



NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Week 7

TERM DATES

March

14/03/2025

Prep-2 Assembly @ 2.40pm
Assembly Performance – 1/2B

21/03/2025

Ride2School Day

24/03/2025 - 28/03/2025

Stomp incursion

April

04/04/2025

Colour Fun Run
Last day of Term 1
Early dismissal @ 1.30pm

22/04/2025

Term 2 commences

Pupil Free Day

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and were able to privilege some time to relax and recharge.

Russell House Captains

Following a process involving criteria checks, interviews, speeches and student voting, our successful candidates for Russell House Captain are Owen Heaysman and Jed



Hunt – congratulation boys! Owen and Jed join Jaynah Bowes, Riley Herrick (Dermett); Harlen Saleta, Cooper McCully (Bromley); Hallie Fiebig and Thomas Birnie (Shillington) as 2025 House Captains.

NAPLAN

Yesterday, NAPLAN testing commenced for Year 3 and Year 5 students, and it was wonderful to see



almost all students putting in their best efforts. For some students, formal testing can cause anxiety, however our classroom teachers have done an excellent job at reassuring students and the students

have responded accordingly – well done! Testing will conclude with Numeracy on Monday and we look forward to sharing individual results with families when they are available.

Harmony Week

Next week, week 8, is Harmony Week, with this year's theme being, 'Everyone Belongs'. We understand that Australia is one of the world's most successful multicultural countries and our cultural diversity is at the heart of who we are. Some people might be surprised to learn that over half of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals. To celebrate Harmony Week and to harness the theme of 'Everyone Belongs', students and staff will be engaging with a variety of activities including – decorating and displaying handprints, viewing online activities and sharing individual stories about personal uniqueness. If you have an interesting cultural background or a unique multicultural story, we would love to hear from you. Simply, reach out to your child's classroom teacher via email or phone 03 50233468 and we will make arrangements to have your story heard.



Reading Volunteers



Our highly valued reading volunteers continue to grow in numbers. We now welcome 19 parents and grandparents on a weekly basis to come into classrooms and listen to students read. Our students generally love to read aloud and every time they do this, little by little, their reading improves. As we know, lots of little drops in a bucket, over time, add up to something big. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please email me directly – shaun.mcinerney@education.vic.gov.au

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr. McInerney



Above – Year 5 students completing today's NAPLAN Reading task.

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Creative after school questions

As parents, we generally want to hear about our child's day. We want to know details, but it's not always easy to get information out of them. Here is a list of questions you might like to try after school.

- Who did you play with at lunch/recess?
- Who came up with the idea of what to play?
- Did you have any Specialist classes today? What did you do in Art/STEM/PE?
- How did you help someone today?
- What did you fail at today?
- What did you succeed with today?
- What book are you reading now? What's happening so far?
- Who do you think is the kindest person in your class?
- What is something that made you smile today?
- Did you make someone smile today?
- What did you find hard today?
- Who was the 'Super Helper'?
- What things did people share for 'Show & Tell' today?
- What are you writing about?
- Where is your favorite area to play in the yard?
- Are there any worries at school you'd like to talk about?

Please be mindful that not all students will be ready to talk straight after school. Some students may need some type of 'down time' before they are ready to talk about their day. Just like adults, children need breaks too! For some, talking in the car may be better, others may need the car to be quiet and have a snack before chatting about their day. Some students may like to use that time just before bed to focus on talking about their day. Whatever works for your family, we hope that using some of the questions above helps you to build your connection with your children and their school journey.

With much kindness,

Miss Louise and Mr Mac

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Ollie Hall, Ashley Smith-Charles, Sam Watson, Sofia Piscitelli, Brody Herrick, Malia Vincenzini, Billy Ough, Isla Marks, Jax Williams, Zara Eagle, Liam Goudie, Milla Algate, Harry Cooksley, Riley Herrick, Preston Cramp, Quade Peterson, Ben Muller and Emmi Peterson.



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PE & HEALTH NEWS

We have been fortunate enough to have Melinda Binding here from the Merbein Golf Club to facilitate some golfing clinics with our little Lakers. Thanks to Sporting Schools Victoria for providing us with this amazing opportunity. The students have learnt many skills including proper swing mechanics, short game techniques, putting, chipping, driving and the importance of consistency and focus. Our clinics will conclude with an excursion to the Merbein Golf Club for the Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classes and a mini golf course here at school for the rest of the students.



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LUNCH ORDERS



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



EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle - Support our STEM & Arts program!

This year, all fundraising money from our **Easter Raffle** will contribute to the STEM & Arts Program at our school! We are looking to extend our 3D Printer capabilities with new resources and expand our music program within the Arts curriculum. Raffle tickets will be sent home today. They are \$1.00 per ticket and tickets will be drawn on Thursday, 3rd April. Any donations of Easter chocolates or any chocolates are greatly appreciated. All donations are to be left in the front office.



COLOUR FUN RUN

Feeling lucky? For every \$20 you fundraise you get one entry into the draw to win \$20,000 cash at the end of the year! Be quick, time is running out! Create your profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and ensure you share it around to family and friends to receive donations. The more you raise, the more prizes you will receive.



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NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 21 March 2025



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