

Newsletter – 4th February 2026

next week:

Monday 9th February

Tennis Clinics

Tuesday 10th February

Tennis Clinics

Wednesday 11th February

No Preps – Rest Day

Tennis Clinics

Wheeltalk visit @ Basketball stadium

Thursday 12th February

Tennis Clinics

Hockey Clinics Gr 1-4

Friday 13th February

Breakfast Club 8:15 – 8:45

Tennis Clinics

Book Club Issue 1

Cut off date

Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

This Friday 6th Feb

LEPS Swim Trials

Gr 3-6 9:30am – 11am

Assembly 2:45pm

reminders:

Blue Parent Approval notes and Dental Van forms need to be returned ASAP

Check you are logged into Compass for notices, newsletter and permission notices.

Important Dates for Term 1

This Friday 6th Feb

LEPS Swim Trials - Gr 3-6 9:30am – 11am

Monday 9th to Friday 13th February

Tennis Clinics

Friday 20th February

Aqua Park Family BBQ

Friday 6th March

Dog Incursion Gr Prep - 2

Monday 9th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th March

Naplan starts Gr 3 & 5

Monday 16th March

Dental Van visits for the week

Monday 23rd March

Naplan finishes

Thursday 26th March

School Photo Day – 9am start

Monday 30th March

Gr 5 Depart for Melbourne Camp

Wednesday 1st April

Gr 5 return from Melbourne Camp

Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 2nd April

Pupil Free Day

Label Student Items

Please make sure student hats, jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes and any other items bought to school are **clearly labelled with the student's name.**

This is the best way to ensure items are returned home.

Principal's Report

Welcome to 2026: It was great to see so many happy and smiling faces last week when our students returned. Starting a new year is always exciting and all students have settled well into their classrooms as their learning takes off. With months of planning going into programs to start the year, it is always an exciting time for both students and teachers to get this underway.

The establishment of an engaging learning environment and engaging curriculum has been a focus for staff in preparing for the students return. Staff have also spent time discussing key priorities for 2026, ready to ensure our students continue to excel with their learning.

Absent Students: Thank you to those parents who are continuing to notify us in the morning if their child is going to be away from school. Our office is open from 8am to receive any phone calls. These notifications will lead to a decrease in phone calls we are having to make each day around 10am. As a school we must get an indication for every child every day as to why they are not at school. A strong focus on attendance will form a key priority for this year and I am pleased to see our attendance for the first week has been the best in the last 5 years! Starting like this puts us in a strong position to support every child with their learning throughout the year.

This year we are aiming for a **90% attendance rate** for all of our students. A child who slips below 90% runs the risk of missing a significant amount of their schooling over several years.

Parents play an important part in creating an ongoing partnership between home and school for the success of our students.

Building Works: Over the summer holidays lots of work happened around LEPS. The finishing touches are being made to our new ramps around the school, and hopefully will be finished by the end of Term 1. Finally, a builder has been appointed to our next renovation. Meetings will take place over the next few weeks, with work to begin on the 18 month project as soon as possible. While this will see some disruptions in and around the school, the end result will be well worth it, with a brand new library as well as new Prep rooms, Art and STEM centre.

School Council: Last year saw many of our long-standing School Council members finish their time with 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 throughout the year, with meetings held 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.

Simon Prior

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 26/01	Australia Day
Tuesday 27/01	Pupil Free
Wednesday 28/01	Pupil Free
Thursday 29/01	89.19%
Friday 30/01	90.27%

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Reggie Bowland – Reggie, you are a star! You have had a great start to the year and are an amazing role model for our class. Keep it up!

Matthew Downie – For successfully supporting others and being a class role model who guides and helps others!

Eli Keogh – What a successful start to the year! You have settled in well, worked hard and looked after our classmates. Keep up the great work!

Ava Mackay – Ava, it has been great to see you start the year so well in all areas of your learning and helping others in the classroom!

Tianna So – You have been so successful at starting the year, with a smile on your face and completing all of your work. Well done!

Jonathon Wright – You have had an incredible start to the year! You have tried your best to work towards learning goals and it's great to see you so engaged and happy to share your ideas with the class. Keep it up!

Eli Chappell – Eli has made a very successful start to attending LEPS. Well done on making great friends and completing your tasks!

Delilah Austin – Delilah has had a fantastic start to the year. She has settled well, shows kindness to everyone and always tries her best!

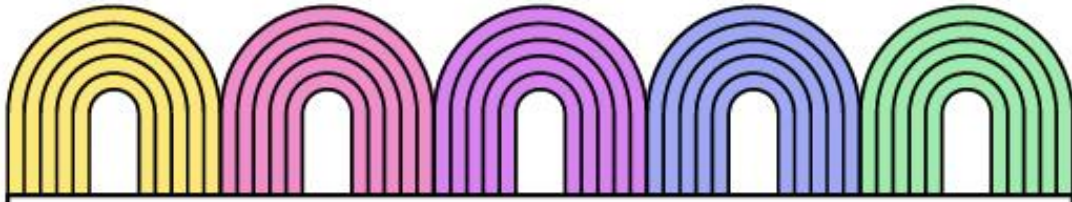
Bella Pool – I'm so proud of the way you have settled into your new school and the way you participate in class!

Jovan Pantic – Jovan, you have made an outstanding start to Grade 5. Your bright smile lights up our classroom and you have had so much success in your learning. Keep it up!

Phys Ed Award – Boston Ghoulmieh – Boston had a great first Physical Education lesson. From the very start he was someone his peers could look up to be successful! Keep it up Boston!

STEM Award – Matthew Downey – For a fantastic first STEM lesson. He was engaged, eager to answer questions, on task and had great success completing his creepy caterpillar. Well done Matthew, keep it up!

Visual Arts Award – Kobe Hobbs – Kobe displays success by taking much pride in his work, remaining focused and kept practicing using a ruler to make shapes!



SUCCESS IN PREP

The prep students have settled in so well to school - showing the school value of success!





All families need to download the Compass App.

Each family should have already received a unique Login code.

Compass Apps

You can download the Compass App on iOS and Android devices, simply search for Compass School Manager in the store.

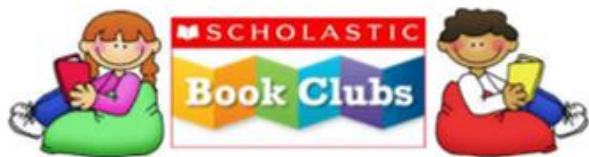
Search: Lakes Entrance Primary School

Using the App you can:

- View the school news feed
- Receive messages from the school
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- View Learning Tasks
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Add Attendance Notes
- View academic reports
- Sign permissions for student camps and excursions
- View the weekly Newsletter

We are here to help, if you aren't sure or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 5155 1812.

Book Club



Book Club Orders

Book Club orders 2026 Issue 1

Cut off date: Friday 13th February.

Don't forget to have your orders ready before or on the cut off date.



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



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!

School Council Elections

Calling all parents and carers – We need your help!

In the coming weeks we will send out documents for School Council elections.

We have many positions available and up for re-election.

We are looking for someone to be

- **President of School Council – don't be shy**
- **Fundraising help – Mother's Day/Father's Day Stalls, one of our students favourite fundraisers**
- **Book Club co-ordinator – enter students Book Club orders once a month**
- **And many more roles**

If you are interested in the running of the school and would like to have your say, this might be something for you.

Call the school on 5155 1812 and ask to speak to Simon Prior the Principal or Stephanie Fry the Business Manager. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

We need a School Council that consists of school staff and parents/carers like you.

There are only 8 meeting for the entire year.

School Bus Travel is now Free

From 1 January 2026, all children and young people aged under 18 in Victoria can travel for free on public transport.

This means, our students who travel on the town bus up Myers St hill and Kalimna area, no longer need to pay for the service.



BOOK NOW
Teach a skill for life

SCAN CODE TO GET STARTED

Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety

being held at:

Lakes Entrance Aquadome

43 Palmers Road, LAKES ENTRANCE, VIC 3909
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February 2026
8.30am to 5.00pm

1300 885 666  www.austswim.com.au

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AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety™

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PICK-UP Ultimate Frisbee
COME AND TRY



Lakes Entrance Secondary College
Football Oval
Tuesdays during February
5.30PM - 6.30PM
Sessions are fully subsidised
Ages 18 and above only
For more information contact Kaitlyn via 0456 699 656

Scan for more info




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89.9% of our graduates get jobs

ENROL NOW!

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 Saturday 21 & Sunday 22, February 2026
 8:30am - 5:00pm
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LAKES ENTRANCE 

Book Club Organiser

We are looking for someone to take over the students Book Club orders.

This is a small job that takes about 5 minute per month.

Our school makes money for new Library books with every order.

Most orders are done online, so it may be as simple as pressing the submit button.

If this sounds like something you may like, please call the office for more details.



INTRODUCTION TO COACHING WORKSHOP

Lakes Entrance Netball
Association

Saturday 7 February 2026

9:00am - 11:00am

Lakes Entrance Recreation
Reserve -1 Rowe St



Register using the QR Code



UMPIRES IN THE FIELD

INTRODUCTION TO UMPIRING

Lakes Entrance Netball
Association

7 February 2026

1pm – 4pm

Lakes Entrance Recreation
Reserve -1 Rowe St

Presented by Judi Buhagiar



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover

Parents and Guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2026

Application forms for the Camps, Sports and Excursions funding support program for 2026 are available at the school office. Parents/Carers who hold a Concession, Pension, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or are temporary Foster Carers are able to claim \$400 per year for eligible primary students.

New families to our school or families who have recently been granted a concession card or families with a child who is in Prep this year need to complete an application form available from the school office, (if you haven't done so already).

This money will be paid directly to the school to offset any camps, sports or excursions. A FAQ sheet as well as an application form is available at the office. **Please contact the office should you have any further questions regarding this matter.**

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