

## next week:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Parent Teacher interviews**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Gr 1/2 Netball Clinic

Prep Tennis Clinic 9 – 10am

Gr 5/6 Tennis Clinic @  
Tennis Courts 10:30am –  
1:30pm

**Parent Teacher interviews**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**No Preps – Rest Day**

Gr 3/4 Tennis Clinic @  
Tennis Courts 9:30am –  
12:30pm

**Parent Teacher interviews**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Gr 1/2 Tennis Clinic @  
Tennis Courts 9:30am –  
12:30pm

**Parent Teacher interviews**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

Gr 5/6 Sailing 9am – 2pm

Assembly 2:45pm

**Parent Teacher interviews**

## coming up:

This Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Aqua Park family BBQ

## reminders:

Blue Parent Approval notes  
need to be returned ASAP.

**Consent on Compass and  
Waiver forms for the Aqua  
Park**

Tennis Clinic consent on  
Compass

# School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

Our Photographer this year is Gippsland School Photography.

You can pre-order your pack by scanning the QR code below.

Enter the access key: **S2GE7XG**

Select the pack you like and pay.

**Photo packages need to be ordered and paid for prior to the day.**

Sibling photos **MUST** be ordered and paid for by **midday**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, for a sibling photo to be taken.

**Sibling WILL NOT be taken unless paid for prior to the day.**

**GIPPSLAND SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Catherine@gippslandschoolphotography.net.au - 0400989217



**Lakes Entrance Primary School**  
Photo date : **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

Go to [www.gippslandschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.gippslandschoolphotography.com.au) and click the order button

Enter access key: **S2GEG7XG**

Family photo orders must be placed by midday - 25th March

No family orders can be placed online after the cutoff date.



Eldest students will be taking home the above flyer this week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Gippsland

School Photography

**Catherine – 0400 989 217**



## Principal's Report

**School Council:** Last year saw many of our long-standing School Council members finish their time with our school and subsequently finish their role with School Council. As a result, we are looking for new members to join. School Council plays a vital role in the overall governance of the school with many different aspects of school operations requiring discussion and approval. It is a relatively easy process, with meetings held roughly twice a term for approximately 1hr in the evening, which can benefit those working during the day with a combination of online and in person meetings. If you are interested in being part of this process, please come past the office to speak to Steph or myself.

**Attendance:** 90% attendance has always been our goal, and as you can see from the table below we were able to achieve this on a number of days over the last 3 weeks. We know that attendance can be affected by a range of different factors, particularly illness etc, but it is critical every child attends school every day. Throughout the year if students miss a number of days this can have a significant impact on their learning. A day here and there slowly starts to add up throughout the year to be fairly significant by the end of the year. More than 20 days absent works out to be on average 1 per fortnight, this can also make a significant difference by the time they reach Grade 6, with some students having missed over a year of their schooling across the 7 years of primary school. Please let us know if we are able to support you in this matter, and lets see if we can bring that average up above 90% for the remainder of this week.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>Week 1</u>	
Tuesday 27/1 -	Pupil Free
Wednesday 28/1-	Pupil Free
Thursday 29/1 -	89.19%
Friday 30/1 -	90.27%

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>Week 2</u>	
Monday 2/2 -	90.37%
Tuesday 3/2 -	90.37%
Wednesday 4/2 -	90.91%
Thursday 5/2 -	88.24%
Friday 6/2 -	81.28%

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>Week 3</u>	
Monday 09/02 -	87.83%
Tuesday 10/02 -	85.71%
Wednesday 11/02 -	88.36%
Thursday 12/02 -	84.66%
Friday 13/02 -	80.95%

As you can also see from the tables above, while we started strong, this week we have dropped below 90% for each day this week, a trend we definitely want to reverse next week. We also see less students attending school on a Friday. Hopefully with our water park adventure this week, we will see more students attending.

*Simon Prior*

### Parent Teacher interviews next week

Every student is required to have a Parent Teacher interview.  
If you haven't booked your interview time, please do so using the Compass App asap.

<u>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u>	
<u>Last week</u>	
Monday 9/2	87.83%
Tuesday 10/2	85.71%
Wednesday 11/2	88.36%
Thursday 12/2	84.66%
Friday 13/2	80.95%



## Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

**Colby Mackay** – You show our school values of belonging by being kind to others and asking others to join in. Keep being a super star!

**Kasey Proudley** – For joining in activities in your new classroom. Welcome, and thank you for helping those in need!

**Asher Nairn** – You consistently show a strong sense of belonging by caring for your peers and making sure everyone feels included!

**Monica Orr** – For always asking others to join in, listening to others and looking after our classroom. Fantastic effort Monica!

**Paddy Baylis** – You are consistently patient when supporting any peer in the classroom, ensuring they understand and complete the work. Great job!

**Frankie Hunter** – For always being a kind and caring person, who is happy to help anyone in need. You were so caring when your friend hurt themselves this week and comforted them when they needed it most. You are amazing, Frankie!

**Audrey Frost** – Audrey is always supporting her classmates and offering assistance. She includes others when they are alone and also looks after our classroom!

**Xavier Ward** – For always making everyone feel welcome and joining in for all activities in the classroom!

**Zane Boxshall** – You have had such an amazing week including all of your peers in different activities. Well done, Zane. I am super proud of you!

**Talulah Comber-Tidswell** – You consistently show belonging to your peers and teachers. Your kindness doesn't go unnoticed and we are so grateful to have you a part of our school community!

**Phys Ed Award – Isla Dart** – Isla showed beautiful belonging in Phys Ed this week. She included people in her group, so no one missed out. Well done!

**Respectful Relationships Award – Ziorah Andy** – Ziorah, you work so brilliantly in group activities, making sure everyone feels included, and you consistently show kindness and care towards others. Keep being amazing!

**STEM Award – Charlotte Kirk** – For asking someone in the class to be her partner when she realised they didn't have one. Thank you for making sure your classmates feel they belong in the STEM room. Superstar!

**Visual Arts Award – Tom Frost** – Tom is a respectful member of the Visual Arts class. He listens carefully and is supportive of others. He puts a lot of effort into producing quality work!



# BELONGING

## IN 1/2B



### In Grade 1/2B

We show belonging in the way we treat each other. We include everyone, use kind words, help our classmates, and make sure no one feels left out.



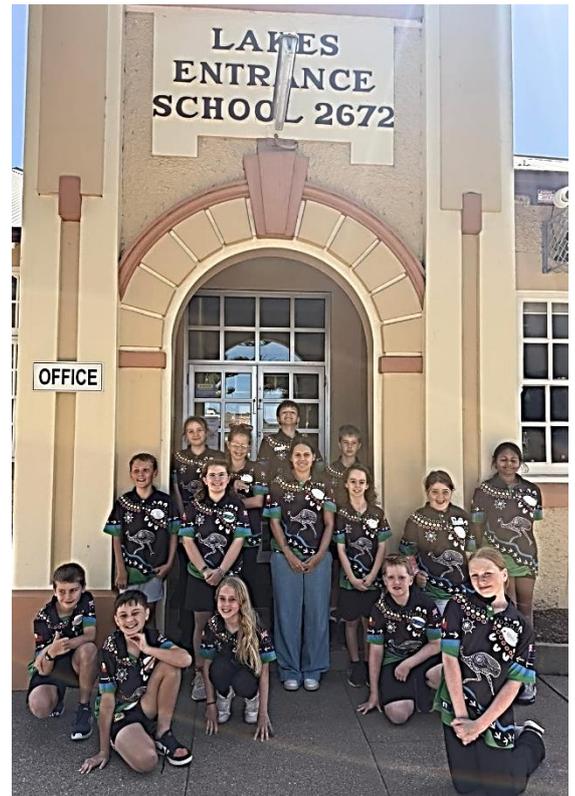
This week, we talked about how we can make sure people feel like they belong in our school.

What can you do at home to help your family feel loved, included, and like they belong?



## Grade 6 Leaders

Last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, our Grade 6 Leaders were presented with their badges by Shelly Lee. Shelly worked closely with our Grade 5s in 2025 to design the tshirts that this year's graduating class are wearing with pride. The tshirts represent our students, their journey and the community that surrounds them. Shelly is an amazing artist, you might have seen her artwork hanging in the front office at school. We are grateful for her guidance and support for our students!



## Mens Shed



## Grade 5/6 Boxing

How lucky are we to have the crew at Mosaic Elite Health right across the road!? Last week a group of Grade 5/6 boys and girls had their first boxing fitness session for the term. Saying they came back tired is an understatement, but they loved it and are already looking forward to their next session.



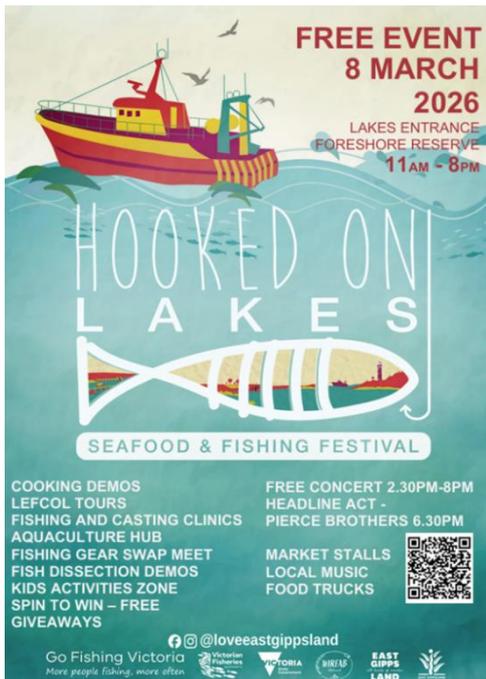
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## Grade 5/6 Life Saving Education Program

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, our Grade 5/6 students walked over to Lakes Entrance Surf Club. The students learnt lifesaving skills and water safety, conducted by Life Saving Victoria.





**FREE EVENT  
8 MARCH  
2026**  
LAKES ENTRANCE  
FORESHORE RESERVE  
11AM - 8PM

**HOOKED ON  
LAKES**

**SEAFOOD & FISHING FESTIVAL**

COOKING DEMOS  
LEFCOL TOURS  
FISHING AND CASTING CLINICS  
AQUACULTURE HUB  
FISHING GEAR SWAP MEET  
FISH DISSECTION DEMOS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES ZONE  
SPIN TO WIN - FREE  
GIVEAWAYS

FREE CONCERT 2.30PM-8PM  
HEADLINE ACT -  
PIERCE BROTHERS 6.30PM

MARKET STALLS  
LOCAL MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS

Go Fishing Victoria  
More people fishing, more often

@loveeastgippsland

VICTORIA  
EAST GIPPSLAND



**Bairnsdale  
NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**All Abilities Netball**

Enjoy netball in a fun, friendly environment where you will learn new skills, stay active and enjoy being part of a team built on belonging and inclusion.

**Date:** Thursday 26/02/2026- Thursday 28/05/2026  
Excluding School Holidays

**Time:** 4.00pm-5.00pm

**Location:** WORLD Precinct- 99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale

**Contact: Janet Parker at 0430 480 405**

**Cost- \$100**

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
On the BNA FB page



**BREAKFAST CLUB  
STARTS  
FRIDAY OF WEEK 2!  
6TH FEBRUARY, 2026!**

FIND US DOWN  
IN THE  
3/4 BUILDING

**EACH FRIDAY FROM  
8:15AM - 9:00AM**

Enjoy -  
**Cereal, Ham & Cheese Toasties, Vegemite Toast,  
Jam Toast & Pancakes!**



**EAST GIPPSLAND  
CONVOY FOR KIDS  
2026**

**GTC  
GIPPSLAND TRUCK CENTRE  
BAIRNSDALE**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Open 9am to 4pm at the  
Great Lakes Air Field Colquhoun Rd  
Lakes Entrance

**Entry \$5 - Per Person or \$10 Per Vehicle**  
**TRUCKS CONVOY FROM TRARALGON & ORBOST TO LAKES ENTRANCE**  
Trucks Expected to arrive at 11am  
Truck Entry Is Free  
**CONVOY START TIME TRARALGON 7:30AM & - ORBOST 9AM**

All Trucks Welcome - Show 'N' Shine - Charity Auction  
Food Trucks - Merchandise Stalls - Family Fun Day - Truck'n With Tim

**ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CAMP QUALITY & ANGEL FLIGHT**  
This Event Is Alcohol Free.

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