



## TERM DATES

### Term 4

**12/12/2025**

Yr Prep-2 Assembly @ 2.40pm  
Assembly performance – 1/2B  
Final Assembly for 2025

**11/12/2025**

Year 6 Graduation

**15/12/2025**

EOY Awards & Concert  
(commencing 9.30am)  
Students to wear school uniform

**16/12/2025**

Class Parties  
(Casual Dress)

**19/12/2025**

Last day of School  
Early dismissal 1:30pm

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## NEWSLETTER: Term 4 Week 10

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### A Fantastic Day at The Pool!

Last Monday, our school community came together to cheer on our Lakers at the annual Swimming Carnival! We are so proud of our students that gave their very best effort, showing determination & true sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see so many students 'having a go' in the pool or cheering their house teammates from the sidelines. Congratulations to **Dermett** who won the '**Spirit Cup**' and **Shillington** who won the '**Swimming Shield**'! An amazing effort from our age group champions who swam their best to take out final place! Well done Lakers!

A huge thank you to **Mrs Cohrs** for organising and running the day so smoothly, our **amazing staff** and to the **many parents** and **carers** who came along to support our annual event! Your involvement made the day fun & enjoyable for all!



## **The Lake Awards & Celebration Morning!**

**A reminder to join us from 9:30am on Monday to celebrate the 2025 school year and the wonderful achievements of our students! Please find the updated running sheet in this Newsletter. Look forward to seeing you there. 😊**

## **School-Wide Transition Morning – A Wonderful Start to 2026!**

On Tuesday, our entire school took part in a very successful Transition Morning in preparation for the 2026 school year. Students from every year level had the opportunity to spend time in their new learning spaces, meet their 2026 teachers, and connect with the peers they will be working alongside next year. I was very impressed by how students settled quickly into their new groups, participated in team-building activities, and began forming the relationships that will help them feel confident and prepared for the year ahead!

We hope that our Year 6 students also had a fantastic day at their 2026 secondary school!

Thank you to our dedicated staff for organising such a smooth and engaging session, and to our students for their enthusiasm and adaptability. We look forward to building on this wonderful start as we move towards an exciting 2026 school year.

## **Our Future School Captain's Inspiring Speeches!**

This week, we were incredibly proud to watch ten of our Year 5 students present their leadership speeches as candidates for our 2026 School Captain and Vice-Captain roles. Congratulations to Imogen, Clara, Jed, Janko, Amelia, Rosa, Jax, Hamish, Zoe & Alice who presented their individual ideas, improvements and vision if they were to be chosen for the role! All students spoke with confidence, maturity and genuine passion for our school as Lakers!

Thank you to the families who attended and supported our students & helped make the morning a memorable experience for our students. We look forward to announcing our 2026 School Captains on Monday and congratulate all candidates on their outstanding efforts!



## **Tuesday Class Parties**

Next **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December**, all classrooms will be celebrating the end of a successful 2025 school year with their end-of-year class parties. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together, reflect on their achievements, and celebrate the hard work, learning and friendships they have built throughout the year.

Students are invited to wear *Christmas-inspired clothing* or *casual clothes* on the day to help make the celebrations extra fun and festive. We encourage students to keep their clothing comfortable and appropriate for school activities (including enclosed shoes). We look forward to our last celebration as we wrap up a fantastic year of learning at The Lake PS!

**(Please note that students are to wear school uniform on Monday).**

## **Home Reading Celebration!**

Last Friday we celebrated an additional twenty students who reached **200 nights of home reading this year!** Students enjoyed their special lunch to recognise this milestone. Reading for 200 nights is a huge achievement, and we're so proud of the commitment these students have shown. Thank you to families for supporting regular reading at home. Well done to all our reading champions!



***'Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination'***



**Kind Regards,**

**Ms Warburton**

# WELLBEING

## Resilience and a positive attitude – Class groupings for 2026

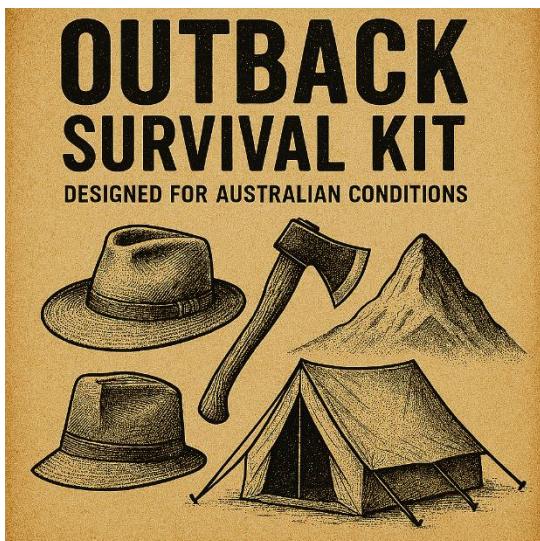
In Ms. Warburton's *'Principal's Message'*, she spoke about students' enthusiasm and adaptability during Tuesday's Transition Morning. From a wellbeing perspective, Miss. Louise and I were truly impressed with the positive attitude and resilience that was externally on display. Undoubtedly, several students would have had some nervous energy leading up to the announcements of classes, which is normal and expected. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many families who continue to positively prime their children leading up to such events – this builds resilience and strength of character.

For those students who, two days after classroom announcements, are still feeling worried about next year, please continue to reassure them that a new class group gives rise to endless new opportunities. Let's continue to encourage our children to view situations as 'half full' rather than 'half empty'.

Kind regards,

Miss Louise and Mr Mac

# 4/5B NEWS



In 4/5B we have been exploring real-world investigations into mass, capacity and temperature by designing our own Australian survival kits.

Students have been measuring, comparing, estimating and problem-solving as they think about what someone would need to stay safe in the Australian environment. Through hands-on activities, they've learned how to choose the right units, read scales, and make practical decisions based on weight limits, water needs and climate conditions.

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# WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Liana Heaysman, Ashley Smith-Charles, Sydney Hunt, Matilda Thornton, Harrison Withers, Zoe Hollingworth, Blade Chapple, Jax Williams, Blair Zappia, AJ Hugo, Kylah Heywood, Turia Sherrin, Hamish Thompson, Malia Vincenzini and Oliver Barnes



## GARDENING GROUP NEWS



The Garden Club have been kept busy in the last few weeks with the on-going weeding chore, which the chooks have enjoyed, and there has been the reward of fresh strawberries to pick and taste too! Our zucchinis are coming along well, and cucumber and tomato plants are looking good. Mr Trev has continued to sprinkle coffee grounds around the strawberry plants to deter the bugs, and this seems to be working.



Last week we started our seed-saving activity, with students picking *Cornflowers* and *Love-in-a-Mist* (*Nigella*). Students were very interested to see the progress of *Nigella* from flower through the start of seed growth to result in a seed pod that doubled as a maraca! Our *Nigella* plants have now been renamed "Maracas"! We opened some green pods to see the seeds forming; and we also shook some seeds from the dried 'maraca pods' so the students could see how the seed pod would act in nature to enable the plant to create its next generation. It was great to see the students so engaged. Mrs Fowler will look after the collected seed over the break ready for students to do the next process of sorting and packing in the new year.



Mrs Fowler is also looking after some native plants we will plant out in the Pedal and Putt area when we have the irrigation installed – more on that next year!

Before we finish the term we will be potting up some strawberry runners, collecting some more seeds including *Cosmos* and *Marigold*, maintaining the weeding and of course enjoying some more strawberries. I have loved being involved with Garden Club this year, and the school gardens in general, and have promised Mr Trev I'll keep an eye on things over the break. Thank so much for the opportunity to come and play in your gardens 😊

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our students for their fantastic efforts at the swimming carnival on Monday! Your enthusiasm, determination and team spirit made the day truly special. Whether you swam your personal best, cheered from the sidelines or supported your classmates, you contributed to an event full of energy and pride. Well done on representing yourselves and our school so positively! A big congratulations to the following students who are Year Level Champions for 2025 - Macey Herrick, Eddie Fennel, Eliza Ramsay, Harry Cooksley, Ashley Smith-Charles, Isla Marks, Brody Herrick, Layla Caruana, Harvey Smithers, Emma Grimley and Preston Cramp. These students will receive their medallions at tomorrow's Prep-Grade 2 assembly.



## Working With Me

It is that time of the year where we are needing the students to complete the "Working With Me" form, which was sent home today. Could all families please take the time to complete the form with their child and please return to the office by no later than **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. A form is attached to the newsletter below if needed.

**Working with me**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old

Friends: \_\_\_\_\_



**I work best when...**

I work best in the classroom when...

I work best when the instructions are...

**Things I find easy:**  
When talking to others...

When people talk to me...

**What helps me learn:**

When talking to others...

When people talk to me...

**What makes me happy:**

**Things that worry me:**

**Tools I need...**

- Glasses
- Visual timetable
- Slant board
- Speaker
- FM Microphone

Thank you, Mrs Rogerson and Miss Leah,



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



Time	Activity
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 STEAM Awards Eva Wheatley Award Grounds Keeper Award
10:35am	<b>Intermission (fruit platters &amp; toilet break in classrooms, coffee van for adults)</b>
10:55am	Cabarita Inc Awards 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	<b>Conclusion</b> Announcement of Raffle Winners School choir to sing
11:30am	<b>Lunch</b>

# XMAS RAFFLE



Thank you to our families that have already donated to the Xmas raffle. Hamper donations can include Christmas items, chocolates, plants, stationary or bathroom supplies. Any donated food items must be non-perishable please. Tickets need to be returned by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Nominations are now open for students of The Lake PS in the following categories....

### Community Leadership & Environmental Stewardship

Do you know a student who's effort is worth rewarding?

Guidelines are available at the school office or by emailing [cabaritainc@gmail.com](mailto:cabaritainc@gmail.com)

Submissions due by Sunday Dec 14th

**SMILE BRIGHT!**  
**The Dental Van is**  
**Coming to You!**



Venue: The Lake PS  
Date: 2-6 March 2026

#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Students of all age groups below 18

#### IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Services include general check-ups and preventive care
- Bring your student ID and health card (if applicable)

#### WHY YOU SHOULDN'T MISS?

- Check ups at school : No need for separate appointments
- No out of pocket cost : Covered by Medicare CDBS
- Learn oral hygiene and brushing techniques
- Treatments like Cleaning, Sealants, Fluoride, Fillings and more.

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