



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6 August</b>	25	26	27 Cricket Road show Gr 3&4 Lakes Entrance	28	29
<b>Week 7 September</b>	1 Finance meeting	2 2026 Prep Parents Afternoon Tea 4pm	3 School Council Father's Day Stall	4 Prep 1/2 Gruffalo's Child Excursion	5
<b>Week 8 September</b>	8 Auskick Gala Day	9	10	11 Writers Festival Showcase 6pm	12 Jnr Sports Morning
<b>Week 9 September</b>	15 Cricket Clinics Gr 1-6	16	17	18	19 Last day of term 2:15 finish

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#### Book week Celebration

What a day Friday was! So great to see the school community celebrating all the fabulous things that books create; developing reading skills, helping children connect with different perspectives and worlds and developing a passion and lifelong love of reading. So great to see all the fabulous and interesting dress ups and the kind and respectful way all the students participated in the multi age reading activities. Big shout to the volunteers over the week for taking time out of their week to help support the book fair, your time and assistance is appreciated.

#### Writers Showcase

Following the success and interest generated with 2024 Writers Showcase, the Far East schools Network in East Gippsland, is holding its second Writers Showcase. Students have been exploring the art of writing linked to the theme of 'Belonging'. We have some very creative and capable authors in our schools. The range of writing is diverse and engaging and extends from Foundation/ Prep to Year 12. Work will be displayed at the Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 4pm. Families are encouraged to visit during these times and schools are booking in their times for their visits.

**Save the date- to follow on from the showcase we will be having our TAPS Writers festival on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept at approximately 6 pm. Please watch out for more information to follow.**

#### Welcome- Ms Holden

We wish Mrs Mackie all the very best for her leave as she takes a well-deserved extra-long break. It will be business as normal for 34A as Ms Holden joins the middle school team. I know that the students will show her what a wonderful group of learners and people we have at TAPS.

#### Grade 5/6 Camp Grant

Permission notes have been issued for the senior class camp so please make sure you get them into the office as soon as you can. To help assist with funding towards this camp, the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program is an Australian Government initiative that provides financial assistance to support students on-site learning about national democratic, historical and cultural institutions in Canberra. This year, we have successful in obtaining this grant of \$90 per child to go towards costs.

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**Parent opinion survey**

Thank you to the parents that have completed the survey. So far, we have had four responses, which equates to 10% completion rate. This is a friendly reminder that your opinion matters, and we would love this number to increase. If you need support to complete, please contact the office.

Have a great Week,  
Miss Hopkins

**Wellbeing**

The [Raising Children](https://raisingchildren.net.au) website, is a free, reliable, up-to-date and independent information to help your family grow and thrive together. They're funded by the Australian Government, reviewed by experts and non-commercial organisations.

Designed for busy families and full of tips and tricks for you to try, the content is easy to find and easy to digest. They have the answers to hundreds of parenting questions, where and when you need them.

The articles, videos and interactive resources are tailored to different ages and stages, taking you from nurturing a newborn to raising a confident, resilient teen – and helping you to look after yourself as a parent too.

[raisingchildren.net.au](https://raisingchildren.net.au) is an excellent resource for every step of your parenting journey.

**Student of the Week**

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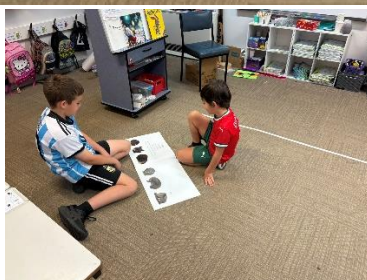
**Prime ministers Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. Participation certificates were handed out at yesterday's assembly. Our year level champions were:

Violet Jonkers Grade 3 , Laila Gritt Grade 4, Dartanyan Milner Grade 5 and Inca Pickersgill Grade 6. We should find out in the next week if any students have progressed to the next round. Larissa Murray, Coordinator

**Prep**

Hello everyone, welcome to another week of term 3! Congratulations to our award winners this week, **Larnee Bennett, Mia Jones, Alyssa Rushton** for their negotiating skills while participating in group work and **Cohen Harrison** for choosing his best learning spot to help him focus while in the class.

**Book Week Fun**

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**Coming Up**

- **The Gruffalo's Child** – On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September we will be traveling by bus to see 'The Gruffalo's Child' at the Forge Theatre in Bairnsdale. Please pack your child's bag as normal. We will be leaving at 9:00am sharp!
- **Jr Athletics** – On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September the Jr classes will be participating in their own athletics day. Families are welcome to come and watch the events, field events starting around 9:15 to 11:00 and track events starting at 11:30 until completion.

**Boxes needed** – if you have any empty cereal boxes or small at home, we would greatly appreciate it if they found their way into the classroom for future construction activities.

This week we are looking at:

**Reading**

- We are starting our AL book – Handa's Surprise. We will be exploring picture information, authors word choice and sentence structure to help us read with growing fluency.
- Vocabulary – for the next few weeks we will be looking at word meaning and how they add addition information to our stories and help build our visualisation.

**Writing**

- This term we are looking at narratives and their structure. We will be continuing to build our idea, creating a start which include who, where and when, middle that's include what the characters are doing to make the story interesting and a solution and an ending.
- Students will be focusing on the secretarial aspects of writing, revising where to place a full stop and capital letter to make their stories flow.
- In spelling students are working on a range of different activities for building CVC words, rhyming, syllable work, blends and diagraphs. Students are separated into groups and working at their skill level.

**Maths:**

This term, we're diving into Addition and Subtraction. This week we are concluding out addition skills but using counting on strategies and strategic thinking to find all the solutions to an open-ended question.

Have a great week,  
Miss Cock and Bree

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Hello everyone and welcome to week 4 of term 3!

Awards this week in 1/2A went to **Halle Douglas** and **Jayce Parsons**. Halle's was for her effort towards her reading and the progress she is making, always taking on feedback to improve. Jayce's award was for his improved effort towards his writing, writing the most amount that he has ever written. In 1/2B awards went to **Casey Bills** and **Hannah Wickham** for the collaboration when doing their challenging task.

This week in reading, we are reading a range of different books with a focus on questioning whilst we read to deepen our understanding of the text.

In writing this week, we will be finishing our pieces for the Writer's Festival, as well as practising writing detailed middles to our stories by building the tension up to eventually solve a problem.

In maths, we are continuing to explore multiplication and repeated addition by exploring the link between groups of and arrays to help us describe basic multiplication facts by discussing rows and columns.

In spelling this term, we are continuing to adjust our spelling groups based on the individual spelling needs of students. Students are either working on consonants, digraphs, blends and short vowels, long vowels or other vowel sounds.

Both classes will focus on help-seeking strategies through the Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships program. We encourage you to have a chat with your child about what strategies they can use to help them help themselves.

Through our history unit, we will continue exploring the concepts of past, present and future. We continue to explore this in our session on Friday.

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



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Here we are at week 6! Well done to all 3/4 students who participated in our Book Week activities on Friday. It was a great turn-out!

Students of the Week:

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**Amelia Moss** for her great Reading is Thinking. She annotates her ideas and will happily share her thinking with others. Well done Milly.

**Payton Angel** for being a supportive member of the grade. You help and collaborate so with your peers, supporting and encouraging others in the class to be their best. What a great team member. Keep up the great work Payton.

**Katarlis Atherton-** Gordon for the amazing growth you have made in spelling. Test results show a ten point growth in our recent unit. Fantastic effort Katarlis!

34B

**Kamillah Comber-**Tidswell for the amazing growth you have made in spelling. Test results show a ten point growth in our recent unit. Fantastic effort Tilly!

**Fletcher Hindle** his commitment to recording new information learned in the texts he is reading. Keep up the great effort.

In Reading this week, we are continuing to explore non-fiction texts. The classes will be swapping over mentor texts so that 3/4A can explore *What is a Fish?* And 3/4B can learn about *Animal Shelters*. Our focus will be identifying and using text features.

Students will continue to research their chosen animal for their information report. We hope to start organising our collected information and to start drafting our introduction.

In Maths this week, we are continuing to explore fractions, with a focus on identifying equivalents. Please take any opportunity to talk about fractions in the real world at home (What fraction of your sandwich did you eat today? Can you cut the pizza into quarters?)

Last week students had a science challenge which required them to use their understanding of friction to get a tennis ball and a sneaker to travel down the slide at same speed. Well done to all students for their collaboration, persistence and participation in this great activity. The winners were: **John, Katarlis and Sienna, and Logan, Emily and Travis**. Both of these groups scored a 10/10 when their two objects arrived at the end of the slide together. Tomorrow, the 3/4 unit will be participating in a cricket clinic in the morning. Thanks Mrs Plant for organising this.



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Welcome Miss Julie Holden to the 3/4 Unit, replacing Mrs Mackie while she enjoys a trip around the Northern Territory.  
Have a great week,  
Larissa Murray, Julie Holden, Hunee and Lindy.



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Hello Grade 5/6 Families

Students of the week are:

**Willow Douglas:** For her Fantastic positive attitude. She is eager to learn and improve and she also care of other students are an asset to our class.

**Balin Tuck:** For his willingness to accept feedback in writing. Balin then uses this feedback to make his writing even better.

**Madison Angel:** For the effort she puts into all her classroom tasks. Keep it up Maddy!

In writing we are learning how to write persuasive texts. We have looked at the features of a persuasive paragraph and what makes a good introduction. Students have been writing on the topic "Sixteen Year Olds Are Too Young to Vote" and next they will have the opportunity to choose their own topic.

In reading, students are continuing to complete activities such as character studies and answering comprehension questions which relate to their particular book.

In maths we are continuing our focus on fractions and decimals with an emphasis on multiplying and dividing by 10's and comparing fractions.

In our inquiry unit we are looking at how bills are introduced into parliament and how they can be made into laws.

This week our grade 5/6 students are participating in the "Youth on Purpose" program. On Monday Chico Johnson who is running the program treated students to a performance of songs with strong messages about believing in yourself and being positive. He had everyone up dancing. Chico will continue working with students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. During this time students will be having a go at writing their own songs and talking about community and resilience.

Well done to all those students who participated in the athletics sports last week and congratulations to those who have made it to the next level.

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**If you have not yet finalised camp medical forms and payments, could you please do so as soon as possible.**

Thanking you

Carolyn Smith, Alec McPhee and Alyssa Wharf



## **French**

Bonjour,

My award this week went to **Mannix** (5-6A) and to **Tessa** (3-4A). Mannix really impressed me with his sense of agency last lesson. When asked to work on his own to try and learn some numbers, Mannix knew that he could easily count to 100 and chose to challenge himself with 3-digit numbers. After seeing how easily he could write them down, I offered him to have a go at 4 digit-numbers, and he could do this just as well! I loved how Mannix knew what to do to improve and chose to challenge himself.

Tessa's award is long overdue since she is always showing our school values and such an active participant in all our class activities. Tessa is aware of what to do to get better. She always repeats our words and writes them down in her book, without prompting, in order to retain them. Tessa is often seen helping her classmates too. Well done Tessa on your great attitude!

This week, Prep students will continue their work on pets, understanding and naming them through group games and song.

Students in grade 1-2 will sing our pet songs and rotate through group activities to practise the vocabulary.

Students in grades 3 and 4 will have another game at asking their friends what sports they play to found the culprit in a detective game. Then, they'll write a short paragraph about the sports they do in their free time.

5-6A will start learning some words to talk about money (coins, notes) and have a look at some euros. We'll also spend some time revising numbers.

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

Prep: **Mia, Nikiah, Willow, Frankie and Harper**

1-2A: **William, Halle, Oliver and Evie**

1-2B: **Austin, Isabella, Jack and Casey**

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3-4A: Chloe, Tessa, Addie and Harry

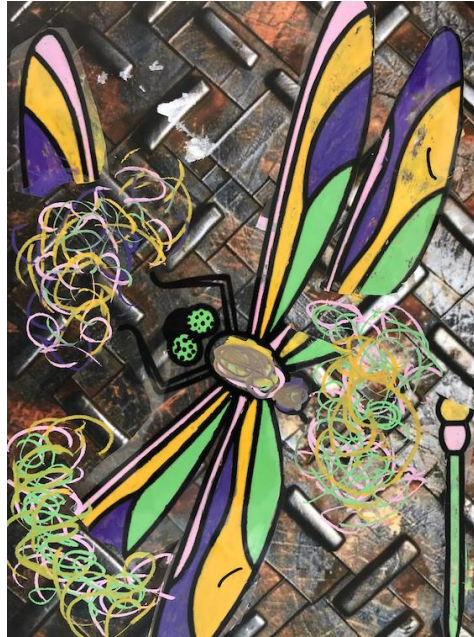
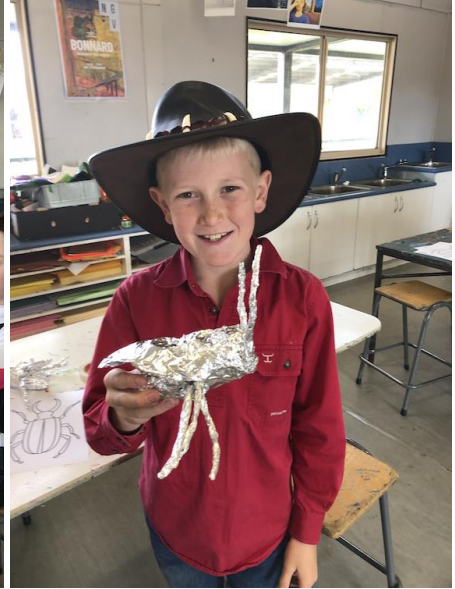
3-4B: Fletcher, Christian, Emily and Owen

5-6A: Ivy, Mannix, Dartanyan, Alannah and Zoe

Bonne semaine a tous!  
Emmanuelle Samson

### Art

This week will see students work towards a collaborative piece for the upcoming Writers' Festival, as well as beginning their investigation into Steampunk animals and insects.



Jobi Laybourne.

### SPORT AND PE NEWS

#### Students of the week:

**Lutarrna Nicholas:** for being resilient during PE, bouncing back after a crash, a bandaid and then a ball to the face whilst still managing a smile on her face 😊

**Sienna Jones:** during our cricket unit it was so pleasing to see Sienna challenge herself during the batting activities and surprise herself with how well she could hit.

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**Zoe Nairn:** showing personal resilience skills in PE. Very impressed with her mindset.

**Brysen Jonkers:** For his positive participation in PE and being a good sport.

Junior classes have finished off their soccer units and are now starting their preparations for the Junior Sports Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Save the date, we'd love to see families there! Grade 3-6 are starting their cricket unit. Senior students will also start preparations and selections for the Summer Sports, which will be held in Lakes Entrance on the first Friday back after the holidays. We would love parent helpers for scorers and coaches, so please let us know if you're available to help out on Game Day (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, starting around 10 am, finish 1.30 pm).

Melbourne Stars Cricket Roadshow Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>

Notices were sent home to all Grade 3/4s who will participate with other schools in the area in the Melbourne Stars Cricket Roadshow at Lakes Entrance Football Oval. Students will be travelling by bus with teachers leaving at 9.10 am for the one-hour session starting at 9.30. Should be fun and a great opportunity to connect to community sport! Please return permission forms to save us ringing parents' tomorrow morning!

Division Athletics Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

We have the results of the District Athletics! Congratulation to the following students who will represent Team TAPS at the Division Athletics in Bairnsdale on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September:

Mason Livingston: Shot Put, 100m

Tessa Manley: Hurdles

Summer Bishop: Hurdles

Charlotte Butcher: Shot Put

Lochlan Tunnage: High Jump

Declan Bills: Triple Jump

Mannix Blank: 100m

We will need parents to take their children on the day, so please return your permission form and travel intentions asap, notices have been sent home.

**Important Sport dates for Term 3 2025**

**WEEK 8**

Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Stars Cricket Roadshow Grade 3/4

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September Division Athletics Howitt Park (back up Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September Junior Sports Day Prep-Gr 2 Starts 9.30 am-12.30 pm.

**Important Sport dates for Term 4 2025**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October District Summer Sports Lakes Entrance (basketball, cricket and volleyball).

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Regional Athletics Newborough

ATF FREE After School Tennis Lesson at LETC



**Tennis sessions are back this Term of July 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm.** Please keep an eye on the Audiri app to see if we are on if the weather is inclement.

This term dates are:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September





# 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 Bolognaise \$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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# PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

AT LAKES ENTRANCE CRICKET CLUB!

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COMPETITION**

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**WOOLWORTHS  
CRICKET BLAST**

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# Writers Showcase 2025

*Far East Gippsland School Network, Department of Education Vic*

## *A Celebration of Student Writing* **Primary and Secondary**

**Where: Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall**

**When: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
10.00 to 4pm.**



### **SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS & CARERS HYBRID WEBINAR: HOW TO SUPPORT CAREER EXPLORATION**

**When?** Tuesday, September 2, 2025 from 4-5pm

**Where?** The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy St, Bairnsdale + online via Zoom

**What?** During this hybrid webinar, parents and carers will explore how to support school aged children and young people on their career exploration journey. Possibilities, aspirations, education opportunities and resources will be discussed by a selected panel including a student, a parent/carers, an educator and a career professional.



**Visit [www.trybooking.com/DEEIJ](https://www.trybooking.com/DEEIJ) or scan this QR code to register!**  
Registrations will close by 3pm on September 2. If you can't make it, register to get a copy of the recording



Ready Set Go is a sub-project of the Eastern Australian Regional University Centres Partnership (EARUCP) funded through the Regional Partnership Project Pool Program (RPPPP), an initiative of the Department of Education. Ready Set Go is brought to you locally through a partnership between Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network (GLEEN), Federation University Australia, and CQUniversity.

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# Save the Date

We're celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and we want you there!

**Saturday 11 October 2025**

11.00 – 3.30pm

GLCH, 18–26 Jemmeson Street, Lakes Entrance

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration featuring live music, roving performances, a community footpath art project, local food stalls, and giveaways.

Put the date in your calendar now – it's going to be great!

50 Years | Thousands of Stories | Locals  
Taking Care of Locals Since 1975



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# Save the Date

Join us for an evening of celebration as we mark 50 years of community care and connection.

**Saturday 11 October 2025**

5.00 – 7.30pm

GLCH, 18–26 Jemmeson Street,  
Lakes Entrance

Enjoy canapés and refreshments, live entertainment, and the official launch of our 50-year history booklet.

Share reflections and stories from across our 50-year history.

Invitation to follow.



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# THREATENED SPECIES DAY 2025

**Saturday 06 September**

**10am–12pm**

**East Gippsland Art Gallery Bairnsdale**

**Free event – everyone welcome!**

Join us for this free community event: Come and see your students' artwork creating a vibrant public installation in the Bairnsdale Main St Gardens!

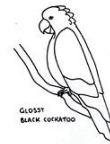
- **Flying fox talk for kids at 10am**
- **Art workshops**
- **Walk to view the student's artwork in the town gardens**



During July and August students from across the region are working with Areka Brown from East Gippsland Art Gallery, to paint garden stakes representing local threatened species – raising awareness through art and action. These stakes will be installed in the Bairnsdale Main Street gardens.

**Please note:** for installation in the Gardens – finished artwork need to be delivered to East Gippsland Art Gallery by 4pm Wednesday 03 September

East Gippsland Art Gallery  
2 Nicholson St Bairnsdale  
[eastgippslandartgallery.org.au](http://eastgippslandartgallery.org.au)  
03 5153 1988



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GREATER GLIDER POSSUM



POWERFUL OWL



GIANT BURROWING FROG



NEW HOLLAND MOUSE



EASTERN SPOT-TAILED QUOLL

Celebrating young artists and their role in protecting East Gippsland's precious biodiversity

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