



## Important Dates

14/2/2025

TERM 1	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/carer/teacher conversations.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Outdoor Education begins. Gr 3-6.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	SSA inter-school Soccer (Gr 5 and 6).
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5).
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	National Ride2school day.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN concludes (Gr 3 and 5).
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	SSA inter-school Cross Country (Gr 3-6).
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	The Village Fair.

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

**School Values: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration.**

**Child Safe** Anglesea Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students. We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability. Child safety is a shared responsibility.

**Our Vision** Anglesea Primary School is a creative and fun learning environment, that is accepting of all and promotes the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Students will strive for personal best, becoming independent and resilient learners who make a positive contribution to the community and environment.

**Term 1 Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations.** These will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. See below. This week information was sent via Compass for parents/carers to book a time to suit them. Please remember to return your completed questionnaire to your child's Home Group teacher by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**NAPLAN.** Grade 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests (Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy) in March. See below.

**Outdoor Adventure Program.** Each year our Grade 3-6 students engage in the Outdoor Adventure Program to learn about the wonderful environment Anglesea has.

- Grade 3 students participate in an 'About Anglesea' program to develop their knowledge of local and indigenous flora and fauna.
- Grade 4 students participate in a Bike Education program at school, concluding with the 'Tour de Anglesea' bike ride about the town.
- Grade 5 students participate in a 'Initiative/Team building' program at YMCA Camp.
- Grade 6 students participate in a 'Learn to Surf' program at Main Beach.
- This week permission and medical forms were sent home with the children. Today a digital version was sent via Compass.

**Announcing grade 6 leadership positions and welcoming our new preps.** This will be done at the Assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. See below.

**School council.** A well-informed and effective school council strengthens community confidence in the school and helps to build and secure the school's reputation. As we are seeking new members of school council, see information below.

**Relocation Day.** Yesterday everything went smoothly at Torquay College (P-6). Thanks to the staff for being flexible at very short notice to change their plans and provide a quality program for the children. Thanks to parents/carers for transporting their child/ren to and from Torquay and thanks to the children who were fantastic!

**Playground – Spider.** Thanks to some Grade 5-6 students who demonstrated our school value of Responsibility by telling me that the pole on the 'Spider' (climbing frame) in the playground was swaying. Since then, in the interests of safety, it has been out of bounds.

### Our School Values

**Respect:** We speak nicely to each other and allow others to learn.

**Responsibility:** We are on task and always try our best.

**Kindness:** We are friendly, listen to others and behave in a safe manner.

**Collaboration:** We learn together and help each other.

Contractors visited the school this week to check the pole and will hopefully be back soon to make some repairs. Until then, the 'Spider' will remain out of bounds.

**Breakfast Club.** Starts next week on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February. See information below.

**School assembly.** Will be held today in the Stadium at 3:10pm. All welcome.

Anglesea PS: great staff, great students, great community = great school!

Murray Surkitt

Principal

## VALUES OF THE WEEK

Teaching the children how to show our values assists is to provide a positive climate for learning

This week we are teaching the children our beginning of year values/rules

We return our sports equipment to the green bins after playtimes.



We put our workbooks and pencils away after each class.

We take care of our NAMED hats, jumpers and water bottles and make sure they are in our bags each day.



Value of the Week

### Responsibility

We take care of our equipment and put things where they belong



We take regular brain breaks.

We have all of our learning materials out before class begins.



We have our iPads charged and ready to use.



Value of the Week

### Responsibility

We come to class ready and prepared to learn



**VILLAGE FAIR, 2025.** The school's major fundraiser, the Village Fair, will be held on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. For those new to the school the fair runs from **3-7:30pm** and is a great day out for the whole family with rides, market stalls, kids talent show, silent auction, entertainment and a plethora of food, boutique wine and drinks. For the fundraising efforts to be a success we're looking for support from the school and broader community and there are lots of ways you can help.

- Save the Date and promote the fair with your friends and family and bring as many people on the day!!!
- Look out for the volunteer roster when posted and sign up for a volunteer shift
- Bake a cake or slice or donate fresh produce for the school's cake and fresh produce stall
- Start sifting through your cupboards for any unwanted books and toys for the secondhand stall, we will start collecting donations in the coming weeks
- Buy a raffle ticket and encourage your family and friends to do the same.
- Next time you're shopping, purchase a packet or two of lollies or chocolates that can be used to make up our lolly bags at the popular lolly bag stall. A box for donations will be in the office at school.
- Donate a small new item which can be used for prizes for the kids side show games.

If you are a business owner consider sponsorship or donating to our silent auction, sponsorship package details are available by contacting [sponsorshipangleseaps@gmail.com](mailto:sponsorshipangleseaps@gmail.com) or speak with Elise Saw on 0421809773.

## Breakfast Club. Start date – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Each Thursday at 8am students are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast in the staff room from 8am. Many thanks to Colleen for organising this and for providing the breakfast!



## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

SWPBS is an initiative we implement to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and to teach them our school values. To more information about SWPBS, click here: <https://www.vic.gov.au/SWPBS> and scroll down to this video.

### School-wide Positive Behaviour Support

Improving behavioural outcomes for Victorian students



**BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS.** Do you have the Compass 'app' on your phone so you can receive notifications immediately? On Compass information is available regarding procedures we will follow in the event of any Catastrophic (we are closed) or Extreme weather (we relocate to Torquay College P-6). Once confirmed, information will be sent to parents/carers via Compass. *Please note we will only be informed of any Catastrophic or Extreme weather the previous day and most likely after 4pm.*



**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE.** To improve school attendance, at Assembly the names of students who have been at school each day, and on time, will be displayed and go into a raffle. One of these students will receive a prize.

### LUNCH ORDERS.

Quickly place lunch orders online with Flexischools!

- Download the Flexischools App
- Submit your email address to create an account
- Confirm your email address via the registration email
- Follow the registration process
- Add your students to your account.



Please note that if your child has an allergy, when you log in you must select 'allergy'. Parents/carers can also add this information as a 'note' so Morgan's are extra aware of the students with allergies. When placing an order, please check your child/ren's current class is correct. For example, check their class is the 2025 class name, not the 2024 name.

**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** At the beginning of each year, we provide time for parents/carers to have a conversation with their child's teacher allowing us to better know the students, build positive home-school relationships and provide effective teacher-parent/carer communication. They will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February and a Compass notification has been sent to all parents/carers to book a time between 1 and 6pm. It includes a questionnaire to complete and send to your child's Home Group teacher on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Additional conversations are held in June and December and are available upon request.

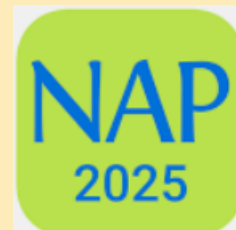
**ANNOUNCING GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** We have renewed our Grade 6 Leadership Program to help these students have a successful, fun and rewarding year and develop their leadership skills in preparation for secondary school. The positions this year are:

- **School Captain:** Planning and leading assemblies, representing our school at special events (eg. ANZAC Day), being on call to show visitors about our school, model our school values.

- **Vice-Captain:** Stand in for School Captains or any other leadership roles, set up and run the presentation at assembly, answer the phone and greet visitors in the office if Colleen is out of the office, answer the phone in the portable, on Monday mornings put up the flags and bring them back down on Friday afternoons, model our school values.
- **House Captains.** Organise and lead House activities, helping at the House Sports/Values Cup, running events for Houses during lunchtimes, coordinate recess and lunch sporting equipment, pack away and put-up the goal post pads each term.
- **Student Voice Captains.** Plan and lead termly student voice meetings with Home Group representatives to organise fundraising events and gain feedback from students on how to improve the school, promote the House names, coordinate lost property and rubbish free lunch, help ensure the grounds are free from rubbish, put buddy benches in/out each day, model our school values.
- **Values Captains.** Attend Wellbeing Leadership Team meetings to set the 'Values of the Week' for each term and assist review the school's School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix, promote and model the school values (Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Collaboration), present 'values' awards at Assembly.
- **Sustainability Leaders.** Organise classroom bins, think of and implement ways to reduce waste and electricity use, monitor impact of solar panels on electricity use, renew recycling program.

The Grade 6's will be informed of these opportunities and prepare speeches for the positions. They will then present their speeches to all Grade 3-6 students who will participate in an election to determine our Grade 6 student leaders. We will announce the positions at Assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. **At this Assembly we will also officially welcome the Preps to Anglesea Primary School.**

**NAPLAN.** The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Over the next few weeks Grade 3 and 5 teachers will provide time for the children to familiarize themselves with the format of the tests. Prior to the tests, the 2025 NAPLAN Lockdown Browser app needs to be installed on student BYOD iPads - an image of the app is included. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



The NAPLAN Tests have been scheduled as stated below:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Writing
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Reading
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Conventions of Language
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Numeracy.

If a student is away on a test date, catch up tests can be held up to and including Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

All tests are completed online (except for Grade 3 Writing where the children use pencil and paper) and students will use either their BYOD iPad or a school-based iPad. Grade 5 students with a BYOD iPad are to bring their device to school fully charged and are welcome to bring along and use their own keyboard, especially for the Writing Test. The school has some keyboards that students can use. We suggest students have a good night's sleep to help them arrive at school by approximately 8:45am as the Tests will commence straight after the 9:00am bell.

A NAPLAN information for parents/and carers brochure is available at <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

**SCHOOL COUNCIL.** A well-informed and effective school council strengthens community confidence in the school and helps to build and secure the school's reputation. Understanding the distinction in roles and responsibilities between school council and the principal supports the effective and efficient operations of the council and the school. Responsibility for aspects of running a school rests with the principal, with support from the department and other members of school staff.

**School council. The role of school council is to assist with:**

- Strategic Planning. Reflecting on past performance and establishing future directions to build success for all students.
- Finance. Approve annual budget.
- Policy review. Some policies are endorsed by School Council. Some are not as the principal is responsible for the development of teaching and learning programs.
- Community Engagement. Inform itself of the views of the school community and stimulate interest in the school community, by making decisions in the best interests of all students in the school.
- Having overall responsibility for the Riverbank Markets the school hosts (Melbourne Cup weekend, New Years Day and January Market). Members are expected to give some time to assist by completing roles on the roster.

Our school council meet eight times per year, twice per term. Our existing council will meet on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00pm. As some members will retire from school council after this meeting, as of today (February 9) we are calling for nominations to join the new council.

The Constituting Order of Anglesea Primary School states the composition of the Council is:

- EIGHT elected parent members.
- FOUR elected DET employee members. The principal who is executive officer is included in this number.
- Up to TWO community members.

This year our retiring parent members are Twiggy Finemore, Cameron Shaw and Sandy Martin with DET Employee Wendy Rankin. Members retire at the end of their term, however parents are welcome to nominate for membership again if still eligible (eg. still have children at the school.)

Our continuing parent members are Sam Bailey, Rebecca Shaw. Our continuing DET Employees are Linda Wylie and Murray Surkitt.

**This means we currently have the following vacancies to be filled.**

- Six x two year elected parent positions.
- Two x two year elected DET employees.
- Two x two year community members.

**The timeline is as follows:**

14<sup>th</sup> February: Call for nominations. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

28<sup>th</sup> February: Nominations close (4:00pm).

If nominations do not exceed vacancies, the new council will be formed.

If nominations exceed vacancies, the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed and the process will be:

5<sup>th</sup> March: Distribute ballot papers.

19<sup>th</sup> March: Close of ballot. (4.00pm).

20<sup>th</sup> March: Count votes and declare the poll.

26<sup>th</sup> March: New school council Annual General Meeting at 6:00pm

If you would like to join school council, or nominate someone else, please complete a nomination form from the office.

Further information about school council is below, please feel free to see me for more information.

## Helping at Our School...Thank you.

### Sick Bay Laundry Roster –

We need people to go on our sick bay roster for term 1. This would involve changing the bedding. ie washing the sheets, pillowcases, doona cover each Friday. If you can help, please send me an email

[anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or pop into the office and see me. Each parent will be put on the roster for 2 Fridays.

### TERM 1

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Twiggy Finemore

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February – Sonia McCall-White

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March – Brodie McDowell

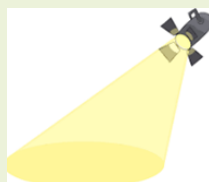
Many thanks

## Junior Community

### *Reminders*

- Please label all personal belongings (including drink bottles and lunch boxes)
- Students bring a school hat to wear during Recess and Lunch play. Sunscreen is a great idea for Term 1 too!
- Encourage your child/ren to put their bags into their locker and go outside for a play on the playground when they arrive at school
- Wear comfortable running shoes on Monday's and Tuesday's/Wednesday's for Bluearth and PE
- **\*\*Could each family please bring in a box of tissues as a donation to our learning space\*\***

*Class in the spotlight - Preps*



This week in Junior T (The Preps) students have been learning a lot! We have learnt about our four school values. We have started learning about different letters and how to form them. We have found patterns in numbers, colours and shapes and counted to 10 and beyond. We have also started looking at the beginning, middle and end of stories! A big congratulations to the preps for settling in so well so far! Below are some pictures of students tracing the letter 'A'.



*Katie, Tom and Lachlan (The Junior Team)*

## Senior Learning Community

### At Home Reading

We encourage every child to read for at least 20 minutes at home every day. This helps to build fluency, reading skills and strategies that your child is working on in class and also helps to foster a love for reading.

### Reminders - Hats

Please ensure that your child/ren have a named broad brimmed hat to wear during outdoor learning activities and at recess and lunchtime. These are available to purchase from the office if required. Students who do not have a hat will need to remain under the covered spaces at recess and lunchtime.

### Donation Requests

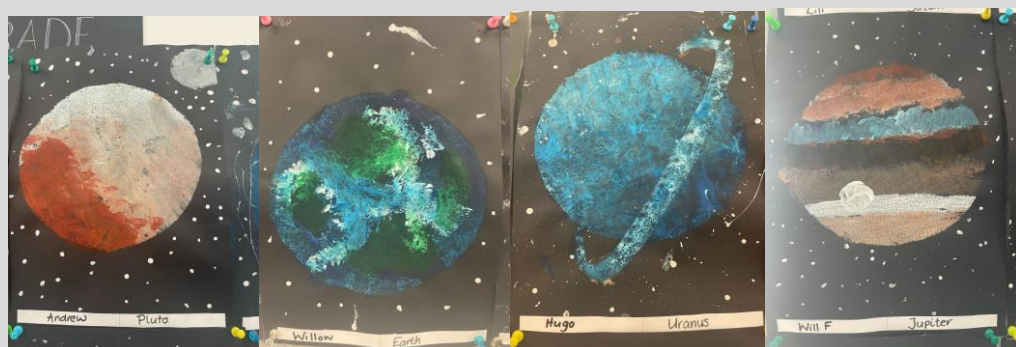
Could we please request families donate a box of tissues for the learning space that their child/ren are in. Thank you.

### Outdoor Education

Students will begin sessions next Friday. Please ensure your child/ren's permission note, medical note and payment has been received by the due date.

### Grade 3 and 4

During STEM last week students learnt about the planet parade, the aligning of seven planets in the sky. Students watched and read texts learning about the parade, wrote some facts about what they learnt and then made stencils and used sponges to paint a planet of their choosing.



### Awards

Senior J - Lili  
Senior L - Quinn  
Senior R - Alice  
Junior S – James

Duncan, Mark, Jay, Julie, Linda, Taylah & Cathy  
Senior Team



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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<b>9.15am tours</b>
Tuesday 18 March
Thursday 20 March
Monday 24 March
Wednesday 26 March
Thursday 27 March

<b>1.45pm tour</b>
Wednesday 26 March



Due to Construction of our Arts & Learning Precinct, all College Tours will be held in Term 1 2025



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## TENNIS LESSONS ANGLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 START DATE:  
Monday 10th February  
(8 week program)

FREE racquet hire provided. Racquets can also be purchased for \$20 each.



### WHAT DO THE LESSONS INVOLVE?

Each lesson will vary, incorporating different skills, activities and games

Children will learn a range of basic tennis techniques:

- Footwork
- Balance
- Forehand
- Backhand
- Volley
- Serve

Learn tennis skills in a fun environment with friends!

### LESSON TIMES

Every Monday at lunch time in the hall

Grades Prep – 6:  
1:45 – 2:15PM



<https://forms.office.com/r/zdWzXEWxWZ>

TERM PROGRAM (Racquet Hire) = \$136

TERM PROGRAM (Racquet Purchase) = \$156

Payment required by Monday 10th February

Please scan QR code or follow the link at the bottom of this document to enrol.

Please make payment via bank transfer to:

**MATCH POINT TENNIS COACHING**

BSB: 063 885

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1033 5576

Payment description: Child's name Anglesea PS

For further information please contact Daniel Kittely (Club Professional coach)

Mobile: 0421 498 110

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