



NEWSLETTER No. 3

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Our Vision Statement: 754 Primary School will maximise opportunities for its students to be resilient learners in an ever changing world.

The Values of 754 revolve around: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect. Our whole school approach of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, is the Framework to support these values.

February

Wed 23: No Prep Students - Testing Day

Mon 28th: Open Water Experience Grade 5/6 Students - Lakes Entrance

March

Tue 3rd: District Swimming

Canteen: Tuesday - Friday

Breakfast Club: Monday and Thursday

March

Wed 16th: School Photo Day

Mon 28th: Staff Professional Development Day Building knowledge in Numeracy to support student outcomes - **Student Free Day**



Please remember to provide your children in grades 3—6 with masks each day.

Principal's Message

Week 3 Term 1

The school is really 'buzzing' at the moment with all classrooms in full swing. We are already seeing some fantastic work across all the classrooms. There is no doubt that the teachers are engaging the students in their work through challenging tasks and activities. Once again, our commitment at 754 is to teach every child at their 'point of need'.

Farewell

I would like to congratulate Ms Fiona Dobson on her appointment as the new Student Achievement Manager for Outer Gippsland. As a result, Fiona will be leaving 754 to undertake this role. I would like to thank her for the amazing effort and commitment that she has shown to our school. Fiona has always put the students first and has dedicated the last 5 years to ensure that every student is provided with the best possible learning experience. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in her new role. Fiona's last day at 754 will be Friday 25th February.



School Captains



Congratulations to all the students that applied for the School Captain positions for Semester 1. They all should be very proud of themselves. The successful applicants were Grace Strecker, Pippa Lawrence, Robbie Tavale and Aiden Curtis. We know that they will fulfill their role with great success and uphold the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Simon Blake
Principal

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Unwell Students:

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff if your child is ill or feeling unwell, even with a simple cold, they **must not** attend school. If your child becomes unwell during school hours we will call for someone to collect them. Thank you for your continued support with this health recommendation.



Hats On Term 4 and Term 1:

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that as per our SunSmart Policy it is compulsory for all children to wear a Sunsmart appropriate hat outside at all times. Please remember to send a hat with your children.

School Canteen:

The canteen is open 4 days per week from Tuesday - Friday. Lunch orders are placed in a basket in your child's classroom, please write orders on a clean paper bag with your child's name and classroom written on the bag. There is a menu attached to the newsletter every week. The canteen is also open at first break for those students wishing to purchase a snack. If you have any other questions please call the school office.



Prep Testing Days:

Just a reminder to families that Wednesday 23rd of February is the last Wednesday that preps stay home. We look forward to having them all here full time from Monday 28th February.

Face Masks:

We would like to remind parents/carers that it is still a requirement for **ALL** students in grade 3 to 6 to wear facemasks while indoors.

It is expected that families supply their children with appropriate sized masks. Please discuss the importance of mask wearing with your children given the number of cases in and around our school community. Please call the school if your child is not coping well with masks in class and requires an exemption.



Camps Sports and Excursion Fund:

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families. Payment amounts this year are \$125.00 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

These forms have been sent home with students but if it has been misplaced please call the school and we can send another one home.

Whole School Swimming Day:

Firstly here are the official results from our Whole School House Swimming Sports:

First Radford – 165 points, Second Ketels – 152 points, Third Bailey - 151 points and Fourth Matters - 112 points. Well done to everyone!

The following are the 2022 Winners and place holders for the 754 - 100 metres Schools Champions Event:

Girls:

First Place: Grace Strecker
Second Place: Alla Lee

Boys:

First : Lachie Taylor
Second: Chayce Ramsay
Third: Jack Smith



Grade 6 Personalised Shirts:

Each year our grade 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a special school shirt that has all Grade 6 students names on the back and our school logo on the front. The shirts are different to our regular tops. Order forms have been sent home with students, if they have misplaced the order form please see the office for a replacement. We have sample sizes available at the office for students to try on as tops do run a size smaller than our regular school shirts. Please return your order with payment to the school no later than Friday 25th February.

Open Water Experience Grade 5/6 Students:

We still have a large number of students that have not returned their Open Water Learning Experience consent forms. Children will not be able to participate without a signed consent form. Just a reminder they are **due by Friday 25th February**.

If Your Child Is Absent:

If your child is unwell please either call the school to let us know or you can log into Compass and do an attendance note from your child's profile. If you need help with this please call the office and I will be happy to help.

Rapid Antigen Test:

On Monday we will be sending home another box of Rapid Antigen Tests with each student. Please keep an eye out in your child's bag for these. If your child is absent they will receive their box when they are back at school.



Our New School Captains:

Congratulations to our four House Captains for 2022 Aiden Curtis, Grace Strecker, Robbie Tavale and Pippa Lawrence. Well done!



S.T.E.M. at 754

With Mrs Padula

We have had a fantastic start to our S.T.E.M. learning at 754. S.T.E.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our S.T.E.M. room is the school's old library (our library has relocated to the old Music Room) and it is awesome because it is a **GIANT** space and we are filling it with great S.T.E.M. Challenge work and S.T.E.M. room pets!

We are in the middle of coming up with a more exciting name for our new S.T.E.M. room and students will vote on the final name in S.T.E.M. class next week. Here are some pictures of students at work in our S.T.E.M. Room.



S.T.E.M. Pets

Have a look at our pet pictures.... We have a scorpion (definitely NOT for handling), a male and female GIANT cockroach (yes we handle these), a delightful leaf insect named *Deloris* which was donated by the Townsend family (thank you very much!) and a cool Oscar fish called Rexy, donated by the Axford family (thank you very much). The students have really enjoyed meeting the pets this week and learning about how to care for them.



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S.T.E.M. at 754



S.T.E.M. Class times

Preps, and Grade 1/2s have S.T.E.M. class on Tuesdays.

Grade 5/6 students have S.T.E.M. class on Wednesdays.

Grade 3/4 students have S.T.E.M. class on Thursdays.

Phys Ed Notes

Our Phys Ed program is up and running again for 2022 and your child's Phys Ed class will be as follows:

Grades 5 & 6 every Thursday
Grades Prep, 1 & 2 every Friday
Grades 3 & 4 every Wednesday

In order to allow your children to get the most out of our Phys Ed program it is important that students come to school prepared for physical activity on the day of their Phys Ed class. This means that all students require broad brimmed hats during terms one and four, a drink bottle with water means students can have a quick drink and join straight back in when they get thirsty. Students also need to be correctly attired in clothes that allow for them to run, jump, kick and throw etc. School uniform is great for this but a problem can often occur when students wear footwear that is not really conducive to running around. Obviously from time to time a student may be ill or carrying an injury which makes physical activity difficult and if this is the case then a simple signed note from home asking for them to be excused from Phys Ed activities is required.

Individual Trials for State sporting Selection

We are on the lookout for any of our students who may be considered elite athletes in their chosen field. There will be trials held over the next couple of months to select students to represent Victoria in cricket, basketball, football, soccer and netball. There will also be opportunities to represent our school in tennis and golf.

If your child would like to try out for any of these sports please contact me at school. Students trialing for the Big 5 sports of cricket, basketball, football, netball and soccer must be considered to be elite in their chosen sport and if chosen will need to be available on a regular basis for training in Melbourne as well as to travel interstate for the competitions. Students will be expected to be able to make the commitment to be at all training sessions and to cover the cost of their own travel.

The first levels of competition for Tennis and Golf are held locally and details for entering these are available by contacting me at school.





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SWIMMING

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**** Student of the Week Awards ****

- Prep A:** **Pheobe Finch** for being a responsible member of the prep classroom. Pheobe always makes responsible choices inside the classroom and in the playground.
- Prep B:** **Vincent Mullett** for working so hard to always show RESPONSIBILITY towards his learning. Vincent shows whole body listening and makes green choices throughout every day. Keep up the fantastic work Vincent, you are superstar!
- 12 A:** **Troy Cooper** for showing great resilience adapting and adjusting on his first day of school. Well done Troy you had great focus all day!
- 12 B:** **Teacher Absent**
- 12 C:** **Karla Miller** This person always puts her finished work away in her finished work folder. She also knows where she needs to be a what she should be doing.
- 34 A:** **Layla Wright** is very responsible pupil. She takes her learning very seriously and is keen to do her very best every time. I am also very impressed with the responsibilities she takes in the running of our routine. Layla is a beautiful asset for our class.
- 34 B:** **Bronte Benedetti** for being a responsible class member. Bronte has shown responsibility in all areas of her schooling during her first 2 weeks of Year 3. This responsibility has ensured that Bronte has made the most of all learning experiences offered to her so far. Well done Bronte – we are super proud of you!
- 34 C:** **Sophie Knight** for showing a high level of responsibility in class. Sophie has blown me away with her maturity and responsible approach to her learning! She takes care to listen carefully to instructions, puts 110% effort into her work, and looks for ways to help support others - thanks for doing your bit to make our classroom such a lovely place to learn! Go Sophie!!
- 56 A:** **Archer Axford** for being responsible by helping classmates and staff. Well done Archer!
- 56 B:** **Ahmad Fatfat** what a fabulous start to 2022! You always show resilience, respect and a high degree of responsibility in the classroom and in all subjects. You are already a huge part of our 56B team as you are enthusiastic, creative and helpful! Thankyou
- 56 C:** **Teacher Absent**
- 56 D:** **Eve Stannus** consistently takes responsibility for her learning and through her leadership, she inspires those around her to do the same. We are so proud of you, Eve! Keep up the great work.

**** Specialist Class - Star of the Week ****

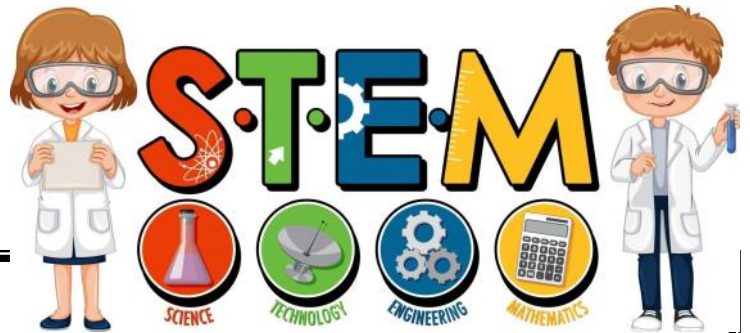


Physical Education

Layla Wright

For always being energetic and having a go at everything in our Phys Ed classes.

Mr O'Brien



Katrina Jansen

For her resilience while working in Miss Smith's S.T.E.M. class today. Katrina you worked beautifully with everyone and were resilient when we took turns meeting our new S.T.E.M. pets. Well done, keep it up.

Mrs Padula



Audrey Percival

For showing enthusiasm and responsibility when approaching her art work. Well done Audrey!

Ms Backman



- Before and after school care -

Now taking bookings for 2022...

Dear Families,

The before and after school care service at Bairnsdale Primary school is held in the school's hall every weekday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am and afternoon from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. We offer breakfast in the morning and serve afternoon tea in evenings, catering for all dietary requirements.

The children help us build our program every week, so there is always a range of genuinely fun and interesting games and activities to do every day.

This includes, art and craft, LEGO, board games, time in the playground, science experiments, sports and more! If there is something your child is interested in doing that we haven't offered, come and chat with us, we're more than happy to hear from you or your child.

For more information on bookings and enrolments, visit www.theircare.com.au or call us at 0459 100 993 between 6:45am—9:00am & 2:00pm—6:00pm and we can help you get started. Alternatively, feel free to pop in and visit us in the hall during service hours any day of the week. We look forward to seeing everyone!



School council elections – Information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school
- A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

For all schools with a year 7 and above cohort, there is a fourth category of membership:

- A mandated elected Student member category, 2 positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the *Code of Conduct – Employees* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty)
- **act in good faith** in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds)
- **act fairly and impartially** (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest)
- **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available)
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school)
- **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage)
- **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions)
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law)
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

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[Indemnity for school council members](#)

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in: the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

[How can you become involved?](#)

The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council
encouraging another person to stand for election.

[What do you need to do to stand for election?](#)

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

[Remember](#)

Consider standing for election to school council this year.

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

Notice of election and call for nominations for Bairnsdale Primary School Council - 2022

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Bairnsdale Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Friday 25th of February 2022.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on Monday 28th of February 2022.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category

Parent member/Community

Term of office

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

Year

2022

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in

2024

Number of positions:

4

Membership category

DET employee member

Term of office

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in

Year

2022

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in

2024

Number of positions:

2

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature

WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS WHILE PLAYING AN AWESOME SPORT?

Woolworths NetSetGO
registrations are
open now!

 REGISTER NOW








Program	NetSetGo
Age Group	Must be turning 8 in 2022 and up to 10 turning 11 in 2022
NetSetGo Centre	Bairnsdale Netball Association
Session Day & Time	Thursday 17th February 2022 from 4.30pm for 45mins
Duration of Program	8 Weeks with the final session held on 7th April 2022
Cost:	\$76.00 (includes NV Membership & a participant pack)
Location	WORLD Netball Courts – Wallace Street Bairnsdale
Further Information	Email your Name, DOB, Address, Email & Mobile to bdale.n.a@hotmail.com and we will forward you the Registration Details



2021 Canteen Menu



Meals

Beef Lasagne	\$6⁰⁰	
<i>Bolognaise sauce with hidden vegetables and béchamel sauce</i>		
Fried Rice	\$5⁰⁰	
<i>Rice with ham, onion, peas and carrot fried with soy sauce</i>		
Pizza	\$4⁵⁰	
<i>Wholemeal base with your choice of ham, cheese and pineapple</i>		
Salad Sandwich or Wraps	\$4⁰⁰	
with Ham	\$4⁵⁰	
<i>Lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and cucumber on wholemeal bread/wrap</i>		
Sausage Rolls	\$3⁵⁰	
<i>Large Sausage Roll (Please ask for sauce)</i>		
Chicken Burger	\$4⁰⁰	
<i>Chicken burger, cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise</i>		
Nachos	\$4⁰⁰	
<i>Corn chips with tomato salsa and cheese</i>		
Toasted Sandwich	\$3⁵⁰	
<i>Your choice of ham, cheese and tomato</i>		
Steamed Dim Sims (ea)	\$1⁵⁰	
<i>(Please ask for soy sauce)</i>		
Party Pies	\$1⁵⁰	
Party Pasties	\$1⁵⁰	
<i>(Please ask for sauce)</i>		
Meat Pies	\$4⁰⁰	
<i>(Please ask for sauce)</i>		

Drinks & Snacks

Flavoured Milks	\$2⁵⁰	
<i>Chocolate or Strawberry</i>		
Juice Box	\$2⁰⁰	
<i>Apple, Orange or Tropical</i>		
Pop Corn	\$1⁰⁰	
Fruit Muffins	\$2⁰⁰	
<i>Berries with bran and low sugar</i>		
Yoghurt	\$2⁰⁰	
<i>No sugar, low fat</i>		
Fresh Fruit	\$1⁰⁰	
<i>Apple or orange</i>		
Cookies	50¢	
Ice Cream in a Cone	\$2⁰⁰	
<i>Chocolate or Vanilla - single serve only</i>		

Foods marked green are healthy food choices. This is guilt-free canteen food, which is low in sugar, salt and fat.

Foods marked amber are foods that should only be eaten in moderation as part of a healthier diet. These foods contain significant levels of salt, sugar and/or fat.

The canteen is endeavouring to improve the quality of food available to students. We are reducing the number of unhealthy manufactured goods. This inevitably increases the labour and time involved in making healthier options.

Volunteer help would be greatly appreciated if parents/caregivers have some time to spare. Even an hour a week we be of help. Please see the School Office or Devon in the Canteen for more details.

Paper Bags (if not provided) - Please add 20c




















Write the lunch order on a clean brown paper bag and remember to include your Child's name and Class. Lunch orders are placed in the basket in the classroom before 9.00am. Late orders may not be accepted.

Remember the Canteen is only open from Tuesday - Friday.



Matrix – School Wide Positive Behaviour System Expectations

We all come to school to learn!	RESPECT	RESPONSIBLE	RESILIENT
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use excellent manners • Be organized • Listen to instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always make positive choices • Own your own behaviour • Be at line up on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sensible • Be brave and persevere • Always have a go and try your best • Accept the consequences of your behaviours 
CORRIDOR MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk safely and quietly • Close doors gently • Know personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go straight to your destination • Wait quietly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait your turn • Be a role model • Respond appropriately 
PLAYGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use common sense • Own your own behaviour • Respect others personal space and property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy sensible and fair play • Plan your play time • Pack away equipment • Always include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solve your own problems • Apply common sense • Adapt when things don't go your way 
BUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use excellent manners • Show a positive attitude • Keep the bus clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat belt on • Quiet voice • Stay seated • Own your own behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to solve your own problems • Ask for help 
TOILETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait your turn • Respect others privacy • Keep toilets tidy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the toilets during break times • Wash and dry hands • Use toilet and sink correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solve your own problems • Ask for help 
ASSEMBLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always clap for achievements • Sit look and listen • Use excellent manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep hands feet and objects to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be pleased for others 