



# NEWSLETTER No. 15

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Office Hours 8.30am—4.00pm

## Friday 31st October 2025

**754 Values:** Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

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

### November

**Mon 3rd:** Student Free Day  
**Tue 4th:** Melbourne Cup Day  
**Wed 5th:** Year 3/4 Camp  
**Fri 7th:** Prep Transition 9.00am - 12.00noon  
Year 3/4 camp returns - 2.30pm  
**Fri 14th:** Prep Transition 9.00am - 12.00noon  
**Mon 17th - Tue 25th:** Book Fair  
**Fri 21st:** Prep Transition 9.00am - 12.00noon  
**Fri 28th:** Last Prep Transition 9.00 - 12.00noon

### December

**Tue 9th:** Statewide Orientation Day and Roll Up Morning  
**Mon 15th:** Year 6 Graduation Evening  
**Tue 16th:** Year 3 - 5 Awards, School Reports sent home with students  
**Wed 17th: Last Day Of School 2025  
Finish at 3.10pm**

**Salvo Breakfast Club**  
Monday & Thursday Morning

**Canteen**  
Monday to Friday

**School Run Breakfast Club**  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



## Principals Comments



**Simon Blake**  
Principal

As we move into the middle of the final term, our students are engaging in a range of assessments designed to measure their progress in literacy and numeracy. These assessments provide valuable insights into each student's growth and help inform our teaching and learning programs as we continue to support every learner to achieve their best.



Behind the scenes, we are finalising our staffing profile and class structures for 2026 to ensure that we can continue to cater to the diverse needs of all our students.

It's also been exciting to see progress in several key facilities projects. The toilet refurbishment is well on track, and we are looking forward to the installation of our new playground before the beginning of the 2026 school year. These upgrades will further enhance our school environment and provide our students with safe, engaging, and modern spaces to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make the final weeks of term both productive and positive for all.



### **Student Free Day:**

Please note that **Monday 3rd November** will be a student-free day. Teachers will be using the day for report writing.

### **Melbourne Cup Day**

Please note that Tuesday, 4th November is the **Melbourne Cup Day public holiday**. The school will be **closed**, and there will be no classes for students on this day.



### **Prep Transition:**

We are very excited to welcome our 2026 Prep students as they begin their transition to school on **Friday 7th November**. The first session will run from **9.00am – 12.00noon**, and transition will continue **every Friday throughout November**.

These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for our future Preps to become familiar with the school environment, meet teachers and classmates, and gain confidence in the routines of school life. It's a great way to ensure a smooth and positive start to their first year.

Children should bring a **hat, lunch and drink bottle** each week. We can't wait to see all our new students as they begin their exciting journey into school!

### **Grade 3/4 Camp:**

Our grade 3/4 students will be heading to camp Coonawarra on Wednesday 5th Nov. They will leave school at 9.00am and return on Friday 7th at approximately 2.30pm

Please ensure you name all of your child's personal belongings. Any medications must be in the original packaging and clearly labelled with their name, dosage amount and times to be administered.



A reminder that **no smart watches, phones or other electronic devices** are to be taken on camp.

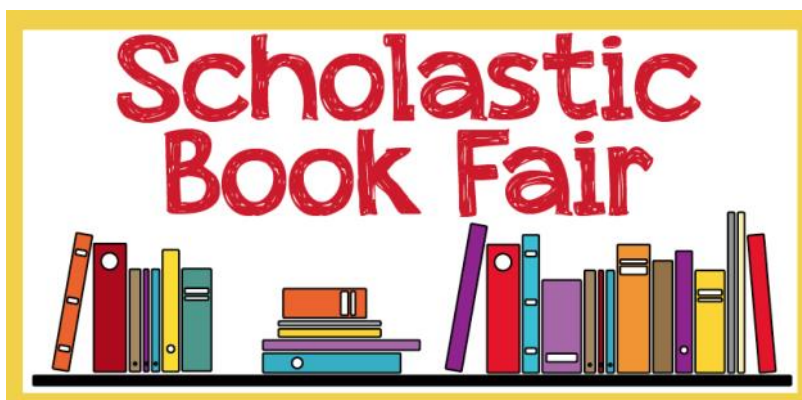
There is a packing list on your news feed in Compass if you have misplaced your original.

### **Book Fair:**

Our annual Book Fair will be held from **Monday 17th November to Tuesday 25th November** in the **main building**. The Book Fair will be open each afternoon from **3:00pm – 4:00pm** (please note there will be **no morning sessions**).

Parents can pay by **cash or card**. Come along and browse the great selection of books—it's a wonderful opportunity to **find some bargains for Christmas presents** or pick up a few titles for **fun holiday reading**.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# Bairnsdale Scouts are saving Christmas for foster kids by collecting unwrapped Christmas gifts.

Drop off location: 26B Grant Street Bairnsdale  
Date: November 1st between 10am-4pm

We DON'T need:

- swimming gear
- lollies
- books
- Lego
- toy weapons



# INTRODUCING ESORTS COLLECTIVE

## MORE THAN JUST GAMING

Greetings from ESports Collective! You may have heard of us through social media or from our time trading in Paynesville last year.

We're local parents who, like many in our community, recognised that Bairnsdale needed more for young people and decided to be part of the solution. ESports Collective is more than a gaming venue - we're a purpose-built community space at 58 Macleod Street where young people aged 8 and above can develop digital skills, build confidence, and make genuine social connections through gaming.

### Our Mission: Gaming With Purpose

We believe gaming has untapped potential as a pathway to developing real-world skills and social connections. In East Gippsland, where opportunities for young people can be limited (especially for those not involved in traditional sport), we're working to change perceptions about gaming by showing how it can be a positive, social activity that builds confidence, teaches digital literacy, and creates community.

### What We Offer

We're creating a supportive, low-pressure environment where young people practice social skills through activities they genuinely enjoy. Our explicitly neurodivergent-friendly space welcomes every young person, celebrating different perspectives and abilities as strengths. Open Monday to Saturday from 12pm, we provide premium gaming equipment in a safe, welcoming environment built on respect and inclusion.

Our core offerings are available now, including Drop-In Gaming, Birthday Parties, ESports Club, and our NDIS Social Circle and Supported Work Program. As community support grows, we have plans to expand with Karaoke, a free roam VR Arena and a break-out room featuring arcade machines.

### Why Your Support Matters

As a regional small business, we rely on local support to continue providing these opportunities for Bairnsdale's young people. Visit us and bring your children to experience what we offer and perhaps consider your next birthday party. And for those with older children, please encourage your teens and young adults to come independently.

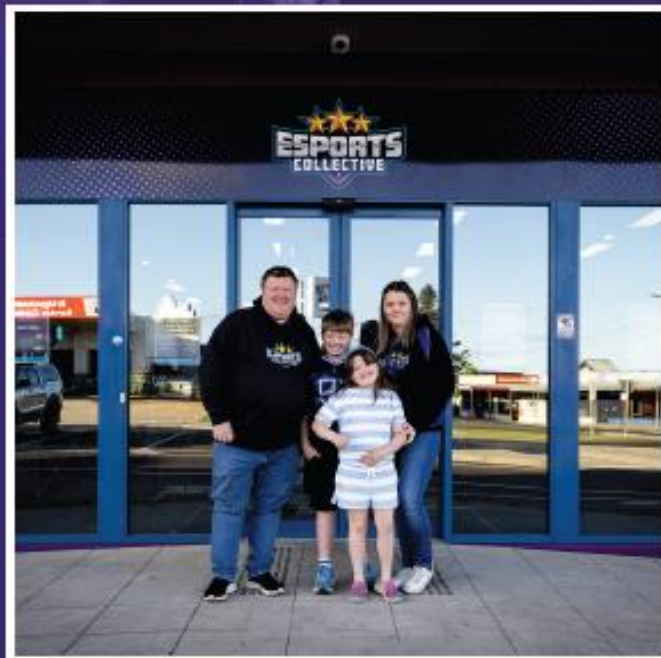
### Questions? We're Happy to Chat

We know Gaming isn't for everyone, and we understand parents may have questions or concerns. We welcome conversations about screen time, online safety, and how gaming can be part of a balanced, healthy lifestyle. We're not encouraging endless gaming at home; rather, we're providing a structured, social environment where positive behaviour is modelled and young people can develop in healthy ways.

We'd love to meet your family and show you what we're building in Bairnsdale. Drop in during our open hours, reach out with questions, or visit our website to learn more.

Together, we're creating something meaningful for our region's young people - transforming gaming passion into real-world potential, one young person at a time.

Many thanks,  
Deryck & Family



# ESPORTS CLUB



## MORE THAN JUST GAMING

ESports Club @ ESports Collective is your daily after-school gaming community running 4-5pm every day. In Term 4, it's all about getting to know people and playing whatever you love - we'll match you with kids your age who share your interests.

Whether you're making new friends or just need a break from gaming at home, there's no pressure, just fun gaming and making friends.

Looking ahead to 2026, we'll expand into a competitive league for those who want to level up!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- » **Session Kickoff (5 mins)**  
Drop in, choose your game, and we'll connect you with others who want to play the same thing.
- » **Game Time (60 mins)**  
Play what you love with kids matched by age and interests. Pure gaming fun with people who get it.
- » **Wrap-Up (10-15 mins)**  
Celebrate wins, share highlights, and organise meet ups online from home or at ESports Collective at another time!

## GAMES

Jump into your favourite games on high-end PCs and consoles. Popular choices include:

- » **Fortnite**  
Team battles, creative builds, and squad victories
- » **Minecraft**  
Team building, survival challenges, and creative worlds
- » **Rocket League**  
Team racing, aerial shots, and competitive goals
- » **Just Dance**  
Team battles, superhero powers, and epic showdowns
- » **Mario Kart**  
Team racing, power-ups, and classic fun

## PRICE

**\$15 / WEEK**

Join ESports Club through Beta Squad Membership - just \$15/week for your 1 weekly session plus 2 bonus hours (worth \$45 at regular rates). That's 67% off normal pricing.

**Need extra support?** We've got you covered. Attend with your own support worker or tap into our peer support network - everyone's welcome!



## ABOUT ESPORTS COLLECTIVE

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# SUPPORTED WORK PROGRAM



REAL EMPLOYMENT BUILT AROUND YOUR INTERESTS

Traditional programs ask you to fit into existing roles. We build roles around what you love and do well. The Supported Work Program @ ESports Collective is designed for NDIS participants 16+ who are passionate about gaming, tech, or content creation. This isn't volunteering or work experience - you'll earn real wages while getting expert mentorship, funded through your NDIS Capacity Building budget.

## WORK PATHWAYS

We don't force you into boxes—we build roles around what you love and do well. Our three pathways are just the beginning. We tailor them to match your unique interests and abilities, crafting a role that fits you perfectly.

- » **Customer Support & Gaming Operations**  
Welcome gamers, create the vibe, and make everyone feel at home through gaming and support.
- » **Technical Operations & Systems Management**  
Maintain PCs, troubleshoot issues, and learn coding to keep our gaming systems running smoothly.
- » **Creative Content & Digital Marketing**  
Create engaging social content through graphic design, video editing, and digital storytelling.

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

Most work experience feels like checking boxes. Ours feels like doing something you're actually good at, with people who understand. We're building a workplace where your interests and strengths come first - because working on something you love is a game changer.

- » Earn proper award wages - this is real employment with real pay
- » Roles built around your interests and natural abilities
- » Mentorship from people who truly understand disability support
- » NDIS support that adapts as you grow
- » Be part of something meaningful for our wider community

## FUNDING

This program is funded through your NDIS Capacity Building budget. We work with you and your wider support team to ensure the program meets your goals and provides clear progress documentation. Regular reports track your skill development, making NDIS reviews straightforward.



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# Canteen Menu - 2025

## Hot Food

- **Beef Lasagne** \$6.00  
Bolognese 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** \$5.00  
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** \$4.50
- **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)

## 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

**Canteen is now open  
Monday - Friday**

**Orders can be made online via**



## 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.*

*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 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.*

**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!