



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 April	20	21	22	23	24
Week 2	27	28 SC 4pm	29	30	1 Staff first Aid training- Student free day
Week 3 May	4	5 Division Cross Country	6	7	8 Mother's Day Breakfast
Week 4	11 Grip Leadership Sale	12	13	14	15 Walk to School Day
Week 5	18	19	20 SSG Meetings	21 SSG Meetings	22
Week 6	25	26 SC 4pm	27	28	29
Week 7 June	1	2	3	4	5 School Photo Day
Week 8	8 Kings Birthday	9	10	11	12
Week 9	15 TAPS Aths	16	17	18	19
Week 10	22 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	23 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	24 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	25 56 Camp Sovereign Hill	26

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Principals Report

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. Always love seeing our students back and this term it was no different. A few holidays, lots of easter eggs and even some new pets. Well done to everyone for settling back into the school routine so quickly and I am looking forward to seeing the continuous learning and growth over the term.

Anzac Day

This week we will be recognising ANZAC Day as it falls over this weekend. As a school, we'll be holding a short ANZAC service on Friday to help students understand the importance of the day and to show our respect for those who have served and sacrificed for our country. The school leaders and I will be attending the service held at the Cenotaph at 11.00 am on Saturday, with the march commencing at 10.30 am from the RSL. We encourage anyone who can to come along and be part of this important event. Please wear school Uniform if you are attending the service.

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Uniform

Our School Council has been exploring options for the future of our school uniform. One of the directions we are considering is working more closely with local providers, Nicks in Bairnsdale to provide part of our uniform while also having supplies of dresses, hats and shirts at the school. We are also looking at bumping up our second-hand uniforms to ensure all families have ready access to uniforms if and when needed. We will continue to gather information and feedback before making any decisions and keep the community updated as this progresses.

Hats

A reminder that hats are still required for all students when outdoors until 30th April to comply with our SunSmart policy.

Have a great week.
Miss Hopkins

Wellbeing

Breakfast with My Special Person ((Mother's Day Brekky) Friday 8th May

You're warmly invited to our yummy croissant and coffee Breakfast with My Special Person 🌸
Join us as we celebrate the wonderful people in our students' lives who care, support, and nurture them every day. Students are welcome to bring a parent, grandparent, carer or another special person to share a relaxed breakfast together.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

Dear parent/carer,

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open, and we're excited to be taking part!

This year's Challenge theme is '*Stories to discover. Stories to tell*'. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs.

All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

Happy reading!

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Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a wonderful break with lots of laughter and rest. Everyone has settled back into the classroom extremely well and we have had a great first day back.

Hats

Students will need to wear their hats until the 30th of April as the UV is normally still strong until then. If you took your hats home, please bring them back tomorrow and we will keep them in our tubs for those high UV days.

Mother's Day / Special Person's Day

On the 8th May we warmly invite all our students' mums and special people to a morning breakfast to celebrate all the wonderful care and love you give to your little people.

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This Week

Reading - We are looking at a mentor text that supports students' comprehension, sentence structure and reasoning skills. This week is all about low order thinking, this is when students do a deep dive into the pictures to see what is happening. This allows them to make predictions, connections and ask questions.

- P/1: Are focusing on *Alexander's outing*
- 1/2: Are focusing on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*

Writing - This term we are starting to develop our narrative skill. This week will be encouraging the kids to create their own stories to see their starting point.

Maths - Students will be entering the addition and subtraction space. This week we students will be given a pretest to see their ability level and what they have retained since last year.

Have a great week, and we wish you all the best for the holidays.
Miss Cock, Ms Jackson, Bree, Lindy, and Hunee.

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Hello 3/4 Families

It is great to see everyone well rested after the holidays and ready to learn.

In reading we are starting a new mentor text called *Nim's Island*. We have discussed the things we should do before we begin reading such as making predictions from looking at the front cover, reading the blurb and thinking about other stories students know about people living on islands. We have talked about how getting your knowledge ready before reading can help students to gain a better understanding of what they read.

In writing we are focusing on persuasive writing. Students have been looking at virtual tours of the Melbourne Zoo to promote discussion about whether zoos are a positive thing for animals or not. Students will then pick whether they would like to write a persuasive text with arguments in favour of zoos or against.

In maths we are continuing to focus on subtraction and deciding which strategy is the most efficient to use depending on the problem they are trying to solve.

In integrated studies we will be looking at first contact and the effects of European Settlement on First Nations People.

Thank you

Carolyn smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

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Welcome back after our Term 1 break

Firstly, what a great end to term 1, watching the launch of Artemis II into space on the last day of term. It was wonderful to share this experience with the students and to feel the energy, anticipation and nervousness as Artemis II was delayed and then launched into space. While the kids may not realise, this is a significant event that they will be able to refer to and reflect on as they grow older.

This week we will be introducing our new mentor text '*Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*'. This fictional story by Jackie French reflects on the Gold Rush era when many Chinese nationals emigrated to Australia and the hardships they encountered through the eyes of a young child. This book covers a range of themes, including family, culture, racism and resilience, and *supports* our trip to Ballarat at the end of term 2.

Our writing focus for term 2 is biographies. Students will be researching the life of a significant Australian in an endeavour to share how their contributions impacted the shape of Australia.

In maths we are focusing on multiplication and division. A key component of this is students being able to recall the multiplication facts for the numbers 1-10. We encourage all families to support the students in learning their multiplication facts as this will assist students in understanding the key multiplication and division strategies of this unit.

As part of our integrated studies history unit, students will be working in groups to research and prepare a report and create a diorama on a significant event that shaped Australia. This activity supports our school values of collaboration and respect toward others and their ideas.

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While TAPS do not set daily or weekly homework, it is expected that students read 3-4 times a week. Your support in achieving this is appreciated. We are also expecting all 5/6 students to regularly practice their multiplication facts at home. This will assist their progress in the multiplication and division unit.

Ali Mackie, Larissa Murray, Lizzy Haldane, Alyssa and Dee 😊

Art/Stem

Welcome back to Term Two! Students in art classes will begin their investigation into using 'ordinary' materials, beginning with aluminium foil, to create insects, and animals and other sculptural objects. While over in STEM, we will begin to look at physics, and how we can use our construction skills from Term One and apply them to movement – whether it be self-propelled or harnessing wind and other forces.

Jobi Laybourne.

Language and Culture

Hello and welcome to Term 2!

This Term in Language and Culture we are exploring the world's oldest living culture; Indigenous Australia. With the middle and senior students, we will be zooming out and exploring the significance of songlines and storytelling and the importance of the landscape to indigenous cultures throughout Australia. We do hope to 'zoom in' to some local Gonnai Kurnai perspectives too and are currently working closely with our Koori Education Support Officer Julie, who is in consultation with GLAWAC to see how this might look as the term unfolds.

With the junior students we will start by using some lovely indigenous dreaming story picture books, starting with one written locally called *'The Southern Cross and Nerran the Moon'*. We will then explore some of the Gonnai Kurnai names for native animals.

If you have any questions or would like to share some of your local knowledge, we'd love you to get in touch!

Lizzy Haldane

SPORT AND PE NEWS

Hope that everyone enjoyed their Easter break! I trust that everyone has had a good rest because Term 2 is a really busy term again for sport!

Division Cross Country will be held next week on **Tuesday 5th May at Nagle College** (first race is 11 am) for those students who have qualified. Compass permission notifications will be sent out soon, please reply so we can finalise travel arrangements asap.

Students who completed the Colour Run course in the top 6 in their age groups in the time limit are invited to represent Toorloo Arm PS. Please note that the **9/10 year old age group is combined** at interschool level using the times for the TAPS Colour Run. 8 year olds are not eligible to compete at this level.

TEAM TAPS Division Cross Country:

Boys 12 year old: **Declan Bills, Brysen Jonkers, Edi Stapleton**

Girls 12 year old: **Zoe Nairn, Willow Douglas, Maddy Angel**

Boys 11 year old: **Ollie Douglas, Lochy Tunnage, Mack Anderson, Kobe Sheard, John Parkhill**

Girls 11 year old: **Tessa Manley, Katarlis Atherton-Gordon, Laila Gritt**

Boys 9/10 old: **Seth Geddes, Jasper Melville, Jack Tunnage, Ned Jol, Casey Bills**

Girls 9/10 year old: **Amaya Spathas, Ruby Brooker, Savannah Blank, Harper Robertson, Sienna Jones**

Students in Grade 3-6 will be practising the Winter Sport choices (netball, soccer, AFL) to start off the term. Grade 5/6 students will select their team options for the Eastern District Winter Sports Carnival held in Lakes Entrance on **Friday 22nd May** (back up Fri 29th May). Keep the date free as we are always needing scorers, goal umpires and umpires for this big day!

Junior classes will commence the gymnastics unit, great for developing co-ordination, spatial control and locomotor skills alongside strength and flexibility. This is always really popular with junior classes, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothes for gymnastics on PE days.

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TAPS Harmony Day Cross Country and Colour Run

Congratulations to all participants in the TAPS Cross Country Colour Run, such an inclusive whole school event! It was great to see such a fantastic turnout from students, families, helpers and supporters alike. It was amazing to have lots of eyes on course and at the finish to keep everyone safe. Thanks to everyone for making it a fun event, despite the overly warm weather, everyone persisted in the tough running conditions. Well done TAPS Community, a great way to celebrate the end of term and Harmony Day-Harmony starts with Kindness.

Well done to the Green Sea Snakes, who were the overall house winners again this year with 50 points. Red Seals come very close second with 48 points, followed by Blue Dolphins in 3rd with 43 points.



Well done to the following age group place getters in the 2km and 3km events:

	1st	2nd	3rd
12 years boys	Declan Bills	Bryson Jonkers	Edi Stapleton
12 years girls	Zoe Nairn	Willow Douglas	Maddy Angel
11 years boys	Ollie Douglas	Lochlan Tunnage	Mack Anderson
11 years girls	Tessa Manley	Katarlis Atherton-Gordon	Laila Gritt
10 years boys	Seth Geddes	William Fotheringham	Travis Tregonning
10 years girls	Amaya Spathas	Savannah Blank	Sienna Jones
8/9 boys	Jasper Melville	Jack Tunnage	Oliver Guarnaccia
8/9 girls	Ruby Brooker	Harper Robertson	Serena Dawes

Please don't hesitate to catch up with us if you have any concerns about your child's participation in PE, or if you are interested in connecting them up with sport in the community, we can usually point in the right direction. Also, it would be great if your child wears runners and has a water bottle on PE days, so that participation is comfortable and safe.

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Parkrun Lakes Entrance

Active April is still on! With the Division cross country next week, 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.

Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

Important Sport dates for Term 2 2026

WEEK 3

Tuesday 5th May Division Cross Country Nagle College Bairnsdale Qualifying students

WEEK 5

Friday 22nd May District Winter Sports Lakes Entrance Gr 5/6 students (back up Fri 29th May)

Thurs 4th June Regional Cross Country Lardner Park Qualifying students

BREW BAR
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

Pizza Muffins (2 pieces)
Ham & Cheese \$6
Roasted Capsicum & Olive \$6
Add pineapple .50c

Chicken Salad bowl \$8.00
lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, and Mayo
Add Egg \$1.00
Add Avo \$1.00

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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LAKES
ENTRANCE
SECONDARY
COLLEGE

YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

19th of May 2026 | 5PM to 7PM
1-11 North Street, Lakes Entrance



Discover the excellence of Lakes Entrance Secondary College firsthand at our Open Night, where you'll find a welcoming environment, supportive staff, and exciting prospects for your future. Light refreshments provided.



2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

Wednesday 29th 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

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.

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JUNIOR MIXED REGISTRATIONS
Now Open!

- 12 Rounds + Finals
- Start - 4th May
- End - 7th Sept
- Cost - \$115 Plus BV fees

Questions?
Please text Junior Coordinator:
0475 518 250

🏀 Juniors Mixed Rego is now open

Cost - \$115 + BV fees

Under 10's, 16's & 19's play on a Monday night
Under 12's & 14's play on a Thursday night

Age groups
U 10's - 2017 - 2018
U 12's - 2015 - 2016
U 14's - 2013 - 2014
U 16's - 2011 - 2012
U 19's - 2008 - 2010

If you would like your child to play up a grade please text the Junior Coordinator
0475 518 250

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/6b1de2>

🏀 Girls Competitions Registrations NOW OPEN!

New registrations are welcome for both competitions.

🏀 Our Senior Girls competition is at a minimum for girls born in 2015 and over, and is designed for more experienced and older players.

🏀 Our Junior Girls competition is the perfect environment for girls new to the game or looking for the opportunity to gain confidence and grow their skills.

Registrations for both competitions use the link below.
Games are held on a Friday afternoon.

New registrations are more than welcome to message the junior coordinator to discuss the best competition fit for the player.

✗ No late registrations will be accepted.

To register please use the link at the bottom of this post.

Any questions please text 0475 518 250
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d5a69e>

Registration will close on Friday 24th of April.

GIRLS COMP REGISTRATIONS!
Now Open!

- Start - 8th May
- End - 11th Sept
- Cost - \$80 Plus BV fees

Questions?
Please text Junior Coordinator:
0475 518 250

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Mother's Day

Competition 2026

Draw a picture or write a story telling us why your Mum or Grandma is so special, and she will go into the draw to win an amazing prize!

To enter, send your entries with your name, your Mum or Grandma's name, and your phone number to the Bairnsdale Advertiser: 'Mother's Day Competition'.

**Email: competitions@jamesyeates.com.au
or PO Box 465 Bairnsdale 3875
Entries close 5pm Thursday, April 30th.**



**Entries will be published on Wednesday,
May 6th in the Bairnsdale Advertiser,
Lakes Post & Snowy River Mail!**



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