



TERM DATES

Term 2

03/05/2026

Working Bee (8.30–11.30am)

05/05/2026

Yr 6 Melbourne Camp:
DEPOSIT DUE

12/05/2026

Prep 2027 information
afternoon (3.45pm)

13/05/2026

School Council (6pm)

26/05/2026

Final Payment Due
Melbourne Camp

02/06/2026 05/06/2026

YR 6 Melbourne Camp

08/06/2026

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

10/06/2026

School Council (6pm)

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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2027 Prep Information Session Tuesday, 12th May @ 3.45pm

Curriculum Day – Real Schools

On Monday, 20th April, we were fortunate to welcome back our expert facilitator, Daniel Vella. Throughout the day, we continued our focus on sharpening our restorative practices to build a school community based on trust, accountability, high expectations, respect and strong relationships. Daniel returned on Wednesday, where he engaged with groups of students, modelled restorative teaching in various classrooms, and met with our ES and leadership teams. Real Schools is not a program. Rather, it's a framework for building culture. For a school's culture to be strong it requires complete unanimity and daily dedication – we must be on the same page.

2027 Prep Information Session

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all new and existing families on Tuesday, 12th of May. Our presentation will take place in the Open Learning Area (main building) at 3.45pm. Guests can expect to hear from School Council President, Mrs. Ler-ree Brown, current Prep teachers, School Captains, our Primary Welfare Officer (Miss. Louise) and office staff (Mrs. Roelofs and Mrs. Bacon). There will be opportunities to ask questions and the presentation will conclude with a full guided tour of the school. With a large cohort of Year 6 students graduating in 2026, we will have extended capacity for Prep enrolments in 2027.

NAPLAN Supplementary Reports

During March, Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN tests. On Monday, The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority

(ACARA) advised that a preliminary version of the Student and School Summary Report (SSSR) is available for schools to access. The preliminary SSSR provides schools with an early look at how students performed in this year's tests. Results are available for all domains except writing, as the marking of writing tests requires additional time to complete. The final SSSR, is expected to be available from mid-June and this will be when all Year 3 and Year 5 individual reports will be distributed to families.

Jade Benham visit

Yesterday, we enjoyed a visit from Mildura MP, Jade Benham. Ms. Benham accepted our invitation to come onsite for a tour and to specifically view our depleting basketball courts. She asked lots of questions, spoke with student leaders, took video footage and promised to present our case in an upcoming sitting in parliament. Ms. Benham was very taken by our memorial garden and is committed to returning to our Remembrance Day service on November 11th. A big thank you to Ms. Benham for honouring her word and for allowing us the opportunity to showcase our school.



Year 3/4 Camp

Last night, our campers returned from a 3-day camp at Sovereign Hill. It has been great catching up with students today and hearing about their highlights. Camps provide such important growth opportunities for students. For many, it is a milestone moment – being away from family and the familiar comforts of home for an extended period. A big thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for supporting our students on camp.



School Cross Country

What a magnificent day we experienced last Thursday at the Andrea Newey Memorial Cross Country event. Our grounds were in full splendour and Mrs. Cohrs had the day organised perfectly. We were enormously proud of all students who gave it their all and there were outstanding individual performances on the day. I would like to give special mention to Louie Bateman (and one other student whose name has escaped me?) who stopped, went back, and picked up a student who had fallen part way through the race. What a wonderful display of sportsmanship – a small act with a profound impact. Congratulations to overall champions, Bromley, and well done to Russell for being awarded the prestigious Spirit Cup.



ANZAC Service



Last week was a great opportunity for us all to reflect on the service of Australian men and women who have served our country so bravely in military conflicts and peace-keeping operations. I was so thankful for the preparatory work that staff did in helping our students understand the extraordinary sacrifice and hardships endured. Thank you to the families that attended our Friday afternoon (2.40pm) and Saturday morning (5.30am) commemorative services, as well as joining in on the Merbein RSL march. Lest we forget.

All the best for a great week!



Regards,

Shaun McInerney

A flyer for a 'Paint & Sip' event. The title 'PAINT & SIP' is written in large, bold, black letters. A pink starburst graphic contains the text 'MOTHER'S DAY'. Below the title, the date and time are listed: 'FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026 6PM'. The location is 'THE LAKE PS'. The ticket price is '\$50 PER TICKET'. The flyer also includes the text 'BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES'. There is a line drawing of a martini glass with a pink drink and a paint palette with a brush.

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2027 PREP INFORMATION SESSION



Do you have a child starting Prep in 2027?

Come along and join us for an information session on Tuesday, 12th May @ 3.45pm. We appreciate that choosing a school that best suits your child's needs is a big decision and we openly welcome you to join us to gain insight into the unique operations of our wonderful school.

What can you expect at our information session?

You will be warmly welcomed by our student leaders, which will be followed by a presentation from current Prep teachers, Mrs. Mel Wall and Ms. Sharon Matthews. Our office staff will brief families on the formal enrolment process along with information around uniforms and voluntary fees.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and the session will conclude with a full school tour by the Acting Principal, Mr. Shaun McInerney.

We look forward to having you join us on May 12th and look forward to showcasing the signature characteristics of The Lake Primary School.

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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