



## TERM DATES

### Term 1

#### March

02/03/2026-06/03/2026

#### Dental Van Visit

**03/03/2026-04/03/2026**

Parent as Partners Interviews

9/03/2025

#### Labour Day Public Holiday

11/03/2026

#### NAPLAN commences

(Yr. 3 & Yr. 5 students)

10/03/2026

#### Whole School Photos

23/03/2025-25/03/2025

#### Yr. 5 Camp Kookaburra

27/03/2026

#### Curriculum Day

Student free day

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## NEWSLETTER: Term 1 Second Edition

### ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

Can I begin by offering my sincere thanks for all the care, commitment and dedication that you afford your children every day to support their education journey. Can I also extend that thanks to the ongoing support that you offer our staff, our programs and the high expectations that we have for all students. When we nail the triangle of support, students have the best opportunity to succeed.



**A wonderful start** – It has been a wonderful start at The Lake Primary School! I am so proud of all our students – they all have a personal uniqueness that make them special. Currently, we have 270 enrolments. In general, the students have settled into the school routines extremely well, including the large majority of our 40 enthusiastic Preps. The staff have prepared diligently to maximise opportunities for student success and to foster a genuine sense of comfort and safety. In 2026, we have introduced an additional classroom, which has increased our total number to twelve. Overall, we have 2 x Prep classrooms; 3 x Year 1/2 classrooms; 3 x Year 3/4 classrooms and 4 x Year 5/6 classrooms.



**Goals and ambitions** – We currently sit in the second year of our existing four-year School Strategic Plan (SSP). Springboarding off strong growth in 2025, our two overarching goals are, 1) *maximise student learning growth and cognitive engagement for all students;*

and 2) maximise wellbeing and inclusion for all students. Taking a magnified lens to our student data, staff responses and parent feedback, some specific goals that we are targeting include –

❖ **Maximise student learning growth and cognitive engagement**

- Increasing the percentage of Yr.3 and Yr.5 students achieving 'exceeding or strong' in NAPLAN
- Increasing stimulated learning from 66% (2024) to 77%
- Increasing sense of confidence from 64% (2024) to 75%

❖ **Maximise wellbeing and inclusion for all students**

- Increasing sense of connectedness from 57% (2024) to 75%
- Maintaining or improving school communication (84% in 2024)
- Maintaining or improving teacher communication (71% in 2024)

**Real Schools** – We have entered our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of our formal partnership with Real Schools. We remain intently focussed on consolidating our restorative practices aimed broadly toward elevating a culture of trust, personal accountability, strengthening teacher-student relationships, independence and improved student behaviours. Mr. Daniel Vella remains an expert facilitator and we eagerly look forward to Daniel's continued guidance throughout the year.



**They shall not be forgotten** – The legacy of heroic servicemen and women continues to strengthen at The Lake Primary School. On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, Andrew Hudson and Jamie Hudson visited to lay their memorial pavers. Andrew Hudson laid his father's paver, Ken Hudson, who started at the school in January 1929. Andrew also laid Ken's sister, Valmai Hudson's paver and she started at the school in January 1932. Jamie Hudson laid William Hudson's paver, the oldest sibling to Ken and Valmai. William also started school January 1929. Jamie is the grandson of William Hudson. A big thanks to Mr. Trev who has shown such interest and enthusiasm in driving this incredibly important community project.

**Staff Leave** – We currently have three staff on extended Leave – Ms. Bern Warburton, Mrs. Kerryn Rogerson and Ms. Kate Barnes. Please note that Ms. Warburton is on Leave for the remainder of the Term and I will be Acting Principal during this time.

**Additional key dates to put on the calendar**

- ❖ Week 6 – Dental Van Week (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March)
- ❖ Week 6 – Parent/Teacher Interviews (Tues, 3<sup>rd</sup> March & Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> March)
- ❖ Week 8 – Ride2School Day (20<sup>th</sup> March)
- ❖ Week 8 – Literacy focussed 'Community Afternoon' (Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> March)
- ❖ Week 10 – Colour Fun Run (2<sup>nd</sup> April – final day of Term)

Regards,

Shaun McInerney



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# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Last week we held the AGM and first meeting for 2026. There was lots of positive discussion around upcoming fundraising opportunities and school community events, which we're excited to build on throughout the year.

A big thank you to our outgoing School Council members for their time, energy and contribution to our school community. We really appreciate everything you've done.

We're also pleased to welcome Margot Fowler as our new School Council Secretary.

We are still looking for one more non-DET School Council representative. If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact Shaun or myself.



Ler-ree Brown

School Council President

A promotional poster for 'Footy Adventure' at The Lake PS. The background is green with white and black patterns. At the top, it says 'CHOOSE YOUR FOOTY ADVENTURE' in white on a black background. Below that, 'THE LAKE PS' is written in large green letters. Underneath, 'AUSKICK & SUPERKICK THURSDAYS IN T1 - 3:30 TO 4:30' is written in white. There are two QR codes and two photos of children. The first photo shows two children in red 'nab Auskick' shirts holding a green football. The second photo shows a girl in a striped shirt holding a red football. Logos for 'AFL PLAY', 'THE LAKE SCHOOL', 'nab AFL Auskick', and 'AFL Superkick' are present. Text describes the programs as introductory and skills-based for 5-7 and 7-12 year olds.

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**AFL PLAY**

**THE LAKE SCHOOL**

**nab AFL Auskick**  
5-7 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

**AFL Superkick**  
7-12 year olds

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

**VISIT PLAY.AFL**

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# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 20 March 2026



WALK, RIDE, SCOOT OR SKATE WITH YOUR MATE



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Lacey and her family are fundraising to help create a world without Type 1 Diabetes. ↵



Every dollar raised will support breakthrough research focused on finding cures and improving lives. ↵

Join us in helping to create a brighter, healthier future. ↵

Help find a cure today! ¶



Lacey is aiming to  
fundraise  
**\$500**

One Walk Mildura ↵  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of March ¶



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