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## April 17th 2024 Newsletter



## PRINCIPAL TEAM 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, present and emerging.


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# Thought of the Week <br> "My first day back at work has inspired me to book my next vacation." 

## Student Awards

## Values Awards

| Class | Student | Reason |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Prep Friswell | Gage M | For always smiling and approaching tasks with a positive attitude. |
| Prep Tomlinson | Ziggy T | For always trying his best in all learning areas. |
| Prep O'Grady | Lucy B | For being a learner by always trying her best. |
| 1/2 Powell/Manuel | Alyssa D | For being a kind and caring class member at all times. |
| 1/2 Golding | Eviee-Rose W | For being ready to learn and completing all her learning tasks. |
| 1/2 McMillin | Aaron W | For being a respectful and kind member of our classroom who at <br> all times tries his hardest. |
| 1/2 Amraoui | Havanna H | For having an awesome attitude at the start of Term 2 and helping <br> her peers in class. |
| $3 / 4$ Theodorou | Jaxson W | For developing his resilience to keep working on tricky tasks and <br> seeking help when needed. |
| $3 / 4$ Peters | Sierra P-B | For persisting and trying your best even though the task was <br> hard. |
| $3 / 4$ Hendy | Michael X | For modelling the expectations of a good reader during literacy. |
| $3 / 4$ Mogyorossy | Abel H | For always offering a helping hand to those who need guidance <br> on a work task. |
| $5 / 6$ Widdows | Maysie H | For demonstrating community by being so welcoming to a new <br> student. Thanks, Maysie! |
| $5 / 6$ Dean | Sam F | For being a respectful and kind member of our classroom who <br> consistently applies himself in all learning tasks. |
| $5 / 6$ Gamble | Lilah G | For being a good-humoured, caring and enthusiastic learner and <br> classmate. |
| $5 / 6$ Williamson | Bonnie C | For being a learner by presenting her refugee story in front of the <br> whole class. |

## Maths Awards

| Class | Student | Reason |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Prep Friswell | Ryan R | For describing the position of an object within a set using <br> language such as, first, second, third. |
| Prep Tomlinson | Arianna S | For identifying which is more or less in a set of numbers. |
| Prep O'Grady | Japji C | For identifying the larger and smaller number in a set of numbers. |
| $1 / 2$ Powell/Manuel | Chloe B | For demonstrating understanding of addition through using <br> number lines as a strategy. |
| $1 / 2$ Golding | Valerie P | For showing resilience when faced with challenging equations by <br> talking through her strategies to solve them. |
| $1 / 2$ McMillin | Evie F | For challenging herself with her learning by talking through her <br> strategies when solving addition equations. |
| $1 / 2$ Amraoui | For showing great concentration and resilience in our maths <br> session. |  |
| $3 / 4$ Theodorou | Lucia P | For working effectively in her group in maths tasks. |
| $3 / 4$ Peters | Hser Eh M | For the way that you talked through the Number Detective task <br> with your group. |
| $3 / 4$ Hendy | Phoebe R | For showing persistence during a map reading activity. |
| $3 / 4$ Mogyorossy | Brayden G | For demonstrating his understanding of coordinates by identifying <br> different animals on the map of Australia Zoo. |
| $5 / 6$ Widdows | Emily H | For consistently working on your multiplication facts. |
| $5 / 6$ Dean | Mitchell E | For demonstrating his multiplication knowledge through his work <br> on Octables. |
| $5 / 6$ Gamble | Gwen C | For always challenging herself in our maths learning and seeking <br> to understand difficult concepts. |
| $5 / 6$ Williamson | Arianah P | For her speed in answering multiplication questions. |
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## SWPBS Awards

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

- Xavier T
- Elva C
- Rita S
- Andry P
- Jayce H
- Evelyn M
- Joel W
- Lola A
- Ruby McK

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

- Oscar H
- Jorja D
- Alice
- Ava McM
- James M


## 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 will be highlighted in the week they are added.

2024 Calendar

| Term 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Week 1 | 15th April | 16th April | 17th April | 18th April | 19th April |
| Week 2 | First day of Term 2 |  |  |  | Whole school Cross Country event |
|  | 22nd April | 23rd April | 24th April | 25th April | 26th April |
|  |  |  | Special ANZAC Day assembly | ANZAC Day Public Holiday | Regular School Assembly @ 2:45 pm |
| Week 3 | 29th April | 30th April | 1st May | 2nd May | 3rd May |
|  | Grade 3/4 Camp to Campaspe Downs | Grade 3/4 Camp to Campaspe Downs <br> Grade 5/6 Leadership Conference | Grade 3/4 Camp to Campaspe Downs <br> Regional Cross Country (tbc) |  |  |
| Week 4 | 6th May | 7th May | 8th May | 9th May | 10th May |
|  | Education Support Staff Day |  |  |  | Mothers' Day event |
| Week 5 | 13th May | 14th May | 15th May | 16th May | 17th May |
|  | Education Week |  | Open evening with student led tours 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm |  |  |
| Week 6 | 20th May | 21st May | 22nd May | 23rd May | 24th May |
|  |  |  | Grade 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island National Simultaneous Storytime | Grade 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island | Grade 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island |
| Week 7 | 27th May | 28th May | 29th May | 30th May | 31st May |
|  |  |  | Victorian State Schools Spectacular special rehearsal. |  | Student Free Day |
| Week 8 | 3rd June | 4th June | 5th June | 6th June | 7th June |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 9 | 10th June | 11th June | 12th June | 13rd June | 14th June |
|  | Kings Birthday Public Holiday |  |  |  | Maggie's 1st Birthday |
| Week 10 | 17th June | 18th June | 19th June | 20th June | 21st June |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Week 11 | 24th June | 25th June | 26th June | 27th June | 28th June |
|  |  |  |  | Report meetings students attend only for their conference. | 2:30 pm finish Last day of Term |

## Playground Supervision Times

School grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:35 am until 3:30 pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Before and after school (from 8:35 am to 9:00 am and from 3:15pm to 3:30 pm), staff will supervise Maple and MacKenzie Street West gates and the Bike Shed gate. From 8:45 to 9:00 am, additional supervision will be provided in the Maple Area (area around Maple building including turf and basketball court) and Laurel Area (area around Laurel building including oval and $\mathrm{P} / 1$ playground).

The supervision provided after school is aimed at supporting the children to exit the school grounds safely. Any child remaining on school grounds after the $3: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ bell to play within the grounds, must be accompanied and supervised by a nominated parent or carer. Staff on gate duty will finish their duty 15 minutes after the end of day bell; usually $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$.

Students on school grounds outside these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity). This means that parent and carers should not allow their children to attend the school outside of these hours.

If you are requiring supervision of your children outside of these hours, you are able to contact Camp Australia to discuss the enrolment of your child in their Before and After School Care program.

## Library Sessions for Term 2

| Class | Library Dates for Term 2 | Class | Library Dates for Term 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prep Friswell | Friday 26th April; Friday 10th May; Friday 24th March; Friday 7th June; Friday 21st June. | 3/4 Theodorou | Wednesday 24th April; Wednesday 8th May; Wednesday 22nd May; Wednesday 5th June; Wednesday 19th June. |
| Prep Tomlinson | Wednesday 17th April; Wednesday 1st May; Wednesday 15th May; Wednesday 29th May; Wednesday 12th June; Wednesday 26th June. | 3/4 Peters | Wednesday 24th April; Wednesday 8th May; Wednesday 22nd May; Wednesday 5th June; Wednesday 19th June. |
| Prep O'Grady | Friday 19th April; Friday 3rd May; Friday 17th May; Friday 31st May; Friday 14th June; Friday 28th June. | 3/4 Hendy | Friday 26th April; Friday 10th May; Friday 24th March; Friday 7th June; Friday 21st June. |
| 1/2 Powell | Friday 19th April; Friday 3rd May; Friday 17th May; Friday 31st May; Friday 14th June; Friday 28th June. | 3/4 Mogyorossy | Wednesday 17th April; Wednesday 1st May; Wednesday 15th May; Wednesday 29th May; Wednesday 12th June; Wednesday 26th June. |
| 1/2 Golding | Thursday 18th April; Thursday 2nd May; Thursday 16th March; Thursday 30th May; Thursday 13th June; Thursday 27th June. | 5/6 Widdows | Wed 24th April; Thursday 9th May; Thursday 23rd May; Thursday 6th June; Thursday 20th June. |


| $1 / 2$ McMillin | Wednesday 17th April; <br> Wednesday 1st May; <br> Wednesday 15th May; <br> Wednesday 29th May; <br> Wednesday 12th June; <br> Wednesday 26th June. | $5 / 6$ Dean | Thursday 18th April; <br> Thursday 2nd May; <br> Thursday 16th March; <br> Thursday 30th May; <br> Thursday 1th June; <br> Thursday 27th June. |
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| $1 / 2$ Amraoui | Friday 26th April <br> Thursday 9th May; <br> Thursday 23rd May; <br> Thursday 6th June; <br> Thursday 20th June. | $5 / 6$ Gamble | Friday 26th April; <br> Thursday 9th May; <br> Thursday 23rd May; |
|  |  | Thursday 6th June; <br> Thursday 20th June. |  |
|  | $5 / 6$ Williamson | Wed 24th April; <br> Thursday 9th May; <br> Thursday 23rd May; <br> Thursday 6th June; <br> Thursday 20th June. |  |

## Mothers and Special Friends Day

## Raffle:

We are currently seeking donations for our Mothers and Special Friends Day raffle. If you are able to contribute to our raffle please bring your donations into the office by Tuesday 7th May. Tickets will be on sale during the morning of Friday 10th May and when the children visit the stall, $\$ 1$ each or 3 for $\$ 2$. The raffle will be drawn during lunch time and winners announced during the assembly.

## Stall:

All children will have the opportunity to visit the Mothers and Special Friends Day stall on Friday 10th May. There will be a range of gifts from $\$ 1$ - $\$ 3$. Children are encouraged to bring a maximum of $\$ 5$ in a named envelope and give it to their teacher in the morning.

## Breakfast:

This year we will be hosting a Mothers' and Special Friends' Day breakfast. This will be from 8:15am outside the Art room. Spoil your mum or special friend with pancakes! A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Don't forget to bring along
 your raffle money as tickets will be for sale during the breakfast.

## Mobile Phones

A reminder that any child who brings their mobile phone, or any other device with similar capabilities, to school with them must give these to the office as soon as they arrive at school each day. These devices are stored safely in the office and can be collected at the end of the day. You can find our mobile phone policy on our school website or by clicking here. If your child is not wanting to hand their device into the school office, they are making the choice to leave their device at home.

## SunSmart

Children are still required to wear their broad brimmed hat when outside for the entire month of April. Please support your child by helping them have their hat with them at school.

## 2025 Enrolments

We are now able to accept enrolments for the 2025 school year. Enrolment applications should be submitted by Friday 26 th July 2024. If you would like to arrange a tour of the school, please contact our office to book an appointment time. We have our open evening on Wednesday 15th May commencing at 5:00 pm. Our student leaders will be present in the evening, along with our wonderful staff, and we would love to see you there.

## ANZAC Badges

Our student leaders are coming around to the rooms selling ANZAC Day badges starting tomorrow. If you would like to support our veterans by having your child purchase a badge, please note that there are badges for sale starting from $\$ 2.00$. So that we do not have children bringing large amounts of money to school, the most expensive badge we have for sale is $\$ 5.00$. These badges will be on sale until mid next week.

We are holding our school ANZAC DAY Assembly on the 24th April. Community is welcome to attend. Our two student captains are representing us at the Bendigo Service on the 25 th April. We know that they will both represent our school in a respectful manner and thank their families for supporting them to attend on the day.

## Scholastic Book Club

## Book Club LOOP

Issue 3 of Book Club will be arriving to all classrooms this week. For issue 3 ONLY, every family that places an order on Issue 3 will get a $\$ 5$ credit code to use on Issue 4 ! See below for more details.
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 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 Monday, 6th of May by 9am

If you get stuck and need help, simply call Scholastic Book Club friendly customer service team on 1800021233 between the hours of 8:30am to 5 pm or phone/email the school and I will be more than happy to help.

Happy reading!
Claire Osborne, Library teacher

## Prep - TEAM NEWS

| Reading |
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| This week in reading, we have been learning to make |
| predictions before reading a new text. We have focused on |
| using clues like the title of the text, the illustrations on the | front cover, and what we already know about the topic. Predicting helps students pause and check their understanding of the text, which assists with their comprehension of the story.

We have also been practising retelling stories using our own words. Our focus has been on recognising the characters and setting in a text, as well as understanding the events that occurred at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.


## Maths

This week we have been learning to describe the position of an object within a set using language such as 'first, second and third. We have explored how to write ordinal numbers by using the last two letters of the word, for example, fifth - 5th.


We have continued to revise our knowledge of number focussing on numbers before and after. We have been learning how to use number lines and concrete materials to check our answers.


## Writing

This week in writing, we have been learning to write a personal recount. We have focused on retelling a special moment that occurred during the school holidays. Students have been using their knowledge of sounds and high frequency words to construct sentences. We've been practising spacing between words and using capital letters at the beginning of sentences, along with using a full stop at the end of each sentence.


## SWPBS

Students have been incredibly excited about earning their SWPBS stickers for being a learner, being respectful and for being safe in the yard and classroom.

It's been exciting to see many students who are either close to achieving or have already achieved their blue chart.


## Reminders

- Cross country is on Friday 19th April. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Earlier this week, students were given a note indicating their house colour and name.
- School hats need to be worn in the yard until the end of April.
- Students will bring home 5 readers to explore over the week. Don't forget to record reading nights in students' reading diaries, please.


## Grade 1 \& 2 - TEAM NEWS

## Reading

This week we have been revising our expectations of what independent reading looks like and trying to improve our reading stamina. We have been enjoying the shared reading of Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey. We have been focusing on monitoring our reading to check that what we have said matches what letters we see in the word. Another focus has been on reading in a phrased and fluent way. We are enjoying reading about the character of Pug and later in the week will be carefully looking at the pictures to help us infer more about what Pug is feeling.


## Maths

This week we have begun to learn about the many different ways to add numbers together. We have brainstormed all the different words we use when we refer to adding in maths, such as plus and add, combine, put together, join and more than. We have been learning to add numbers together by using the count on strategy. Our applied maths focus is on 2D shapes. We have been learning about the many different 2D shapes there are and looking for them in our environment at school.


## Writing

This week students have been exploring how to plan a narrative of their own. We have been using a picture prompt to give us ideas about the setting and main characters. We have also been thinking about how narratives need a problem and a solution to make them enjoyable to read. Below are some plans that we constructed together based on the picture prompt Red Squirrel's Adventure.


## SWPBS

All the students have been doing a fantastic job following the Golden Square Primary School Matrix of Expectations. They have been eagerly displaying their well earnt stickers and are looking forward to their rewards. 1/2Golding and 1/2Powell have both earnt their first class reward of Slushies. They enjoyed these on the last day of last term and are currently nearly up to their next reward, great job everyone!


## Reminders

- Please remember that hats still need to be worn until the end of April.
- Our cross country is on this Friday morning so please come along and cheer the children on.
- All students will bring home 5 readers for the week which they can explore over the entire week.


## Grade 3 \& 4 - TEAM NEWS

| Reading | Writing |
| :---: | :---: |
| In Reading, students have gone over the expectations of independent reading. They have practised sitting in one spot, being quiet and reading for the entire time. It has been wonderful seeing students get back into the routine and challenging themselves to increase their reading stamina. | In Writing, students completed a writer's notebook activity where they had to write down descriptive words based on the prompt "I am..." We have also looked at the structure of recount writing, focusing on making it exciting. Students will publish their pieces throughout the week. |
| Maths | SWPBS |
| In Maths, students have been refreshed on the routine of number talks. They practised using the hand signals to represent their strategies as well as their ideas. Students have worked in groups exploring rich problem solving tasks where they had to explain their answers and strategies. | Students in $3 / 4$ have gotten back into the routine of being respectful, safe and learners in the learning space and yard. Lots of students are close to or have reached their blue chart while some students are striving for their silver chart. |



## Reminders

- Aim to read for 15 minutes per night
- Cross country is this Friday the 19th of April - students are encouraged to wear their house colours.
- Please remember that hats still need to be worn until the end of April.


## Grade 5 \& 6 - TEAM NEWS

| Reading |
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| In Reading this week, students have been working on the |
| comprehension focus of solving words. They have been |
| exploring strategies such as, 'Read it like you've always |
| known it', Insert a synonym' and 'Code a text'. |

## Maths

This week we are continuing on with multiplication. It is super important that students are able to automatically recall multiplication facts up to $10 \times 10$. Knowing the multiplication facts helps us with division and fractions, which will be the next units of work this term.

| $x$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 32 | 36 | 40 |
| 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
| 6 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 54 | 60 |
| 7 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 35 | 42 | 49 | 56 | 63 | 70 |
| 8 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 72 | 80 |
| 9 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 36 | 45 | 54 | 63 | 72 | 81 | 90 |
| 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 |

## Writing

This week we have begun our spelling. Students will be working on a phoneme (sound) or meaning focus for the week in class, however, if you would like your child to work on these words at home also, your child can bring their words home.
Grade 5 focus - words ending in <-ege> or <-age>
Grade 6 focus - uni/mono (meaning one) words

Students will also be concentrating on quickly developing ideas for narrative writing.

## Integrated Studies

This term our Integrated Studies focus is Science. We are starting this unit by looking at famous scientists. Students have been reading about Albert Einstein, arguably the most famous scientist.


## Reminders

19th April - Cross Country
Grade 6 Transition to Secondary College forms go home (Please return to Ms Widdows)
22nd April - World Earth Day
23rd April - World Book Day
25th April - ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
Please remember that hats still need to be worn until the end of April.


## Foundation Enrolment Information 2025

The Foundation Enrolment Information 2025 booklet has been produced by the Government, Independent and Catholic School Sectors across the City of Greater Bendigo. Schools have provided details of Education Week activities, Open Days and Transition sessions for families of children commencing school in 2025.

It is most important that all children commencing school in 2025 participate in their enrolled school's Foundation Transition Program.

At this time of the year, parents are encouraged to contact schools to discuss the prospective enrolment of their preschool aged children for the 2025 school year.

Please take advantage of the various special events and activities which are outlined in the Foundation Enrolment Information booklet. If further information is required, do not hesitate to contact individual schools.

Enrolments for all government schools open from Monday 15th April until Friday 26th July

## Scan the code to view the Foundation Enrolment Information booklet online

For further information visit www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

## 2024

WOMENS \＆GIRLS 3HR MTB CHALLENGE

Beginning in 2017，the women and girls 3HR mountain bike challenge was created to encourage more women and girls to try mountain biking，get out on their bikes，get out in nature and ride in a supportive and fun environment．While some mountain bike riders love to race，the vast majority of female riders are all about the social side of riding－and so this is what the event focuses on．From humble beginnings of 45 riders in 2017， the event has grown to about 100 riders across a range of categories，of all ages and abilities


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## Now taking expressions of interest

Strikers Netball is now taking expressions of interest for the 2024 Winter Season．
We are looking for players aged $9-18$ to play the competitive junior season to represent us．

Possible opportunity for Grade 3 team．
If you or someone that you know wants to learn how to play netball，make friends in a supportive and fair club，and hone your skills in a competitive season please email us；
strikernetball＠gmail．com
＠Strikers Netball Club
With your name，age，contact information and experience．


COME AND TRY


WHERE： 140 VICTORIA STREET，EAGLEHAWK
AGES：5－18
FIRST NIGHT IS FREE


COACHING PROGRAMS
HOT SHOTS 3－12YRS
JUNIORS \＆ADULTS
GROUPS \＆PRIVATE LESSONS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
CARDIO TENNIS
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