



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2 Feb	3	4	5 No preps- testing	6 3-6 Swimming Carnival	7
Week 3 Feb	10	11	12 No preps- testing	13	14 Book Club orders returned.
Week 4 Feb	17 Finance meeting	18	19 No preps- testing School Council	20 District Swim - Orbest	21
Week 5 Feb	24 Hockey Roadshow- Gr 1-6.	25	26 No preps- testing	27 Division Swim- B'dale	28
Week 6 Mar	3	4	5 No preps- testing	6	7
Week 7 Mar	10 Labour Day	11 Parent Teacher Conversations	12 Naplan Parent Teacher Conversations	13 Naplan Parent Teacher Conversations	14 Naplan Book Club orders returned Issue 2.
Week 8 Mar	17 Naplan	18 Naplan	19 Naplan School Council AGM	20 Naplan	21 Naplan 1:45 School Cross Country
Week 9 Mar	24 3-6 Swimming Program	25 3-6 Swimming Program Glasses for Kids program starts	26 3-6 Swimming Program	27 3-6 Swimming Program	28 3-6 Swimming Program
Week 10 April	31 3-6 Swimming Program	1 3-6 Swimming Program	2 3-6 Swimming Program	3 3-6 Swimming Program	4 3-6 Swimming Program Early Finish 2.15 pm
Week 1 April TERM 2	21 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY No School
Week 2 April	28 Smile Squad	29	30 School Photos	1	2

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BSB 063 832 Acc No 1002 2188

Please include details – Surname and description e.g., Fees, uniform, camp etc.



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## Principals Report

One term, ten weeks and 48 days have disappeared quickly. One term in and I know that we have-

- Calm classrooms
- Engaged learning
- Positive, strong relationships

All of the foundations of a great school. Next term, alongside with the normal program, we will be working on implementing some targeted lessons for identified students to work on their gaps in their learning. These are based on assessment that we have collected and are designed to maximise learning for all students based on teaching to students' individual point of need. It is often the case that a few consecutive, quality targeted lessons on specific skills can lift achievement. Focussed targeted lessons will be happening in the areas of spelling, reading and/or numeracy. Alongside, we will continue to support students' wellbeing via the weekly check ins. These enable staff to find out how students are feeling and put the appropriate strategies into to help and students. Please note that if there is anything else that the school can do to assist, please let us know.

## Student free days

Public schools, with endorsement from the school council, can schedule up to five days per year for staff professional development, curriculum development, student assessment and reporting, as well as school planning and administration.

For 2025 these days are as follows;

- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan- Planning (already occurred)
- 10<sup>th</sup> June- Curriculum/reporting
- 21<sup>st</sup> July- Planning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November- Curriculum
- 28<sup>th</sup> November- Report writing.

Please also note that parent teacher interviews will be occurring on the Thursday and Friday of Term 2. This is not counted as a student free day, as students are expected to attend with their parents.

## School Council

Thank you to the participants for their attendance at the School Council AGM. Welcome to the new parent representatives, **Sophie Harvey and Katie Longstaff**. We look forward to the year ahead with your contributions and joining the team. The elected 2025 School Council executive positions are President: Michelle Whelan, Secretary: Gail Penfold and Finance Committee member: Jandi Vagg.

## Easter Raffle

There will be a special assembly this coming Friday to draw the winners out for the Easter Raffle. Parents and Friends will be bundling up the donations and gathering the raffle tickets for this much anticipated TAPS fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who has helped with donations, selling tickets and especially to the Parents and Friends who have organised this for us.

Don't forget it's an early finish of **2.15 pm this coming Friday**. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing 2-week break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.

Happy Easter everyone.

## Smile Squad



Smile Squad is the Victorian governments free school dental program.

Smile Squad delivers free oral health promotion, dental check-ups and treatment to Victorian government school students at school. Good oral health prevents dental problems before they become serious. Smile Squad helps students stay engaged in school and ready to learn.

The Smile squad Van will be visiting our school from **Week 2 in Term 2**. Permission forms have been sent home, please come to the office if it hasn't come home yet.

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Parents and Friends,

Our rewards activity this term is a beach walk to Red Bluff on Thursday 3rd April.

We will be leaving school at 9.15 following collection of the roll. Children will be walking in classroom groups, and we would love any interested parents and friends to join us. We are particularly looking for parents who are interested in completing the walk OR transporting classroom snack tubs to and from our destination. If you are interested and available, could you advise Quita by Wednesday 2nd April.

**Please note, if you want your child to participate in the walk, you will need to return the general permission form that was sent home at the start of the year. New forms were sent home again on orange paper.**

Thanking you,  
Junior School Council, Mrs Murray and Miss Jackson

### Wellbeing

Have a great holiday everyone, hopefully you can have a go at some of these screen-free inside and outside play ideas at home, at the park or the beach!

Fly a kite		Go for a walk		Paint a fence with water	
	Fetch and carry		Collect some leaves		Hang clothes on the line
Throw a ball into a box		Balance a basket on your head		Collect some rubbish	
	Dance with scarves to music		Ride a bike		Go for a swim
Play with balloons		Play 'Follow the Leader'		Play in the park	
	Kick a ball		Roll hoops or a tyre down a hill		Roll yourself down a hill
Play catch with a large ball		Run like a robot, an emu or a lizard		Make pull-a-long toys with large tins on a string and race them	
	Make some butterfly wings and fly		Sweep paths or rake leaves		Chase a butterfly (but don't catch it!)
Play relay game		Make up a story and act it out		Find a step to go up and down 10 times	

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**Students of the week****Prep**

Happy holidays! With only a few days left of term we are all excited for a bit of a break and reset. Congratulations to our award winners this week, **Kerrile Whelan** for her persistence during the term, **Ava Tuck** for using her knowledge of friends of ten to support her classmates and **Ayla Rushton** for working hard on her Friends of ten.

**Last Week's Fun!**

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**This week:**

We are finishing off and revising everything we have learnt. Everyone has been amazing this term and have come so far. I can't wait to see how they grow next term. Have a well-earned rest.

**Thursday** – we have our rewards day. Students will be walking to the Bluff with their buddies and the rest of the school. If you would like to come walk with us, please let me know, we will be leaving around 9:30.

**Friday**

- Easter Raffle. We will be holding a special Easter Raffle assembly Friday morning, please come and join in the festivities.
  - This is the last day of term, making it an early finish at **2:15**.
- Have a great Holidays,  
Miss Cock and Bree

**12AB**

Hello everybody and welcome to week 10, our final week of term 1 2025!

Our class awards for this week from 1/2A went to **William Fotheringham** for considering others and their thoughts/feelings, and **Jyeran Whitford** for his efforts when writing his story inspired by Pamela Allen. In 1/2B awards went to **Ethan Reinke** for being a friendly classmate, and to **Max Thomson** for his readiness to learn. Congratulations to these students!

In reading this week, we are continuing our exploration of visualising, specifically visualising characters based on descriptions.

In writing we will be continuing to work on our stories inspired by Pamela Allen. Students are excited to continue typing these stories. We will also practice free writing once students have finished typing their stories.

In maths we are continuing our focus on place value and developing an understanding of numbers in relation to one another and using benchmarks to assist us to place these numbers on a number line.

In spelling, groups will focus on digraphs and double consonants. We will also continue our focus on accurately spelling high frequency words based on our individual spelling needs.

Both classes will focus on personal and cultural strengths and understanding how to show respect for others this week through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about what their strengths are and how they can use them in a positive way.

Finally, this week we will enjoy our rewards day with a walk to the beach. We will also be having an easter egg hunt on Friday to celebrate the end of term.

Like always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send us an email or pop in for a chat.

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Thanks and have a great week!

Eliza Cunningham, Caitlin Jackson and Hope.

**34AB**

Here we are at the end of Term One and every child should be proud of what they have achieved. Awards for this week went to:

**Seth Geddes** for his commitment to using a range of different types of punctuation correctly in his writing.

**Jasmine Chappell** for her commitment to her writing and spelling – your stories are becoming more interesting for the reader with greater detail.

**Edward Vincent** for his awesome commitment to independently practicing the taught addition strategies in class last week. Great work!

Last week the students did an amazing job combining their school learning with the swimming program. In literacy we have been looking at simple and compound sentences and this will continue to be our focus this week. In maths we looked at three different strategies we can use to solve addition problems – making ten, friendly numbers and using

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our doubles knowledge. This week students will continue to practise applying these strategies. Students have also been working hard on their individual spelling words, establishing good routines for next term.

This Thursday all students will be involved in a walk to and from Red Bluff. Any parents interested in being involved (walking with the students or transporting morning snacks to our destination). Please ensure your child has their hat and a drink bottle for the walk.

Most students have embraced our expectation of reading at home 3-4 nights a week. This is an important part of your child's progression in reading as it allows them to practise reading strategies taught at school and reading fluency. Please support your child with regularly reading at home and through the holidays.

Have a great break and Easter. We look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Hunee and Lindy

## 56AB

Hello grade 5/6 Parents and Guardians

Students of the week are:

**Balin Tuck:** For taking more care with his presentation and increasing his work output.

**Mason Livingston:** For being respectful towards others in class and for great thinking and use of strategies during maths.

**Coen Buck-Roberts and Edison Stapleton:** For their fantastic work in Literature Circle discussions. Great questions, ideas and responses to the text.

In maths we have focused on adding and subtracting numbers to 100 mentally. For example,  $47 + ? = 100$ . We have also been looking at equivalence, for example  $45 + 35 = 100 - ?$

As part of our inquiry studies/writing students have begun information posters about the Lake Tyers Estuary. They are in the process of researching information about why it opens and the benefits and negative impacts of it opening naturally and manually. We have also been discussing poster design and the importance of clear headings and placement of information.

We wish all families an enjoyable and safe holiday break.

Thanking you

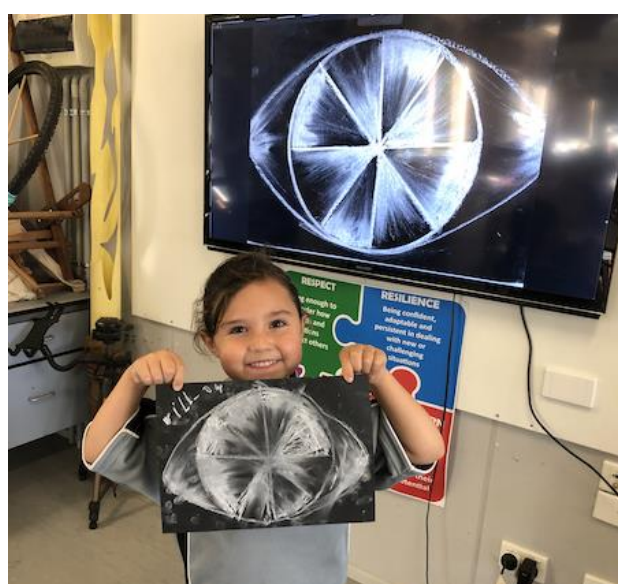
Alec McPhee, Carolyn Smith and Alyssa Warfe

## ART

The end of term is here, and what a term it has been! So many topics and materials have been explored it's hard to list them all, and I hope the students have had as much fun as I have.



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Artist of the Week, **Willow Woolen**.

Have safe and relaxing Easter Break.  
Jobi Laybourne.

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**FRENCH**

Bonjour,

Here is an update on the poetry contest organised by the Alliance Francaise. We now have a date. The competition will take place on the 13th of May for our students! Notes will go home with the link and QR code to listen to the poem, as well as the transcript, marking criteria and details about the drawing competition, should they wish to take part in it too. Though the students will be given time to work on their poem during French time, I highly recommend that they spend some time at home listening to the poem in order to try and memorise it and get familiar with the correct pronunciation.

On Monday, at assembly, **Nikiah James** and **Mannix Blank** received an award for their hard work in French. Nikiah has really impressed me over the past couple of weeks with her great understanding and knowledge of colours and numbers to ten in French. As for Mannix, he was incredible in our game of Spot it on numbers to 59. He could quickly spot and name in French the number that was showing twice on the cards. This shows that Mannix has really assimilated his French numbers as he doesn't need to count up to name it accurately, and quickly.

This week, Prep to 2 students will be learning about a French tradition: the April's fish. This is the most popular April's fool joke, especially for younger kids. Prep students will also continue their work on colours and letters of the alphabet. Meanwhile, grade 1-2 students will practise asking and answering the question on whether they have brothers and sisters.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will have the choice to play a game of Find the robbers or the Kahoot quiz, as a last session to revise our topic.

Students in grade 5-6B will have a lesson focusing on numbers to sixty, in order to support them better when we'll be working on saying the time in French. We'll play group games to practise.

Students in grades 3-6 that enrolled in the poetry contest will also get the chance to practise learning their poem.

This week, I will also be handing out awards to the students in each grade with the most points on ClassDojo.

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

Prep: **Frankie, Nikiah, Jaarali and Chase**

1-2A: **Halle, Indy, Lutarnna and Ruby**

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

3-4A: **Dawson, Bryson, Katharlis and Maddy**

3-4B: **Eli, Elicia, Fletcher, John and Seth**

5-6A: **Mannix and Inca**

Bonne semaine a tous!

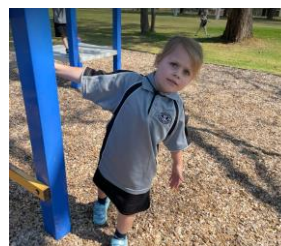
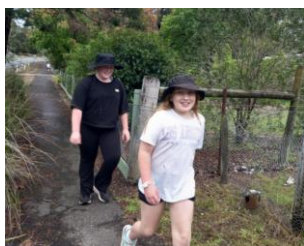
Emmanuelle Samson

**SPORT AND PE NEWS****Students of the Week:**

**Darcy Eastham:** for his excellent progress and participation in the swimming program!

**Maddy Hartley:** for her enthusiasm and willingness to have a go in swimming!

Can't believe it's the end of term 1-here is a recap of some of the fun we have had in PE:



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This week, Preps have been keeping the ball busy, working with a partner and practising becoming the “boss of the ball” in PE. There has been such progress over the term as Preps learn to move safely, be careful of others, taking turns and using kind words and actions as we work respectfully together in partners. Grade 1/2s have also been ball handling and have learnt the game Pony Express this week which has been a lot of fun, but also a great opportunity to discuss and practice being fair and a good sport.

#### Grade 3-6 Swimming Program

The swimming program continues for Grades 3-6, with the Gr 3/4 classes starting from 1-1.45, then the Gr 5/6s are 1.45-2.30 pm at the Aquadome. Every day until this week! Please note that on Friday times are as follows due to the early finish for the last day of term:

12-12.45 pm Gr 3/4 and 12.45-1.30 pm Gr 5/6.

#### Lawn Bowls Competition

Good luck to **Inca, Tarzi, Abby, Jasper, Will, Balin and Alannah**, our first ever TAPS Lawn Bowls team, who are competing in the Division Competition at Bairnsdale Lawn Bowls Club today.



#### Team Vic Basketball Tryouts

We wish **Flynn Whelan** and **Jake Spiker** all the best at the Team Vic tryouts this week in basketball in Traralgon. Enjoy the experience and we know you will represent the school in the “Toorloo Way”. Thanks to Matt and Michelle for supporting their children to challenge themselves amongst the best in the Gippsland region.

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TAPS Run Club

There has been such a fantastic response to the TRC this year, well done everyone who participated and a huge thanks to Grade 6 students Inca, Gracie and Alannah who consistently collated and recorded every lap over the 5 weeks of training. Very reliable!

Here are our amazing TRC Champions for 2025:

**Prep Chase 21 laps**  
**Grade 1 Austin 56 laps**  
**Grade 2 Casey 35 laps**  
**Grade 3 Seth 62 laps**  
**Grade 4 Lochy 81 laps**  
**Grade 5 Declan 104 laps**  
**Grade 6 Jake S 60 laps**

Thanks,  
Barb (SPORT COORDINATOR)

**Important Sport dates for Term 1 2025****WEEK 10**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April ATF Tennis after school coaching at LETC 4.15-5.15 pm**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome (Friday session 12-12.45 pm Gr 3/4 and 12.45-1.30 pm Gr 5/6)**

**Important Sport dates for Term 2 2025****WEEK 3**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Division Cross Country Bairnsdale Qualifying Gr 3-6 students**

**WEEK 5**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May District Winter Sports Lakes Entrance Gr 5/6 students**

**ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at LETC**

**Tennis is on this Thursday afternoon starting at 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm and to finish off the term we will have a celebration fruit platter.** Please keep an eye on the Audiri app if the weather is inclement. FREE tennis racquets are available for newcomers!

**Parkrun Lakes Entrance**

Active April starts today! With the Division cross country just around the corner next term, why not get some training in with your local community? Every Saturday morning at 8.00 am, the event takes place at Lakes Entrance Rotunda, Memorial Park, Esplanade, Lakes Entrance. Junior parkrun is 2 km for ages 4-14 year olds, 5 km run/walk for over 14, register online:

<https://www.parkrun.com.au/lakesentrance/>

It's free. It's for everyone. Whether you're young or old, male or female, fit or unfit, able-bodied or not, you're always welcome. It's not about racing, it's about running. Children under 11 years old must be fully supervised by an adult.

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# HOLIDAY *intensive* SWIM PROGRAM

**FAST TRACK YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY!**

**Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April 2025**  
**For ages 3 and up**  
**Cost: \$60**  
 On confirmation of booking a \$20 deposit will be required to secure your child's spot.  
**Enrolments due Friday 28 March**

**DAILY 30 MINUTE LESSONS OVER 5 DAYS!**



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## LAKES ENTRANCE AUSKICK & SUPERKICK CENTRE

**FRIDAYS 5PM**  
**LAKES ENTRANCE REC RESERVE**  
**STARTING MAY 2ND**



**nab AFL Auskick**  
**4 - 8 year olds**

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



**AFL Superkick**  
**8 - 12 year olds**

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.




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## Kids school holiday program

For your little tribe, we have tailored a range of our best Saltwater Workshops to young requirements to keep them busy over the holiday break.

Ages 5-15. 1.5 & 1 hour art classes with skilled tutors. All art supplies included  
 To book head to [www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com](http://www.thesaltwatercreativeco.com)

### Kids Klay - Make a Monster Mug

Tuesday 15th of April 1pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 23rd of April 11am-12:30pm

Make your very own monster mugs this summer holidays! Were going to learn simple hand building clay techniques to create something totally out of the ordinary!  
 \$60.00pp

### Kids Pottery Wheel Throwing - Introduction to the basics

Tuesday 8th of April 11am - 12:30pm

Thursday 17th of April 1pm-2:30pm

Tuesday 22nd of April 11am-12:30pm

Kids get to step up to the potters wheel and learn all the basics!  
 \$65.00pp

### Pottery Glazing Workshop - Kids & Adults Alike

Thursday 10th of April 11am - 12:30pm

Hand paint your own ceramic piece. Hand made in our studio choose from a range of cups, plates bowls and vases.  
 \$50.00pp

### Kids Fluid Painting Session

Thursday 10th of April 1pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 16th of April 10am-11:30am

Using fluid pouring techniques we are going to create three beautiful & bright artworks before we design and paint our very own skate board decks.  
 \$60.00pp

### Kids Klay - Mum's & Bubs (0 - 4 years)

Tuesday 15th of April 10:30am-12pm

Create a personalised wall hanging you and your babe can keep forever.  
 \$40.00pp

### Kids Textured Art Workshop

Thursday 17th of April 11am-12:30pm

Expect to get a bit messy in this stunning workshop. Create three beautiful artworks using plaster medium and paint.  
 \$60.00pp

### Kids Klay - Personalised Pet Bowls

Saturday 19th of April 11am-12:30pm

Thursday 24th of April 11am-12:30pm

Come create something super special for your pet this summer. Were going to hand build our very own pet bowl and personalise them using underglaze and stamps.  
 \$50.00pp

Head to our website to book tickets or visit us at the studio.

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## KIDS & TEENS AFTER SCHOOL CLAY

An after school art alternative? Saltwater is safe, inspiring space for your kids & teens to learn the fundamentals of clay and the process of pottery - all while keeping social and exercising their creative flow. Over eight weeks we're covering all the basics of wheel throwing, hand building, and glazing. Monday eves over an 8-week-term for youth's aged 6-17 years.

Designed for complete beginners, or the experienced potter, this is the perfect way to begin your child's ceramic journey. Guided term sessions by one of our amazing instructors.

### **KIDS CLAY (ages 6 - 12)**

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 2)

Time: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Session Dates: May 5th - June 30st  
 \$260.00pp

### **TEENS CLAY (ages 12 - 18)**

MONDAY AFTERNOONS (TERM 2)

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

Session Dates: May 5th - June 30st  
 \$280.00pp

visit our website for more details or contact us via the details below.



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# **Lakes Entrance JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION**

**Saturday April 19th**

**Gippsland Lakes Angling Club No 1 Bullock Island**

**Open to Ages 17 and Under**

**Registration is open at**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lakes-entrance-kids-fishing-competition-tickets-1281758146119?aff=oddtcreator>**

**\$5 entry fee with all profits being donated to Lakes Entrance Neighbourhood House for their Foodbank.**

Check in at 7am. Parents must accompany kids to sign waiver forms. Competition starts at 8am. The most fish caught win the first prize.

For contest rule & other information please visit our Facebook page:

Lakes Entrance Junior Fishing Competition

**Or Contact Clara via text or email: 0477175499  
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