



NEWSLETTER No. 13

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Office Hours 8.30am—4.00pm

Friday 6th September 2024

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

754 Values: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.

Our whole school approach of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, is the Framework to support these values.

September

Thur 19th: Student Led Conferences
Last Day Term - **3:15pm Finish**

Fri 20th: Student Free Day

October

Mon 7th: First Day Term 4
Wed 9th: Year 5/6 Camp Departure Day
Fri 11th: Year 5/6 Camp Returns

Wed 16th: Grade 3/4 Camp Departure Day
Fri 18th: Grade 3/4 Camp Returns

Salvo Breakfast Club
Monday & Thursday Morning

Canteen
Tuesday to Friday

School Run Breakfast Club
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



Simon Blake
Principal

Principals Comment

Student Absence

Thank you to all the families who continue to let us know if their child is away from school. As we make our way out of the winter months our attendance rate is showing signs of improvement. Our aim has always been for every student to achieve an above 90% attendance rate. However, we know that significant illness has impacted our attendance over the last few months. In previous years our attendance rate has been around 86%, on average, therefore each student has been absent for 14% of the year. This translates to 28 school days which works out to be 5 ½ weeks of the year.

So, while we think an 86% attendance rate is still high, imagine the learning each student is missing out on from being away, on average, 5 ½ weeks every year. If we look further into these statistics a child with an 86% attendance rate would miss a total of 196 days in their primary school life from Prep to Grade 6. Given the school year is 200 days in total, students would miss an entire year of schooling from Prep to Grade 6 putting these students significantly behind in all aspects of their learning.

Everyday counts at 754!

Social Media

Social media usage among students in our school often results in increased stress, worries and anxious feelings. As a school we encourage families to delay students having access to social media platforms. In doing some research into this, I came across this helpful graphic that highlights when young people are allowed to access different social media sites and applications. This may be helpful when having discussions at home when considering if your child should have an account on these platforms.



Student Absence:

If your child/children are away please let the office know either via a phone call or logging into Compass to add an absence note. You can also respond to the automated text message that is sent out at 10.15am.



Canteen Orders Online:

Lunch orders can now be placed online via the Compass portal. Orders close at 8.45am each day. Canteen lunch orders can still be placed the traditional way.

Parents/carers please check the prices on the attached menu as there have been some changes.

Student Led Conferences:

Our Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 19th September. These conferences allow students to showcase all the great work they have accomplished throughout the year. More information with times etc. will be sent home with students closer to the date.



Last Day Term 3:

Thursday 19th September will be the last day of Term 3 for students with a regular finish time of **3.15pm**. Friday 20th will be a planning day for staff.

Prep Enrolments:

I would like to remind families that have siblings starting school in 2025 to hand enrolment forms in as soon as you are able to. Enrolment forms are also being taken for our Prep Transition Program that will be starting in November. If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to call the school.

**PREP
ENROLMENTS
2025**



School Saving Bonus \$400.00:



Information sheets regarding the School Saving Bonus have been sent home with the eldest student of each family. It is **vitaly important** that we have a **working email address** for all families in order for the Department Of Education to email you further information on how to claim the \$400.00 bonus. This email will be sent out in November.

To be able to claim the \$400.00 bonus for **2025** Prep students we require your enrolment forms at the office prior to Friday 18th October 2024.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus you can visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus Translated information will be available on the site within the next few weeks.

Camp Medication and Consent Forms:

For students in Grades 3 - 6 who will be attending camps in October could we please have all consent Medical forms returned to the office asap. Staff need to inform Camps of any dietary requirements/allergies/anaphylaxis etc. as soon as we can.

Camp Payments:

I would also like to remind families that camps must be paid for in full prior to the end of Term 3 (19th September) unless you have an existing payment plan in place.

Threatened Species Day Saturday 7th September 2024

Schools Collaborative Artwork Project

Flying fox talk for kids at 10am. Art workshops from 10.30am-1pm. FREE. All welcome.

The Gallery is commemorating Threatened Species Day on Saturday 7th September with art activities for kids and a short talk about Bairnsdale's flying foxes by local bat advocate, Lisa Roberts. Local artists and champions of the environment, Dawn and Chris Stubbs will be running sculpture and painting workshops.

National Threatened Species Day is commemorated across Australia on September 7th to raise awareness of plants and animals at risk of extinction. This day is commemorated annually on the anniversary of the death in captivity of the last known thylacine, or Tasmanian Tiger. Australia has one of the highest mammal extinction rates in the world. Over the last 200 years, more than 100 animal and plant species have become extinct in this country.



Prep B: Shyla Sawyer you have been consistently displaying great resilience and responsibility in your learning. It has been fantastic to watch you participate during reading rotations and in specialists. Keep smiling and keep up the good work!

Prep T: Liam Caldwell is a hard-working member of our classroom; he always completes his work on time and to an excellent standard. He helps his peers without being asked and even offers to help the teachers if he sees some workbooks on the floor or a whiteboard that needs to be cleaned. Well done Liam.

Prep W: Khaza Christie you always show respect by being kind towards your teachers and friends! Prep W is lucky to have you. Keep being amazing, we are so proud of you!

12 G: Parker Wright thank you for consistently displaying active listening, and setting a great example for others with your hard work and focus in the classroom. The additional information you included in your koala information report made it very interesting to read. Keep up the great work.

12 H: Lachlan Singer is growing in confidence. I have been particularly impressed with his hard work in both maths and writing. Lachlan applies himself in handwriting, and always stay on task until his Soundwaves work is completed. In Maths, Lachlan is learning more number facts. He knows where to look in our classroom to make sure his recall is correct. Great work Lachlan!

12 P: Ella Crawford has settled back into 1/2P very well. She is enthusiastic to learn and supportive of her classmates. Well done Ella it's lovely to have you back!

12 M:

34 M: Wyatt Nickless for showing Resilience and an improved attitude toward your work. You have been showing growth in your reading and writing stamina. Keep up the great effort!

34 N: Ruby Button is always a great example of a student that demonstrates our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Ruby is always polite, takes responsibility for her own learning and bounces back quickly when things are challenging for her, always trying her best! Keep up the wonderful work Ruby.

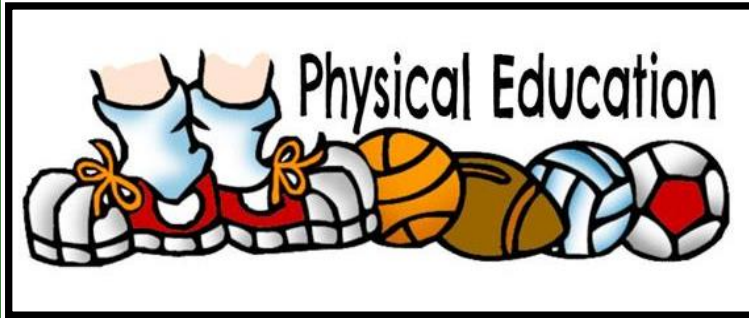
34 R: Ellie White for showing resilience in your learning. When you are faced with challenges you give your best go at solving them independently. You are demonstrating that your growth mindset is growing every day! Well done!

5 B: Ameliah Longhurst 5 weeks of practising how to research and writing information reports; you have been a star writer! You have found information online, dot pointed ideas and then re-wrote facts into your own words. Later organising these facts into categories, you have then published a well written information report on butterflies! Awesome efforts Ameliah!

5 C:

6 C:

6 U: Clair Harrison for her successful completion of her information report on the Olympics. Your care and effort throughout your slideshow presentation was evident. Well done, Clair!

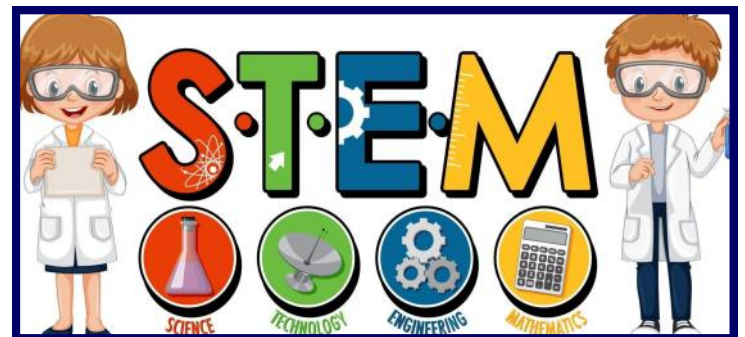


Ruby Button

For attacking our basketball games with great determination and defensive skills. Even when you took a tumble you got straight back up and chased the ball again.

Mr O'Brien

Mrs Padula



Andrew Walker

For doing an amazing job creating his clay pinch pot. It looks fantastic! Well done Andrew!

Ms Backman



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F U N D R A I S E R F O R T H E
M E T U N G F I R E B R I G A D E**



**FASHION
POP UP SHOP**

**Racks and Racks of:
Good Quality Pre-Loved and New
Women's and Men's Clothing
Shoes, Bags & Accessories, Evening Wear,
Sports Wear, Retro and
Top End Fashion Labels**

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024 - 10AM TO 4PM

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 10AM TO 4PM

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, STIRLING ROAD,
METUNG, 3904**



**GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES AT
BARGAIN BASEMENT PRICES!!**



Kids on Bikes

Free Bike Maintenance Workshop

Saturday October 5th 9am – 12pm

New playground next to Lucknow Primary School.

East Gippsland Active Transport is running a maintenance day to get your kids bikes safe and sound and running smoothly. Our expert bike fixers will have tools on hand, so join in, get some tips and help prepare your bikes to enjoy the great tracks and paths Bairnsdale has to offer.

If you need a tyre, tube or parts fitted, bring them along too (Kmart is great !)

To book a 30 minute slot email egatiworkshop@gmail.com

9am / 9.30am / 10am / 10.30am / 11am / 11.30

Our friends, Bairnsdale Repair Café @ The Hub every third Saturday are also on board if you can't make the day. www.facebook.com/Bairnsdalerepair

DONATE A BIKE

Got an unused bike lying around ? If it's mechanically sound and not too rusty we'd love it for our education and training fleet, so please keep us in mind.

Watch for the Primary School Bike Challenge day in December.

Have your bike ready!

East Gippsland Active Transport Inc

www.facebook.com/egactivetransport



Canteen Menu - 2024

Hot Food

★ Beef Lasagne	\$6.00
Bolognaise sauce with cheese and béchamel sauce	
★ Mac and Cheese	\$5.50
★ Pasta Bake	\$5.50
with Tomato & Cheese	
★ Fried Rice	\$5.50
Rice with mixed vegetables fried with soy sauce	
★ Pizza	\$4.50
Wholemeal base with ham, cheese and pineapple	
★ Chicken Burger	\$5.50
Chicken burger, cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise	
★ Nachos	\$4.50
Corn chips with tomato salsa and cheese	
★ Steamed Dim Sims (each)	\$1.50
(Please ask for soy sauce)	
★ Large Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
★ Large Meat Pie	\$4.50
★ Hot Dog	\$4.50
★ Chicken Nuggets (4) (Gluten Free available)	\$3.00
★ Party Pies (Gluten Free available)	\$1.50
★ Party Sausage Roll (Gluten Free available)	\$1.50
(Please ask for tomato sauce)	

Drinks

★ Flavoured Milk	\$2.50
Chocolate or Strawberry	
★ Plain Milk	\$1.00
★ Juice Box	\$2.00
Apple, Orange or Tropical	

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

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

Foods marked red 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.

Sandwiches

★ Vegemite/Jam Sandwich	\$2.50
★ Salad Sandwich	\$4.50
Lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and cucumber	
★ Cheese Toastie	\$3.50

Snacks

★ Pop Corn	50c
★ Cheese Snacks	50c
★ Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Apple or orange	
★ Fruit Cup (two fruits)	\$1.00
★ Cookies	50c
★ Frozen Fruit Bag (Terms 1 & 4)	\$2.00
(Pineapple, orange, grapes)	
★ Zooper Dooper	\$1.00
★ Ice Cream in a Cone	\$2.50
Chocolate or Vanilla - single serve only	

Remember the Canteen is closed Mondays

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

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.*

*The cut off for online orders through Compass is **8.45am***

**We Come To 754 Primary School
To Learn!**



I Can Be Respectful

I can treat others the way that they like to be treated

I can listen to others!



I can have a positive attitude!

I Can Be Responsible

I can make positive choices!

I can be ready to learn



I can own my own behaviour!

I Can Be Resilient

I can have a go and try my best!

I can try to solve my own problems



I can be brave and persevere!