

2024
TERM 3, WEEK 10

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3, 2024

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – 2:10PM
FINISH

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION
STARTS AT 6PM, HELD AT BELLEVUE
ON THE LAKES

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Important – School Savings Bonus

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- *Complete enrolment:* If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.
- *Check your contact information:* Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus or watch the [video from the Minister of Education](#). Please see official letter attached to the end of this Portlines Edition.

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Whooping cough

Whooping cough cases are continuing to increase across Victoria, particularly among school-aged children.

Whooping cough is a very contagious infection, mostly spread through coughing or sneezing. Symptoms include:

- o blocked or runny nose
- o tiredness
- o mild fever
- o severe bouts of coughing, often followed by a 'whooping' sound on breathing.

Whooping cough can lead to life threatening infections in babies.

If your child is unwell, they should not attend school. Please see a doctor if you or your child develops whooping cough symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment will help reduce the spread of the infection.

Students diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend school.

To reduce the spread of infection and to protect others within the school community, secondary school students diagnosed with whooping cough are recommended not to attend school for 21 days after their cough was first present, or until they have taken a full course of antibiotics prescribed by a doctor (usually a 5-day course).

If your child is diagnosed with whooping cough, please contact the general office to let us know.

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of whooping cough. The Department of Health recommends staying up to date with immunisations, including booster doses. A free booster dose of the pertussis vaccine is covered under the national immunisation program for students aged 12 to 13. If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status for whooping cough, please discuss with an immunisation provider, such as your doctor.

For more information about whooping cough, refer to Whooping cough on the [Better Health Channel](#).

We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe and well.



Year 8 Science - Physical and Chemical Change

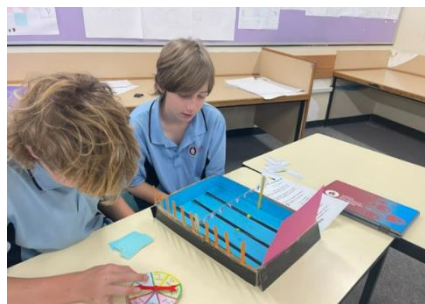
Recently, through a series of practical lessons, the Year 8 students explored physical and chemical changes. The students rotated through 6 workstations spread across two sessions. The workstations included exploring physical and chemical change using the following:

- magnesium and hydrochloric acid;
- baking soda and vinegar;
- steel wool and copper sulfate solutions;
- sodium sulfate and barium nitrate;
- butter, ice and heat; and
- copper sulfate powder, deionized water and heat.



Year 7 Mathematics – Statistics and Probability

As part of the Statistics and Probability unit in Year 7, students were asked to design a game with an Olympic element within the game. Students created an array of games and then conducted a probability analysis. They were then asked to play one another's games and peer evaluated each game. A creative and engaging end to the unit of Mathematics.





Year 7 Science – Ecosystem Diorama

Currently in Year 7 Science Ecosystems unit, students are creating a diorama based on a chosen ecosystem of their choice. They have been learning about food chains, food webs, abiotic and biotic factors along with adaptations. This is a great hands-on learning experience where students can showcase their understanding of the content covered through a visual representation. Check out the school Facebook page for the final master pieces!



LESC Basketball Competition

On Wednesday 28th of August, LESC took 4 basketball teams to compete in the Basketball Championships held at the BARC in Bairnsdale. Each team competed well throughout the day, fighting out some tough matches against the other schools, which consisted of Orbost Secondary College, Bairnsdale Secondary College and Nagle College. Our Year 9/10 girls had a win in their first match against Orbost Secondary (17-8). Year 8 boys also had a win against Orbost Secondary College (22-15). It was great to see the teams supporting each other when they weren't playing. Each team had great support for their matches, which helped boost morale. Unfortunately, none of the teams made it through to the next level but will endeavour to improve and become more competitive for next year's tournament. Once again, the student's behaviour was exceptional and looked great in their LESC uniforms. A big thank you to all the students and staff that came along for the day.





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LESC Table Tennis Competition

On Wednesday 28th of August, LESC also took students across all year levels to compete in the Table Tennis Championships held in Bairnsdale. Again, it was great to see the students supporting each other when they weren't playing, boosting each other morale and showing camaraderie amongst the team. Congratulations to all students who represented LESC. Once again, the student's behaviour was exceptional and looked great in their LESC uniforms. A big thank you to all the students and staff that came along for the day.



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Year 7 Food Studies – Sushi, Rice paper Rolls and Mini Cheesecakes



Recently, the Year 7 students have shown their safe knife handling skills through successfully prepping and creating Sushi and Rice Paper Rolls. The students also explore plate presentations, creating tasty and aesthetically pleasing meals. Another healthy alternative to add to the home menu, to enjoy on these warmer evenings. Along with healthy no-cook meals, the students also produced Calcium Rich Mini Cheesecakes.

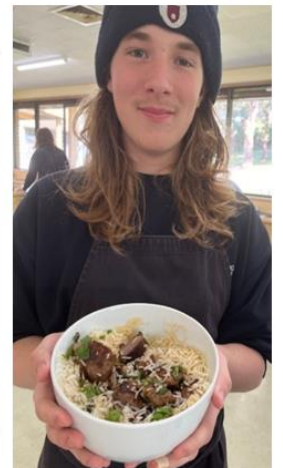




Year 8 students experimenting with honey soy flavours , served with Chicken and broccoli



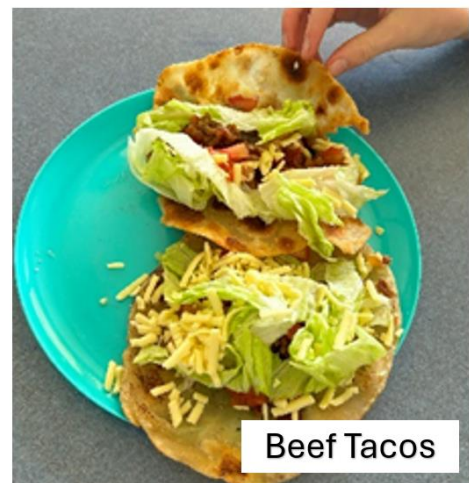
Further Food Studies as seen the Year 8 students explore honey soy flavours, and the Year 9 students demonstrating their knowledge on current food trends. They all look amazing!





Year 10A Food Studies – Food Trends

In Year 10A Food Studies, students have been exploring food trends and fads from the 1950s to today, examining how popular dishes like hamburgers and pizza have stood the test of time. As part of their assessment, students are currently researching 21st-century food trends and have put their knowledge into practice by cooking a dish of their choice. In the kitchen this week, all students worked efficiently and collaboratively, producing an array of delicious meals that showcased their creativity and culinary skills.



Regional School Athletics

On the 10th of September, 21 students attended the Joe Carmody Athletics Centre in Newborough for regional athletics.

The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect day for athletics.

This stage of the athletics was fierce with our students competing against some of the best schools in our region. Each student participated to the best of their ability, with 5 students bringing home medals and 1 student qualifying for state athletics.

- Sienna Evans competed in multiple events and was able to bring home a 3rd place medal in the 200m sprint
- Cooper Linn threw the Javelin well, placing 3rd in this event
- Mason Luu participated in multiple events, coming 3rd in the 200m and 2nd in long jump
- Makayla Grabham was very competitive in her javelin event, coming 2nd.
- Cooper Rogerson was our most successful student, participating in 5 events. Cooper managed to come 3rd in high jump, 1st in Javelin and 2nd in long jump.

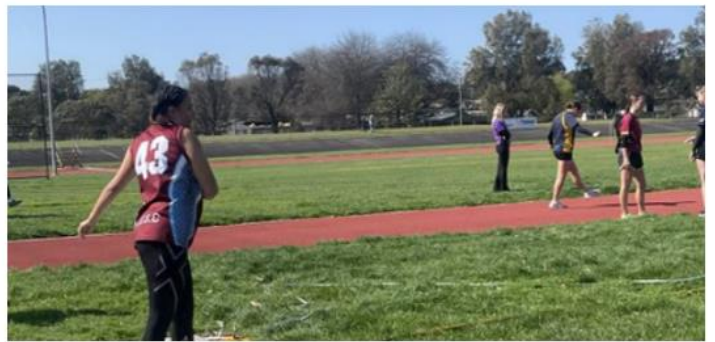
Cooper has qualified to participate in State Athletics Championships later this year in term 4.

It was great to hear students commenting on making improvements and wanting to train ready for next year's competition. Mr. Baker and I are pleased with the way the students conducted themselves on and off the track, holding themselves in high regards of their attitude and behaviour.



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R U OK? Day 2024



On Wednesday 11th September 2024, the Wellbeing team held a whole school R U OK? event. There were lolly bags for all with a sausage sizzle and raffle prizes, along with face painting and hair spraying. It was a great afternoon, where students and teachers were able to start the conversation in a safe space and ask the very important question, R U OK? Thank you to our Wellbeing team for organising the event.

If you or someone you know needs further assistance, please reach out to our school, who can refer students and families to internal and external support services.



Welcome to our Additional Sub-School Leaders

We are excited to welcome Mr. Stevens and Mr. Vale, our two new Sub-School leaders who will be playing a key role in supporting our school community. Their dedication to education and commitment to creating a positive and nurturing environment will greatly benefit both our students and families.



Our Sub-School Leaders for Term 4 are:

- Mrs. Lesley Falk
- Ms. Christina Lloyd
- Miss. Margarietta Fernandez
- Mr. Adam Stevens
- Mr. Jay Vale

You can find all our Sub-School Leaders in the office next door to the main staffroom near the Canteen. Feel free to stop by and say hello!

Year 7 & 8 Humanities Excursion on Lonsdale Eco Cruises

Our Year 7 and 8 students had an incredible time exploring the beautiful Gippsland Lakes with Lonsdale Eco Cruises! They learned about the rich history and ecology of the area, including the diverse marine life, local conservation efforts, and the impact of human activities on our precious environment. This hands-on experience allowed our students to see their classroom learning come to life, sparking curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world around us. A huge thank you to Lonsdale Eco Cruises, Ms Woods and Mrs Hayward for making this excursion a memorable and educational adventure!



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9B Pathways Experience (SEAMEC)

Students in 9B have been having a great time undertaking the Pathways Experience Program at SEAMEC each Wednesday. Typically learning about the world of work and gaining insight into individual strength and challenges, this week the afternoon was spent checking out our local area and getting to know each other a little better.



School Holidays set with local youth groups

Please see upcoming school holiday information below on local free events for students and local community members aged between 12 – 25 years. Contact 0476 225 013 for all enquiries.

GIPPSLAND
YouTH
spAcEs Inc.
EAST GIPPSLAND

HOP ON THE Y.O.W.I.E

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

All excursions are provided FREE by Gippsland Youth Spaces.
A signed consent form is required for each attending participant.
Speak with our team for more details.
Call Kelly, Callie and Nicki on 0476 225 013

Help us Design a Program for you

For more information on our programs or how to get involved contact us:
0476 225 013
yowwie@gippslandyouthspaces.org.au

AGES 12 - 25

MONDAY 23RD SEPT
Regional Aquatic Centre,
lunch & snacks provided
11am - 3pm
TRANSPORT PROVIDED

TUESDAY 24TH SEPT
Haunted Hills MTB Park,
BBQ lunch & snacks provided
11am - 3pm
TRANSPORT PROVIDED

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPT
Come try
Sailing Day & Dragon Boats @
Paynesville Yacht Club BBQ
lunch & snacks provided
10am - 3pm
TRANSPORT PROVIDED

THURSDAY 26TH SEPT
4hr BOAT LICENSE COURSE
1/2HR TEST
lunch & snacks Provided
10.30am - 3pm

FREE!
COMMUNITY EVENT
FRIDAY 4TH OCT
Outdoor Movie Night
THE WILD ROBOT
Bring ya oodie's, blankets,
chairs, bean bags, and
snuggle up under the stars
& enjoy the movie.
Food Trucks
available at own
cost
Lindenow
Recreation Reserve
Movie starts 7pm
Gates open @ 5pm
NO TRANSPORT

MONDAY 30TH SEPT
BYS Cooking Challenge with Cops
10.30am - 2.30pm

TUESDAY 1ST OCT
Fun Day Out!
Lakes Entrance mini
Golf, shopping & Aqua Run
10am - 4pm
Mallacoota & Cann River
Youth ONLY

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCT
Come try
Sailing Day & Dragon Boats @
Paynesville Yacht Club BBQ
lunch & snacks provided
10am - 3pm
Swifts Creek & Buchan
Youth ONLY

THURSDAY 3RD OCT
BYS D&D Games Day
lunch & snacks provided
10.30am - 2.30pm

BYS
Bairnsdale Youth Space
261 Main St, Bairnsdale

Bookings required:
0476 225 013

Follow us on socials
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SEPT/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SONGWRITING, DANCE WORKSHOPS & CONCERT

Yoowinna Wurnalung Aboriginal Healing Service invites Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children and young people aged 7 years- 25 years to 5 days of dance and songwriting (older young people) workshops in Bairnsdale from 30 September - 4 October & concert

Registrations close 20 September at 12pm
Transport available

Children aged under 7 years need to have a supervising adult with them to attend
To register for the workshops, please call 0341102100 or register online (QR code below)



**YOOWINNA
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Call 0341102100 or
0499449408 for
any queries

BAIRNSDALE
WORKSHOPS
MONDAY 30 SEPT- 4 OCTOBER
CONCERT 5 OCTOBER





Hon Jacinta Allan MP

Premier of Victoria

1 Treasury Place
Melbourne, Victoria 3002 Australia
Telephone: +61 3 9651 5000

Wednesday 28 August, 2024

Dear parents and carers

Re: \$400 School Saving Bonus

Families want the absolute best for their kids. But with the current cost of living – uniforms, camps, sports and more – it all adds up.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is making life that little bit easier for families, by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Every student enrolled in a Victorian government school for the 2025 school year will receive \$400 support.

It will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

You don't need to apply.

From November 2024, parents and carers will receive an email from the Department of Education providing details on how they can access the \$400 bonus.

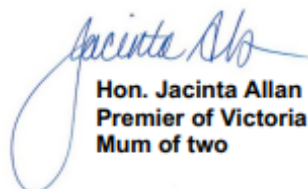
The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with three school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200.

The School Saving Bonus is available in addition to other financial support including the Affordable School Uniforms program and the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

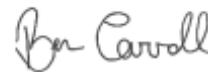
To learn more about what the \$400 can be spent on, and other support available, visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

And from our families to yours – best of luck for the 2025 school year.

Sincerely,



Hon. Jacinta Allan
Premier of Victoria
Mum of two



The Hon. Ben Carroll MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education

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