



# **Important Dates**

16/2/2024

TERM 1		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations	
Wednesday 21st February	Prep Rest Day – No school for Prep students	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Grade 6 Surfing Program 12 – 1.30pm – each Friday until 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior Inquiry Incursion	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	SSA Soccer Grade 5/6	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Inquiry Incursion	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Village Fair	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	SSA Cross Country Grade 3-6	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal	
TERM 2		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day Term 2	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day Public Holiday	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Athletics Day Grade 3-6	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SSA Football & Netball Grade 5/6	

# 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.

**TUESDAY – RELOCATION.** Thanks and well done to everyone as Tuesday was a challenging day, with our plans needing to be changed late on Monday. We contacted Student Support Services to organise for a counsellor to be present to support anyone with the change in routine. This will again be requested for any future relocations to Torquay College (P-6).

**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** These have been re-scheduled to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Please see Compass for details including how to book a time. Attached to the notification is the questionnaire for parents/carers to complete as this will guide the conversation.

**CLOSING GATES – A REQUEST.** If parents/carers are visiting the school during the day, it would be great if you could please close the gates as we still teaching the preps to stay within our boundaries. Thanks!

**VILLAGE FAIR.** Our Parents Club host our major fundraiser, to be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the school. See more information below.

**INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.** Installation works will begin on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). The first stage will involve temporary fencing and signage. See more information below.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL.** Our school council meet eight times per year, twice per term. Our existing council will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 6:00pm. As some members will retire from school council after this meeting, on February 9 we called for nominations to join the new council. See more information below.

**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.

**Our School Values** 

Respect: We speak nicely to eachother and allow others to learn.

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

<u>Kindness:</u> We are friendly, listen to others and behave in a safe manner. <u>Collaboration:</u> We learn together and help each-other.

**GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** Today at Assembly we will announce the Grade 6 leadership positions, see below. We will also welcome the Preps with the Grade 6s presenting them with the Welcome Packs they made for them.

**STAFF PROFILES.** To welcome new staff into our community and get to know them better, they answer a questionnaire. See information below about Carla Howard (Global Studies teacher – Wednesdays).

**SSA TENNIS.** Today Milla Lewtas, Frances Scanlan, Finn Bereza and Ollie Crowcroft represented our school at this event and we hope they did well. Thanks to parents/carers for transporting the children to/from the event and to Mrs Wylie for entering our students.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM.** This is annual program for students in Grade 3-6 is held on Friday afternoons in Term 1. The Grade 3s participate in a 'Explore and Discover Anglesea' program with staff from GORCAPA. The Gr 4s complete a Bike Education course that concludes with the 'Tour de Anglesea' – a bike ride around town with staff from Camp Wilkin. The Grade 5s participate in a 'Team building/initiatives tasks' with staff at Anglesea YMCA Camp. The Grade 6s participate in a Learn to Surf program at Main Beach with Go Ride A Wave. We are fortunate to be able to provide these outdoor learning programs for our students in the beautiful Anglesea environment with local community groups. Information will be sent home to parents/carers.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. Assembly will be held in the Stadium today 3:10pm. All welcome.

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

Murray Surkitt Principal

# **VALUE OF THE WEEK**

Our school values are: Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration. Each week we focus on teaching the children how to show our school values, as this helps provide a positive climate for learning

This week we are focusing on

Next week we will focus on















**INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND.** In 2022 we submitted a successful application to gain a grant from the Inclusive Schools Fund to install a new and inclusive playground. The application was successful and I'm pleased to announce that installation works will start following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). Here is an image of what the playground will look like. It will be located to the south of the main building, just outside the Café area, allowing for easy access by wheelchair. Installation works will begin on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, following the Labour Day weekend (Village Fair). The first stage will involve temporary fencing and signage.



**VILLAGE FAIR.** We are now seeking second-hand toy and book donations for this year's Village Fair. If you are doing a post-Christmas clean-out, please consider donating your old toys, including dress-ups, and books to the school.

Please ensure that all donations are of good, working quality and have been cleaned. Donations can now be dropped off to the front entrance foyer of the school and will be stored for the Village Fair.





Bring along your family and friends to enjoy the Music, Market Stalls, Fantastic Food, Rides, Side Show, Animal Farm, Boutique Wine and Local Beer, for young and old alike ... fun for all!

### To ensure the fair is another roaring success WE NEED YOUR HELP

In brief we need assistance with the following:

- 1. Please put your name on the volunteer roster for a shift on the day, roster will be on display in the school foyer or you can contact Sandy Palmer on <a href="mailto:palmerksandy@gmail.com">palmerksandy@gmail.com</a>
- 2. Donate second hand excellent quality toys and books, donations can be left in the school foyer
- 3. Donate home made cakes/slices/preserves/garden produce for the Friday afternoon the day before the Fair
- 4. Donate new items for lucky dip prizes; such as a new toy, games or item that you or your child would like to win, suggested \$5-10 value, donations can be left in the box in the school foyer
- 5. Event wrist bands for discounted pre-sale purchase online Wristband Booking Link
- 6. Childrens Open-Mic, sign up sheet at the office and auditions at lunchtime on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb
- 7. Business Sponsorships packages are available or alternatively you may like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact <a href="mailto:sponsorshipangleseaps@gmail.com">sponsorshipangleseaps@gmail.com</a>
- 8. Join the school and village fair facebook pages for more information? https://www.facebook.com/angleseapsvillagefair\_https://www.facebook.com/groups/880748512312319

#### VILLAGE FAIR CAKE & FRESH PRODUCE STALL

Our cake and fresh produce stall is always a huge success and it is an easy way for you to contribute to the organisation of our major fundraiser, even if you aren't going to be around on the day.

We are asking every family to supply baked goods or fresh produce for the stall. The list below shows items that have proven to sell well in the past, but don't let that curb your culinary genius.

Cake stall	Fresh produce
Big cakes	• Citrus
<ul> <li>'Single serve' items, e.g, cupcakes, chocolate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Herbs</li> </ul>
crackles, cakepops	<ul> <li>Flowers</li> </ul>
Slices, e.g., chocolate brownie	<ul> <li>Preserves</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Items catering for dietary requirements</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vegies</li> </ul>

#### The process

- 1. **Package your item.** There will be packaging available to pick up from the office in the coming weeks, but you are welcome to DIY. A paper plate and some glad wrap will work just as well. Leave your items <u>uncut</u>.
- 2. **Label your item.** We will provide labels, but you can make your own. Include the following information:
- 1. Name of item
- 2. Date baked
- 3. Ingredients
- 3. Drop your item off to school on Friday 8th March.

The banned list. Cream

**ANNOUNCING GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.** Congratulations to the following Grade 6 students who will perform our Student Leadership Roles this year:

- School Captain: Finn and Milla
- Vice-Captain: Evan and Frances
- House Captains:
- Flinders (Green) (2). Teddy and Eoin
- Tasman (Blue). Joey and Sage
- Cook (Red). Liam B and Marcus
- Phillip (Yellow). Lennie and Lexi
- Student Voice Captains. Alfie M, Lilli E and Jewel
- Values Captains. Dillan T, Zali and Fleur
- eLeader Captains. Lilly P, Luca, Kiahna and Junah.



# **PROFILES - NEW STAFF**

## CARLA HOWARD. GLOBAL STUDIES TEACHER (WEDNESDAYS).

- 1. What is your favourite ...
- thing to do at home? Play and spend time with my family (I have 2 children aged 6 and 3) reading and walking on the beach
- thing about APS? The amazing feel of a close knit community and the location of the school (there is something special about being so close to nature!)
- · colour? Red
- food? Pizza and pasta!
- **book?** My favourite book to read to my children is The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. But my sister is a young adult author so it has to be her book called, "It sounded better in my head" by Nina Kenwood
- **2. Why did you become a teacher / teacher aide?** I love seeing the excitement and spark in children's eyes when they learn something new!
- 3. What do you like about it? Connections and the relationships I make with children and staff.
- **4.** What is the funniest thing a child has said to you? When I was at my old school in Melbourne I got engaged (many years ago now) and the whole school had a surprise wedding assembly for me. My entire Prep grade was all dressed up as wedding guests and or brides/ grooms. One gorgeous little boy dressed as my groom and walked down the aisle with me. He turned around and said, "Now you are my wife!" He thought we got married for real!!
- **5. What was your favourite memory from when you were at school?** I went to school in Queenscliff and we spent a great deal of time learning about and exploring Swan Bay which was located behind the school. Now that my daughter attends the same school, I love seeing her doing exactly the same with her classes.

**SCHOOL 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 Luke Grundy, Peter Crowcroft, Cameron Shaw, Ben Roberts, Rebecca Shaw and Sandy Martin with DET Employee Linda Wylie. <u>Members retire at the end of their term, however parents are welcome to nominate for membership again if still eligible (eg. still have children here.)</u>

Our continuing parent member is Twiggy Finemore. Our continuing DET Employees are Wendy Rankin and Murray Surkitt.

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

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

#### The timeline is as follows:

9th February: Call for nominations. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

23<sup>rd</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:

28<sup>th</sup> February: Distribute ballot papers. 6<sup>th</sup> March: Close of ballot. (4.00pm).

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

27th 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.

#### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

#### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent member category —members of this category generally comprise more than one third of the council's total membership. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee member category members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.
- A small number of school councils have nominee members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

#### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the Public Administration Act 2004.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- act in good faith in the best interests of the school work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- use information appropriately respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- exercise due care, diligence and skill accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

#### Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

- a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or
- b. the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of

In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

#### What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same category that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate).

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

#### Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.
- Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.

**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE.** Each week the names of all students who have been at school each day, and on time, go into a raffle. At the end of the week, we draw the raffle with one of these students winning a free skateboard.





**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). Information will be sent to parents/carers via Compass.





# 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, pillow cases, doona cover each Friday. If you can help, please send me an email <a href="mailto:anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au">anglesea.ps@education.vic.gov.au</a> or pop into the office and see me. Each parent will be put on the roster for 2 Fridays. Thank you to Twiggy for doing our laundry for the last 2 weeks.

#### TERM 1

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Marion Goulding Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March – Romy Renzow

Many thanks



# Class in the spotlight – Junior T

This week during mathematics, the students have been exploring the concept of number lines and length. This week, we ventured out to the basketball to create number lines starting at 0 and going to either 10, 20, 50 or 100. We did a class number line from 0 to 100 and plotted different numbers along the line. The students investigated where halfway was, then one-quarter and three-quarters of the way and found this helpful to plot the other numbers.



Next week the class in the 'spotlight' is:

Junior R

#### <u>Awards</u>

Junior R - Harriet Junior T - Lili

Junior M - Ruby

Mark, Wendy and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

# **Senior Learning Community**

#### **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.

#### **Specialists**

Senior Specialists are on Tuesday afternoons (12:30pm-1:30pm & 2:30pm-3:30pm) and Wednesday mornings (9:00am-11:00am). Students will rotate through PE, Art, Music/Creative Arts and Global Studies. Can you please ensure that your child/ren wear appropriate footwear on these days to ensure that they are able to run and move comfortably and safely during PE.

#### **Bluearth**

On Mondays, students are participating in Bluearth. Bluearth is a program that focus on self-regulation through movement and is part of our wellbeing program. Students work on precise gross motor skills and movements while developing their resilience and corporation through being 'your own umpire'.

As these sessions involve a lot of movement, students will need to wear appropriate footwear.

#### **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.

#### **Donation Requests**

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

#### **Grade 6 Leadership Speeches**

On Wednesday, the Grade 6 students delivered their leadership speeches to all members of the Senior Learning Community (3-6) including teachers and Mr Surkitt. All students did a fantastic job of speaking in front of such a large group of people. At the completion of the speeches, 3-6 students and all staff casted their vote for the candidates for the different leadership positions. They will be announced at the assembly today.



## Senior Class in the Spotlight

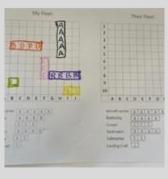
Each week a different Senior Class will be in the spotlight to share some of their learning and what has been happening in the classroom that week. This week Senior L is the Senior Class in the Spotlight.

This week in Maths Senior L have focused on Mapping and locating features using the grid reference coordinates. Students created a bird's-eye view map of the school before completing a scavenger hunt. As a follow up consolidation, Students today played a version of battleships.













Next week's Senior Class in the Spotlight will be Senior J.

# **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 - Miss Jay

Senior L - Mr Lester

Senior A – Mr A

Senior S - Ms Sampson

# <u>Awards</u>

Senior J - Scarlet

Senior L - Sunny

Senior A - Addison

Senior S – Albie

Duncan, Tom, Jay, Julie

Senior Team



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**





# REPAIR CAFE SURF COAST

**OUR AIM:** We want to reduce waste. Let our volunteers fix your broken items, helping both you and the environment.

**VENUE:** Aireys Inlet Community Hall 10am to 2pm with last repairs at 1:30pm

**COST:** Our volunteers complete the repairs for free, however donations are appreciated to cover our costs.

PARTS: Visitors may need to supply parts if required. Not everything can be fixed, but advice can always be given.

FOLLOW US ON: 

@ @repaircafesurfcoast
Or email us at repaircafesurfcoast@gmail.com

clothing textiles jewellery toys furniture bikes electrical mechanical garden tools sharpening chainsaws mowers etc









Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening Tuesday 5 March, 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day Tours Wednesday 6 March, 2024: 9:30am to 10:30am

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening Tuesday 26 March, 2024: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact our office on (03) 4243 0500 or matthew.flinders.girls.sc@education.vic.gov.au





