



TERM DATES

Term 3

18/09/2026

Last day of Term 3
Early Dismissal 1:30pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Report – Term 3, Week 10

Welcome to Spring!

As we reach the final week of Term 3, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the many experiences and achievements that have made this such a positive and busy term at **The Lake PS!** I am incredibly proud of the way our students have continued to learn, grow and demonstrate our Laker values right through to the end of the term.



Enjoy the Week 10 news and Highlights!

Athletics Day was an amazing demonstration of Laker sportsmanship, pride and participation!



Wonderful performances by students singing at **The Beat**



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Students proudly showcased their creativity during our **2026 Book Parade** to celebrate **Book Week!** We saw some very interesting & colourful costumes!



The **Year 1/2 students** enjoyed their adventures in our community as part of the **activity day and sleepover!** From local history at **The Mildura Arts Centre** to a sunny **picnic lunch** to a game of **Ten Pin Bowling!**



RUOK? Day Ambassadors!



Our **JSC** organised a wonderful fundraiser to recognise **R U OK?** Day and encouraged important conversations about mental health & wellbeing. Our JSC members decided to donate proceeds to our local **Headspace** organisation to support the valuable work they do for young people in our community.

Pictured: Maddie, Mitch (Headspace) and Spencer

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Our **JSC** led activities for **R U OK? Day**, encouraging everyone to check in with others and reinforcing the importance of kindness & connection! All monies raised will be forwarded to Mildura Headspace.



We also congratulate the students who completed the **English High Ability Program** and those who challenged themselves through the **ICAS online assessments**.

It was wonderful to recognise the impressive commitment of students who reached **200 nights of home reading** with a special celebratory lunch.



Our Prep students enjoyed sharing a special **Father's Day breakfast** with their fathers and significant adults



While students across the school valued the opportunity to reconnect with staff members through their [Linked-in Laker](#) groups.

We will finish the term with our [NAIDOC activities](#) and [Footy Colours Day](#)—two wonderful opportunities to learn, celebrate and come together as a school community.



Making Every School Day Count!

As we know, **regular attendance** is essential for helping students build **strong learning habits, maintain friendships** and make the most of every opportunity at school. **Congratulations** to the following classes for achieving fantastic attendance over Term 3—your commitment to teamwork, showing up and being ready to learn is **outstanding!**

1/2 B – 97.28%

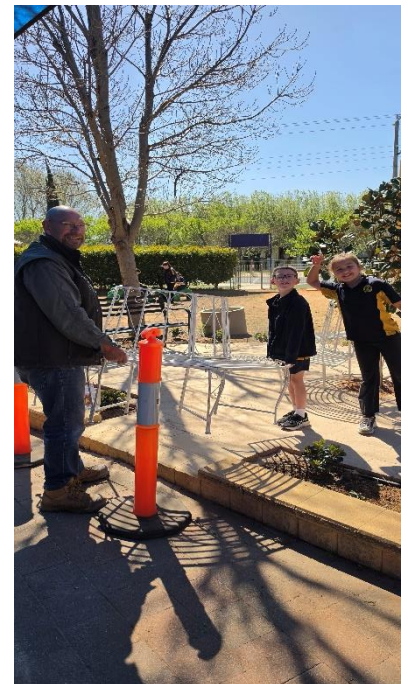
3/4 A – 96%

3/4 C – 93.86%

5/6 B – 94.64%

Lakers Lending a Hand!

Archie, Grace, Loui, Kaylee & Grace have enjoyed helping with Mr Trev on a special garden project, taking pride in helping to continue enhancing our school grounds!



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The countdown is on – 5 weeks until our fabulous fete!

We are very excited about the progress School Council, staff and volunteers have made in putting together this event.

Students have been working hard on their class art projects for auction at the fete – we are looking forward to seeing the final masterpieces! Don't miss out on bidding on your child/children's pieces at the lunch time auction.

So much to see and do at the fete – a Treasure Hunt, pony rides, face painting, footy clinic activities, Fast-Feet Netball activity, yabby racing, biscuit decorating, performances including Irish dancing and vintage cars, motorbikes/sidecars and muscle cars to admire.

A wide range of items will be available to buy including plants, fruit and vegetables, cakes and produce, second-hand books, toys and school uniforms, jewellery, homewares, candles, bags, aprons, fairy garden items, dog and cat treats, sensory toys, and much more! Stalls will be accepting cash and card transactions.

And food – lots of great food options!

Thanks to those parents who have offered their help with fete planning and assistance at the event, we really do appreciate it! If you can assist, please email andrewandmargot@bigpond.com and let us know.

While you're enjoying the holidays:

- Have a look through your household book collection – anything there we could sell on the second hand book stall?
- What about toys no longer needed? Pre-loved toys in good condition are very welcome
- Any uniform no longer required can be donated to the Lakers' Uniform Stall. Items must be in good repair and freshly cleaned please
- Please try to sell your book of raffle tickets
- Flip through your recipe books, or check the internet for ideas for the cake/bake stall
- Enjoy time with family and friendsand spread the word about the fete!

In the first week of Term 4:

- All families will receive a container, labels and details about contributing to the cake stall. We look forward to seeing traditional favourites and new treats
- Please bring in any un-sold raffle books, as we have families who would like additional books

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Garden Club

Garden Clubbers have been very hands-on with a number of tasks including planting of seedlings to grow flowers for our Term 4 flower bunches and sowing seeds for our fete plant stall on 25th October.

The garden beds have benefitted from “Mr Ed’s fabulous manure mix’ and will reward the student’s weeding and care efforts with fabulous growth in the weeks to come.

The chooks remain happy to accept any weed offerings and the Lakers’ Co-op has benefitted from the sale of eggs, along with vegetables.

We have introduced a number of class activities conducted in the garden space and this has been well received (perhaps due to the snow pea and strawberry tasting that took place!). Students have been very interested in locating and learning about good bugs and other garden helpers, along with garden pests.

This Term we have seen more use of the Garden as a calming and restorative space for staff and students alike!



Happy Holidays

We have some great plans for the Garden space in Term 4 – and any students who are wanting to help and have lots of fun are very welcome! Come and see Mrs Hunt or Miss Margot when we are back in Term 4 **Thank you** to our students, staff and families for another busy and rewarding term. I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming our Lakers back for **Term 4 on Tuesday 6th October!**

Kind regards,

Bernadette

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