



"EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS"

NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 3

TERM DATES

February

14/02/2025

Prep-2 Assembly
Assembly Performance 1/2A

12/02, 19/02, 24/02

No Preps Required

18/02/25

Community Afternoon
commencing at 3.35pm – Open
Classrooms

24/02/2025 – 26/02/2025

Yr 3/4 Lake Cullulleraine Camp

March

03/03/2025-05/03/2025

Yr 5 Camp Kookaburra

10/03/2025

Labour Day Public Holiday

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Lake PS Community Afternoon!

Join us next **Tuesday 18th February**, for our annual community gathering! This year we have planned an exciting lineup of activities including open classrooms, afternoon tea, a treasure hunt for students and their families and a thrilling basketball game to conclude the afternoon (teachers versus students!). This is a wonderful opportunity for families, students and staff to come together and strengthen our school community. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to see their child's learning environment and catch up with their child's teacher/s. We hope to see you there!



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School Council 2025

We are looking for new parent nominees to join our School Council team!

The School Council at The Lake PS contribute greatly to the decision making that sets the direction and future of our school. They-

- help create and manage the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- support decisions on policies

School Councils usually have between 6 and 15 members and include:

- **The principal**, who is the executive officer
- **Parents** who are chosen through an election
- **A school or Department staff member**

The Process

1. Complete the form or reply to the principal by the deadline.
2. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, a vote will happen.
3. The principal will run the vote and announce the outcome (DET guidelines 2021).

*If you are interested in joining our team, please contact me for further information or grab a nomination form from the ladies at the front office! The first School Council meeting & AGM will be **26th of February**.*

Wellbeing Support

Please note that our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Miss Louise will be working on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for Term 1! Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Louise (50233468) if you are needing any wellbeing advice or support for your child. **Good mental health & wellbeing is a high priority at The Lake, promoting a positive and healthy learning environment where students can flourish!**

Have a terrific week!

Kind regards,

Ms Warburton

WELLBEING

Settling into a new class – Starting a new school year is an exciting time for many, but for some students (and their parents) it can also be quite challenging. The return to school can be tricky for parents and carers to navigate to ensure their child is happy and settled in the classroom. Your child may be upset about changing classes or be worried that they might not be in the same class as their friends. Many students experience these anxieties as a new school year begins.

Questions such as *'is this a great opportunity for my child to build resilience and expand their social circles?'* and *'my child might be miserable, should I make contact with the school?'* are common dilemmas faced by families.

While there's no one size fits all approach, here are 6 tips from Sharon Baker, Principal in Residence at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership, informed by Australian research and the general principles of child psychology.

Tip #1 – Acknowledge their feelings (validate emotions)

Tip #2 – Focus on positives and familiarity (highlight exciting aspects, identify familiar faces)

Tip #3 – Encourage problem-solving and independence (model a positive outlook on change)

Tip #4 – Set and maintain predictable routines (consistency and structure, transition prep.)

Tip #5 – Encourage open communication with teachers (connect)

Tip #6 – Promote friendship and social skills (arrange playdates or social time)

Kind regards, 

Mr. Mac and Miss. Louise

WORKERS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Oliver Whitelegg, Rafael DeAngelo, Frankie Zappia, Leni Congress, Harrison Withers, Clara Fowler, Mason Wall, Ruby Thompson, Harlen Saleta, Jaynah Bowes, Zoe Caia, Cooper McCully, Isla Strike, Frankie Zappia and Emmi Peterson.

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4/5B NEWS

To start the new year, 4/5B have been working on developing great routines for our different learning areas. In number fluency, we have been practicing our times tables and number facts through short math games. The students have enjoyed playing dash or trash, greedy pig and multiplication war. Each activity is completed in pairs or small groups to help building our collaboration and team work.



LUNCH ORDERS



It's been exciting to see so many families download the Flexischools app. Just a reminder that 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

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

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NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 21 March 2025



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