

### next week:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Grade 5 depart for  
Melbourne Camp 5am

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Grade 5 Melb Camp

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Gr 6 Mountain Bike Day

**Civics Assembly 1:15pm**

**Easter Raffle Draw**

**1:15pm**

**Last Day Term 1 – 2:15pm**

**Finish**

**No busses operating at  
2:15pm on the last day,  
please make other  
arrangements**

Grade 5 return from  
Melbourne Camp 6pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Pupil Free Day**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Breakfast Club 8:15 –  
8:45am

**Assembly 2:45pm**

### coming up:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Raffle tickets are due back  
with money.

**Assembly 2:30pm for  
Kinect2Dance  
performance**

**Book Club Issue 3 Cut off**

### reminders:

Next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April is  
the last day for students. No  
busses are operating at  
2:15pm. Please make other  
arrangements.

# School Photos

**Tomorrow 26<sup>th</sup> March  
9:00am start**

## GIPPSLAND SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

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### 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.



**Last day of Term1 – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

2:15pm finish.

There are no buses operating on the last day.

Please make other arrangements.



## Principal's Report

**Ongoing Industrial Action:** Whilst we had minimal disruption to our teaching and learning yesterday, this may vary as negotiations progress and we look to support better conditions for staff with minimal disruption to our students, their learning and our community. Ultimately, we want the best possible outcome for all our staff. Each of them work extremely hard to create a positive learning environment. They go above and beyond their role supporting students in any way they can.

**Attendance:** As part of our ongoing focus, each of the classroom teachers have been looking at our attendance records. As well as ensure we have no unexplained absences, we are also aiming for a 90% attendance record for every student. Office staff will also be contacting parents to make sure we do not have any unexplained absences from Term 1. Some students may have only had 5 days absent for Term 1, but still fallen below the 90% attendance rate. This may not seem like many days but over the year, this can quickly equal more than 20 days, and from Prep to Grade 6, this will equal a child missing at least ¾ of a year from their schooling! So far, we have achieved several days with 90% attendance particularly towards the start of the term. Friday also seems to have some of our lowest attendance, and we will be looking at how we can best support our students getting to school on Friday.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Mon		90.37%	87.83%	87.37%	84.74%	84.82%	PH	86.01%
Tues		90.37%	85.71%	87.37%	88.42%	81.68%	87.05%	85.49%
Wed		90.91%	88.36%	82.11%	86.32%	85.86%	84.97%	81.87%
Thurs	89.91%	88.24%	84.66%	81.58%	87.31%	84.82%	83.94%	87.56%
Frid	90.27%	81.28%	80.95%	77.89%	80.53%	SF	81.87%	79.79%

**Final Day of Term 1:** A reminder to parents that Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April will be our final day of Term 1, school will finish at 2:15. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, is a pupil free day.

**Term 2 begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

#### Last week

Monday 16/3	86.01%
Tuesday 17/3	85.49%
Wednesday 18/3	81.87%
Thursday 19/3	87.56%
Friday 20/3	79.79%

Simon Prior



## Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

**Dotti Frost** – For always joining in activities and trying her best. Keep shining, Dotti!

**Levi Greig** – For always participating in activities and looking to solve problems with others and independently!

**Hannan Tamimy** – Hannan, every day you try your hardest, put in the work and support your classmates to do the same. Thank you for your persistence every day!

**Allison Mitchelson** – For continuing to join in, trying new activities and showing persistence during learning. Great job Allison!

**Spencer Cole** – You have been so persistent in all of your learning this term. I am so proud of how you have started 2026!

**Sophia Sawyer** – For joining in on class activities and Kinect 2 Dance. It's been great to see you persist even when things have felt hard and join in dancing with a smile on your face. Keep up the great work Sophia!

**Xavier Gordon** – Xavier is always trying hard with his learning, answers questions and is doing his best. Keep on being persistent!

**Chloe Walker** – You did so well with sailing last week. Your persistence and determination really paid off. Well done!

**Mia Mitchell** – You have had a wonderful week in class and demonstrated a willingness to try your hardest at everything!

**Billie Clough** – For your persistence in everything you do, schoolwork, assessments, even lawn bowls! Keep up the positive attitude!

**Phys Ed Award – Hunter Joseph** – Hunter had a great session in Phys Ed, joining in and persisting really well in our Connect 4 game. His logical thinking was a massive advantage for his team. Great Job Hunter!

**Respectful Relationships Award – Evie Jenkins** – Evie, you approach every task with a positive attitude and always give your best effort. You regularly go out of your way to help others without being asked. Thank you for being you!

**STEM Award – Sean Payumo** – For showing exceptional persistence with the STEM task this week. He worked well with his partner to trial different strategies to make the escape device. Well done, never giving up!

**Visual Arts Award**

# 5/6A

## Persistence

5/6A has shown so much persistence lately in sailing. Even when it got cancelled they waited till they could sail again. They waited with patience and they didn't complain.



Everyone



Ashlee and Dwine



Rhoden



Sienna and Laila



Peter and Jet



Jacob and Blake



# Pet Safety Incursion

Last Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, our Prep to Grade 2 students participated in a safe pet handling incursion. We got to meet Ranger the Golden Retriever and learn how to safely interact and approach an unfamiliar dog.



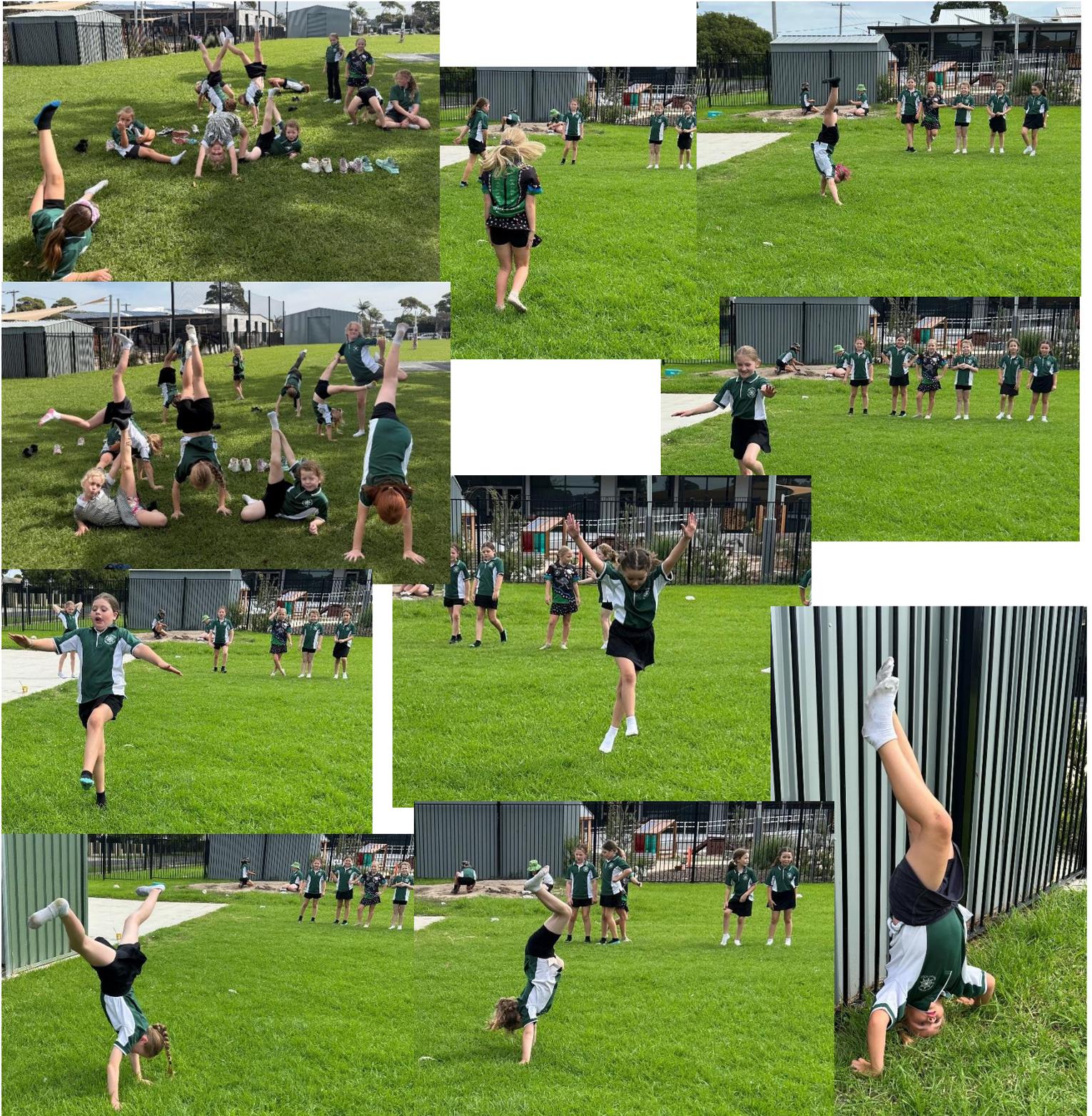
# Ride 2 School Day

Last Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, was Ride 2 School Day. Students met at Apex Park at 7:30am, departed at 7:45am and rode to school in a group. Thank you to families who stayed, helped, supported and joined in with our BBQ breakfast.



## Lunchtime Gymnastics Club

Lunchtime fun with Gymnastics Club, run by Miss Mac.





**LAKES ENTRANCE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
OSHC



## VACATION CARE APRIL 2026

**Enrol now!**  
8am-6pm Monday-Friday

49 Myer St, Lakes Entrance.  
(03) 5155 1812  
oshc.lakes.entrance.ps@education  
.vic.gov.au

## What you need to bring

- Drink bottle (water only)
- Lunch box with enough food for the day  
(unless otherwise stated in the program)
- Comfortable, suitable clothing
  - Closed shoes
  - Tops that cover shoulders  
(no singlets or spaghetti straps)
- Spare clothes
- Hat for sunny days
- Sunscreen (if using your own)

## Daily Fees

\$114.84 per day  
This fee is before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is applied.

Families may be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which will reduce the daily fee based on individual circumstances. To check your eligibility and entitlements, please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50.

Additional charges may apply for excursions and incursions. Please note: These costs will be added to your child's account. No cash payments are accepted on the premises.

## Personal Belongings

We understand that children sometimes enjoy a quiet time to relax during the day, and for some children this may include limited use of technology. With staff guidance, children may bring a personal device to enjoy at specific times as part of the program.

Please note: Devices must not have internet access.

If your child chooses to bring a device, we kindly ask that they take care of it themselves. While our team will support children where possible, Lakes Entrance Primary School Council OSHC is unable to take responsibility for any items that may be lost, damaged, or misplaced.

## Unexpected Changes

Our program operates in a range of weather conditions. We encourage families to check the weather each day and support their child by ensuring they wear and pack appropriate clothing.

### WEEK ONE

**6<sup>TH</sup>** PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
OSHC CLOSED

**7<sup>TH</sup>** Pj's and movie day

Our OSHC service is excited to host a fun and relaxed Pyjamas and Movie Day as part of our Vacation Care program! Children are invited to come dressed in their favourite pyjamas and enjoy a cosy day at the centre, complete with a child-friendly movie, comfortable viewing space, and plenty of opportunities to relax and socialise with friends. This special themed day encourages children to unwind, feel at home in the centre environment, and be part of a warm, inclusive experience during the school holidays.

**8<sup>TH</sup>** BBO at Apex park Cost \$ 5pp

Children will enjoy a relaxed outdoor experience with a shared BBQ meal, games, and opportunities to socialise with friends in a natural setting. This excursion supports children's wellbeing, connection to their community, and enjoyment of outdoor play. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting a sense of belonging, positive relationships, and engagement in meaningful leisure activities.

**9<sup>TH</sup>** Upcycle Art

Children will use recycled and reusable materials (feel free to upcycle something from home, E.G. an old canvas) to create their own unique artworks, encouraging creativity, imagination, and environmental awareness. This experience supports children to think creatively, make independent choices, and develop confidence while learning the importance of caring for our environment. The activity aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting creativity, sustainability, and a sense of responsibility for the world around them.

**10<sup>TH</sup>** Craft by Kayla Cost \$ 20pp

Our OSHC service is excited to welcome Kayla to the centre for a special Craft Day as part of our Vacation Care program. Kayla will guide children through a creative, hands-on flower crown making, supporting their imagination and self-expression in a fun and engaging environment. Children will have the opportunity to create their own unique piece to take home, fostering a sense of pride and achievement. This experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by encouraging creativity, confidence, and meaningful participation.

### WEEK TWO

**13<sup>TH</sup>** Mini Golf Cost \$ 20pp

Children will enjoy a fun and engaging game that encourages physical activity, coordination, and friendly social interaction. Mini golf supports teamwork, confidence, and problem-solving as children take turns and challenge themselves in a relaxed environment. This experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting wellbeing, participation, and positive relationships through play.

**14<sup>TH</sup>** Technology Day

Children are invited to bring their own device to explore technology in a safe, supervised, and engaging environment. This experience supports digital literacy, creativity, and social connection as children share games, ideas, and interests with their peers. Technology Day aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by encouraging confidence, independence, and responsible use of technology while supporting children's learning and wellbeing.

**15<sup>TH</sup>** Visit the cinema Cost \$ 20pp

Children will enjoy the experience of watching a movie on the big screen in a fun and social environment. This excursion encourages relaxation, social connection, and shared enjoyment with peers. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by supporting children's wellbeing, sense of belonging, and participation in meaningful leisure experiences. Movie selection will be confirmed closer to the date.

**16<sup>TH</sup>** Candle making Cost \$ 10pp

Children will have the opportunity to create their own candles, exploring creativity through colour, scent, and design in a safe and supervised environment. This hands-on activity supports fine motor skills, independence, and confidence while encouraging self-expression. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting creativity, wellbeing, and a sense of achievement as children create something meaningful to take home.

**17<sup>TH</sup>** Beach party Cost \$ 10pp

Our OSHC service is excited to celebrate the final day of Vacation Care with a fun Beach Party! Children will enjoy beach-themed games, activities, and a relaxed social atmosphere as we wrap up the holiday program together. Lunch will be provided, with the menu to be confirmed closer to the date. This special event supports children's sense of belonging, wellbeing, and connection with peers, in line with the My Time, Our Place framework.



## How parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account at [LOOP](#)
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via credit card
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school!



## Supporting your school with Book Club

15% of every purchase on Book Club goes back to your school in Scholastic Rewards to buy valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

Place your Book Club order

Your school earns Scholastic Rewards

Your school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional school or classroom resources!

## Support the Lakes Entrance Fire Brigade this Good Friday!

Our crew will be out for our annual collection, and we are looking for volunteers to help make this year a success. If you can spare a few hours for "tin rattling" on the day, we would love to have you join us.  
Details:

- Meeting Time: 8:30 AM at the fire station
- Start Time: 9:00 AM
- Lunch supplied
- Finish time 4.30 PM
- Children under 10 will require a Parent / Caregiver to accompany them

If you are able to volunteer your time, please send a message to **John Upton at 0428577648.**

*Let's make a difference together!*





## Easter Raffle



Our Easter Raffle will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, at our Civic's Assembly.

Each book will contain 5 sheets of 2 tickets. (10 tickets)

You can purchase as many or as little as you like.

Each ticket is \$1

Each book is \$10.

Fill out your name and phone number on each ticket purchased.

Return the tickets to the school office before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### Donations

We are looking for donations to help make our Easter Raffle a success.

Please leave your Easter themed donations with the front office, before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Thank you for your support

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### After School Easter Craft

#### Decorate Your Own Egg Cup

AGES 5-12



#### Hop into your local library this Easter!

Come ready to listen to a story and get creative by decorating your very own wooden egg cup!



Libraries  
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**Bairnsdale Library**  
Monday 30 March  
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

**Lakes Entrance Service Centre**  
Monday 30 March  
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

**Mallacoota Service Centre**  
Thursday 2 April  
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

**Orbost Service Centre**  
Tuesday 31 March  
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

**Omeo Service Centre**  
Monday 30 March  
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Paynesville Service Centre**  
Tuesday 31 March  
3.45 pm – 4.45 pm

#### Book Now

At your library  
51 52 4225  
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Come on down to learn about key water safety messages, and get hands on experience in and around the water.

Sign up now!



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## SNAAP

SPECIAL NEEDS AQUATIC AWARENESS PROGRAM

SLSLE is running our second SNAAP session! A water safety program ran for people of any age or ability.

Surf Life Saving Lakes Entrance, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am-1pm



# KIDS, COME AND TRY PICKLEBALL

Children between ages 6-12 are invited to come and try pickleball in a fun and supportive environment.



- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 43 Palmers Rd, Lakes Ent (Tennis Club)
- 10 am - 12 noon
- Equipment supplied
- Take part in games and activities
- Try new skills
- Be supported by local pickleball players

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: JACQUI MALLEN - 0409 709 525

## Town bus fare

As per the Victorian Government initiative, under 18's travel free on all public transport throughout Victoria. To do so though, your child must carry a Youth Myki card and produce it when boarding the bus. If they don't have one, they will be asked to pay a fare.

This only applies to the Lakes Entrance Town bus.

The Youth (children aged 5-17 inclusive) Myki card is available to purchase for \$5 from the Bairnsdale Railway station, or online via <https://transport.vic.gov.au/manage-myki> . This card is valid for 4 years and are replaced free if they're lost, stolen, defective or expired.

Dyson's Bus Lines have informed us that they will commence charging students without a Myki card from the start of Term 2.

# JOIN OUR WOMEN'S NETBALL COME & TRY 30<sup>th</sup> MAR 26

Mondays  
6:00 - 7:30PM

Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve  
- Rowe St

All skill levels welcome!  
Women 14yrs and over

Lakes Entrance  
Netball Association



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# WHAT'S ON

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



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[www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries](http://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/eastgippslandshirelibraries)  
Phone: 5152 4225 or 1300 555 886



### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

#### School Holiday Movie *The Bad Guys 2*

AGES 5-12

The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do "one last job" by an all-female squad of criminals.



Parents/carers are required to accompany their children.

### NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

#### Video Games & Board Games AGES 5-12

Get your game on!

Join us for fun with the Nintendo Switch and board games! Enjoy free game time for kids ages 5-12.

This is not a supervised event, children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Switch availability varies. Please check with the library before planning your visit.



#### School Holiday Craft Session AGES 5-12

Hop into your local library these holidays!

Join us for a fun and colourful craft session where you can decorate your own papier mache pen holder and bead puppet.



These hands-on activities are perfect for sparking creativity and letting imaginations shine.

#### Come and Try STEM Omeo AGES 5-12

Come and try out our STEM gadgets collection! Try out our Bee-Bots, Osmo, Gravitrax and Snap Circuits.

Drop in anytime between the times listed to join in on the fun.

Parents/carers are required to accompany their children.



# WHAT'S ON

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### Lakes Entrance Service Centre

18 Mechanics Street, Lakes Entrance 3909  
Monday to Friday - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

#### Libraries After Dark Family Movie Screening

##### Kangaroo



Join us for a screening of a fun family-friendly movie!

A disgraced TV host, Chris, and a young indigenous girl, Charlie, work together to rescue and rehabilitate a group of orphaned joeys in a remote Outback community.

**Bairnsdale Library**  
Thursday 16 April  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

## Storytime at your local library

Bairnsdale Library  
Tuesday 11.00am

Lakes Entrance  
Service Centre  
Tuesday 11.00am

Orbost Service Centre  
Tuesday 10.30am

Paynesville Service Centre  
Tuesday 11.00am

Mallacoota  
Service Centre  
Thursday 2.30pm



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### Lakes Entrance Service Centre

School Holiday Movie -  
Wednesday 8 April  
2.15pm - 4.00pm

School Holiday Craft -  
Monday 13 April  
2.15pm - 3.15pm

## Rhymetime at your local library

Bairnsdale Library  
Wednesday 10.30am

Lakes Entrance  
Service Centre  
Wednesday 11.00am

Orbost  
Service Centre  
Thursday 10.00am

Paynesville  
Service Centre  
Monday 10.30am

Mallacoota  
Service Centre  
Tuesday 10.00am



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