Newsletter

Lindenow South Primary School

Newsletter #17
Term 4, 27/10/2026

Upcoming Calendar Dates	
Friday 30th October	Walk to School October 8:45am Crn Ives Road and Lindenow-Glenaladale Road
Friday 30th October	Sport (please wear your runners)
Friday 30th October	Beef and Cheese Pie Lunch $5
Friday 30th October	World Teachers Day!
Monday 2nd November	Student Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup – School Closed
Wednesday 4th November	Student Support Group Meetings
Thursday 5th November	Student Support Group Meetings
Tuesday 10th November	Prep Transition #1 9-11am

Upcoming Important Dates – Term 4, 2026

We have a very busy and exciting end to Term 4 ahead of us! There are lots of wonderful activities, celebrations and milestones to look forward to as we wrap up another fantastic year at Lindenow South Primary School. Please take note of the following important dates.

2027 Prep Transition Sessions

- **Tuesday 10th November:** 9:00am – 11:00am
- **Tuesday 17th November:** 9:00am – 1:00pm
- **Tuesday 24th November:** 9:00am – 1:00pm

Important School Dates

Monday 2nd November – Student Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday 11th December - End of Year Celebration Day

Friday 11th December at 2:15pm - Final Assembly

Wednesday 16th December - Last Day of School, with an early finish at 1:00pm

Lindenow South Primary School is in Category 4 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register List

This article has been developed for you to publish in your newsletter or on your website. Please feel free to edit the content as required. You can also repurpose this content to assist in communications to your school community.

This information has been developed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and Category 4 list and your school's closure on a Catastrophic fire danger day in your fire weather district.

There are some sections in the text below where you can contextualise this for your school's unique circumstances, the red text indicates where you will need to add your own information.

School preparations for the bushfire season



Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Gippsland, East, West and South Gippsland, Central, North Central, fire weather district fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with the school community and school via community Facebook page and contact the school via school's email. Lindenow.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- Vic Emergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- Vic Emergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website https://emergency.vic.gov.au
- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
- Twitter (https://twitter.com/vicemergency)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.