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## May 28th 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

“Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be.”

## 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



#### TERM 2 2025

| Week 6  | 26th May                         | 27th May  | 28th May                            | 29th May  | 30th May  |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
|         |                                  |           |                                     | Pizza Day Lunch                                 | Student Free Day Assessment and Reporting                               |
| Week 7  | 2nd June                         | 3rd June  | 4th June                            | 5th June  | 6th June  |
|         |                                  |           | Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp         | Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp                     | Gr 3/4 Billabong Ranch Camp   |
| Week 8  | 9th June                         | 10th June | 11th June                           | 12th June                                       | 13th June   |
|         | King's Birthday - Public Holiday |           |                                     |   |   |
| Week 9  | 16th June                        | 17th June | 18th June                           | 19th June                                       | 20th June   |
|         |                                  |           | VSSS rehearsal at GSPS 11:30 - 1:30 |   |   |
| Week 10 | 23rd June                        | 24th June | 25th June                           | 26th June                                       | 27th June   |
|         |                                  |           |                                     |   |   |
| Week 11 | 30th June                        | 1st July  | 2nd July                            | 3rd July  | 4th July  |
|         |                                  |           |                                     | Learning Conversations commencing after school. | Learning Conversations - Students only attend for Learning Conversation |

## Student Awards

### Values Awards

| Class                  | Student     | Reason  |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Prep/1 Powell          | Euan S      | For his constant enthusiasm and positive approach to his learning. Well done, Euan!   |
| Prep/1 Lowndes         | Freda R     | For actively participating in Reconciliation Week activities and being a great role model to your peers. Keep up the incredible work, Freda!                          |
| Prep/1 Tomlinson       | Olivia McK  | For always being respectful by listening and following instructions. Great work, Livvy!   |
| Prep/1 O'Grady         | Aleya U     | For always trying her best and never giving up. Well done, Aleya!   |
| 2 Amraoui/McMillin     | Tate B      | For always showing kindness, being super helpful, and encouraging your classmates with your cheerful words. You make our classroom a happy and caring place everyday! |
| 2 Hendy                | Joanna C T  | For demonstrating community values by being super helpful and caring everyday! You are a superstar, Joanna!   |
| 3/4 Osborne/Waterworth | Jaxson W    | For being a learner and participating in our Maths sessions and completing his fact family work.  |
| 3/4 Mogyorossy         | Riley Y     | For displaying great sportsmanship during the game of Star Wars during our Sport session. Keep up the great work, Riley.  |
| 3/4 Widdows            | Teddy P     | For being a learner by using your knowledge of tens facts to quickly solve addition problems.   |
| 3/4 Golding            | Archer S    | For displaying good sportsmanship during our sport session.   |
| 5/6 Dean               | Mackenzie L | For consistently applying herself in all learning tasks and seeking feedback. Great work, Mac!  |
| 5/6 Friswell           | Hser Eh M   | For being a learner by demonstrating initiative in seeking assistance when unsure of a task.  |
| 5/6 Williamson         | Issac T     | For being a learner by setting out his work neatly.   |

### English Awards

| Class            | Student   | Reason  |
|------------------|-----------|---|
| Prep/1 Powell    | Nor D B   | For confidently and fluently reading our shared big book. Well done, Nor!                                 |
| Prep/1 Lowndes   | Arianna S | For including lots of detail in your writing about non-fiction animals. Keep up the incredible work, Ari! |
| Prep/1 Tomlinson | Levi D    | For working hard to blend his sounds when reading unknown words. Keep it up, Levi!                        |

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|------------------------|-----------|---|
| Prep/1 O'Grady         | Eden C    | For working hard to blend sounds together to read CVC words. Well done, Eden!   |
| 2 Amraoui/McMillin     | Irene D   | For working so hard on your information text and showing great focus when researching facts about your chosen animal. Your writing was full of interesting details, and your effort really shone through! |
| 2 Hendy                | Havanna H | For writing a fantastic introduction to your information report on Quokkas. Great work, Havanna!  |
| 3/4 Osborne/Waterworth | Valerie P | For being careful to make sure her writing is neat and letters are correctly formed when completing her spelling work.  |
| 3/4 Mogyorossy         | Abby E    | For always giving your best effort in spelling sessions. Thanks, Abby!  |
| 3/4 Widdows            | Sophie M  | For using your knowledge of rhyming words to write a poem about a sloth.  |
| 5/6 Dean               | Lucia P   | For developing a well considered free verse poem as a part of her poetry project. Well done, Lucia!   |
| 5/6 Friswell           | Mckenna B | For consistently providing detailed and insightful responses to questions about the shared reading material.  |
| 5/6 Williamson         | Henry L   | For finding key information in his reading and extending himself.   |

## SWPBS Awards

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

- Lilly W-M
- Joel W
- Rafael N
- Milla L
- Braxton O
- Ally C
- Liam D
- Paisley C
- Michael X
- Issac T
- Mackenzie L

**These students have earned 60 SWPBS stickers for being safe, being respectful and being a learner. Well done.**

- Dacre C
- Arthur H
- Levi D
- Freda R
- Theodore C
- Amelia T
- Henry M
- Dean K
- James W
- Baxter G
- Theodore B
- Irene D
- Freyja B
- Nor D B
- Cooper N
- Imogen D
- Khant T
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- Lucy B
- Ineke C
- Arabella C
- Maddyson H
- Joanna C T

## Cooler Weather and Winter Uniform

The weather has certainly become cooler and we have noticed that there are children coming to the office asking for jumpers as they are cold. We are happy to provide what we have to the children, however, we really do not have a lot on hand.

If you have a jumper or jacket at home for your child, may you please support them in wearing it to school. Having them named means that if they take them off and forget to pop it in their bag, we can return it to them.

If last year's jacket or jumper is too small this year, you can bring it into the school for us to wash and have ready for another family to use. You may also find another jumper on the rack that is the perfect size for your child. Please note that we are only accepting items that have our school logo on them e.g. shirts, jumpers and jackets.

This uniform exchange is a wonderful initiative that was introduced by our School Council with the vision of our community supporting each other and reducing waste.

If there is not a piece of clothing in the right size, there are a couple of options for you. You can nominate to use your child's School Saving Bonus to purchase uniform, or, if there has already been spent, we can support through State Schools Relief. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Building Works

Last week it was mentioned that there will be some building works at the school. This may be starting as early as next week. A separate Compass note will be sent out if this is the case so you are aware of any changes that may impact the usual entry into your child's classroom. We know that many of our children need to be prepared for change so will do our best to support them through our communication with you.

## Student Free Day

A reminder that this Friday is a student free day. Camp Australia will be providing support to families who have registered with them and made the booking to access the service on this day.

The day will be focusing on reporting and assessment.

## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation date is held from the 27th May to 3rd June each year. These eight days include the 1967 Australian Referendum date (27th May, 1967) and The Mabo High Court decision (3rd June, 1992).

The 1967 Australian Referendum was when Australians voted to change the Constitution so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population.

The Mabo High Court Decision recognised the land rights of the Meriam people as the traditional owners of the Murray Islands. Twelve months later, the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) was passed.

If you would like to find out more information, you can go to the [AIATSIS website](#) which provides further detail.

## Cinnamon Donuts

In the warmer months, the children all look forward to Thursday where they are able to buy a Zooper Dooper at school. In these cooler months, we are going to trial the selling of cinnamon donuts. They will sell for \$1.00 each and there is a limit of one donut per child.

These will sell at lunchtime so that the children have eaten their lunch firstly before having this final treat.

A Compass message will confirm the date that these will firstly go on sale so please keep your eye out for this.

## Learning Conversations



Learning Conversations on Compass will be opened on Friday. The teachers are really looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you at this time and we are aiming for 100% attendance by parents and carers. Working as One.

## Scholastic Book Club



Issue 4 2025 - due Wednesday, June 18th

### Book Club LOOP

Issue 4 of Book Club will be arriving to all classrooms this week. Here's how it works:

1. Your child will bring home their Book Club catalogue from school.
2. Browse the pages with your child and help them choose books that suit their age and interests.
3. Order online via Book Club [LOOP](#).
4. The books are delivered back to your child's classroom where the teacher will hand them out to very excited students!

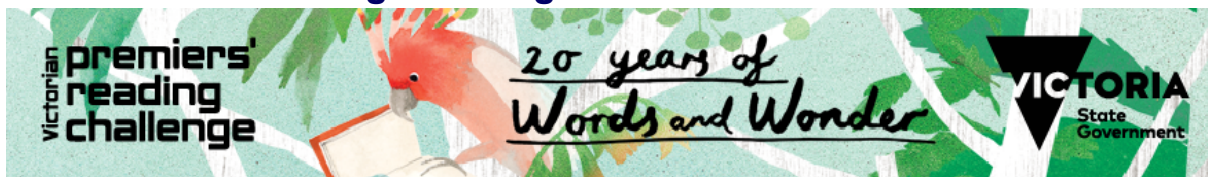
It is easy to order! The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to play by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or by using the **LOOP app**, which can be downloaded from the App Store. A reminder that only online payments are accepted, **we can no longer accept cash. Orders are due Wednesday, 18th of June by 9am.**

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.

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!:

Tasman R L8  
Havanna H M4  
Scarlett C M3  
Matilda C L5  
Ava M L8  
Andry J P M7

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](mailto:claire.osborne@education.vic.gov.au) or Melinda Waterworth [melinda.waterworth@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melinda.waterworth@education.vic.gov.au).



**2025**  
**Active Living CENSUS**

Live in Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Macedon Ranges or Mount Alexander Shire?  
We're calling on **YOU** to have your say!

**What is the Active Living Census?**  
The ALC is a community survey that asks about:

- ✓ Physical activity participation
- ✓ Fruit and vegetable consumption
- ✓ Barriers to being healthy and active

**Why does your voice matter?**  
Your input will help guide decisions about programs, recreation spaces, and services in your community. Whether you're active or not, it's your chance to shape the health and wellbeing of your community – and it only takes 15-20 minutes.

**Participate, don't wait!**

- ✓ Quick and confidential
- ✓ WIN your share of \$10,000 in prizes!
- ✓ Open to everyone! No matter your health or activity level, we want to hear from you

*Help shape a healthier tomorrow:  
one answer at a time!*

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