



"EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS"

## NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 6

### TERM DATES

#### March

**07/03/2025**

3-6 Assembly 2.30pm  
Assembly Performance 3/4A

**10/03/2025**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**11/03/2025**

Whole school photo day

**21/03/2025**

Ride 2 School Day

#### April

**04/04/2025**

Last Day Term 1  
Early Dismissal 1.30pm

**22/04/2025**

Term 2 Commences

**Pupil Free Day**

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### Happy Campers Return!

Welcome back to our year 5 students who returned from Camp Kookaburra yesterday! This camp is always a favourite for our year 5 students! Students participated in kayaking, tackling the flying fox, archery, an amazing night walk and numerous team building activities! **A special thank you to Mr McLean for the many hours of preparation and co-ordination of this camp! Aso, thank you to Mr Mac, Mrs Hunt, Miss Louise and our parent volunteer, Mrs Fowler for making this camp possible for our students to enjoy!** *Here is some student feedback about their favourite highlights...*

**Nate-** *"I liked the 'Kookaburra Heights' which was my favourite thing, it is a 12 metre high climbing activity and I also liked the giant swing"*

**Brooklyn-** *"I liked the big swing! I was encouraged to pull the rope so that I could swing sideways on a harness, and I also liked the climbing obstacle course"*

**Micah-** *"The big swing was my favourite activity, we could choose how high we went and we were connected by a strap because it went really high".*

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## **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in years 3 and 5 will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process- it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. This year the NAPLAN test will take place during the period of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Students have been involved in some prior NAPLAN practice in readiness for the assessment.

\*A Department NAPLAN flyer has been sent home to families.

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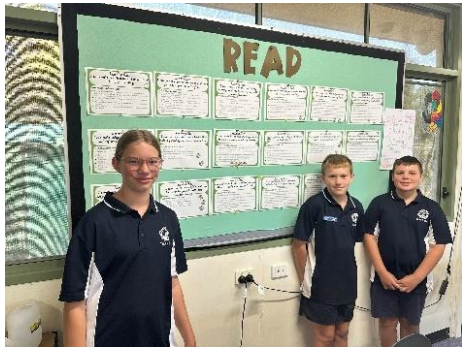
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## Laker's Learning Journeys!



**Learning Journeys** are providing our students with explicit data to know **'where they are at'** and **'where to next'** with their learning. All classes across our school will use learning journeys to map their learning goals, allowing greater autonomy to track their own learning & set meaningful goals that provide continuous growth. **Milla, Coper and Owen** share their thoughts on their reading learning journey...

**Cooper-** *"It challenges you to try your best to complete a goal"*

**Milla-** *"It's a way to grow on your learning"*

**Owen-** *"It gives you a reference you can look at to remind you of your goal".*

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kind regards,

*Ms Warburton*

## WELLBEING

**Independence...**In 1983, Pearson and Gallagher launched a teaching approach called 'The Gradual Release of Responsibility Model'. This model suggests that cognitive work should shift slowly and intentionally from teacher modelling, to joint responsibility between teachers and students, to independent practice and application by the learner. Parenting can be very easily aligned to this teaching and learning process. As parents, our role is to gradually and strategically shift responsibility to our children to develop a healthy level of independence, essentially making our role as parents obsolete. After all, as parents and educators alike we all want our children and students to develop and grow into independent adults who make a meaningful contribution to society.

This week, I was fortunate to attend a 3-day camp to Camp Kookaburra with 39 students, which was a wonderful 'growth' experience for all. School camps are very insightful and they clearly highlight the level of independence within each student. It was so impressive to see that many of our students were able to serve themselves over breakfast, dress themselves relative to the weather, keep their belongings together in their rooms, interact effectively with peers and adults and use basic manners. Conversely, it was illuminating to witness students who did not know how to use a knife and fork, who continually misplaced clothes and other belongings, as well as constantly asking "what's next?", rather than checking their schedule.

Regardless of age, let's all continue to work together to raise the level of independence amongst our students.

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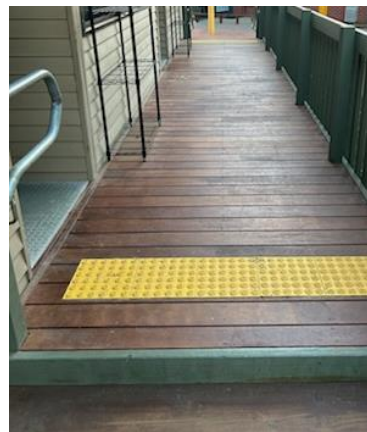


# GROUNDS & BUILDING NEWS

The buildings and grounds at The Lake Primary School have never looked better! When visitors visit our school, they invariably make comment on our grounds – there have even been multiple requests to ‘clone’ Mr. Trev! In the last 12 months, our grounds have undergone a noticeable facelift with major additions such as the expansive shade structure over the basketball courts (now known as Lakers Court), careful development of the ANZAC Memorial Garden, and expansion of the vegetable patch, including the instalment of ‘Cluckingham Palace’. You may have recently noticed the erection of three new flagpoles proudly flying the Australian, Indigenous and Torres Strait Island flags. Importantly, almost all the improvements across the school have involved considerable involvement from the student body and the broader school community. This has been a conscious consideration from the very beginning to grow pride and ownership and to instil a strong sense of connectedness. We always welcome constructive feedback and if you have any ideas to improve our buildings and grounds, please come forward and make your thoughts known.

*Kind regards,*

Mr. Mac and Mr. Trev



# WORKERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Niel Jordaan, Loui Bateman, Connor McGregor, Archie Keely, Elise Englefield, Oliver Gove, Wyatt Fraser, Josie Smith-Charles, Gilligan Del Papa, Ellenie Hugo, Lolah Arici, Aila Williams, Imogen Kampman, Louie Drust, Savannah Bowden and Aubri Taylor.

## LUNCH ORDERS



orders close at 2pm Wednesday afternoon for Thursday's lunches.

### How to set up your Flexischools account



Simply [download the Flexischools App](#) from the Apple or Google stores and follow the prompts to create an account. You can also sign up through the Flexischools website [flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au)

**Helpful hint: You have to have money in your 'wallet' (in the app) prior to placing your order.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photos are scheduled for Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Below are the details to get online and order your child's photo package. **Orders close Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm.**

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: 11/03/2025

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The Lake Primary School  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**

To order your school photos:

1. Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: 79LB86AV

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# COLOUR FUN RUN

Monty's Colour Fun Run coming on April 4<sup>th</sup>!

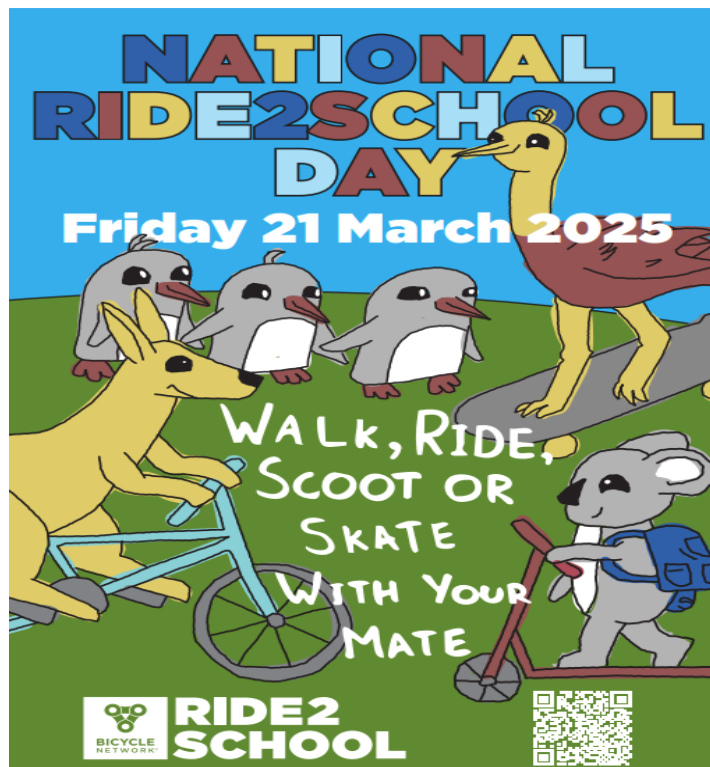
Simply go to [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page.

Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize – there are 15 unique prizes on offer!

You can even earn free bonus donations!



# RIDE 2 SCHOOL



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