



NEWSLETTER No. 2

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Office Hours 8.30am—4.00pm

Friday 21st February 2025

754 Values: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.

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

February

Wed 26th: No Preps at school

March

Mon 3rd: Preps are now full time

Mon 10th: Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 12th: Naplan Yr 3 & 5

Mon 24th: Dental Van visit this week

Fri 28th: **Curriculum Day - No Students**

March

Mon 31st: Parent Teacher Phone Interviews
3.30 - 4.30pm

April

Tue 1st: Parent Teacher Phone Interviews
3.30 - 4.30pm

Wed 2nd: Parent Teacher Phone Interviews
3.30 - 4.30pm

Fri 4th: Last Day Term 1

Salvo Breakfast Club
Monday & Thursday Morning

Canteen
Tuesday to Friday

School Run Breakfast Club
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



Simon Blake
Principal

PRINCIPALS COMMENTS

Reading with your child...

Reading aloud is one of the most important things parents can do with their children. Make your read alouds interactive and fun — a conversation between you, your child, and the story (the words and the illustrations). You'll be introducing rich new words, providing a model of fluent, expressive reading, and letting your child know how wonderful books and reading can be.

Studies have shown that children who are read to regularly are more likely to develop early literacy skills, such as rhyming, letter recognition, and phonemic awareness (hearing the sounds in spoken words). These skills are essential for becoming a skilled reader and success in school.



Books provide rich language experiences and expose kids to vocabulary not used as often in everyday spoken conversation. When children hear new words and phrases, it helps them expand their "word bank" and learn how to use language effectively. Reading aloud helps kids understand text structure - how a narrative story is pieced together, with a beginning, middle, and end. Reading aloud also helps children develop other comprehension skills, such as inferencing, predicting and understanding characters' actions and motivations.

If you are struggling to find a book that your child is interested in, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher for advice.



Yarning Circle

The first stage of the Yarning Circle is complete. The next stage involves mulching and planting of trees and shrubs. Students in Grade 5/6 will be involved in this process within their Outdoor Education sessions.

School Start & Finish Times:

This year our break times have changed slightly. Class starts at the usual time of 8.50am. Our first break is 11.00am - 11.30am Second break is 1.40pm - 2.10pm and our finish time is now 3.10pm



CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursion Fund):

CSEF forms were sent home earlier this week. To be eligible you must hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Card. Please add all students to the one form as we do not need separate forms for siblings. If you are unsure about this please call into the office for assistance. CSEF gives each child \$150.00 that sits in your family account that can be used to cover the cost of excursions/camps etc. Any credit that is left at the end of the year stays in your family account and can be rolled over into the new year.

Some prep families have returned their form at the time of enrolment however I would rather have a double up than see a family miss out.

Compass Portal:

Last week I sent home Compass Login Letters to all of our new families and those existing families who had not yet logged into the Compass portal. Compass is a vital part of your child's education as it allows us to send out information quickly in an emergency. Compass is also where you will be able to make Parent/Teacher Interview appointments, view your child's school reports, enter absence notes, place lunch orders etc.

The Compass for Education platform is available as an app for both Apple and Android devices as well as viewing on a laptop/desktop pc. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any help logging into your account.



Canteen:

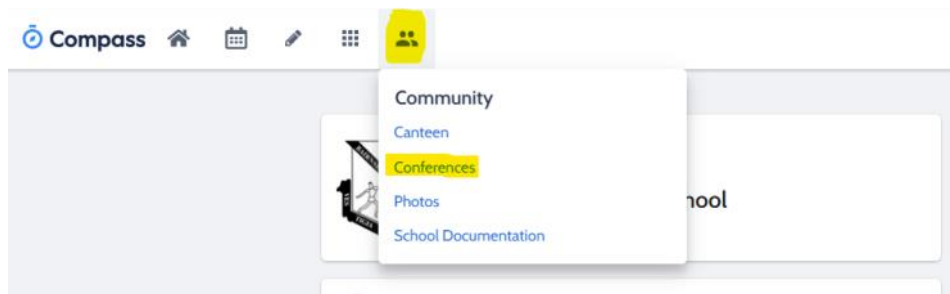
Our school canteen is open from Tuesday to Friday each week and children can also purchase a range of snacks during first break. From Monday 3rd of March we will trial opening the canteen from Monday to Friday until 30th June. If this for lunch orders. We will



Lunch orders can be placed online through the Compass portal or the "old fashioned" way by writing their order on a brown paper bag (purchased from the supermarkets) or on an envelope with an additional 20¢ to cover the cost of a paper bag supplied by the school.

Parent/Teacher Phone Interviews:

Parent/Teacher **phone** interviews will be held on Monday 31st March, Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd April between 3.30 - 4.30pm The interviews will be via a phone call from your child's teacher. Parents/Cares will need to make an appointment via the Compass Portal which will **open for bookings on Monday March 17th**. Access to the booking portal is via the Conferences tab.



Student Free Day:

Friday 28th March will be a planning day for staff so students are not required at school.

Grade 6 Polo Shirt:

Last day for ordering a grade 6 polo shirt is Monday 24th February. No late orders will be taken.

Music Program:

Thank you to the families that have donated instruments to the Music Room. Ukulele, guitar, keyboards and keyboard stands are still being accepted.

Phys Ed Notes:

Our Phys Ed program is up and running again for 2025 and your child's Phys Ed class will be as follows:

Grades 5 & 6 on Tuesday mornings

Grades 3 & 4 spread over Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Grades Prep, 1 & 2 spread over Wednesdays and Thursdays

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 (ie. wins league best fairest awards, play in representative teams). There will be trials held over the next couple of months to select students to represent Victoria in cricket, basketball, football, soccer and netball. Nominations for these trials close on Saturday 1st March.

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.

2025 House Swimming Results:

Congratulations to all the students who entered and participated in the 2025 Bairnsdale Primary School House swimming Sports. The results are as follows:

4th Place was Ketels on 139 pts

3rd Place was Radford on 145 pts

2nd Place was Matters on 152 pts

1st Place went to Bailey House with 178 points.

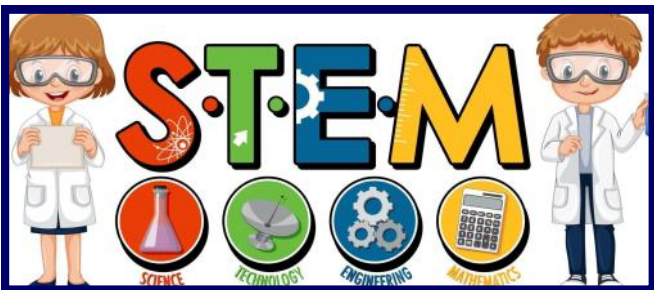
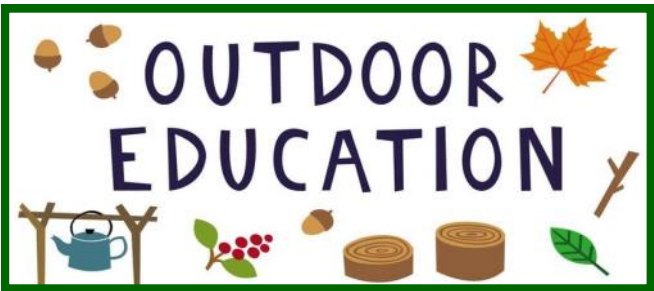


A few happy Bailey House members.

STAR STUDENT

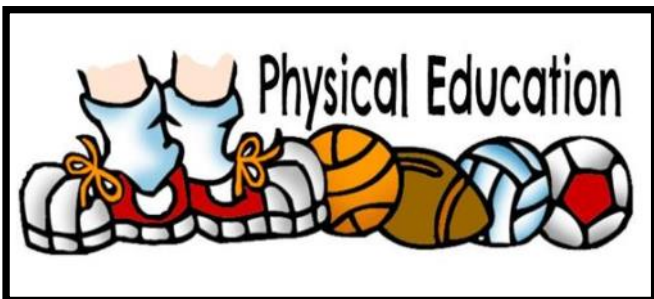


Teacher Absent



Jaimie (6MC)
For setting a fantastic example of respect
towards school, schoolwork and
classmates. Well done Jaimie.

Mrs Padula



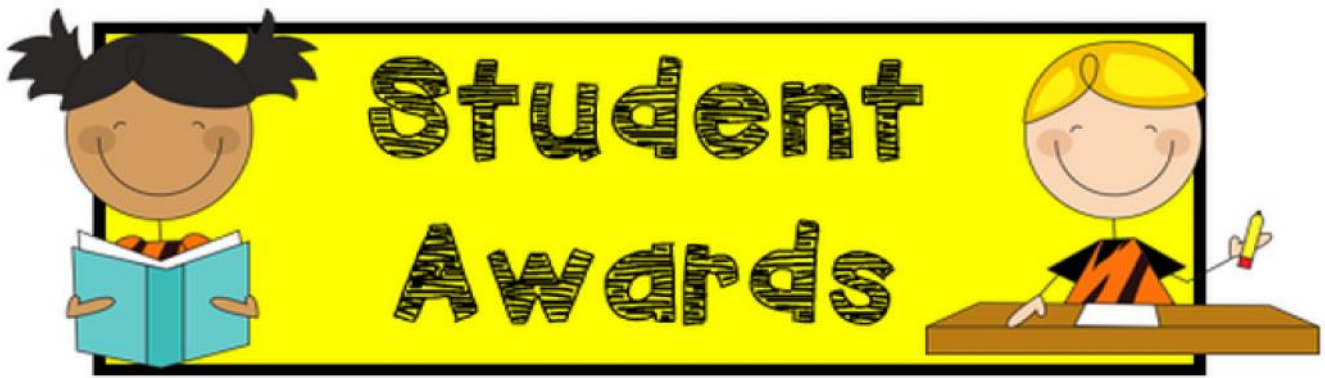
Kydon (34R)
Great to see you back and working hard in
our Phys Ed lessons.

Mr O'Brien



Kinzly (12B)
For his amazing contribution in Music Class.
Kinzly has participated in body percussion
and drumming activities with great
enthusiasm and a big smile.

Miss De Bona



P1E: **Oakley** well done on a fantastic start to Grade 1! You have shown wonderful leadership among your peers and have been working hard to put in your best effort. Keep up the amazing effort, we are so proud of you!

P1L: **Leah** is eager to help her fellow classmates and teacher whenever needed. Keep up the great work Leah.

P1S: **Riley** you have had an outstanding start to your first year of school! Your enthusiasm in the classroom, kindness towards your classmates, and positive attitude make you a wonderful member of P/1S. Keep up the good work.

12B:

12E: **Eden** for settling well into your schooling at 754 and taking responsibility for your learning in the classroom.

12N: **Andrew** has had an amazing start! He is a responsible learner who endeavours to do his very best in everything he undertakes. He is always ready to learn and to take part in class discussions. He is a great role model to our class. Well done, Andrew!

12R:

34M: **Robert** for consistently demonstrating the school values of Responsibility, Respect and Resilience. Robert always gives his best effort during lessons and remains focused. Well done Robert on the great start to the year.

34N: **Seth** you have settled in really well to our school often showing all three of our school values. You demonstrate respect by waiting your turn to talk in whole class discussions. You're working hard to be resilient with your learning often giving all learning tasks a go and you take responsibility for your learning, making sure to ask questions when needing clarification. Keep up the wonderful work Seth.

34R: **Ava** for showing resilience during House Swimming. You should be so proud of yourself for jumping in the water. You have also shown resilience in your learning and we can't wait to see all of your growth! Great start to the year!

5CW:

5JV: **Indi** for being resilient and settling into 5JV seamlessly.

6AB: **Pearl** you have taken on feedback to improve yourself. You have shown honesty and courage when talking with adults to help others. When sitting or working with different people, you demonstrate tolerance and respect.

6MC:

**House Captains
Max, Claire, Azarlah, Ben, Natalie, Violet, Kyah and Donald.**



**School Captains
Kirby, Hunter, Tyler and Layla.**



2025 Swimming Champions 100 meters

Boys: 1st Place - Edward, 2nd Place - Chayce

**Girls: 1st Place - Kirby, 2nd Place - Louise and
3rd Place - Airly**

Louise is absent from the photo.

SOCCER IS BACK!



EAST GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

TAMBO VALLEY



TIGERS



WEST
BAIRNSDALE
RAPTORS



LAKE KING
PIRATES



EAST
BAIRNSDALE
HORNETS



LAKES
ENTRANCE
VIKINGS

FIND US ON
FACEBOOK

JOIN OUR
COMMUNITY!

REGISTRATION CLOSURES: 14TH MARCH
START DATE: SAT 26 APRIL (ROUND 1)
FINISH DATE: SAT 16 AUGUST (FINALS)
HOWITT PARK, BAIRNSDALE
12 ROUNDS, PLUS SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS
AGE GROUPS: 7S, 9S, 11S, AND 13S

CONTACT: [EASTGIPPSLANDSOCCERLEAGUE@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:EastGippslandSoccerLeague@outlook.com)

CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE



PLAY

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



4 - 12 YEARS



7 - 12 YEARS

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.

Play with your mates, make new friends & have fun at local footy. Local footy involves weekly games and training sessions for players.



JUNIOR FOOTY

STARTING AT UNDER 11'S



FIND OUT MORE



VISIT PLAY.AFL

Please see next page for extra details.



PLAY AFL EAST GIPPSLAND

Join us for a FREE footy-filled afternoon of fun, action and community spirit!
Whether you are a seasoned player or just starting out, this event has something for everyone!

- Auskick & Superkick Session (2:00PM - 3:00PM)
- Junior footy clinic for 12 - 15yr olds (3:00PM - 4:00PM)
- Exciting giveaways!

WHERE

PEPPERCORN PARK
BAIRNSDALE CITY OVAL

WHEN

SUNDAY 23RD FEB
2.00PM - 4.00PM



SCAN TO REGISTER



FREE EVENT
9 MARCH
2025

LAKES ENTRANCE
FORESHORE RESERVE
10AM - 8PM



HOOKED ON LAKES



SEAFOOD & FISHING FESTIVAL

COME & TRY FRESH SEAFOOD
COOKING & FILLETING DEMOS
LEFCOL TOURS
FISHING CLINICS
CASTING, KNOT TYING CLINICS
& LURE PAINTING
EXPERT FISHING TALKS
AQUACULTURE HUB
FISHING GEAR SWAP MEET
FISH DISSECTION DEMOS

FREE CONCERT 2.30PM-8PM
HEADLINE ACT -
PIERCE BROTHERS

MARKET STALLS
LOCAL MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS
GIVEAWAYS



Go Fishing Victoria
More people fishing, more often.



EAST GIPPS
LAND



FREE EVENT 9 MARCH 2025

LAKES ENTRANCE
FORESHORE RESERVE
10AM - 8PM

FREE CONCERT

2.30PM-8PM

HEADLINE ACT - PIERCE BROTHERS - 6.30PM

FREE SHUTTLE BUS TO LEFCOL FOR
TOURS OF THE FACILITY, SAMPLES,
GIVEAWAYS & KIDS ACTIVITIES.
10AM-4PM



FISHING & OUTDOOR SWAP MEET
BRING YOUR UNUSED FISHING GEAR TO
SWAP FOR SOMETHING ELSE!

KIDS DRAWING COMPETITION
20 FISHING PACKS UP FOR GRABS!



MARCH 8
6PM-10PM
SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA
AT OFF THE WHARF.
(TICKETS VIA QR CODE)

Go Fishing Victoria
More people fishing, more often



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

Remember the Canteen is closed Mondays and 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!