



NEWSLETTER: Term 3 Week 5

TERM DATES

Term 3

22/08/2025

Prep-2 Assembly @ 2.40pm

22/08/2025

'Book Week' Activity Day
Grandparents Morning

26/08/2025

Yr.5/6 'Weir to Wharf' excursion

28/08/2025

Chaffey Aged Care visit

29/08/2025

PJ & Crazy Hair Day

September

02/09/2025

Mini Olympics

19/09/2025

Final day for Term 3

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

Welcome to Issue #26. This is a very real reminder that we are well into the second half of the 2025 school year. I had a conversation with our 37 Year 6 students recently and encouraged them all to enjoy their final Semester and privilege some time to personally reflect on the legacy that they intend leaving. I encourage all students to make the most of every available opportunity – work hard, interact with others respectfully and be kind.

Real Schools

On Tuesday, teaching staff met online with expert facilitator, Daniel Vella, to continue our ongoing development with restorative practices. During this session, we drilled down into two major areas, 1) the 3E's – Engagement, Explanation and Expectation Clarity; and 2)

Process vs Outcome. There were some new learnings throughout the session along with some strong affirmations for staff. As a collective, we are working really hard every day to build a culture of fairness and an environment where mistakes are seen as opportunities to grow. Of course, we understand that outcomes are important, however, it is consistency in a fair and transparent process that will ultimately build trust and strengthen relationships within our school community that is most significant.



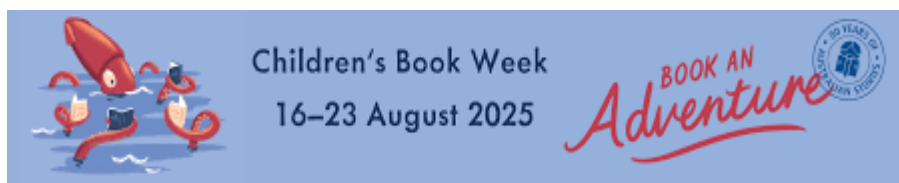
NAIDOC Celebrations

Last Friday, we celebrated NAIDOC day. This year's theme is – The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. It was a wonderful occasion where we recognized and honoured the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and learnt about the rich heritage of the First Nations people. Throughout the day, students and staff engaged in a variety of activities including storytelling, indigenous games, artifacts, johnny cakes and boomerang throwing. We were fortunate to have the support of local KESO's (Koorie Education Support Officers) and MASP employees to assist on the day, which concluded with a smoking ceremony facilitated by Uncle Peter. I would like to extend a big 'thank you' to Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Mumford and Miss. Claire for their thorough planning and excellent organisation in bringing our community together for such an important celebration.



Book Week

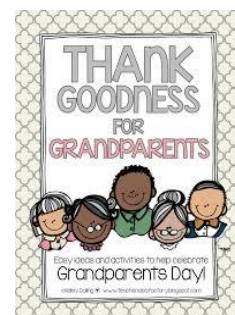
This week is Children's Book Week. The theme this year is 'Book an Adventure' and 2026 marks the 80th anniversary since its inception. On Monday, all students spent an hour with guest



author, Andrew Kelly. During this time, Andrew engaged the students with song (he is a music teacher too!) and his two stories, titled 'Cry Hard Chucky' and 'Laugh Hard Chucky'. Book Week is all about inspiring students and harnessing a love of reading – Andrew certainly provided that excitement and spark! Tomorrow, students and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The day will commence with a parade on Laker's Court with rotational activities throughout the day. Thank you to Miss. Toni and Ms. Anderson for coordinating our Book Week activities.

Grandparent's Morning

A reminder that tomorrow we are celebrating our amazing Grandparents. At The Lake Primary School, Grandparents are integral to our overall success. Grandparents play a vital role in supporting children's education and overall development. They offer a wealth of life experience, wisdom, and often a different perspective that complements the learning in the classroom. Undoubtedly, the Grandparents that are active within our school, certainly contribute to our sense of belonging and strong community spirit. Grandparent's will be welcomed into classrooms at 10.00am for some special activities and are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug and some lunch to share with their grandchildren on the oval at 11.00am.



Kind regards,

Shaun McInerney

(Acting Principal)

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Kids need parents, not friends

There's no denying that parents want to be loved by their children and even liked by them. It's nice to be loved and liked, it helps create strong connections. The fact is, however, children will not always like their parents, and this is completely okay and, in fact, quite normal. Many children fight boundaries, rules, responsibilities and consequences, all of which, is fine. Children will fight bedtimes, restricted use of technology, vegetables, chores, and homework among many other things. But please, don't let the fear or worry of your children not liking you in the short term, stop you from parenting, following through with consequences, and sticking to the boundaries. Children need these things to learn how to be respectful both in and out of the home. Children need parents to be just that, their parents, not their friends. Responsible parenting is the more difficult type of parenting as it takes hard work and consistency. Responsible parents often worry they are doing things the right way. But responsible parenting now, will help to shape responsible, successful adults later, and ensure you are able to have a strong friendship with your child in the future.

With much kindness, 😊

Miss Louise

1/2B NEWS

As part of Book Week, every Unit in the school had the chance to spend time with author, **Andrew Kelly**. The Year 1/2's all went along together to hear him share his stories.

Andrew read both of his picture books, *Cry Hard Chucky* and *Laugh Hard Chucky*. The first story explores how important it is to let ourselves cry when we need to, and the second reminds us of the joy and comfort that laughter can bring. Both books helped the children see that all feelings are important.

During the session, Andrew also sang some songs with the students, which had everyone joining in with big smiles. Afterwards, the children had fun making their own puppets, bringing the characters to life in their own way.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate Book Week and reminded us all how stories can help us talk about our feelings, laugh together, and share creativity.



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