'EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, EVERY MOMENT COUNTS'





# **TERM DATES**

# <u>Term 4</u> 10/10/2025

Yr 5/6 District Sport @ Sporting Precinct

#### 12/10/2025

Working Bee (9.30-12.30pm)

#### 13/10/2025

Regional Athletics in Bendigo

#### 14/10/2025

1<sup>st</sup> Orientation Session Prep 2026

#### 17/10/2025

Yr 3/4 Basketball Tournament

#### 24/10/2025

Family Community Evening (flyer at end of newsletter)

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## **NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 1**

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **New STEM Equipment Made Possible by Your Support!**

We are excited to share some fantastic news about how your generous contributions have made an impact on our school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program! Thanks to the incredible support from the fundraising efforts so far, we have successfully acquired two 'Beaver Bot' cutters! This innovative cardboard cutting tool allows our students to create 3D models and craft designs with safety that will enhance our students' learning experiences and creativity. Year 1/2 and 5/6 students have thoroughly enjoyed this new experience!









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# Congratulations! Students Selected for the Term 4 High Ability Math Program!

This term our High Abilities Program will be Maths focussed. Congratulations to Quade, Rosa, Alice & Harlen who have been selected to participate- well done! We know that you will have an enriching and challenging experience with Mrs Krisitie Hunt as your practice leader!



#### It's Now Time to Vote!

Mr. Trev has been very busy building our new outdoor 'adventure' initiative, which includes the following activities-



- golf 'Pitch & Putt'
- golf putting green
- lawn bowls &
- a bike track!

Families are invited to vote for a name for this outdoor space. Simply write your suggestion on a piece of paper and bring it to the front office to place in our suggestion box by **Monday 13th October!** We have some very excited students awaiting the official opening taking place at our **School Community Evening on Friday 24th October!** 

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Happy voting!

#### Lakers Gear Up with New Basketball Tops!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the **Tegart family**, owners of **Module Dezines**, who have made a generous donation to our school- **32 new basketball tops** for our students. This generous contribution will provide our basketball teams with the uniforms to compete proudly and represent The Lake

Primary School! The year 5/6 students will be the first to sport the new tops tomorrow at the **Merbein District Summer Sports** and the year 3/4 basketball team will have an opportunity to wear the singlets next Friday when competing in the

#### basketball fun day!

We are incredibly grateful for the support of **the Module Dezines**- Thank you!







#### Student Mobile Phone Usage- A Reminder Regarding Safety.

We would like to remind everyone of the **Department's Mobile Phone Policy**, which has been implemented by the Minister for Education. A 'mobile phone' refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as **smart watches** and **iPads**.

At The Lake Primary School, personal mobile phones are not permitted during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, unless specific exceptions have been granted by the principal.

If a student needs to bring their mobile phone to school, they must hand it in at the front office upon arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. For students who have received permission to use their phones, it is essential that they do so only for the intended purpose arranged with the principal, and in a safe, ethical, and responsible manner.

Unfortunately, we have noticed some students disregarding these important guidelines by using their phones or recording videos during school hours. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these rules to ensure the online safety and well-being of our students. **Thank you for your cooperation!** 

#### **Mildura Show Handwriting**

This year, students in the Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classes are entering a piece of handwriting in the upcoming **Mildura Show**, which will be held on the **16th**, **17th and 18th of October**. If you are going along to the Show, you will find their beautiful handwriting displayed in the Art and Crafts pavilion. We have attached the exhibit tickets with numbers onto their work, as names are not displayed for judging purposes, but your child will hopefully be able to recognise his/her own writing to show you. Any students who have won a prize will have their name displayed, along with a ribbon. Well done to all students who have entered, for having a go and doing their best handwriting! **\* Mrs Kristie Hunt** 

#### **Term 4 Pupil Free Days**

A reminder that the following days in Term 4 will be pupil free-

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Curriculum Day)
- Friday 21st November (Assessment & Reporting)

Enjoy the beautiful sunshine!

Kind Regards,

**Ms Warburton** 



# WELLBEING

**Supporting you child to <u>finish strong</u> -** As we begin the final term of the school year, it's important for parents to help their children finish strong academically while also managing their mental health. The last few months of the school year can be challenging, however, by providing support and guidance, parents can help their children navigate these challenges and set them up for success.

- **1. Create a routine:** Establishing a consistent daily routine can help your child stay organized and focused. Set specific times for homework, meals, and relaxation to ensure that your child stays on track with their school-related responsibilities.
- **2. Set goals:** Co-create realistic goals with your child for the remainder of the school year. Help them break down larger tasks into smaller, manageable steps so they can make progress towards their goals each day. Celebrate their achievements along the way to keep them motivated.
- **3. Prioritize self-care:** It is important for students to take care of their mental health when things get busy and, for some, anxiety takes hold. Encourage your child to prioritize self-care activities such as exercise, getting enough sleep, eating well-balanced meals, and taking breaks when needed. Remind them that it's okay to ask for help if they are feeling overwhelmed.
- **4. Communicate openly:** Keep an open line of communication with your child about how they are feeling as they approach the end of the school year. Encourage them to talk about any worries or concerns they may have about their academic performance or mental well-being. Offer guidance and support without judgment so they feel comfortable sharing their thoughts with you.

As a parent, you play a crucial role in helping your child finish the school year off strong both academically and mentally. By creating a supportive environment at home, establishing routines, setting goals together, prioritizing self-care, and maintaining open communication channels with your child, you can help them navigate through this challenging time successfully.

Kind regards,

'Starting strong is good…finishing strong is <u>EPIC'</u>

#### Mr. Mac and Miss. Louise







It's about books, it's about reading! It's about your children, it's about fun! It's our **Scholastic Book Fair** – a special time for our entire school community. Our fair will be in our Open Learning Area from **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October**. We will be available for sales between **8:15 – 8:45am and 3:15 – 3:45pm on both days**.

On Monday and Tuesday, students will be visiting the Book Fair to create a 'wish list'. Please note you do not have to purchase everything on this list, it is simply to give you an idea of what your children have their eyes on. Orders can be made online by following the instructions on the back of your child's 'wish list', **this slip must then be returned to make a purchase.** 

If you like, you can help build our school library by purchasing a book to donate. All donated books will have a sticker placed inside the book highlighting which family/student donated the book.

We encourage you to enjoy this special event and help raise funds for our school. We can't wait to see you there!

With kindness and excitement,

#### Miss Louise and Miss Leah





# "FAMILY FUN EVENT"

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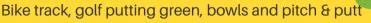
## **FOOD TRUCKS**



Kebab King, Fast Freddy, Donuts & Hotdogs & Scoops Icecream



## OFFICIAL OPENING









# 6.30PM CHOIR & DANCE

Students will perform on the MPR stage



## **AUCTION & RAFFLE**

Classroom artwork will be auctioned and our major fundraising raffle will be drawn



**6.50PM** 



## MOVIE ON THE BIG SCREEN

Settle in with your pillows and rugs and enjoy a family movie on the outdoor screen



\$30 per family (to help cover hire of movie screen) - payment options include EFT, front office or EFT/cash on the night

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