



TERM DATES

Term 3

19/09/2025

Final day for Term 3
(1.30pm dismissal)

Term 4

10/10/2025

Yr 5/6 District sport Merbein

12/10/2025

Working Bee (9.30-12.30pm)

13/10/2025

Regional Athletics in Bendigo

14/10/2025

1st Orientation Session
Prep 2026

17/10/2025

Yr 3/4 Basketball Tournament

24/10/2025

Family Community Evening

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NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

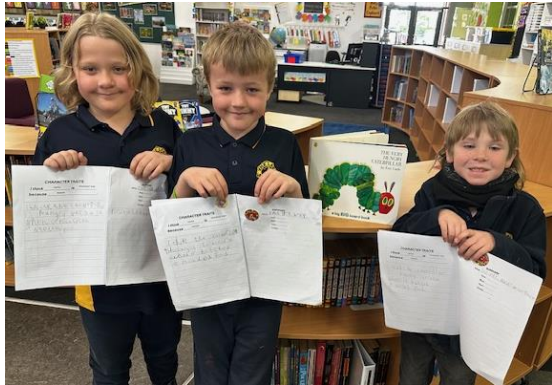
Football Fever @ The Lake!

Today, our school was a vibrant sea of colours as students celebrated Footy Colours Day! The day kicked off with a wonderful display of pride and sportsmanship as students paraded their team colours at our annual **Footy Colour's Day Parade!**



Students then enjoyed a day of rotational activities participating in football, soccer, cricket, rugby, basketball, netball, volleyball, basketball and a little craft! A big thank you to everyone who participated and made Footy Colours Day such a success with lots of fun! Students, your enthusiasm and school spirit truly shone brightly today. A big **thank you** to **Mrs Cohrs** and the **Year 5/6 helpers** for making this day such a success!

Talented Students Showcase Amazing Reading & Writing Skills!



Bradley, George, and Bailey delighted in reading one of the all-time favourite stories, "***The Very Hungry Caterpillar***," and then showcased their impressive progress in reading and writing skills. **Great job, we are so proud of you!**

Amazing Fundraising Efforts for STEM & ART!

What incredible fundraising efforts! As a result our STEM program has been updated with some pretty cool technology! Thanks to the generous contributions from our families and the wider community, we have raised enough funds so far to purchase exciting new resources, including **BeaverBots**, **iPads**, **Spheros**, and **Tale-bots**.

These innovative resources will provide our students with hands-on learning experiences that foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The **BeaverBots** are perfect for introducing coding concepts, allowing students to explore robotics in a fun and engaging way. Meanwhile, the iPads will enhance our tech integration, enabling students to access a wealth of educational resources and interactive applications that support their learning.

Additionally, the **Spheros** and **Tale-bots** will encourage collaboration and teamwork as students work together on projects, bringing their ideas to life through technology. These resources align perfectly with our commitment to preparing students for the future and igniting their passion for STEM fields.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated, and supported our fundraising efforts! With one term to go, it will be exciting to see what the next purchase for the STEM & ART programs will be!



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'Full Bloom' Volunteering!



Welcome to the veggie garden **Mrs Fowler**! Mrs Fowler has been volunteering her time to work alongside **Mr Trev, Mrs Leanne Hunt** and **students**, teaching them about gardening, sustainability, and the importance of caring for our feathered friends. In particular our flower gardens are flourishing, with vibrant colours ready for picking! The students have enjoyed learning how to plant seeds, tend to the garden, and understand where their food comes from.

Thank you, Mrs Fowler, for your time, effort, and passion for enhancing our outdoor learning environment!

Year 1/2 Activity Day! Thank you &



Last week students were excited to participate in **many** activities over Thursday & Friday! A big thank you to our teaching staff, **Mrs Wall, Miss Humphrey, Mrs Anderson, Mr Gale** and our wonderful volunteers, **Mrs Heffernan & Mr Barnes** who made this memorable experience possible. Your support helped create a wonderful experience for our students!

Parents as Partners



Thank you to our families that joined us to discuss their child's Term 3 achievements and set goals for Term 4 through collaborative conversations with our teachers! It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to gain insights into their child's academic journey, celebrate their successes, and identify areas for growth.

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As we look ahead to Term 4, the discussions also focused on setting actionable goals that align with each child's individual learning needs as demonstrated in their personal learning journeys. We are grateful for the active involvement of our parents, which significantly enriches the connection between school and home and makes a real difference in their learning experience.



Celebrating Our Home Reading Champions!

Today, we were thrilled to celebrate an incredible achievement by our students who have reached **200 nights of home reading**! It was exciting to acknowledge this amazing milestone for **forty three Lakers** who have dedicated themselves to this challenge. A well-deserved lunch was enjoyed by these champion readers! Thank you Miss **Bec** for co-ordinating this celebration!



Well done students with your dedication to reading! A big thank you to our teachers and parents for supporting our reading initiatives and encouraging our students along their reading journeys.

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Happy Holidays!

As we wrap up Term 3, I would like to acknowledge our wonderful school community (staff, families, students & volunteers!) for your support and involvement throughout the term. Your commitment to our students and school activities is greatly appreciated! Thank you 😊

I wish everyone a happy and restful break and I look forward to seeing everyone back and ready for an exciting Term 4!

Regards,

Ms Warburton

WELLBEING

How to recharge your kids over the holidays (without losing your sanity!)

School holidays is that time that often comes around too quickly. You can love your kids but dread school holidays. Not only can it disrupt your routine, it also comes with creating and keeping up with kids' calendars every minute of the day. It can be overwhelming to even the most organised parents.

It can be tempting to keep the kids busy and wear them out, however, for most of us, this is not how we want to spend our holidays, so why would they? Just like us, they need time to

physically and mentally rest their brains and bodies. Some parents will frantically jam-pack the holidays to fend off boredom for their kids. Whilst doing new and exciting activities is a good thing, there is something to be said for allowing your child to experience 'boredom' and be left to their own devices.

Children need time to themselves, to switch off from the constant stimulus, to be on their own without distraction and to discover their own interests and gifts. Boredom builds resilience within your child, it helps them to develop problem-solving skills and fosters creativity. Letting the mind wander from time to time is important for everyone's mental well-being and function.

Kids are more resilient than we think. By embracing boredom, promoting mindful activities and encouraging your child to plan their own activities, it will allow them the time and space to fully recharge over the break, returning to school energised and ready to learn!



All the best for the upcoming school holiday break!



Kind regards,

Mr. Mac and Miss. Louise

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WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Quinn Sullivan, Benji Crossling, Chase Scarr, Max Giddings, Wil McGinty, Imogen Lever, Evie Jacobson, Grace Brown, Mia Jowett, Thomas Birnie, Lexxi Ryan, Sienna Giddings, Sofia Piscitelli, Fletcher Fitzgerald and Malia Vincenzini.



1/2C NEWS

Grade 1/2 Activity Days and Grade 2 Sleepover from 12C

On Thursday the 11th of September, we went to Lake Hawthorn and we also went orienteering and then to EnviroEdu to learn about reptiles. Then the Grade 2's had a sleepover at school! At the sleepover we had a very fun disco!

Macey H

On Friday, we woke up, watched Bluey and then had pancakes, yum! We went to Ten Pin Bowling and then to Benetook Farm. **Amelia D**

At Benetook Farm, I liked the bike track and the new flying fox. I also liked the maze and the chickens. Ten Pin Bowling was fun, I came fifth! **Paddy H**

Going on the bus was fun, the seats were very comfortable! **August E**

My favourite part was riding the bikes on the bike track at Benetook Farms. **Viviana D**

At Lake Hawthorn, Mr Ian Mac and Kim taught us lots of important things about looking after nature! **Ellenie H**



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