

next term:

Monday 20th April
First day Term 2
9am start

Tuesday 21st April

Wednesday 22nd April

Thursday 23rd April

Friday 24th April
Breakfast Club 8:15am –
8:45am
Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

Tonight - Grade 5 return
from Melbourne Camp
6pm

Thursday 2nd April
Pupil free Day – Staff
planning

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday

reminders:

Don't forget today,
Wednesday 1st April is the
last day of Term 1.

See you all again on
Monday 20th April – 9am
start

Wishing all of our families
and friends a happy and
safe Easter break and
School Holidays.

Grade 5 Melbourne Camp

Our Grade 5 students travelled to Melbourne on Monday 30th March for the Urban Camp. They arrived safely in Melbourne, and the first activity was the Eureka Skydeck to see the views from above. They visited the MCG and had the best night spent at the Zoo. With multiple train and tram rides, thousands of steps, I'm sure every student will sleep well when they return home.



More photos further in the newsletter.

Principal's Report

Happy Holidays: After a busy term, the school holidays are once again upon us. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our parents and school community. Your ongoing support of the school is what makes us so successful and improves the learning outcomes of all of our students. Please take the time to have a break across these holidays, looking forward I can already see a busy term ahead!

Easter Raffle: This year our final assembly for Term 1 will begin at 1:15pm. Along with our Attendance Awards, and Civics awards we will be drawing our Easter Raffle. Always well supported, this year we have an amazing **55** prizes to draw this year. Thank you for all the generous donations we have received, the money received will be discussed with the students organising our Junior School Council, to determine how it might be best spent around the school.

2027 Prep Enrolments: We have already had some inquiries about enrolments for Prep in 2027. A new Prep information session will take place on our Open Day on Wednesday 20th May and tours are always available for new and existing families. Choosing the right learning environment is never an easy process, but it is always important to evaluate and assess each option to gain the best perspective of each school. If you know of anyone with a child starting school in Prep in 2027, please encourage them to attend a school tour on our Open Day.

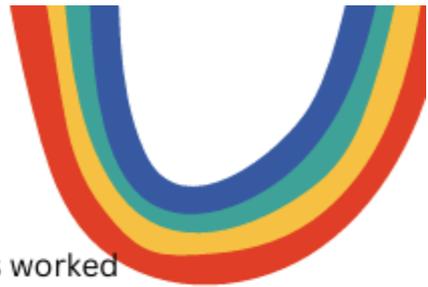
Finally: Whilst it's great to have a break over the holidays, little things that families can do such as providing opportunities for our students to read, can have a big impact in the long term. Our focus has also been about how little steps can have a huge impact, just by getting a child to read an additional 5 mins a day over the course of the year they will be exposed to an additional 282,000 words. As you can see from the table below, just simply creating an opportunity for students to read regularly, makes a remarkable difference over a short period of time. Holidays are a great opportunity to continue with activities such as reading to set them up for a success start to the term.

Minutes Per Day	Words Read Per Year
65.0	4,358,000
21.1	1,823,000
9.6	622,000
4.6	282,000
1.3	106,000
0.1	8,000
0.0	0

<u>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u> <u>Last week</u>	
Monday 23/3	82.90%
Tuesday 24/3	82.90%
Wednesday 25/3	85.49%
Thursday 26/3	92.75%
Friday 27/3	70.47%

Simon Prior

Success - Grade 5/6



Over the last few weeks the Junior School Council has worked on following up some of the students ideas from the "Messages from East Gippsland" Project that was completed in Term 4 last year.



The kids from LEPS decided the issues they wanted to work on in our area were;

- supporting those less fortunate
- cleaning up our town
- having more ice-cream in their life!



On Monday of week 9 the school had a kindness day to raise money and spread happy vibes.

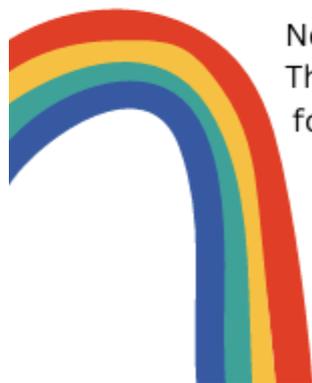
Money raised will go to the local Salvation Army.

We also did activites around kindness and there was some face painting!



This week on Monday we cleaned up the rubbish around our town. It was nice because lots of people said thank you and while walking around we got ideas for more things we could work on.

When we got back to school Lakes Entrance Soft Serve Ice-Cream van was parked on the oval and we all got a free soft serve for our hard work. Some of our past Grade 6s even came to help out for the day - which we loved.



Next term we will decide what next for helping out in our town! Thank you to Uniting and Lakes Soft Serve for supporting us with our goals!



Success - Grade 5/6



Grade 5/6 Art



Kindness Day



Student Café

Last Friday 27th March was terrible weather outside, but our student cafe was pumping out hot chocolates and milk shakes for student rewards. What a great student led initiative and a great way to heat up student bellies on a cold day!



“Messages from East Gippsland” Rubbish Pick Up Day

On Monday 30th March, all students took part in a rubbish collection day to support our local community. Our Prep students focused on the school grounds and the rest of the school picked an area outside of school to focus on. The Grade 5/6 students walked towards the rotunda, the Grade 3/4 students walked towards the Men’s Shed and the Grade 1/2’s focused on the creek. They were armed with gloves, tongs and rubbish bags. When they returned to school, they were greeted with the Lakes Soft Serve Ice Cream Truck for a treat, kindly donated by Uniting.

Well done team LEPS, you’re all amazing!



Gymnastics Club

We're so proud of our amazing students who have been participating in Gymnastics Club this term!

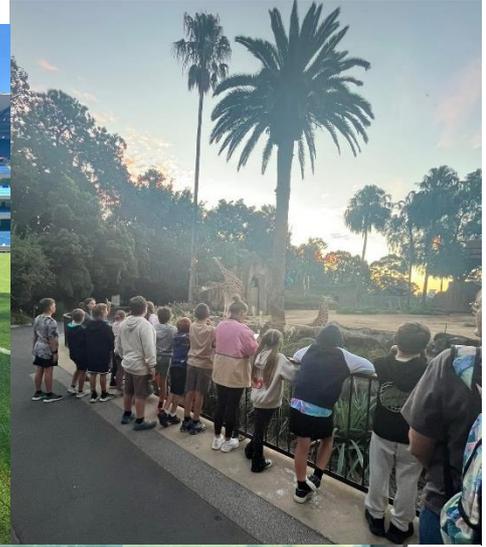
Their energy, commitment, and willingness to try new skills has been fantastic to see.

This week, they also had the exciting opportunity to take part in Cheer Club — what a fun and confidence-building experience!

A huge thank you to Mosaic Elite Health for your continued partnership and support in providing these wonderful opportunities for our kids



Melbourne Camp



Kinect2Dance with Indi



HOLIDAY
FAST TRACK YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY!
intensive
SWIM PROGRAM

Monday 13 - Friday 17 April
Cost \$65.00 for ages 3 and up
On confirmation of booking a \$20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.
Enrolments due Friday 3 April

DAILY 30 MINUTE LESSONS OVER 5 DAYS!

ENROL ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE





43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance
(03) 5155 333
lakesaquadome.com.au



Come and Try Day
Over 60's Netball



Wednesday 9th April
10:00am

Lakes Entrance Netball Association





LAKES ENTRANCE SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

22nd April 2026 | 5PM to 7PM
1-11 North Street, Lakes Entrance



Discover the excellence of Lakes Entrance Secondary College firsthand at our Open Night, where you'll find a welcoming environment, supportive staff, and exciting prospects for your future. Light refreshments provided.



LIONS CLUB OF GIPPSLAND LAKES LIONESSES



Sat 18th April 2026
9am - 2pm

INDOOR MARKET

MECHANICS HALL
LAKES ENTRANCE

Baby Knits, Bags, Toys, Clothing, Woodwork, plants, fresh produce, Hand Crafts, Candles, bric-a-brac, Jewellery, secondhand books and more

Devonshire Teas
Scones Jam & Cream,
Sandwiches

Raffle Prizes

Stall Enquiries to
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Chris 0437 520419

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JUNIOR MIXED REGISTRATIONS

Now Open!

- 12 Rounds + Finals
- Start - 4th May
- End - 7th Sept
- Cost - \$115 Plus BV fees



Questions?
Please text Junior Coordinator:
0475 518 250




AUSSIE HOOPS

Term 2 - WEDNESDAY
6th MAY

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!
PLEASE TEXT 0475 518 250 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

AGE - 4-6
COST - FREE!!!!

START DATE - WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
LAST SESSION - 24TH JUNE
4PM TO 4.45PM
PENNY - JUNIOR COORDINATOR



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