



TERM DATES

Term 4

28/11/2025

Prep-2 assembly @ 2.40pm

Assembly performance – Prep A & B

24/11/2025-28/11/2025

3/4A, 3/4B, 4/5A & 4/5B

Swimming Program

01/12/2025-05/12/2025

P-2 Swimming Program

4/12/2025

2026 House Captain speeches

08/12/2025

Whole School Swimming
Carnival

09/12/2025

3rd Prep 2026 Orientation
Session
Statewide Transition Day

2026 School Captain Speeches

11/12/2025

Year 6 Graduation

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NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 8

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Students Dive into Swimming Lessons This Week!

Year 3/4 and 4/5 students started their swimming lessons this week at the First Strokes Swimming Centre! The program is continuing to strengthen our student's swimming skills and building their confidence in the water. Great timing with our hot weather coming up over the holidays!



Highlights From Our Open Classrooms.

Yesterday, we hosted our **Open Classrooms** event, providing families with a wonderful opportunity to see their child's work and the progress they have made throughout the school year. We are super proud of our students and the commitment they have shown towards their learning growth! Thank you to all the families who attended, your involvement makes a significant difference in their educational journey!



Embracing AI in Education!

Yesterday, **Mrs Wall, Mr McLean, Mr Mac and I** attended an **AI professional learning** session, which provided valuable insights into the incredible (and sometimes overwhelming!) potential of artificial intelligence in our classrooms. We explored how AI can enhance teaching and learning and that it is essential for us to understand this technology better. The session also highlighted ways to integrate AI tools into our curriculum, creating an environment where students can engage with these platforms critically and creatively, without compromising their cognitive learning with just getting to the 'answer' quickly!

By equipping our staff with knowledge about AI's capabilities, we can guide our students to use these tools with curiosity and integrity. Our goal is to empower them to become thoughtful digital citizens and use this technology for their learning but also understand the ethical implications of its use. As we move forward, we will continue to provide professional development opportunities and resources that encourage both staff and students to embrace AI responsibly, preparing them for a future where technology plays an increasingly significant role in our society. We will, of course keep you updated in this new space!

Dancing Stars: Lakers on Stage!

The KM Dance Co showcased their annual dance concert last weekend featuring Acro, Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary compilations. Our very own students from The Lake School PS included **Elyse Wall, Viviana Dichiera, Quinn Sullivan, Azusa Matsuzaki & Scout Cameron** – way to go Lakers! It is great to hear about the many achievements of our students in our community also!

Join us to Celebrate Our Student's Achievements!

A reminder that our **End of Year Celebration and Awards** morning is scheduled for **Monday 15th of December** commencing at 9:30am. Please see attached a copy of the running sheet and the times scheduled for our awards and performances. We will do our best to keep to these times. There will be a coffee van onsite from **9am until 12pm for adults only**. Students will be provided with a fruit platter and snack during the intermission at 10:35am in their classrooms. Lunch will commence for students at 11:30am immediately after the conclusion of the morning's events. Our **'back-up' date will be Tuesday 16th December** if the weather is unfavourable on Monday. Hope to see you there!

Calendar Dates to Note for Term 1, 2026!

Please note that **Term 1 2026**, students in Year 1-6 will commence on **Thursday 29th of January** as Tuesday and Wednesday will be pupil free days.

'Every choice comes with a consequence. Once you make a choice, you must accept responsibility. You cannot escape the consequences of your choices, whether you like them or not'



Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,

Ms Warburton

XMAS RAFFLE



It's that time of year again where we ask for Xmas donations that we can put together to create wonderful hampers. Hamper donations can include Christmas items, chocolates, plants, stationary or bathroom supplies. Any donated food items must be perishable please. Tickets have been sent home today and need to be returned by Friday 12th December.



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Understanding Bullying

This year, we had 22% of families complete the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. It is interesting to note the following responses to bullying –

- My child feels safe at school – 89% positive
- My child feels confident about the skills and strategies they have learnt at school to address bullying behaviours – 64% positive
- My child has been bullied recently at school – 59% positive

There is a new nationally agreed definition of bullying which all Australian schools now use – Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

At The Lake Primary School, we feel as though our students, in general, have a fairly accurate understanding of what bullying is and what bullying is not. It is worth noting that, although they might be unpleasant or distressing, the following examples are not forms of bullying:

- mutual conflict that involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power
- single episode acts of nastiness or physical aggression
- social rejection or dislike is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Our involvement, this year, in The Stand-Up Project (SUP) has focused on empowering students to be upstanders, both out in the playground and in the classroom. We have had multiple occasions throughout the year where students have found the courage to speak up and protect others – this is something that we are constantly encouraging and are striving to build on each day. Like always, if you have suspicions that your child is being bullied, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher as the first point of contact.

Kind regards,

Miss Louise and Mr Mac

5/6B NEWS

In Year 5/6B, students have been learning how to solve subtraction problems accurately by checking their working and identifying common errors. We've been focusing on using efficient written strategies, estimating to see if answers are reasonable, and explaining why an equation may be incorrect.

Students are getting better at spotting mistakes by using what they know about place value and efficient subtraction strategies. They can recognise when regrouping hasn't been done properly or when numbers have been mixed up, and they're learning to explain their thinking clearly as they fix the equation.

To build accuracy, students have been practising finding errors in a completed equation and then solving it correctly. This helps them think critically about their own calculations and strengthens their understanding of number relationships.

Try this at home!

Find the error in this equation:

$$4\ 672 - 1\ 958 = 3\ 014$$

Where did the mistake happen, and what is the correct answer?





The Lake Primary School
End of Year Awards & Celebration Morning
Monday 15th December 9:30am



| Time | Activity |
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| 9:30am | Acknowledgement of Country Welcome & Opening Ms Warburton's opening speech Lakers Living by Our Values awards Writing Awards Mathematics Awards Home Reading Awards Physical Education Awards Mental Health & Wellbeing Awards |
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| 10:35am | Intermission (fruit platters & toilet break in classrooms, coffee van for adults) |
| 10:55am | School Council Thank You Merbein District Primary School Association and the Merbein RSL Awards Prep Unit Performance Year 1/2 Performance Year 3/4 Performance Year 4/5 Performance Year 5/6 Performance Year 6 Performance Farewell to staff members that are leaving The Lake PS 2026 School Captains and House Captains Announcement |
| 11:20am | Announcement of Raffle Winners |
| 11:30am | Conclusion Mrs Mumford's Music Group School Choir to sing |



The Lake Primary Swimming Carnival



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Merbein Swimming Pool

Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6
10.30am – 1:30pm

Grades Prep, 1 & 2
12:00pm – 1.30pm

Monday
8th December

Events & Approximate times

10:30am

Grade 5 & 6: breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and noodle race

11:30am

Grade 3 & 4: breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and noodle race

12:00pm

Grade 2: noodle race, kick board sprint and swim any way they can

12:00pm

Grade 1: noodle race, colour ball grab and kick board sprints

Prep: noodle race, colour ball grab and kick board sprints

After events conclude – Free Swim

1:30pm – Presentations

SCORING

For Year 2-6 Students Only

1st Place = 5 points

2nd Place = 4 points

3rd Place = 3 points

Participation = 1 point

Parents/Family Welcome

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