

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Growth.  
Respect.  
Inclusiveness.  
Fun.

## APRIL

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

End of term. 2.20pm finish  
Out of Uniform Day

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Student Free Day

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Students return for Term 2

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Swimming Program F-Yr2

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Swimming Program Yr3-6

## Early Learning Childcare Centre

We are pleased to inform our community that construction of a new Early Learning and Child Care Centre, located adjacent to our school, will be commencing shortly. This development will enhance early years provision within our local area and strengthen connections between early childhood and primary education. In addition, the project includes upgrades for our school, including a new basketball court and the development of a formalised parking area.

### What this means for families:

Construction activity will be visible near the school during school hours.

There may be some noise and fencing around the construction site.

Current parking arrangements will be replaced by temporary arrangements, with reduced availability and changes to traffic flow.

We ask families to take extra care when accessing the school grounds and to follow all signage and directions in place. Further information regarding parking, access will be provided to families prior to Term 2 commencing.

## Goodbye Molly

Next week, Molly will be leaving us to begin an exciting new chapter in North Queensland. Molly has been a valued member of our Junior School over the past 12 months, and we will greatly miss her enthusiasm, dedication and kindness. We wish her all the very best in her new adventures.

## Long Service Leave

At the end of this week, Miss Callow will be taking leave for the remainder of the term. During this time, Miss Sarah will be stepping into the role. Sarah has recently been working in our Foundation classroom and is already familiar with our students and school routines. We look forward to her continuing the great work in the classroom.

## School Council

School Council AGM was held last Monday. We welcome new member Samantha Barton and returning member Tessa Skilton. We also thank outgoing member Tamara French for her invaluable insights, optimism and contributions during her time on Council.

## Pupil Free Day

At the School Council meeting on Monday evening, the proposed student-free day for Monday 20th April was approved. On this day, staff will continue developing their understanding, implementation and planning of the new Victorian Teaching and Learning framework within our school instructional model and curriculum documents.

Students will return for Term 2 on Tuesday 21st April.

## Whole School Swimming Program

Our whole school swimming program commences next term at the Lakes Aquadome. Over the course of 5 weeks, students will participate in intensive swimming lessons, each session consisting of 2 back-to-back lessons. Last week we requested confirmation of your child's participation in the program. If you have not already, please return these forms ASAP. Thank you to those families who have already done so.

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

# Reading Awards

# Happy Birthday!

*Frankie & Karly*



## Classroom News

### Foundation

We are almost at the end of Term 1! We have been so busy learning lots of new things!

In phonics and reading we have been learning how to read, build, write and identify sounds in **CCVCC** and **CCVC** words (*spin/s, snap/s* etc).

In writing, our focus is still on handwriting, learning how to form letters correctly. We have also been building sentences using nouns and verbs (*who is doing what*).



In maths we are learning addition, putting two collections together to find the total. We are learning to write a number sentence (2 and 4 makes 6) to tell a story to go with our number sentence ("2 red teddies and 4 yellow teddies drive to the beach, now there are 6 teddies altogether at the beach").



### Grade 1/2

We have just finished the second book in the Faraway series and have started 'The Folk of the Faraway Tree' and cannot believe that the movie will be starting at the Bairnsdale Cinema this Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March!! Students have been creating their own 'free write' stories about the Faraway Tree and will be looking forward to being able to publish these very soon. Our phoneme focus is 'ie', as in pie, but also in try, light and kite. We have been working on the graphemes that we use when hearing this sound in words. We have been 'bundling' icypole sticks into tens in our Place Value work, and using MAB blocks to expand numbers into hundreds, tens and ones. Handwriting skills have been developing beautifully, with neat work being evidenced in every piece of writing!

### Grade 3/4

In maths, we have been strengthening our skip counting skills and learning how to rename numbers. We now understand that there is more than one way to represent a number (for example, 100 can be shown as 100 ones, 10 tens, or 9 tens and 10 ones). We found this much easier to understand when we connected it to money, thinking about the different notes and coins we could use to make a total. We quickly discovered lots of creative ways to make \$100!

In literacy, we explored how the letter c can sometimes make an "s" sound. We learnt that this usually happens when c comes before an e, i, or y. We have enjoyed spotting words like *slice*, *city*, and *fancy*, and explaining why the c is used in this way. We have also been revising nouns and verbs, brainstorming examples of each and using them to write sentences. In addition, we discussed proper nouns and how they always begin with a capital letter because they are the special names of people, places, or things.

## Grade 5/6

In maths we have been rounding numbers to different place value. We are also exploring positive and negative integers on number lines and in real life scenarios. Our online banking program is up and running with students all now employed within the school, earning an income and paying related expenses. Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of fuel, expenses have increased significantly! This program aims to improve students' understanding of financial literacy and is also a whole lot of fun as well. In literacy we have been focusing on writing complex sentences by identifying dependent and independent clauses and using subordinate conjunctions.

We are enjoying our time in Buddies where we have been working on playing fairly with our Foundation buddy. We are focusing on taking turns, sharing and listening to each other.



## SCHOOL CONTACTS:

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Mobile: 0447 123 744

## uEducateUs



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.

APRIL  
13TH - 17TH

BOOK YOUR  
SPOT NOW

**APRIL  
HOLIDAY CLASSES**

GYMNASTICS - NINJA - TRAMPOLINE

\$15 FOR 1HR SESSION - \$50 FOR 4HR SESSION

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
eastgippslandgymnastics@gmail.com



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**5.00 pm to 7.00 pm**

Bairnsdale Secondary College invite students, parents, and carers to our Information Evening for 2027 Year 7 students.

| Time               | Item   | Location                                     |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm | McKean Street Campus open to tour and chat with staff and students from Key Learning Areas including English, Maths, Science and PE. | Year 7 Hub, Science Centre and Inclusion Hub |
| 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm | Information Session - Presentation from current Year 7 students and student leaders.   | Malgobila Building                           |

For further enquiries please contact us on 5150 4800 or at [bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

The enrolment process begins in early Term 2 .

Information will be distributed initially via your Primary Schools.

For Government Primary Schools

Your Primary Schools will distribute an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2

For Non-Government Primary Schools

Your Primary School may provide an Application for Year 7 Placement early in Term 2 ,

if you do not receive one please contact the College directly.

**LOCAL GIVE BACK**  
**SCHOOL EDITION**

We're proud to be giving back **\$6,000** in grants to support our local community

**VOTING**  
 OPEN: Mon, 9th Mar  
 CLOSE: Thu, 30th Apr

Scan the QR code to vote and for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards\*  
\*Terms and conditions apply.

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**CAMP COOLAMATONG HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**REGISTER NOW**

**GRADES PREP-6**  
**13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**8:30am-5:15pm**  
**CAMP COOLAMATONG FARM CAMP**  
**15 MINUTES FROM BAIRNSDALE!**

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://su.org.au/events/camp-coolamatong-holiday-program>

**NEED HELP COVERING COSTS?**  
 GOGGLE SEARCH: 'GET ACTIVE VICTORIA VOUCHERS' & use Code: 3676236 to apply  
 Email: [coolamatong@su.org.au](mailto:coolamatong@su.org.au) for more info

- CANOEING
- BUSHCOOKING
- RAFT BUILDING
- BOAT TRIP
- INDOOR CLIMBING
- COMBAT ARCHERY
- BIBLE CHATS
- AND MORE!!

# HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

FAST TRACK  
YOUR CHILDS  
SWIMMING  
ABILITY!

Monday 13 - Friday 17 April

Cost \$65.00 for ages 3 and up

On confirmation of booking a  
\$20 deposit will be required to  
secure your child's spot.

Enrolments due  
Friday 3 April

ENROL ONLINE  
OR SCAN THE  
QR CODE



DAILY  
30 MINUTE  
LESSONS OVER  
5 DAYS!



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lakesaquadome.com.au



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



## 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.



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