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June 25th 2025 Newsletter

WEEKLY NEWS

Respect, Resilience, Achievement & Community

We would like to pay our respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people. The Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we gather today and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.



Thought of the Week

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

School Calendar

Our school calendar is included in our newsletter to provide you with an overview of key dates that you need to know. Dates will be added to this as they may not all be known at the same time so please keep an eye out for any changes. New additions after this week will be highlighted in the week they are added.

2025 Calendar



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Week 10	23rd June	24th June	25th June	26th June	27th June
Week 11	30th June	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July
			Pizza Day Lunch	Learning Conversations commencing after school.	Learning Conversations - Students only attend for Learning Conversation

Student Awards

Values Awards

Class	Student	Reason
Prep/1 Powell	Elise B	For displaying our school value of respect through careful listening to instructions and kind words.
Prep/1 Lowndes	Luca S	For arriving to school each day with enthusiasm and a fantastic attitude. Keep being a superstar learner, Luca!
Prep/1 Tomlinson	Kobi D	For being a learner during his phonics lesson. Keep it up, Kobi!
Prep/1 O'Grady	Iris-May S	For being safe by staying in her learning area. Well done, Iris-May!
2 Amraoui/McMillin	Lily B	For coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a big smile, ready to learn! Lily consistently shows kindness and respect to everyone around her. She is a joy to have in the classroom. Amazing job, Lily!
2 Hendy	Oliver S	For demonstrating community values by entering the classroom with a smile on your face everyday. You are a gem, Oli!
3/4 Osborne/Waterworth	Xander M	For being a friendly class member, always saying good morning to others and putting his bag away in his locker.
3/4 Mogyorossy	Poppy N	For being proactive in the classroom by trying to help those around you.

3/4 Widdows	Rita S	For demonstrating our values of 'Community' and 'Respect' by respectfully representing our school during the 3/4 Choir performance at Bethlehem.
3/4 Golding	David R	For being a learner by staying focused to draft and publish his autobiography. Well done, Davey!
5/6 Dean	Spencer A	For consistently being kind to others and joining into classroom discussions, sharing great knowledge and ideas. Well done, Spence!
5/6 Friswell	Makayla S	For being a learner by actively contributing to classroom discussions, sharing your thinking and strategies with others, and working collaboratively with your peers. Well done, Makayla!
5/6 Williamson	James W	For being helpful and kind to everyone around him.

English Awards

Class	Student	Reason
Prep/1 Powell	Lara W	For trying so hard to listen to the sounds in words as she writes.
Prep/1 Lowndes	Kenzie E	For using bossy verbs in your writing and always striving to do your best. Well done, Kenzie!
Prep/1 Tomlinson	Ava M-W	For working hard to recognise the most common sound each letter makes. Keep it up, Ava!
Prep/1 O'Grady	Kenai K	For working hard and always re-reading his writing. Well done, Kenai!
2 Amraoui/McMillin	Scarlett C	For working hard on her personal recount and always trying her personal best in her writing. Scarlett shows great focus during writing lessons and carefully checks her work to find ways to improve. Well done, Scarlett!
2 Hendy	Chaise H	For your fantastic and well sequenced personal recount. It sounds like you had a fantastic time at a friend's birthday!
3/4 Osborne/Waterworth	Violett C-K	For planning using dot points, drafting in full sentences and taking on feedback to write a great autobiography. Outstanding effort!
3/4 Mogyorossy	Charlotte P	For drafting and publishing your autobiography, it looks amazing!
3/4 Widdows	Elijah W	For working independently on your autobiography and remembering to use paragraphs to group your ideas. Amazing writing, Elijah!
3/4 Golding	Imogen D	For revising, editing and redrafting her autobiography, awesome effort!
5/6 Dean	Lilah G	For using your research to write well developed paragraphs and ensuring it is in your own words for your natural disasters project. Well done, Lilah!
5/6 Friswell	Madelyn B	For demonstrating excellent research skills by taking effective notes, rewriting content in your own words, and using class time effectively. Well done, Madelyn.
5/6 Williamson	Pepper D	For working hard to complete her project on cyclones, adding great detail and using her time well.

SWPBS Awards

These students have earned 30 SWPBS stickers for being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Well done.

- Mason T
- Noah R

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| • Sophie M | • Euan S | • Shelby D |
| • Hariette B | • Ryan R | • Sonny N |
| • Chaise W-M | • Archie S | • James H |
| • Phoebe D | • Chelsea McC | |

These students have earned 90 SWPBS stickers for being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Well done.

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| • Lola A | • Brantley D | • Baxter G |
| • Lewanna O | • Isla M | • Kenzie E |
| • Samuel K | • April McD | • Grace o |
| • Hunter W | • Theodore B | • Scarlett W |
| • Ava M-W | • Amelia D | • Keanu B |

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- Lucy B

Building Works Update

It is exciting to have the fence removed from the front of the Prep/1 building and the new deck being unveiled. The comments have been positive and the rain has fallen at a time that has enabled us to check the grip. There is a definite difference and it is great to know that everyone's safety has been improved.

The fence has now moved down to the Grade 2 area where the work will be duplicated.

For those that are using before and after school care this week, you will also notice that the front entrance to the gym is fenced off. This is due to replacing weathered materials on the facade of this building. You are able to enter the foyer of the gym by turning the corner at the 2/3 playground and turf where you will see a side door. This fencing is planned to only be there this week and then return again during the school holidays.

New Readers

The Department released a statement in the latter part of 2024 in relation to the teaching of reading in the early years of school. There is an expectation that all Victorian government primary schools will adopt this new position with full implementation in 2027.

Our teachers have fully embraced the new approach and are working hard to implement the explicit teaching of phonics everyday for a minimum of 25 minutes. This is one part of the reading position. The teachers are planning together and have been so supportive of each other whilst at all times wanting the very best for every child.

As part of the change to the approach being taken, we have been able to purchase new readers that are supportive of the teaching and learning that is occurring. Our School Council members considered this need when creating and endorsing the annual school budget. We thank our teachers for their hard work and the School Council members for being supportive of ensuring that the resources are available.

Prep to Grade 2 Gym Program

Families would have received a Compass notification advising them of the opportunity for the children to participate in a gymnastics program from the start of next term. The program is run by instructors at Jets Gymnastics which is located at the old Golden Square Secondary College site. Their teachers will attend with them.

This program is a wonderful way for the children to join in activities that challenge and grow their sense of self-confidence in a safe environment. It does include a bus ride and for many of our youngest children, this is just as exciting as the gym experience itself.

Please take the time to provide your permission for your child to attend on Compass noting that CSEF and School Saving Bonus money can be used to cover the cost of this activity if it is available to you. If you are uncertain, please contact the office.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a school improvement framework that is helping us create a positive and supportive learning environment. It improves student behaviour, wellbeing, and academic outcomes by focusing on prevention and making the best use of school resources.

The goals of SWPBS are:

- Support the social, emotional, and behavioural needs of all students, including those with challenging behaviours, through instructions and environmental supports.
- Provide a clear structure for using evidence-based practices that benefit every student.
- Use data to guide decisions and improve support.
- Help staff develop confidence and skills in evidence-based practices.

An evidence-based, multi-tiered approach ensures we can meet students' social (how we interact), emotional (how we feel), and behavioural (how we act) needs. This in turn assists us in providing a safe, kind and respectful environment that inspires a passion and curiosity for learning.

School Photo Day

You will notice a flyer in this newsletter providing you with some information around how to order your child's school photos. Photo Day is on the 5th August so book in the haircuts, be ready to wash the vegemite off the faces in the morning, and hope that the wobbly front tooth doesn't choose that day to fall out - although that is a magical milestone that would be captured.

Cinnamon Donuts on Sale

Cinnamon donuts will be on sale tomorrow at lunchtime for \$1.00. These will be sold from the gym where the zooper doopers are sold in the warmer months.

Learning Conversations

Another reminder that you are now able to book times to hold Learning Conversations with your child's teacher on Compass. It is a great opportunity to talk with the teacher about your child's reports. The reports show how your child is progressing with their learning and the work habits they display on a regular basis. Please bring your child with you to be part of the conversation.

If you are making a booking with a specialist teacher, may you please only make the one booking even if you have more than one child attending our school. This will ensure that more families have the opportunity to meet with them.

School Savings Bonus Update

Families can continue to use SSB funds until **Monday 30 June 2025** to buy textbooks or uniforms, or to allocate funds to school activities using the parent/carer online system.

The parent/carer online system will close at **11:59 pm on 30 June 2025**. Any unused online supplier vouchers will expire, and all unspent SSB funds will revert to a school activities credit held against the family account for each student. These balances are expected to be back onto school accounts by the end of August 2025.

Please note, the dedicated SSB phone support for families will end 3 weeks into Term 3 (Friday 8 August 2025), while email support will continue until the end of 2025.

Scholastic Book Club



Issue 4 2025 - NOW CLOSED

Book Club LOOP

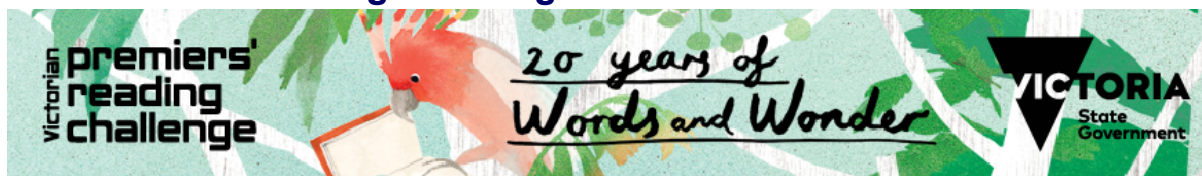
Issue 4 of Book Club is now closed. Thanks to all those who made a purchase through the Book Club LOOP App. Every purchase you make not only enriches your home library but contributes Rewards to our school library too. Your order will be arriving at school in the next few weeks.

If you get stuck and need help, simply call Scholastic Book Club friendly customer service team on 1800 021 233 between the hours of 8:30am to 5pm or phone/email the school and I will be more than happy to help.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Happy reading!
Claire Osborne, Library coordinator

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to these students who have already reached, and have kept reading beyond, their goal for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. You're reading superstars!

Harmony P L7 - first for L7!

Liam B L6

We would like to announce some of the prizes that your child and their class can win when they successfully complete the 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) at Golden Square Primary.

The **first student to complete the challenge for their class** will receive a book from our book prize pool, which includes titles such as ...Zoo Crew, Inflatables, The Puppy Place series, Pig the Pug and more!



The **first class in each level (Prep/1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6)** to have every student complete the challenge will receive a **Zooper Dooper!** All students who complete the challenge by the end date, September 8th, will receive a Premiers' Reading Challenge sticker and a Premiers' Reading Challenge certificate of completion signed by the Victorian Premier.

All students have received their username and passcodes to access the PRC Website, <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>, and log their reading. A reminder that students in grades Prep to 2 are challenged to read and record 30 books, while students in grades 3 to 6 are challenged to read and record 15 books. If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact Claire Osborne claire.osborne@education.vic.gov.au or Melinda Waterworth melinda.waterworth@education.vic.gov.au.

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **05/08/2025**



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED



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8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!



Bendigo School Holiday Program
Friday 18th July at Weeroona Oval
9am to 3pm - \$55 which includes a football
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