

next week:

Monday 9th March
Labour Day Public Holiday
Student free day

Tuesday 10th March

Wednesday 11th March
NAPLAN Yrs 3-5 begins

Thursday 12th March
NAPLAN Yrs 3-5
Regional Swimming
(selected students)

Friday 13th March
Breakfast Club 8:15am –
8:45am
NAPLAN Yrs 3-5
Gr 5/6 Sailing 9am – 2pm
Assembly 2:45pm

coming up:

This Friday 6th March
Student free day due to
asbestos removal
No assembly this week

reminders:

Dental forms due by
this Thursday 5/3

Student free day

Friday 6th March

Building Project Update

Dear Parents,

This week marks the exciting commencement of our 12-month building project. Once completed, it will provide our school with a brand-new library, modern learning spaces, and dedicated Art and STEM facilities.

As part of the initial stage of works, all asbestos will be safely removed from the site. This process will take four days and is scheduled from Friday 6 March to Monday 9 March. We feel very fortunate to have secured the long weekend to undertake this essential work, minimising disruption to students and our wider community.

Please note that students will not be permitted onsite on Friday 6 March.

I understand that this may cause inconvenience for families and sincerely apologise for the short notice. Confirmation of these dates was only just received, and we are committed to providing as much advance notice as possible moving forward.

Throughout the year, we will continue to keep parents and the community informed of any updates or disruptions as early as we can.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Simon Prior
Principal

Principal's Report

Building Work: Thank you to all of our community who have shown great flexibility with our Student Free Day this Friday 6th March. Working alongside the building team to create a timetable to minimise the impact on our school has been critically important. Asbestos removal is an essential part of the first stages, so to get this 4 day process done over the weekend, will make sure we continue as scheduled. It is important to note that during the work no members of the community will be allowed onsite. A licensed removalist will remove the materials, and they will be supervised by an independent occupational hygienist. The hygienist is also responsible for conducting air monitoring throughout the process.

We encourage you to direct any queries to the VSBA:

Phone: 1800 896 950

Email: VSBA@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

Or alternative please contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

Demolition of the remaining buildings are scheduled for the next few weeks. Parents and the community will notice an increase in trucks and other equipment during this time.

Parent / Teacher Meetings: Last week all parents had the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress and learning. Meetings are held twice per year, however staff are always open to setting up a meeting at any stage. Please consider making an additional time if you wish to discuss any matters further. Ongoing conversation is critical throughout the year, and we hope having Meetings in Term 1 and 3 along with school reports in Term 2 and 4 will help provide an idea of how your child is progressing with their learning.

Thank you,

Simon Prior

<u>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u>		
<u>Last week</u>		
Monday	23/2	84.74 %
Tuesday	24/2	88.42 %
Wednesday	25/2	86.32 %
Thursday	26/2	87.31 %
Friday	27/2	80.53 %

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Stevie Trainer - Stevie, you show success at our school by taking pride in your work and helping other people. Thanks for being a star!

Boston Ghoumieh - For awesome success with Salty the Seal and engaging in activities with all students.

Alliana Denton - You show success every day in Reading, Writing and Pathways, with the consistent work you do. Keep it up!

Shyla Sawyer - You consistently take pride in your work and continue to practice your learning in Reading and Pathways. Great job!

Harmony Bunn - You have been so dedicated to your learning so far this term. Keep being amazing!

Reuben Pantic - You worked so hard during numeration Pathways every day to achieve your goal, and I was so proud to see you accomplish it. Keep up the incredible work Reuben, you are smashing it!

Quinn Hocking - Quinn, you have had a very successful start to the year. Well done on completing your goals in your Pathways this week. Keep up the good work!

Frankii Doyle - Frankii has shown fantastic success in her writing. She worked hard, kept trying even when things felt challenging, and completed a wonderful piece of work that she should be very proud of. Her effort and determination really stood out this week. Well done, Frankii, keep up the amazing work!

Sebastian Knaggs - You have had an excellent week in class, always joining in and sharing your great ideas.

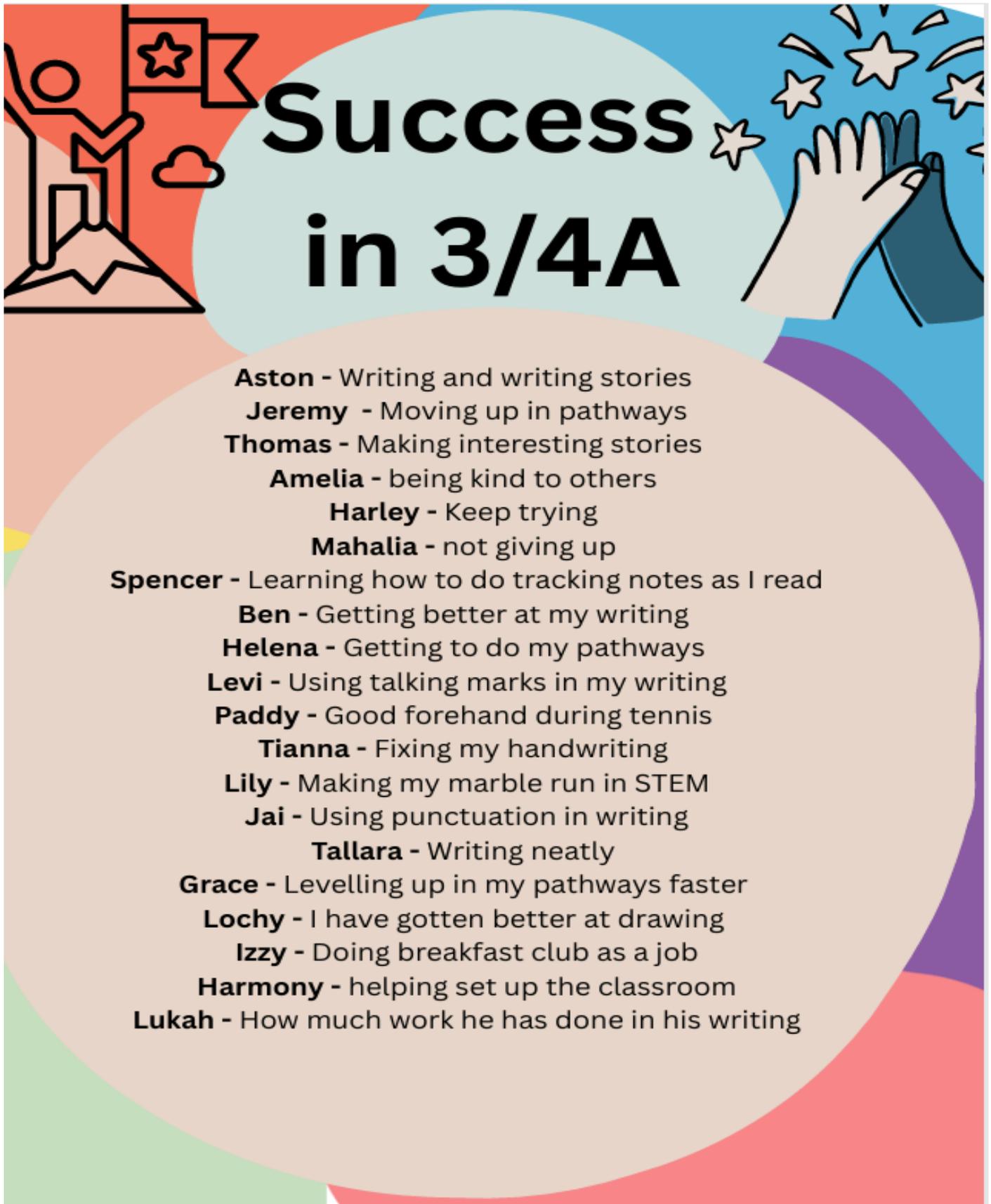
Tyler Purcell – You have had amazing success with your transition into Grade 5, your swimming and your attitude to school. Well done!

Phys Ed Award - Ace Andrew - Well done Ace on your success with swimming this year! Your hard work and determination in the last 12 months has paid off. Bonus that you do it all with grace and humility. We wish you all the best at Regionals!

Respectful Relationships Award - Akayesha Dowie – You consistently take pride in your work. I love how you applied yourself to your self-portrait. Keep being a star!

STEM Award – Mason Docherty - Mason has shown excellent patience, listening and participation in the STEM classroom. He has given all activities a go whilst being kind to his classmates. Well done on a successful start to the school year.

Visual Arts Award – Talulah Comber-Tidswell - Talulah is always fully engaged in any art activity she is invited to partake in. Her enthusiasm is contagious which helps everyone succeed.



Success in 3/4A

Aston - Writing and writing stories
Jeremy - Moving up in pathways
Thomas - Making interesting stories
Amelia - being kind to others
Harley - Keep trying
Mahalia - not giving up
Spencer - Learning how to do tracking notes as I read
Ben - Getting better at my writing
Helena - Getting to do my pathways
Levi - Using talking marks in my writing
Paddy - Good forehand during tennis
Tianna - Fixing my handwriting
Lily - Making my marble run in STEM
Jai - Using punctuation in writing
Tallara - Writing neatly
Grace - Levelling up in my pathways faster
Lochy - I have gotten better at drawing
Izzy - Doing breakfast club as a job
Harmony - helping set up the classroom
Lukah - How much work he has done in his writing

Thank you!

Thank you, Bunnings Warehouse Bairnsdale, especially Kelly, for her generous donation and delivery.

The Grade 3/4 students have now set up the worm farm and compost system they have been studying this term. Our Foundation students have planted seedlings and are very excited to watch them grow.



Division Swimming

Well done to Levi, Tyler and Ace for going to Sale Outdoor pool on Monday to compete at Division swimming. What a star Ace was, 1st in Butterfly and 2nd in Freestyle and Breaststroke. He has now qualified for Regionals! Thanks also to the parents and grandparents for getting them there and cheering them on!



STEM

This week in STEM our Prep students have enjoyed planting seedlings, and our 3/4 students have been watching their caterpillars evolve into beautiful butterflies!



Building Works

The side entry via School Street (Prep gate) is currently blocked.

Families will need to enter through another gate.

Very exciting times as, it means the Big Build is in its first steps!

If you have any questions or concerns pop into the office or see your child's classroom teacher.

JOIN LAKES ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL



CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

- ◆ Meet other parents
- ◆ Be a part of the conversation
- ◆ Shape the future of our School

🕒 6PM - 7PM : 8 MEETINGS PER YEAR
📍 LAKES ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- ✓ Share your ideas and Parent/Carer perspective
- ✓ Contribute to important school decisions
- ✓ Support school events and initiatives
- ✓ Make a meaningful difference for our students

No special experience is required – just enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to work as part of a team. All you need is a current Working With Children Check!

INTERESTED?

To nominate yourself or learn more, please contact the school office and speak to Steph or Simon.

Get involved. Be heard. Make a difference. Call us on 5155 1812.

Head Lice

We have had reported cases of Head Lice throughout all areas of the school.

Please carefully read the note sent out on Compass.

Head lice are easily spread.

If you notice lice or eggs in your child's hair, please use treatment before sending the student back to school.

Once treatment is done, students can return to school.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle will be held in the last week of Term 1.

Keep an eye out for raffle ticket books coming home over the next couple of weeks.

Each year we appreciate our School Communities support through donations of Easter chocolates or themed items to raise money for our school.

PLAYERS WANTED!



Lakes Entrance
Netball Association

Net Set Go
Mondays 4-5pm

Under 13s & Under 11s
Mondays 5-6pm

Registrations:
<https://registration.netballconnect.com/login>





LEFNC

Junior footy

Training is starting!

Wednesday 4th March

U 11 s Training - 4.30pm
U13s training - 5pm
U15s Training - 5pm

U 13s coach - Brett Campisi
U15s coach - Gerard Kennedy
U 11s - TBA

Registrations are open!

EGJFA DATES OF BIRTH FOR U11 AGE GROUPS
U11s - start date 01/01/2015 end date 31/12/2016
U11 has to turn 10 years old this year to register

2026

**LAKES ENTRANCE
LITTLE ATHLETICS
RAFFLE!**



Support Our Club

Major Prizes

1st - Peels cruise 2x Adults & 3 Children \$150
2nd - Yoga with Kristina 10 sessions \$150
3rd - Venture Out 2x Kids Adventure sessions \$98



Minor Prizes

4th - Wyanga Winery \$50 Voucher and bottle of wine
5th - SeaShanty \$50 Voucher
6th - Bass Strait Bait & Tackle - Mad Keen metal dirnck bottle & kids polarised sunglasses
7th - Fulton Butchers \$40 Voucher
8th - Lakes Books & Games Gift Pack
9th - Kids Bike kit gift pack & mini golf voucher

Tickets sold at weekly Friday meet and participating stores

Prize Winners Will Be Announced on 28 March 2026

Ticket Prices: \$2 each or 3 for \$5
CASH ONLY

**Kindergarten and
Childcare places
now available!**






Looking for a gentle, supportive kindergarten or childcare setting in Lakes Entrance where your child is known, listened to and cared for?

Our programs include:

- Calm, spacious learning environments with plenty of room to move, explore and grow
- Outdoor and sensory play, including water, music, movement and hands-on discovery
- Coastal Kinder adventures and Esplanade excursions, connecting children with nature and community.

We welcome enquiries and are happy to give tours, discuss programs or answer any questions you might have.

☎ 5155 3946
✉ childrenscentre@glch.org.au
📍 GLCH Children's Centre: 45 Coates Road.
Gippsland Lakes Early Learning Centre: 44 Carpenter Street.






GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

LAKES ENTRANCE AUSKICK CENTRE

LAKES ENTRANCE RECREATION RESERVE

FRIDAYS | 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Starting Friday 24th April 2026





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.

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



Lakes Entrance Primary School
Photo date : **THURSDAY 26th MARCH 2026**

Go to 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.





**EAST GIPPSLAND
CONVOY FOR KIDS
2026**

GTC
GIPPSLAND TRUCK CENTRE
BAIRNSDALE

14th 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.

CONTACT DETAILS/ Chelsea: 0455 531 991 Chris: 0418 804 508
Email: egconvoyforkids@gmail.com / Facebook East Gippsland Convoy For Kids

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