

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 12th, 2026



**Growth.
Respect.
Inclusiveness
Fun.**

AUGUST

Monday 17th

School Council Meeting
5:30pm
District Athletics

Monday 24th

Book Week Parade after
assembly

Thursday 27th

Mad About Science
Incursion

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4th

Father's Day Stall

Tuesday 8th

Division Athletics

Friday 11th

PJ Day

Student Attitudes to School Survey 2026

We are pleased to share the positive results from our 2026 Student Attitudes to School Survey. Our students reported strong results across key areas, including:

- 90% feel their learning is appropriately challenging.
- 92% feel safe at school.
- 95% believe their teachers have high expectations for their success.
- Students also rated effective teaching, classroom behaviour, feedback and respect for diversity highly.

The survey also identified areas for continued improvement, including student voice and agency, motivation, attendance and perseverance. These areas will remain a focus of our Annual Implementation Plan as we continue to strengthen student engagement through explicit teaching and greater opportunities for students to have a voice in their learning.

We are proud of the positive learning environment our students and staff have created together and thank our students and families for their ongoing feedback and support.

Building Our Understanding of Autism

Our Education Staff along with Mieka Pitt and myself, recently attended an Autism Conference in Melbourne, continuing our school's commitment to building staff knowledge, skills and understanding to better support all students.

The conference provided valuable opportunities to learn about current evidence-informed approaches and strategies, building on the professional learning and work already undertaken across our school. Key areas explored included strengthening family-school partnerships, supporting regulation in the classroom, understanding student needs, and practical strategies to promote engagement and inclusion.

This professional learning will continue to inform our practice as we work towards creating classrooms where every student feels understood, supported, included and able to learn successfully.

2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and ten other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Further information and instructions on how to complete the survey will be sent out to all families via UeducateUs

Kind regards,
Sue Clague

We acknowledge the Gunai-Kurnai people the traditional owners for the land our school is built on. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



RECURRING EVENTS:

Breakfast Club:

Monday to Friday 8:30 – 9:00am

Lunch Orders:

Orders and payment into school or Nicholson General Store by Thursday morning.
Friday is lunch order day

Milo Club

Milo is available every day during Breakfast Club for \$1.00 per cup.

All money raised goes to the Kmart Wishing Tree at the end of the year.



Reading Awards

Happy Birthday!



Classroom News

Foundation

In phonics we have finished learning our set 3 letters and sounds. We are learning about syllables in words and how we can use syllables to help us read and spell words, by breaking them into smaller manageable parts.

Fantastic is a big word, but we can break it into syllables to help us write it= fan/tas/tic.

In maths we are finishing up our place value learning. We have been practising reading, writing and making quantities to 120. This week we are focusing on looking at 2-digit numbers in word form. 6tens and 4 ones is 64 or sixty-four.

In writing we are continuing to work on writing a weekend recount as well as sentences using nouns and verbs to build the sentence. Some students are building on their writing by challenging themselves to write 2 sentences. If you have a chance, please drop by to have a look at our writing! You will be as proud as I am!

Grade 1/2

Students are currently writing letters, drawing pictures and developing their own Treehouse stories, which we will package up and send to Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton to tell them both how much we are enjoying their books. We have more students volunteering to read a few pages or a chapter of the 39 Storey Treehouse in front of their peers every day! Oral language skills are developing beautifully, through our daily Show and Tell sessions each day at fruit time. It has been wonderful to have parents sending in photos and videos, via email, so that students can stand up and talk to the interesting items that are on the big screen. We have had awesome Lego creations, photos of babies, scorpions, snakes and videos of learning how to crochet. Keep them coming, as it is a beautiful way to learn so much more about the interests of students in our classroom! Our science investigations are going well, with a terrific experiment undertaken last week on chromatography,

where we explored separating the colours in our textas. This is part of our Chemical Science Inquiry this term. We continue to explore time on both analogue and digital clocks and will be doing a pretest this week on Multiplication to find out what students already know.

Grade 3/4

In literacy, we have been learning about the articles 'a' and 'an'. We know that they tell us that a noun is singular. We have learnt that we use 'a' when the following word begins with a consonant sound, like 'a cat', and 'an' when the following word begins with a vowel sound, like 'an apple'. We were tricked a little by words like 'hour', which begins with a consonant letter but actually starts with a vowel sound! We had to practise listening carefully to the beginning sound rather than simply relying on the first letter. We have also begun writing our own stories. We have taken time to think about how we can begin our stories in a way that will capture the reader's attention. We have had fun experimenting with onomatopoeia, using words like bang, crash and tinkle to bring our writing to life.

In maths, we have shifted our focus towards developing our multiplication skills. We have begun working towards individual counting goals, with the aim of knowing all of our times tables as fast facts by the end of Grade 4. Each day, we spend five minutes practising our individual goal, and on Fridays we complete a timed test to check our progress and see how much we are improving.

Grade 5/6

In English, we continue our work on summarising, by summing up each chapter as we read "War Horse". We have been developing our complex sentence writing by identifying the subordinate conjunction and ensuring our sentences include a dependent and independent clause and a comma. As we complete our levelled novels, we are writing letters of recommendation by responding to questions about the text and how the author has written it.

In maths we have been focusing on using the order of operations in extended equations. We have also been exploring square numbers and indices.

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Do you have the uEducateUs app yet? This free app allows our school community, teachers, and parents, to stay in touch. You will find all the newsletters in the app, as well as handy forms. You can even let the school know if your child is absent. It's free from both the Google Play Store and the App Store.

BOOK WEEK

PARADE 2026



MONDAY 24 AUGUST



9:00 AM



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AREA

Come along and celebrate **Book Week 2026** as our students bring their favourite book characters to life! ♥

A FEW REMINDERS:

- ★ Choose a costume inspired by a favourite book character.
- ★ Costumes can be simple, homemade or borrowed—there is no need to purchase anything special.
- ★ Please ensure students can move comfortably and safely in their costumes.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this fun community event and celebrating the joy of reading together! ❀

BOOK WEEK PARADE

MONDAY 24 AUGUST | 9:00 AM | SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AREA



LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB

JOIN THE FUN!



BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!

At Lakes Entrance Cricket Club, it's more than just cricket.

It's mates. It's family.

It's making memories that last at Lakes Entrance.

ALL JUNIORS WELCOME! ♥



MAKE MATES
Build friendships and be part of an awesome team.



LEARN & PLAY
Develop skills, have fun and grow your love for cricket.



FAMILY CLUB
A proud community club where everyone belongs on and off the field.



GREAT VIBES
Positive, inclusive and supportive environment for all kids.



FAMILY FUN
BBQs, events and good times for players and families.

JOIN THE SEAGULLS!
Registrations open now
ALL JUNIORS WELCOME! ★

MATES AT LAKES. LAKES ENTRANCE.
COME PLAY WITH YOUR MATES!

 Lakes Entrance Cricket Club |
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Clothing Clearance Sale



St Matthews church hall
Campbell St Bruthen

Friday Aug 14th 11.30am - 4pm

Saturday Aug 15th 9.30am - 2pm

Surplus quality goods from Bruthen Op shop have moved to the hall. Snap up some bargains and give these lovely items a new life.



Fashions and everyday wear for all ages.

Cash or EFTPOS

Kids clothes just 50c

Adult clothes mostly \$2

Plus linen, books & toys

Free items outside

Ye Olde Oppe Shoppe at Bruthen will be open as usual so why not pop in there too, chat to our happy volunteers and see what else you can find.

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