



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 6 Nov	10	11	12	13	14
Week 7 Nov	17	18	19	20 Grade 1 Sleepover	21
Week 8 Nov	24 Finance meeting	25	26 School Council	27	28 Report writing day
Week 9 Dec	1 Artist in Residence	2 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	3 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	4 Performance Night 6pm OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm	5 OSC Transition 8:55-3:15pm
Week 10 Dec	8	9 Victorian Statewide Transition	10	11	12
Week 11 Dec	15 Grade 6 Big day out	16 Grade 6 Graduation	17 Last Assembly	18	19 Last day early finish

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Principals Report

Grade 2 camp



Our Grade 2 students had an amazing time on camp at Lake Tyers last week. For many, it was their first time away from home, and they showed great confidence and independence throughout. They threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, teamwork, and plenty of smiles, and I believe there was great excitement when a special visitor showed up. A big thank you to Ms Jackson, Lisa and Miss Cunningham, as well as the wonderful parents who supported and helped make the camp such a success — your time and care were greatly appreciated. It was a fantastic few days of fun, learning, and friendship for our Grade 2s.

2026 Prep Transition

Our 2026 Prep Transition Program has now concluded, and it's been exciting to welcome our newest learners as they begin their journey into school life. The children have settled in beautifully, showing curiosity, confidence, and a real eagerness to learn. Well done to all our current students who helped set such a warm and welcoming tone. Their kindness, care, and enthusiasm truly showcased what makes our school such a special place. They have been wonderful role models, helping our new Preps feel comfortable and excited about starting school next year.

We can't wait to see our 2026 Preps back in Term 1, ready for their start to their schooling at TAPS.

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**2026 Class Placement Requests**

It is that time of the year once again, planning for 2026. As we begin planning for next year's classes, families are reminded that any specific requests regarding student placement for 2026 should be put in writing and forwarded to the office. This helps us ensure all requests are considered when forming balanced and supportive class groups. We value the partnership we share with families and appreciate your understanding that while requests will be considered, they cannot always be guaranteed.

Written requests need to be submitted by the end of November.

Review

Our school will begin its formal School Review process this Thursday, which will take place over the next three weeks. The review is an important opportunity to reflect on our achievements, celebrate progress, and plan future directions for continued improvement. We look forward to sharing outcomes and next steps with our community once the process is complete.

Report writing day

Reminder that there is a student free day on the **28th of November** for report writing.

Fourth term is always a busy one and it always helps for everyone when they know about events coming up. Always appreciate people when they take the time to read the weekly newsletter.

Thank you and have a wonderful week.
Miss Hopkins

**Wellbeing**

This week we have started Peaceful Kids, an evidence-based small group Mindfulness and Positive Psychology 5-week program to support Gr 3/4 students to increase resilience and strengthen coping strategies. It has been shown to lessen anxiety and stress, teaches children to self-calm and identify and manage their emotions.

Alyssa Warfe is a trained practitioner in this program-she is running the course-we are so lucky to have her!

Students of the week

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**Prep**

Welcome to week 6! How time flies. Congratulations to our award winner this week, **Larne Bennett** and **Alyssa Rushton** for helping in the library to look for a very specific book. **Mia Jones** and **Ava Tuck** for all their help with the kindergarten kids on their visit.

Ice Pole Fridays

The Jr School Councillors have asked to start an ice-pole Friday to help raise money for the school. Each Friday they will be coming around selling ice-poles for \$1 each. If your child would like one, please remember the money on the day.

This week we are looking at:

Along with all our practicing we are looking at...

Reading:

- **Fluency** – reading our stories like we are talking to someone, making sure to use the punctuation.
- **Inferring** – while reading student think about what they know about the story, use their own connections and the things they know answer questions.
- **H.F.W** – We are continuing to practice our H.F.W. Students have their own list of tricky words to practice.

Writing: Students are looking at how to include detail in a simple sentence using adjectives. This allows them to create interesting and engaging pieces of writing.

Maths: this week we are looking at time and how clocks work. We are focusing on the features of an analogue clock and o'clock times.

Have a wonderful week,
Miss Cock and Bree

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Hello everyone and welcome to week 6 of Term 4!

This week awards went to **Indy Geddes** for her awesome retelling skills when retelling our big books last week, and **Matilda Ryan** for her amazing pictures and leadership when working on her retelling scene for the *Gruffalo* and *Feathers for Phoebe*. In Grade 2, awards went to **Halle Douglas**, **William Fotheringham**, **Ned Jol** and **Jasper Melville**. Halle receives an award for her amazing help during camp craft. William and Ned's awards are for their curiosity and focus when investigating the animal life around the camp. Jasper's award was for his helpfulness and enthusiasm throughout Grade 2 camp. Well done to these students for their efforts!



This week in reading, we are learning to look at persuasive texts and find the parts that express the authors opinion and the words they have used to do this.

In writing, we are working on a range of

different pieces. We will be finishing our persuasive pieces that we have already begun, as well as completing some assessment pieces and writing a recount from camp.

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In maths, we are finishing up our learning on time and will be beginning to explore shape and location.

Finally, a massive thank you to those parents who came along to help with camp. We appreciate your assistance immensely. The students had an amazing time. See attached some photos of this.



Just a reminder that Grade 1 sleepover is on the 20th of November, please look out on compass for information on this.

Please fill out the consent form on Compass and if you need any help doing this. Talk to Quita in the office.

Feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat should you have any questions or queries.

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Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Lisa Donnellan

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Wow! We are now at week 6 after a fabulous camp and then the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

In relation to Coonawarra Camp, we would like to congratulate all students on their outstanding behaviour and for the way they approached each of the activities offered. We were impressed by all students. We do have to mention one student who really stepped up as a leader on camp. Congratulations **Charlotte Butcher** who was a fabulous leader on our camp and demonstrated her potential as a leader of our school in 2026.

A big thank-you also to **Sam Anderson** who accompanied us on camp. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Our students of the week are:

3/4A

Lochlan Tunnage for his great Lighthouse Blues reading response, where he discussed the significance of a particular event in the text. Great thinking on the topics, well done.

Milly Moss for her excellent summary of the final two chapters of Lighthouse Blues.

3/4B

Logan Magee for his use of characters and settings from Mentor Texts in his creative writing.

Elicia Austen for her explanations of why events within our Mentor Text Lighthouse Blues were significant. Your explanations show that you are thinking about the text.

Edward Vincent for your reasoning on why events within our Mentor Text are significant. It is lovely to read about how you are connecting ideas from across the text and justifying your responses.

Christian Murdoch whose commitment to improving his reading has been demonstrated through his great growth in reading assessment this year. Great work Christian.

This week in literacy students will be completing a choice activity relating to our mentor text **Lighthouse Blues** by Paul Jennings that we finished last week. Students will also be finalising the publishing of their persuasive text All School Students Should Get A School Camp and accompanying reflection on Coonawarra Camp.

Teachers will be continuing to assess reading as students work independently on these tasks.

In maths we will be studying angles and transformations. This is a great unit where students get to both define and measure angles that we see (but maybe don't notice) in our environment every day.

In science students will be relating the location of their island to the climate in which it is found and using this to define the types of vegetation they might find on their island.

We are encouraging all students to continue to work towards achieving at least 3 nights during the week. Please support your child in achieving this goal.

Have a great week.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lindy and Hunee

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Hello Grade 5/6 families

Students of the week are:

Willow Douglas: For an improvement in her reader's responses. Willow is now writing in more detail and thinking about what she reads on a deeper level.

Max Friend and Zach Seaton: For collaborating with each other to discuss their literature circle books to gain a deeper understanding of their reading.

In reading we have recently finished our mentor text *"Ask No Questions"* which was a memoir about a woman who immigrated from Poland to Australia after WW 2. The book was written in verse. The students have been

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discussing what they have learnt about immigration, the cold war and communism and whether they enjoyed reading a book of poetry and how effective they thought it was.

In writing students are finishing their planet research and presenting their information in an interesting and informative manner. Students will present their information to the class.

In maths we will be focussing on negative numbers and their real world uses as well as chance and probability. Students have also enjoyed designing a "Gaga Ball" game for our school. They have been looking at elements such as safety, size, materials and costs to make this game.



Congratulations to **Alannah and Isabel** for completing their Rotary Award requirements. They have both put a great deal of effort into attending different community events such as The Anzac Day Ceremony, attending a Lion's Club meeting, volunteering at a day care centre after school as well as writing about their experiences. All have been rich and rewarding experiences for both students.

Thanking you
Alec McPhee, Carolyn Smith and Alyssa Warffe

French

Bonjour,

Prep will continue to learn numbers up to 39 and practise naming colours of their pets.

Students in grades 1-2 will review how to ask someone if they have a pet and answer the question. We'll also review numbers and colours.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will learn more words for hobbies and play games to practise using our new vocabulary.

Grades 5 and 6 will be working on asking the price for something and making sentences to compare prices in France and Australia.

Well done to these students for working noticeably hard last week:

Prep: **Nikiah, Harper, Fraser, Larnee, Lyssi and Willow**

1-2A: **Ned, Mave, Evelyn and Halle**

1-2B: **Ethan, Jack, Jasper**

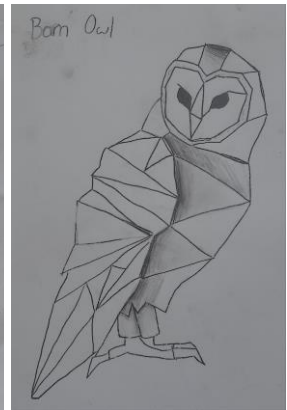
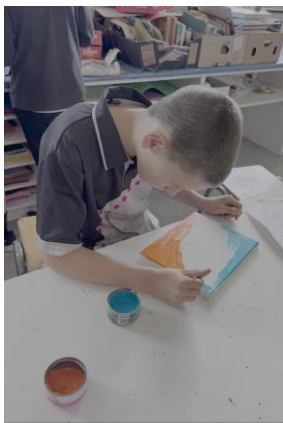
5-6B: **Balin, Griffin, Zach**

Bonne semaine a tous!
Emmanuelle Samson

Art

Last week was a short but busy week! Junior Students are focussing on combining shapes with shapes, specifically geometric and polygon shapes to create different animals, while Middle School Students are expanding their understanding of shade, tone and patterns. Senior classes are finishing up their sculptural works and moving onto their mini canvas paintings.

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Jobi Laybourne.

PE SPORT AND PE NEWS

Students of the Week:

Bella Pool: for her amazing "hang" time of 3 minutes and 5 seconds from the monkey bars!

Serena Dawes: for overcoming the challenge of canoeing on camp and having a great time on the water.

Junior classes are practising their throwing and catching skills for the Mascot Challenge. Here is the link for the final week's partner challenges to practice at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYWoWXRjVe4&t=1s>

Grade 3-6s have further challenged their personal fitness this week. We have been discussing the health benefits of activity: healthy body, helps you learn, helps with mood, makes your bones and muscles strong and makes your body cope better if you get sick. It's been great to see so many personal goals being achieved.

After our fitness session, each class are doing "Kids Choice" and picking a fun game to play, giving students the chance to show leadership and have a voice in PE. Well done to Chloe, Isabel and Willow from 5/6 B for their fun game of dodgeball-great teams, leadership and getting everyone going.

Important Sport dates for Term 1 2026

Monday 9th February TAPS Swimming Carnival Gr 3-6

Monday 16th March-Friday 27th March Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome

Thanks

Barb (PE and SPORT COORDINATOR)

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ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at TAPS



Tennis dates for this term are as follows on Thursdays from 4.15pm to 5.15pm:

This week Nov 13th and last one on Dec 4th. Keep an eye out on Compass for any changes or inclement weather.

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on the ninety miles

583 Esplanade Lakes Entrance. Phone: 5155 3839

Sausage Roll	\$5.50
Sauce	.20
Spinach and Ricotta Roll	\$5.50
Nacho's	\$7.00
Corn chips, salsa, cheese, and sour cream	
Add guacamole	\$1.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$7.00
Toasties	
Cheese	\$5
Ham & Cheese	\$6
Cheese & Tomato	\$6
Chicken, Cheese and Mayo	\$7
Extras	.50c
Avocado	\$1
Choice of High fibre white bread, Multigrain and Wholemeal	
Chicken Salad bowl	\$8.00
lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, and Mayo	
Add Egg	\$1.00
Add Avo	\$1.00
Zucchini slice	\$5.00
Chicken Strip Wrap	\$4.00
Lettuce, Chicken, cheese, and Mayo	
Side Salad	\$3.00
Fruit and yoghurt cup	\$5.00

Gluten Free Bread & Wraps available on request

Please have lunch orders in office by Thursday mornings. Late Orders cannot be guaranteed their choice.

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IMAGINE THE FUN

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast
Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club

Dates: 20th Oct, 27th Oct, 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 4th Feb, 11th Feb, 18th Feb & 25th Feb

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Venue: Swan Reach Rec Reserve



SIGN UP TODAY!

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JUNIOR PATHWAY



From Woolworths Cricket Blast through the Junior Cricket stage, all kids can advance their skills and discover how awesome it is to be part of a team through fun game-based activities. The stages have been developed based on academic research, testing and community feedback.

This includes consideration for physical, mental and emotional development. Participation and progression through the stage is based on ability level, therefore the ages are indicative only. Players are encouraged to participate at a stage appropriate for them.

STAGE	PLAYERS	AGE BOUNDARY	DURATION	LEARN THROUGH PLAY
JUNIOR CRICKET 1	7 PLAYERS	4-5M BOUNDARY	10-15 MIN	LEARN THROUGH PLAY UNDER 11
JUNIOR CRICKET 2	8 PLAYERS	6-7M BOUNDARY	15-20 MIN	PLAYING THE GAME UNDER 13
JUNIOR CRICKET 3	9 PLAYERS	8-9M BOUNDARY	20-25 MIN	PLAYING AND COMPETING UNDER 14-18

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Registrations are open – Join the Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Registration link [Junior Cricket Registration](#)
Blast Cricket link [Blast Cricket Registration](#)

Are you ready to be part of something special this season? Why not join **Metung Swan Reach Cricket Club**, where passion for the game meets friendship, teamwork and fun.

Why join us?

- Skill Development** – Whether you're new to the game or aiming to improve, our experienced coaches are here to support your growth
- Team Spirit** – Play in a welcoming and inclusive environment where lifelong friendships are made
- Exciting Matches** – Feel the excitement of competitive cricket and enjoy the chance to shine on the field
- Fun** – From thrilling games to social events, we believe cricket should always be fun

Training is on Wednesday evenings and matches are played on Friday evenings. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming training dates.
For more information email metungswanreachccc@outlook.com
Location: Swan Reach Recreation Reserve





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EGUFC 2026 U15 GIRLS TEAM

Join us for Team Selections

Dates: 19th & 26th November
Venue: Howitt Park, Bairnsdale
Time: 6.15 – 7.30pm

Age Eligibility:
Born between 1 January 2011 &
31 December 2014 (11–14 years)

Contact: egufcjuniors@outlook.com
Find us on Facebook!



LAKES ENTRANCE SLSC NIPPERS 25/26

Registration is now open
Swim assessment
Friday 17th & 24th October 4pm-6pm Sunday 19th
October 9.30am-11.30am
Lakes Entrance Aquadome
Beach Training
Commences Sunday 9th
November 2025 through to
Sunday 8th Feb
Enquiries
Contact Pip McInnes pippi.lee@hotmail.com
0408016927
Visit our website
<http://www.lakesentrancesurflifesaving.org.au/>

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KIDS 'N STITCHES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS



**4 HOUR BEGINNER SEWING WORKSHOPS
FOR KIDS aged 9 -15 yrs.**

DATES
NOV: 22ND, 23RD, 29TH, 30TH,
DEC: 6TH, 7TH

TIME: 10AM-2PM



**All fabric
included**

**\$95.00 FOR ONE
OFF WORKSHOP
(\$50 DEPOSIT TO
BOOK)**

**Create a
small
Christmas
project**



Workshop Details:
Small class sizes- : 3 children
Snacks and drink provided
All sewing machines and supplies provided for use on day
Leann to sew fun and easy projects suitable for Christmas gifts .
Julie - Current police check, working with children , registered RN

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