble and kick. She listens actively to instructions and tries her best. Taya also helps others be successful by reminding them of what to do. Superstar!

STEM Award – Colton Hartley – Colton shows success in the STEM room by actively participating in all activities!

Visual Arts Award – Spencer Cole – Spencer had much success in our watercolour unit where he produced a beautiful butterfly!

Success

IN 3/4



SWIMMING

At swimming lessons, we showed success by being brave, pushing ourselves to try new things, and cheering each other on.

In 3/4C, we know that success means trying our best, finishing what we start, and celebrating the progress we make along the way.

Writing in 3/4

In writing, we worked hard to send thoughtful letters to the Mayor of East Gippsland, sharing our ideas for our community.

Swimming is fun



For more information:
#askyourkids



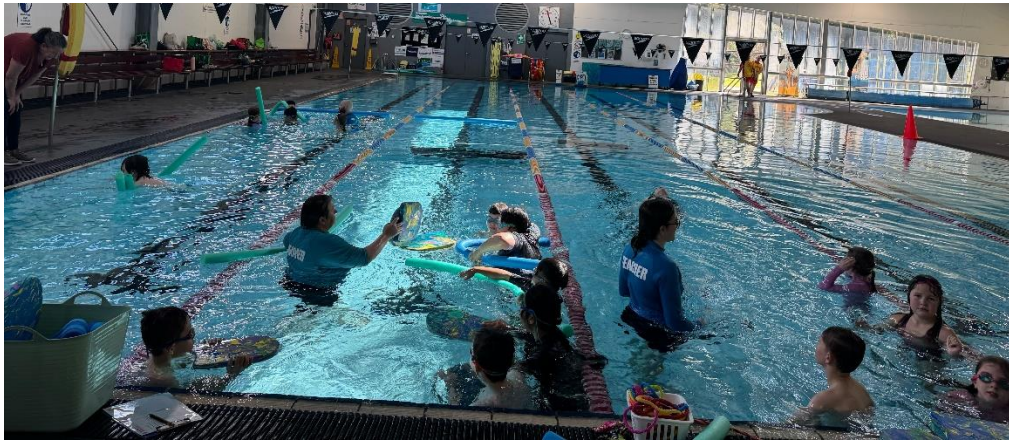
Gippsland's Biggest P.J. Day

**Friday 12th
September –
Gold coin
donation**



Grade 3/4 Swimming

Grade 3/4 swimming is in the final week. It's always great seeing the students learn skills to be safe around water.



Showjumping with Maddie

Last Friday 29th August, Maddie competed at her first showjumping competition with her new horse, Alice. Stratford Pony Club put on an amazing competition for the inter-school competitors at the Sale Show Grounds. Maddie's hard work has paid off with her winning first place for Lakes Entrance Primary School. Congratulations Maddie and Alice!



Grades 3 – 6 Girls Basketball Clinic

On Monday 1st September, all of the girls from Grades 3 to 6 took part in a Basketball Clinic. It was great to see them engage and enjoy the session.



Grade 3/4 Art

Grade 3/4 students have been unlocking their creativity with water colour butterflies. They are all so unique and beautiful!



Grade 5/6 Snow Trip



Writers Showcase 2025

Far East Gippsland School Network, Department of Education Vic

A Celebration of Student Writing Primary and Secondary

Where: Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall

When: Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th September 10.00 to 4pm.

Official Opening by Ian Burrage

Wednesday 10th September 11.00am

HOLIDAY
intensive
SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK YOUR CHILD'S SWIMMING ABILITY!

Monday 29 September - Friday 3 October 2025

Cost: \$60
On confirmation of booking a \$20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.

Enrolments due Friday 26 September

DAILY 30 MINUTE LESSONS OVER 5 DAYS!

ENROL ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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Save the Date

We're celebrating our 50th birthday and we want you there!

Saturday 11 October 2025

11.00 – 3.30pm

GLCH, 18–26 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration featuring live music, roving performances, a community footpath art project, local food stalls, and giveaways.

Put the date in your calendar now – it's going to be great!

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Father's Day Stall - this Thursday and Friday

Don't forget to bring a small amount of money this Thursday to purchase something for that special male role model in your life.

\$10 is more than enough to make your purchases.

Please try not to send students with \$50 notes, as we have limited change.



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**

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.

Important Information

What to bring

- Drink bottle for water
- Lunch box with enough food for the day, unless stated in the program.
- Suitable clothing - closed shoes, clothing that covers the shoulders **NO singlets/spaghetti straps**
- Spare Clothes / weather appropriate
- Sun hat and any child specific sunscreen

Gumnuts Provide

- Fresh fruit
- Water to refill bottles
- Sunscreen

Personal Belongings

We understand children require quiet relaxation time and for some children that can be technology time. Children may bring a technology device to use during their time at the service when permitted by staff during certain times in the program. **(devices that do not have internet available)**

Please be aware if your child does bring technology, it is the sole responsibility of the child to look after it. Gumnuts take **NO** responsibility if it is lost, stolen or broken in any way.

Fees

\$115 per day

The above price is without CCS.

Families may be eligible for Child Care 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.

After Child Care Subsidy is applied, the daily cost can be as low as \$5.

Additional cost is required for some excursions and incursions. **Please note:** These costs will be added to your child/ren's fee. No cash on any premises.

Unexpected Changes

The program can present with a range of different weather, we recommend that you always check the weather prior with your child and support them in wearing and packing appropriate clothing.

Booking

To book a place for your child/ren in our Vacation Care Program, please visit <https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/session/login> For further information please contact our office on **5144 6952**. Alternatively, contact us via email gumnutsshccoord@gmail.com

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

September 2025



GUMNUTS
Outside School Hours Care

September Holidays



Operating from
Lakes
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49 Myer ST,
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Contact Us

- 5144 6952 / 0493 364 179
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- www.gumnuts.com.au
- 8:00am - 6:00pm

- Excursion
- Includes Water
- In-Centre Fun
- Public Holiday

Monday 22nd of September Movie's and PJ day

Welcome back to vacation care, it's always good to start the holidays with a relaxing day, so again we are watching movies in our PJs and eating popcorn.

Tuesday 23rd of September Craft by Kayla

It was such a big success last vacation care that we just had to do it again, this time we are doing tie dye bags that you can take home. We will be providing lunch today, party pies and Sausage rolls.

Wednesday 24th of September Walk over the footbridge

Put your walking shoes on as we will be traveling across the footbridge to forage and explore. There will be no swimming just making sandcastles and having fun on the sand.

Thursday 25th of September / quaran and swimming

I hope you've saved your energy for today, it's / quaran day again, please remember to bring a towel and dry clothes just in case. We will allow the children to bring a few dollars to purchase a lollie at the canteen if agreed.

Friday 26th of September Public Holiday

Please remember to bring a packed lunch/ snacks unless stated on the days activities.

- Excursion
- Includes Water
- In-Centre Fun
- Public Holiday

Monday 29th of September ESports Collective

Join us for two hours of gaming fun, a brand new service open just for us, we will be enjoying a play at the all abilities playground and lunch then off to E-sport collective, don't forget lots of snacks for today as they get very hungry.

Tuesday 30th of September Science experiments

Test Loz's skills at science. Test her knowledge, and her patience with all the mess were going to make. :) Get creative and have fun.

Wednesday 1st of October Cooking day

Cook up a storm with Tasha! What creations can you get her to inspire us with. Jeff's not here so remember she likes you to try and eat healthy (but where's the fun in that).

Thursday 2nd of October Mini golf

Come play a round of mini golf with us, this time we will be walking to the roadnight st. mini golf for a round and a sweetie milkshake and cinnamon doughnut.

Friday 3rd of October / all wheels day

Yes again! The kids just love it. Bring your scooter, bike, roller skates, skateboards and any other non motorised device. Don't forget the safety gear to go with it and your skills to show off!

We will be providing hot chips for lunch on the court.

This program is subject to change depending on the following circumstances - Severe/code red weather, numbers of children and availability of extra curricular activities. Prices for excursions may also change. Staff with notify of any changes.

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