



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 10 April</b>	30	31	1 <b>TAPS Colour Run</b>	2 <b>Early Finish 1:30pm</b>	3 <b>Good Friday</b>
<b>Week 1 April</b>	20 <b>First day of Term 2</b>	21	22	23	24
<b>Week 2</b>	27	28 <b>SC 4pm</b>	29	30	1 <b>Staff first Aid training- No students</b>

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### Principals Report

#### “Dancing through the Decades’ dance performance

As Term 1 comes to a close, I’d like to say a big thank you to our students, staff and families for a great start to the year. We started strong and it has been fabulous to see that we are finishing strong as well (a little tired from the extra events happening, but still strong). It’s been fantastic to see students getting involved, giving things a go and showing pride in their work. Our staff have put in a huge effort to create engaging learning experiences and support each student along the way, and I thank each of them for the job that they do. One question that I got asked on a recent school tour was “how are your staff?” and my answer was fabulous. I consider myself lucky to be at a school that was dedicated, hardworking and caring staff. Thanks for the job you do, day in and day out.

We also really appreciate the support from our families and wider community. Whether it’s keeping in touch with teachers, helping out at events, or supporting learning at home, it all makes a real difference and helps create such a positive school environment.

Few reminders for the end of term:

- The last day is Thursday; the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and we finish at 1.30 pm.
- **There will be no afternoon Nowa Nowa bus service on the last day, so families who use this service will need to organise alternative transport home.**

Thanks again for your ongoing support, and we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break. Happy Easter, stay safe and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Miss Hopkins



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The Easter raffle was a huge hit again this year. Thanks so much to our wonderful families who donated so much and to *Big Bears* for Donut vouchers and *The Essential Way* for a beautiful pamper pack.

We are lucky to have some fantastic Mums who helped with packaging up the prizes and raffle tickets. Thanks Michelle, Emma and Tess.

If you didn't win a prize, better luck next year.

### **Wellbeing Harmony Day**



Harmony starts with kindness and being all together! It looks like being a lovely tomorrow! After an early lunch, the whole school TAPS Harmony Day COLOUR RUN will start at 1.45 pm. This will also be the Grade 3-6 TAPS Cross Country. **Students can be out of uniform** for the day, but we recommend white or light coloured comfortable "old" clothing. This will make the colours more vibrant. We also invite parents, friends and families to be a part of the day-hope to see you at this community event. **We would love some help- parents/families/carers on course (you can drive your car there or walk with a group!) and support the children on the way, or at the end doing the colours (wear old clothes!) or helping with icy poles.**

Event start time is approximately 1.45 pm, if you could meet Barb at the Rec Reserve picnic table at 1.30 pm if you are able to help out that would be great!

### **SAVE the DATE: Breakfast with My Special Person ☘ ((Mother's Day Brekky) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **Students of the week**



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**P12**

Welcome to the final week of term! We want to start by saying a huge congratulations to all of our dancers last week, you all did an amazing job.

A huge congratulations to our award winners this week, from Miss Cock, **William Thomson** for his dancing enthusiasm, **Ava Tuck** for stepping outside her comfort zone. The kindness of the week awards goes to **Zavier** for helping Ethan when he fell and **Halle** for letting others play. Ms Jackson would like to congratulate her class on its amazing efforts in learning new dances and performing them in front of the whole school while she was away last week.

**Last Week's Fun**



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**This Week**

This week we have a few things happening:

- Wednesday - Harmony Day colour run. Students need to wear a white T-Shirt for the run. Parents are welcome to come and help throw colours, hand out ice-poles or just watch. We will be starting at 1:45pm.
- Thursday - last day of term, early finish at 1:30.

This week we are finishing off any work we need to, while having fun embracing Harmony Day on Wednesday and starting Easter celebrations on Thursday.

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

**34AB**

Hello 3/4 Parents and Guardians

Students of the week are:

**Darcy Eastham:** For fantastic listening, effort and improved skills during swimming and dance lessons.

**Serena Dawes:** For her excellent work during dance practice and performance.

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**Evie Jackson:** For always having a positive attitude to her learning.

**Travis Tregonning:** For being more independent with his learning.

Well done to all Year 3/4 students on their fantastic effort in the whole school performance. It was great to see the turnout on the night, and we were so proud of the confidence they built throughout the week. Also, the 3/4 students were amazing during the swimming program. Each student made excellent growth and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

This week we have our colour run/cross country on Wednesday. The races begin at 1:45pm and students will finish their race with the colour run component.

### **Literacy**

In reading we are finishing off our group reading texts, completing activities in response to *Mulga Bill's Bicycle* and writing short stories using ideas from writer's notebook entries. We are also completing word sorts as part of our spelling program.

### **Mathematics**

In Mathematics students are learning, practising and revising about mental addition and subtraction strategies, including compensation, find the difference and partitioning. We have continued our maths fluency program as well.

Don't forget there is an early finish on Thursday. Have a safe and enjoyable holidays.

Thank you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee, Lisa, Hunee and Lindy

### **56AB**

5/6 End of Term 1

All of the grade 5/6 staff have been super impressed with the way the cohort has embraced the learning opportunities offered over the last two weeks as part of the swimming program and our artist in residence programme. Consequently, we are giving a whole unit award for persistence and resilience. Well done kids!

On Monday we said farewell and good luck to Edward Vincent who is moving to Orbost and will continue his schooling at Orbost Community College. Thank-you to all the families who brought a plate to share. Edward was overwhelmed by the attention and generosity.

This week we will be concentrating on finishing our mentor text *Sister Heart*. This novel has provided us with an opportunity to explore a range of themes, including friendship, culture, belonging, survival and the Stolen Generation. Please take the time to discuss the novel with your child as the ending will not be what they expect.

Yesterday students completed an adaptive maths test using an alternative program we are trialling at TAPS. The test uses student answers to determine what level questions should be asked and is continually refining the challenge to students. We will be using this information to plan our maths program in Term 2. We will continue to review maths strategies that support efficiency in all maths operations. We are doing this through quick, structured activities that are designed to improve number fluency.

We want to thank all students and families for a great start to 2026. Let's keep it going into Term 2 and beyond. Kids, have a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing what you all can achieve in Term 2.

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

### **Art/Stem**

Term one has certainly been busy! To wrap things up in art, students from all classes have created works for Harmony Day, starting off with 'paper' rocks to try out their designs, then move onto hand painting real black river pebbles. Both these works are a collaborative piece that will be on display in the main building gallery for everyone to enjoy.

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Have a safe Easter break.

Jobi Laybourne.

## **SPORT AND PE NEWS**

### **Students of the Week**

**Declan Bills:** For great leadership, noticing and including others in PE.

**Luca Douglas:** For his enthusiasm and focus in PE, well done!

This week, all classes have done a “recci” for the Colour Run and are prepared and ready to go. We have looked at the course and discussed the safety aspects for this event. We’ve had a look at some photos from last year to get a good picture in our head if we haven’t done it before! Everyone can choose if they go through the colours if they’re not sure, can come through the NO Colours section.

Preps to grade 2s have also been practising their jump rope, with the short, long ropes and the “Thunderstick”. We are in the learning pit, but we’ve been using strategies such as asking for help, watching others who are doing a good job and then giving it another 100% best effort.

### TAPS Harmony Day Cross Country and Colour Run

Don’t forget the TAPS Cross Country and Colour Run will be held after lunch at the Lake Tyers Beach Reserve on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April, weather permitting**. If you are able to help out with this event, that would be fantastic! Students can **be out of uniform for the day**, but we recommend white or light coloured “old” clothing. This will make the colours more vibrant. We are looking for adults to be on course-walking, jogging, cheering on along the way; handing out and raffle tickets. Please let us know if you can help out on this TAPS community event, **we do need parents/carers help to run this activity successfully, such a handing out icy poles and being on course (walking or park your car), to ensure the event is safe!** Event start times (approximate):

1.45 pm 12 year old students start 3 km run

1.50 11 year old students start 3 km event

1.55 8/9/10 boys start 2 km event

2.00 8/9/10 girls start 2 km event

2.05 Gr 2 start 2 laps Colour Run

2.10 Gr 1 start 2 laps Colour Run

2.15 Preps start 1 lap Colour Run

### Get Active Kids vouchers:

Round 10 applications are now open! Victorian families can now apply for \$200 vouchers or reimbursements to help cover the costs of sport and active recreation for eligible children. If you have already paid you can get reimbursed. Please note that funding is available only for aligned sporting organisations.

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**Applications close 10am on 2 April 2026**, or earlier if the allocated budget is fully exhausted. You can apply using the following link to the Get Active Kids website:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/>

**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 you 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, and of course, hats are compulsory this term.

Parkrun Lakes Entrance

Active April starts this week! 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.

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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Thanks,  
Barb (PE SPORT COORDINATOR)

**Important Sport dates for Term 1 2026**

**Tuesday 24th March-Friday 27th March** Gr 3-6 Swimming Program Aquadome  
**Wednesday 1st April** Harmony Day Cross Country Colour Run Whole School 1.45 first event starts

**Important Sport dates for Term 2 2026**

**WEEK 3**

**Tuesday 5th May** Division Cross Country Bairnsdale Qualifying Gr 3-6 students

**WEEK 5**

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

**HOLIDAY**  
*intensive*  
**SWIM PROGRAM**

**FAST TRACK YOUR CHILDS SWIMMING ABILITY!**

**Monday 13 - Friday 17 April**  
**Cost \$65.00 for ages 3 and up**

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

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



**43 Palmers Road, Lakes Entrance**  
**(03) 5155 333**  
**[lakesaquadome.com.au](http://lakesaquadome.com.au)**



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## 2027 Year 7 - Information Evening

**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.



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SECONDARY  
COLLEGE**

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# YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

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**22<sup>nd</sup> April 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.

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## What you need to bring

- Drink bottle (water only)
- Lunch box with enough food for the day  
(unless otherwise stated in the program)
- Comfortable, suitable clothing
  - Closed shoes
  - Tops that cover shoulders  
(no singlets or spaghetti straps)
- Spare clothes
- Hat for sunny days
- Sunscreen (if using your own)

## Daily Fees

\$114.84 per day  
This fee is before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is applied.

Families may be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which will reduce the daily fee based on individual circumstances. To check your eligibility and entitlements, please contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50.

Additional charges may apply for excursions and incursions. Please note: These costs will be added to your child's account. No cash payments are accepted on the premises.

## Personal Belongings

We understand that children sometimes enjoy a quiet time to relax during the day, and for some children this may include limited use of technology. With staff guidance, children may bring a personal device to enjoy at specific times as part of the program.

Please note: Devices must not have internet access.

If your child chooses to bring a device, we kindly ask that they take care of it themselves. While our team will support children where possible, Lakes Entrance Primary School Council OSHC is unable to take responsibility for any items that may be lost, damaged, or misplaced.

## Unexpected Changes

Our program operates in a range of weather conditions. We encourage families to check the weather each day and support their child by ensuring they wear and pack appropriate clothing.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
OSHC



## VACATION CARE APRIL 2026

Enrol now!  
8am-6pm Monday-Friday

49 Myer St, Lakes Entrance.  
(03) 5155 1812  
oshc.lakes.entrance.ps@education.vic.gov.au

### WEEK ONE

**6<sup>TH</sup>** PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
OSHC CLOSED

**7<sup>TH</sup>** Pj's and movie day

Our OSHC service is excited to host a fun and relaxed Pjamas and Movie Day as part of our Vacation Care program! Children are invited to come dressed in their favourite pjamas and enjoy a cosy day at the centre, complete with a child-friendly movie, comfortable viewing space, and plenty of opportunities to relax and socialise with friends. This special themed day encourages children to unwind, feel at home in the centre environment, and be part of a warm, inclusive experience during the school holidays

**8<sup>TH</sup>** BBO at Apex park Cost \$ 5pp

Children will enjoy a relaxed outdoor experience with a shared BBQ meal, games, and opportunities to socialise with friends in a natural setting. This excursion supports children's wellbeing, connection to their community, and enjoyment of outdoor play. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting a sense of belonging, positive relationships, and engagement in meaningful leisure activities.

**9<sup>TH</sup>** Upcycle Art

Children will use recycled and reusable materials (feel free to upcycle something from home, E.G. an old canvas) to create their own unique artworks, encouraging creativity, imagination, and environmental awareness. This experience supports children to think creatively, make independent choices, and develop confidence while learning the importance of caring for our environment. The activity aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting creativity, sustainability, and a sense of responsibility for the world around them.

**10<sup>TH</sup>** Craft by Kayla Cost \$ 20pp

Our OSHC service is excited to welcome Kayla to the centre for a special Craft Day as part of our Vacation Care program. Kayla will guide children through a creative, hands-on flower crown making, supporting their imagination and self-expression in a fun and engaging environment. Children will have the opportunity to create their own unique piece to take home, fostering a sense of pride and achievement. This experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by encouraging creativity, confidence, and meaningful participation.

### WEEK TWO

**13<sup>TH</sup>** Mini Golf Cost \$ 20pp

Children will enjoy a fun and engaging game that encourages physical activity, coordination, and friendly social interaction. Mini golf supports teamwork, confidence, and problem-solving as children take turns and challenge themselves in a relaxed environment. This experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting wellbeing, participation, and positive relationships through play.

**14<sup>TH</sup>** Technology Day

Children are invited to bring their own device to explore technology in a safe, supervised, and engaging environment. This experience supports digital literacy, creativity, and social connection as children share games, ideas, and interests with their peers. Technology Day aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by encouraging confidence, independence, and responsible use of technology while supporting children's learning and wellbeing.

**15<sup>TH</sup>** Visit the cinema Cost \$ 20pp

Children will enjoy the experience of watching a movie on the big screen in a fun and social environment. This excursion encourages relaxation, social connection, and shared enjoyment with peers. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by supporting children's wellbeing, sense of belonging, and participation in meaningful leisure experiences. Movie selection will be confirmed closer to the date

**16<sup>TH</sup>** Candle making Cost \$ 10pp

Children will have the opportunity to create their own candles, exploring creativity through colour, scent, and design in a safe and supervised environment. This hands-on activity supports fine motor skills, independence, and confidence while encouraging self-expression. The experience aligns with the My Time, Our Place framework by promoting creativity, wellbeing, and a sense of achievement as children create something meaningful to take home.

**17<sup>TH</sup>** Beach party Cost \$ 10pp

Our OSHC service is excited to celebrate the final day of Vacation Care with a fun Beach Party! Children will enjoy beach-themed games, activities, and a relaxed social atmosphere as we wrap up the holiday program together. Lunch will be provided, with the menu to be confirmed closer to the date. This special event supports children's sense of belonging, wellbeing, and connection with peers, in line with the My Time, Our Place framework.



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# KIDS, COME AND TRY PICKLEBALL

Children between ages 6-12 are invited to come and try pickleball in a fun and supportive environment.



- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>
- 43 Palmers Rd, Lakes Ent (Tennis Club)
- 10 am - 12 noon
- Equipment supplied
- Take part in games and activities
- Try new skills
- Be supported by local pickleball players

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: JACQUI MALLEN - 0409 709 525

# WELCOME BACK

## 2026 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

For Boys ages 6-13yrs & Girls ages 6-15yrs  
Saturdays at Howitt Park, Bairnsdale  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> 2026  
Finals August 8<sup>th</sup> - August 15th



LINK & INFORMATION IN THE DESCRIPTION

# Come and Try Day Over 60's Netball



Wednesday 9th April  
10:00am

Lakes Entrance  
Netball Association



Photo credit D. Sullivan

## Pelicans of the Gippsland Lakes

BirdLife Australia illustrated talk  
with pelican expert Deb Sullivan

Tuesday 31 March 2026  
6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

Forge Theatre  
80 McKean St, Bairnsdale

Free ticket bookings available online  
[eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets](http://eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/leisure/whats-on-and-buy-tickets)



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**LIONS CLUB OF GIPPSLAND LAKES  
LIONESSES**



**Sat 18th April 2026  
9am - 2pm**

**INDOOR MARKET**

**MECHANICS HALL  
LAKES ENTRANCE**

Baby Knits, Bags,  
Toys, Clothing,  
Woodwork, plants,  
fresh produce,  
Hand Crafts, Candles  
bric-a-brac,  
Jewellery,  
secondhand books  
and more

*Devonshire Teas  
Scones Jam & Cream,  
Sandwiches*

*Raffle Prizes*

Stall Enquiries to  
Marilyn 0400358269  
Chris 0437 520419

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# Kids Classes

After School art classes

Thursdays 4:15 to 5:15pm

Various mediums including graphite pencil, chalk pastels, charcoal, coloured pencils, water paint, acrylic paint and air dry clay.

Paxart Studio Lakes Entrance

NDIS Supported

Bookings and enquiries PH: 0408 500 451

Caroline Pax Art Therapy on Facebook



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