



## Important Dates

14/3/2025

TERM 1	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	National Ride2school day.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Wear orange for Harmony Week.
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.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1.
TERM 2	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of Term 2.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day public holiday.

## 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 LGBTQIA+ 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.

**Village Fair – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.** Updates were sent via Compass this week and are included below. Many thanks to our Parents Club who have been very busy organising our major fundraiser. I'd like to acknowledge all the time and effort they have made to ensure a successful event. Thanks also to our sponsors, many of which are parents/carers of students at the school, for supporting the event.

**NAPLAN.** Grade 3+5 students are currently sitting the NAPLAN tests this week, to conclude next week.

**School council.** As five parent/carer vacancies exist for school council, we are seeking new members. Nomination forms are available at the office. The next meeting, being the Annual General Meeting, will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at school.

**Vegetable Garden.** A reminder that the vegetable garden is out of bounds until Monday.

**Out of School Hours Care (OSHC).** As Kelly Club will end their contract at the end of Term 1, school council have engaged TheirCare to be our new OSHC provider. Here is the link to their website: <https://theircare.com.au/> When changing provider, there is a 60 day turnaround. I'm currently working on this in the hope that TheirCare can start on the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April) to support our families daily. As this may not be the outcome, parents/carers may want to make some initial plans for the beginning of Term 2. I'll provide another update when I have more information.

**eSmart.** As an accredited eSmart school, we empower students to be positive digital citizens through curriculum-aligned digital and media literacy activities. As eSmart Week is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, here is a link to an article titled 'Social Media and Mental Health' that parents/carers may want to read. Link: <https://www.alannahandmadelaine.org.au/learning-resources/digital/social-media-and-mental-health>

**Victorian High Ability Program.** Each term some of our students, due to their high academic achievement, engage in this program to challenge and extend their learning. This term four students are participating in the program.

### 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.

**Kids Hope.** This program, provided by Anglesea Baptist Church, is currently allowing three identified students receive additional 1:1 mentoring support for one hour/week and more places may become available.

**Harmony week.** Next week is Harmony Week. It is a week where we celebrate everyone belonging. Harmony Week is a celebration of our cultural diversity. A week of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March we want everyone to wear orange as it is the colour of respect.

**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

## VALUE 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



**Value of the Week**  
**Kindness**  
We allow ourselves and others to feel safe



We use our 'inside voice' and speak in calm and gentle tones when entering the school buildings.



We take turns and follow the school rules when playing games.



We look where we are going and walk when moving inside the school buildings.



**Value of the Week**  
**Kindness**  
We speak politely to each other



We speak nicely to students and teachers and always use our manners.



We say please, thank you, excuse me and pardon when speaking to others.



We are sincere when giving compliments and feedback



**VILLAGE FAIR, 2025.** With less than 3 weeks to go until the fair, preparations are going well and we're looking forward to delivering a fun filled fair with lots of entertainment and activities for all.

We're continuing to look for support from all school families with the following:

- The **Volunteer roster** is posted at the front desk and will be out at assembly, if you have not yet signed up for a shift please do so now.
- **Lolly Bag** donations can be left at the front office
- **Book** donations can be delivered to Jessie McMaster at 48 5th Avenue
- **Toy** Donations to Jessie Palmer at 1 Brentlauren Crt or contact either of them if delivery not possible.

The much anticipated raffle is also up online with 5 fantastic prize packs to win for more details and to purchase [Village Fair Raffle Tickets](#)

Ride wristbands can also now be purchased ahead of the fair, save time queuing on the day, [Village Fair Ride Wristbands](#)

Look out in coming weeks for more detail on the cakes and fresh produce stall too.

Many Thanks for your help with these items.

### Village Fair Raffle

Support the school's fundraising efforts by purchasing tickets in the Village Fair Raffle, 5 fantastic prizes to be won, including a holiday, surfboard, self care pack, dinner and wine vouchers and family fun pack. Raffle will be drawn after the conclusion of the fair with winners notified via phone. Tickets are available individually or in bundles of 2, 5, & 10.

A great opportunity for those families who won't be able to make it to the fair to show their support.

Tickets are available NOW for purchase [Village Fair Raffle Tickets](#), tickets only available online.

Please spread the word by sharing with friends, family, neighbours.

### Village Fair Prepaid Ride Tickets

Avoid the queues and save some money by purchasing discounted unlimited ride tickets in advance for the Village Fair. Tickets available for school aged kids and non school aged kids, includes unlimited rides (up to 7 rides to choose from). Once purchased tickets will be available for pick up after school on Fri 28th March or on the day at the ticket booth. Individual and small bundle ride tickets will be available on the day also.

[Village Fair Prepaid Ride Tickets](#)

## Breakfast Club

Each Thursday at 8:15am students are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast in the staff room. 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.

  
**Anglesea Primary School**  
is using Flexischools for lunch ordering.

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.

**8:45am.** This is the earliest time students can arrive at school, unless they are enrolled in OSHC or attend Breakfast Club on Thursdays from 8:15am. When they arrive from 8:45am and before 9:00am, the routine is to put their bag away and go outside to play until the music plays at 8:57am. On the music, children are to make their way inside and be ready for their teacher who will mark the attendance roll at 9:00am.

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

### Sick Bay Laundry Roster –

We need people to go on our sick bay roster for term 2. 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> March – Jessie McMaster

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March – Brodie McDowell

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April – Lucy Dowling

Many thanks

### **YARD DUTY ROSTER:**

As you would be aware, at the start of the year you were given the choice to go on the Yard Duty Roster or pay the \$50 levy to go towards the cost of employing a gardener. Either way we greatly appreciate your contribution to keeping our grounds safe and tidy. The following roster shows the weeks when your family is rostered on. You will receive an email during the week with the small task that we ask you to do. Thank you to the Atherstone-Reid family for their work in the yard this week.

FAMILY NAME	WEEK BEGINNING
Attard Family	17 <sup>th</sup> March
Balazs Family	24 <sup>th</sup> March
Barton-Ghaie Family	31 <sup>st</sup> March

## 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 Blueearth and PE
- \*\*Could each family please bring in a box of tissues as a donation to our learning space\*\*



### *Class in the spotlight - Jnr A*

This week in Junior A (Grade 1/2) the students have been learning a range of different things. In English we have been learning about inferences and how to make quick and deep thinking questions from the text we read. In science we have been learning about how plants have adapted to our local environment.

In Maths this week we have been working on our subtraction strategies, using number lines and MAB blocks as well as vertical subtraction to solve equations. We have also been learning about 'Time', we created our own analogue clocks and have been using them to help tell the time using language such as 'quarter past', 'half past' and 'quarter to'.



Katie, Tom and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

## Senior Learning Community

### **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN testing schedule for our Years 3 and 5 students commenced on Wednesday with Writing and will continue on Monday with Numeracy. If your child/ren have been absent during the 'testing window' we will endeavour to catch-up students before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March (last day of testing).

### **Senior J and Senior L**

This week the Grade 4s have been learning about light and shadows. Students investigated what causes shadows as well as what opaque, translucent and transparent objects are. We participated in 'spoon science' investigations to learn about convex and concave mirrors. Here are some photos of students creating 'shadow art' using chalk.



### **Grade 6 Outdoor Adventure Program**

The Grade 6 students have been blessed with sunny skies and warm water over the course of the last four weeks. Under the guidance of Go Ride A Wave, our students have delighted in the opportunity to surf and spend time with one another in the ocean. Keep ripping sixes!!



## 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.

## Legend of the Week

Legend of the week forms part of our school's wellbeing program. Each week, every class has a student (this week their teacher) who is the Legend of the week. Through negotiation with the teacher, the student may wish to bring in something to share (photos etc.) to help everyone get to know each other. At the end of the week, a poster is created with messages from all of the students.

Senior J - Teddy Sheather

Senior L - Harriet

Senior R – Addi

Senior S – Jai

## Awards

Senior J - James Butcher

Senior L - Malia and Alex

Senior R - Charlie and Poppy

Senior S - Jimmy

Duncan, Mark, Jay, Linda, Taylah, Cathy & Julie.

Senior Team.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

### BUSY BOARDS

Busy boards are designed to engage children's imaginations and encourage them to explore and experiment with different materials and textures. By providing a variety of activities and challenges, busy boards can help children develop their problem-solving skills and foster their creativity.

We would like to make some Busy Boards to use for sensory experiences and emotional regulation with selected students (see pictures to the right for examples).



*If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need please feel free to drop them in to Miss Fleur.*

Padlocks with keys of various sizes

Gate hooks

Gate latches

D shackles

Carabiner's

Chains of various thickness, small lengths.

Key locks

Fidget spinners

Switches

Wall plugs

Cogs, various sizes

Tap handles



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE MISS FLEUR.  
THANK YOU



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **11 & UNDER NETBALLERS WANTED**

ANYONE IN THE AGE GROUP WELCOME  
BORN 2014-2016



Preseason training will begin soon.

Games run on Tuesday's after school  
at the start of term 2.

For further info please contact Penny:

[peneking@gmail.com](mailto:peneking@gmail.com) or 0439761682

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