



Important Dates

21/2/2025

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| Friday 21 st February | Outdoor Education begins. Gr 3-6. |
| Thursday 27 th February | SSA inter-school Soccer (Gr 5 and 6). |
| Wednesday 12 th March | NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5). |
| Friday 21 st March | National Ride2school day. |
| Monday 24 th March | NAPLAN concludes (Gr 3 and 5). |
| Tuesday 25 th March | SSA inter-school Cross Country (Gr 3-6). |
| Saturday 29 th 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.

Our School Values

Term 1 Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations. Thanks to our teachers for staying back late and to our parents/carers for meeting with them. These conversations provide an opportunity to engage in discussions regarding your child's adjustment to their new class and gather insights into their aspirations for the 2025 school year.

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. Today our Grade 3-6 students commenced their respective Outdoor Adventure Program to learn about the wonderful environment Anglesea has. Thanks to our teachers for organising these programs and completing all the paperwork, including risk assessments. Thanks also to parents/carers for returning the permission and medical forms on time and making payment.

Please note that there will be no lunch orders for Year 5 students during Outdoor Education.

Announcing grade 6 leadership positions and welcoming our new preps. This will be done at the Assembly today.

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.

Playground – Spider. This piece of equipment remains out of bounds. Contractors will be at the school on Monday morning to make some repairs.

SSA Soccer. This inter-school event is on Thursday 27th February for students in Grade 5 and 6. Information has been sent to parents/carers via Compass.

Works. This week contractors filled three potholes in our kiss and drop area and trimmed some plants overhanging the path near the crossing.

Breakfast Club. This started on Thursday and thanks to Colleen for organising everything. See information below.

Parent helpers. If you would like to help in the classrooms with reading, etc please inform the school. I'll then organise a session for helpers to attend prior to helping in classrooms.

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.

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 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

We arrive to class on time.

We complete daily class jobs such as empty the compost bin, change the time table and put down our chairs.

We are organised with all of our learning materials before class begins and put them away neatly after class.

Value of the Week
Responsibility
 We do our jobs



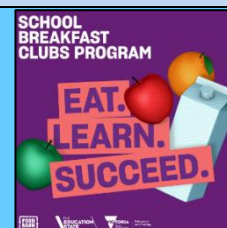
VILLAGE FAIR, 2025. The school's major fundraiser, the Village Fair, will be held on **Saturday 29th March 2025**. For those new to the school the fair runs from **3-7:30pm** and is a great day out for the whole family with rides, market stalls, kids talent show, silent auction, entertainment and a plethora 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 or speak with Elise Saw on 0421809773.

Breakfast Club.

Each Thursday at 8.15am students are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast in the staff room from 8.15am. 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.

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 12th March: Writing
- Thursday 13th March: Reading
- Friday 14th March: Conventions of Language
- Monday 17th March: Numeracy.

If a student is away on a test date, catch up tests can be held up to and including Monday 24th 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 26th 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:

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

28th 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:

5th March: Distribute ballot papers.

19th March: Close of ballot. (4.00pm).

20th March: Count votes and declare the poll.

26th 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 or pop into the office and see me. Each parent will be put on the roster for 2 Fridays. Thank you Twiggy for your help over the last 2 weeks.

TERM 1

Friday 21st & 28th February – Sonia McCall-White

Friday 7th & 14th March – Jessie McMaster

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 - Jnr A



This week in Junior A (Grade 1/2) the students have been learning a wide variety of things. In English we have been learning to make Text to World connections from the texts we have read. We have also been working on our letter formation and correcting our sentences to ensure we are implementing the correct punctuation.

In Maths we have been practicing our skip counting and creating number lines that follow different patterns (2's, 5's, 10's). We have also been looking at 'length' and how we can measure it using informal measurement techniques (feet, hands, wingspan). To test our informal measurement techniques we played a game of bocce to see who was the closest to the jack.



Katie, Tom and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

Senior Learning Community

Parent Teacher Conversations

We would like to thank the parents who attended our 'parent teacher conversations.'

This week we welcomed Charlotte and her family to Senior S and the SLC.

Grade 6 Speeches

Congratulations to the year sixes for confidently presenting their leadership speeches to the SLC students, teachers and Mr Surkitt. We were very proud of all of them and we wish them all the best in their leadership roles for 2025.



Congratulations to our aspiring movie makers who entered the **Anglesea Shorts Film Festival**. Well done to those who took out prizes.



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 began their sessions today. We will continue Outdoor Ed for the next 4 weeks.

Senior S and Senior R - A Snapshot of our Week

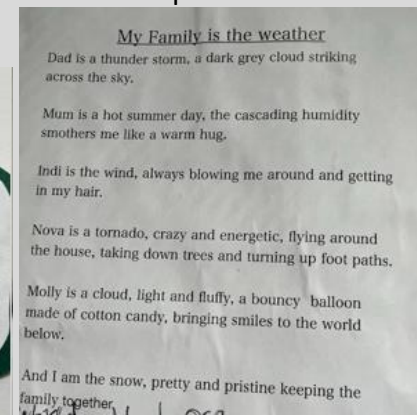
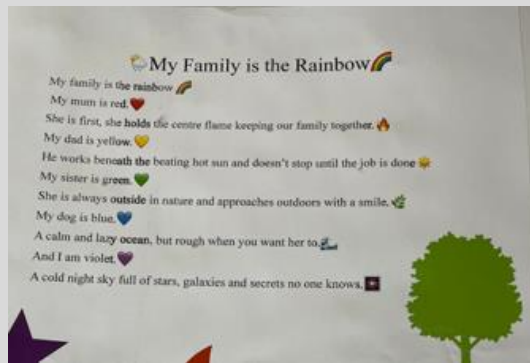
STEM

Students in Senior S and Senior R came together to create marble runs using equipment in the portable.



Metaphor Poems

Students composed metaphor poems about their families. Layla's, Scout's and Phoenix's poems are below.



In **Wellbeing** and **Inquiry** we have continued to learn about our **24 character strengths**. We have been focusing on the **virtue of courage** and the strength of **perseverance**. We read the story 'The Two Wolves' and we are working hard to **feed the right wolf**.

The Two Wolves

An old Cherokee was teaching his grandchildren about life. He said, "A battle is raging inside me...it is a terrible fight between two wolves. One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other stands for joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The old man looked at the children with a firm stare. "This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other person, too."

They thought about it for a minute, and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee replied: "The one you feed."

Awards

Senior J – Alfie A

Senior L - Delilah

Senior R - Sam

Senior S – Mae

Notes home:

Outdoor Ed

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

Senior Team

ANGLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Village FAIR

EVERYONE WELCOME

TALENT SHOW TRY OUTS

OPEN TO ALL

MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS, GYMNASTS, RAPPERS, ACTORS, POETS, COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS (FAMILIES WELCOME).

WHERE ANGLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL STADIUM

WHEN SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 14TH MARCH. PRACTICE ON FRIDAY 21ST MARCH AT 1:30PM LUNCTIME

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

GEELONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**

Program 1 - Corio
Stead Park, John St, Corio, 3214
Wednesday March 5 to April 2, 5.00 to 6.00 pm

Program 2 - Newtown
King Lloyd Reserve, 80 Windsor Rd, Newtown, 3220
Tuesday February 25 to March 25, 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Program 3 - Torquay
Banyul Warri Fields, Yallock Circuit, Torquay 3228
Wednesday March 5 to April 2, 5.30 to 6.15 pm

Enquiries: Claire Barnes, Ph 0417 015130









VISIT US

Open Day 2025

Armstrong Creek Campus P - Yr 12



Fri 28 Feb
4.30pm – 6.30pm

Sat 1 Mar
10am – 1pm

To register visit
glc.vic.edu.au



or use the QR code

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 or 0439761682

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

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 enroll.

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 Kittelty (Club Professional coach)

Mobile: 0421 498 110
Email: matchpoint.tenniscoaching@gmail.com



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



COLLEGE TOURS

St Joseph's College Geelong invite you to join our College Tours.

We are proud to continue offering an innovative education, and we welcome all senior primary school boys and their families to come and visit us.

Bookings essential

Year 7 applications for 2026 are now open until Friday 9 May
sjc.vic.edu.au

9.15am tours
Tuesday 18 March
Thursday 20 March
Monday 24 March
Wednesday 26 March
Thursday 27 March

1.45pm tour
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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