



## NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 1

### TERM DATES

#### **Term 3**

#### **July**

25/07/2025  
NO ASSEMBLY

#### **August**

06/08/2025

Whole School Aths Carnival

04/08/2025

Puberty Talks (Year 5/6)

11/08/25-15/08/25

Year 5/6 Swimming Program

22/08/2025

'Book Week' Activity Day  
Grandparents Day  
(more details to follow)

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### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Welcome back!**

A warm welcome to Term 3 to all families. It was so wonderful to see the smiling faces of students on Tuesday and it's been lovely touching base briefly with many families since school resumed. Let's continue to work in alignment and be guided by our school motto – 'Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts'.

#### **Curriculum Day & Planning Day**

We commenced the Term with a Curriculum Day on Monday and a Planning Day on Tuesday. These two days provided an excellent opportunity to continue working on our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) goals and to solidify teaching and learning programs for Term 3. Wildside Adventures ran a fun-filled day of team-building rotations on Tuesday. Even though the weather was not particularly kind, all students had fun, showed resilience and further established their leadership and cooperative skills – a great way to kickstart the Term!

#### **Fundraising – Colour Fun Run**

On the final day of Term 1, Mrs. Cohrs, House Captains and Junior School Council members hosted the annual 'Colour Fun Run'. It was a huge success and the school profited in excess of



\$10,000. On Monday, a parcel arrived and inside was a trophy congratulating The Lake Primary School on our outstanding fundraising efforts. Pictured is Mrs. Cohrs with Clara Fowler, our highest fundraising student throughout this year's 'Colour Fun Fun'. Well done everyone – a wonderful community achievement!

### Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO)



It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that we have a new KESO, Claire Mennen, joining The Lake Primary School. Claire was onsite on both Monday and Tuesday and has already started building relationships with students and staff. Claire will be visiting weekly and is very eager to establish herself as a supportive body for our Koorie students and families. Check out Claire's introductory statement below –

*Hi, my name is Claire Mennen, and I am a proud Wadawurrung Woman originally from Ballarat. I work for the Department of Education and am the KESO (Koorie Engagement Support Officer) for The Lake Primary School.*

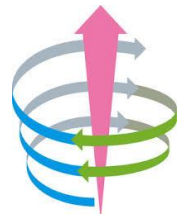
*My role aims to build strong relationships with the school community, help schools be culturally inclusive and make sure Koorie students and families feel supported. I'm passionate about connecting with people and being part of the community. I also enjoy playing footy and spending time with my family.*

*You can reach out to me through the school, or please stop and have a chat if you see me around the school grounds.*

### Student Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS)

This year, one of our major goals in the Annual Implementation Plan is 'Maximise wellbeing and inclusion for all students'. With a strong focus on Student Voice Teams (SVT's), three specific 12-month targets that we have been working hard to improve include: a) teacher concern; b) sense of connectedness; and c) advocate at school. We recently received the results from our AtoSS and I am excited to share that the students have spoken and we have made strong improvements in all three areas.

- ❖ Teacher concern has increased from 67% to 72%
- ❖ Sense of connectedness has increased from 57% to 60%
- ❖ Advocate at school has increased from 79% to 87%



Wellbeing remains paramount. We are fully cognisant of the fact that students are happiest and perform at their best when they are engaged and have positive relationships with their peers and teachers. With our 'Real Schools' focus, the 'Linked In Lakers' initiative and engagement with 'The Stand Up Project', we will continue to strive for positive wellbeing for every student.

Kind regards,

*Shaun McInerney*

(Acting Principal)

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# BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will commence in **Week 2 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**. It will remain the same format throughout term 3, continuing with Tuesday and Thursday mornings from **8:00am – 8:40am**.

We look forward to seeing you in Term 3 😊

Thank you,  
Miss Jess & Mr Trev

# GARDENING GROUP NEWS



## Garden Group

The Garden Group is up and running for term 3. Rosters were sent home with Garden Group members yesterday. It was wonderful to receive so many letters from the students telling us about why they would like to be part of this group.

Our chickens have been busy laying and the eggs are very popular. We sell our eggs for \$6 for a carton of 10 eggs. These are available through the office. We have also been lucky enough to have some red onions donated to us. We have bagged them up and they are available for \$2 a bag.

Thanks,

Mr Trev, Mrs Hunt & The Gardening Group

# BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were sent home this week. All orders need to be made online using Loop. Instructions are on the back of the catalogues. We would like to warmly thank all families who continue to support our Book Club. By doing this, you not only help raise money for our school, but also you are helping to foster a love for books and reading.

Happy shopping!  
Book Club Coordinators  
Miss Bec and Miss Louise



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# WELLBEING

## Do you talk to your children about bullying?

Most of you have probably heard about the incredibly sad news coming from NSW this week, where a 10-year-old girl has had her young life cut tragically short. This was heartbreakingly a result of bullying. A tragedy no person or family should have to experience. So, the question is, do you talk to your children about bullying? At school, we educate all students about bullying, we explain what bullying is, and what the effects of bullying can be. We deal with any matters of bullying as soon as concerns come to our attention and we manage this with a restorative approach using our Real Schools systems. Unfortunately, in today's world, this is just not enough. Families also need to talk about this at home. Not just once but talk about bullying often. Talk about what bullying is, if you're unsure yourself, research it, the statistics are alarming. Ask your children if they have ever been bullied, have they ever witnessed bullying, and even ask if they have ever bullied someone else. Talk to them about their options, who they can talk to and strategies to deal with the issue. With the ongoing increase in children having access to smart phones and social media, not only can children be victims at school, but they can fall victim at home, in their safe space. The responsibility of dealing with bullying comes down to all of us, teachers, education support staff, leadership, community members and parents. So please make talking about this with your family as a top priority. Open the doors to this important conversation and do it more than once. If any of you have concerns, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher as a first point of contact.

With much kindness

Miss Louise and Mr Mac



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