



Important Dates

21/3/2025

TERM 1	
Friday 21 st March	National Ride2school day.
Friday 21 st March	Wear orange for Harmony Week.
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.
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Term 1. Annual Easter Egg Drop – see information in Junior News.
TERM 2	
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Term 2.
Friday 25 th 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 – next Saturday 29th March. Updates were sent via Compass last week and are included below. As we are still looking for some volunteers to help, please write your name on the roster which is on display at the front entrance to the school. Many thanks to our Parents Club who have been very busy organising our major fundraiser.

NAPLAN. Well done to our Grade 3+5 students who sat these tests. If a child was absent for a test, we can arrange for them to complete catch-up tests until Monday 24th March.

SSA Cross Country. Gr 3-6 students will participate in this event on Tuesday 25th March. The buses will leave school at 9am so students need to be at school by the usual time of 8:45am. They will need to wear a hat, bring sunscreen to re-apply during the day, a refillable drink bottle and comfortable shoes. See more information below.

School council. Our new council of parents Twiggy Finemore, Cameron Shaw, Rebecca Heinnen, Kerrin Whiting, Patrick McConchie, Amanda Di Blasi and Sam Bailey along with Department employees Linda Wylie, Mark Robinson and myself will gather next week for the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26th March at 6pm at school.

Tutor program. The funding we receive from the Department of Education provides for 1.2 days of tutoring support per week. I've increased this to 2 days per week, so Ms Scholtes (Tutor) can support groups of children twice per week, as well as provide an extension program for higher achieving students in Maths.

Lunchtime clubs. Each day lunchtime clubs operate to provide alternative opportunities for the children. Monday: Bird Club, Tuesday: Games Club, Wednesday: Garden Club, Thursday: Drawing Club and Friday: Lego Club. Thanks to students for being creative and using their initiative to run the clubs with teacher supervision. On Monday, Hugo Littleford and Ollie Whiting-Navarro, who run the Bird Club, organised for a very special visitor to share his knowledge of birds with the children – thanks Possum Pete!

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC). TheirCare will be our new OSHC provider, here is the link to their website: <https://theircare.com.au/> They will provide before school care from 7:00am-8:45 each day, as well as after school care from 3:30-6:00pm each day. When changing provider, there is a 60-day turnaround. I'm hoping that TheirCare can start on

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.

the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 22nd April). As this is currently unknown, parents/carers may want to make some initial plans for the beginning of Term 2 until TheirCare start. I'll provide another update when I have more information.

eSmart. eSmart gives schools, educators and families the tools they need to help keep students safe, smart and responsible in the digital world. As eSmart Week is Monday 31st March to Sunday 6th April, students will engage in activities to help them learn to be smart when online. Here is a link to an article titled 'Finding balance: becoming a screen smart family' that parents/carers may want to read. <https://www.alannahdadeline.org.au/learning-resources/digital/finding-balance-becoming-a-screen-smart-family>

Ride to School Day and Harmony Day. Thanks to students and staff for supporting these events today.

School assembly. Will be held today in the Stadium at 3:10pm. All welcome. Assembly will not be held next week as we will be setting up for The Village Fair.

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 speak politely to each other



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

thank you

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



We are sincere when giving compliments and feedback

Value of the Week
Kindness
We keep our hands and feet to ourselves



We respect others
Personal Bubbles.



We can use our words and ask permission before touching someone.



We play and work safely with others.



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.



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

TERM 1

- Friday 21st & 28th March – Brodie McDowell
- Friday 4th April – Lucy Dowling

TERM 2

- Friday 25th April – Lucy Dowling

Many thanks

YARD DUTY ROSTER:

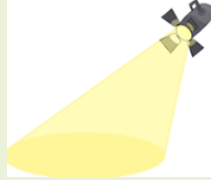
As you would be aware, at the start of the year you were given the choice to go on the Yard Duty Roster or pay the \$50 levy to go towards the cost of employing a gardener. Either way we greatly appreciate your contribution to keeping our grounds safe and tidy. The following roster shows the weeks when 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 Attard family for their work in the yard this week.

FAMILY NAME	WEEK BEGINNING
Barton-Ghaie Family	24 th March
Bates Family	31 st March
Benne Family	21 st April
Bingham Family	28 th April
Birello Family	5 th May

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****



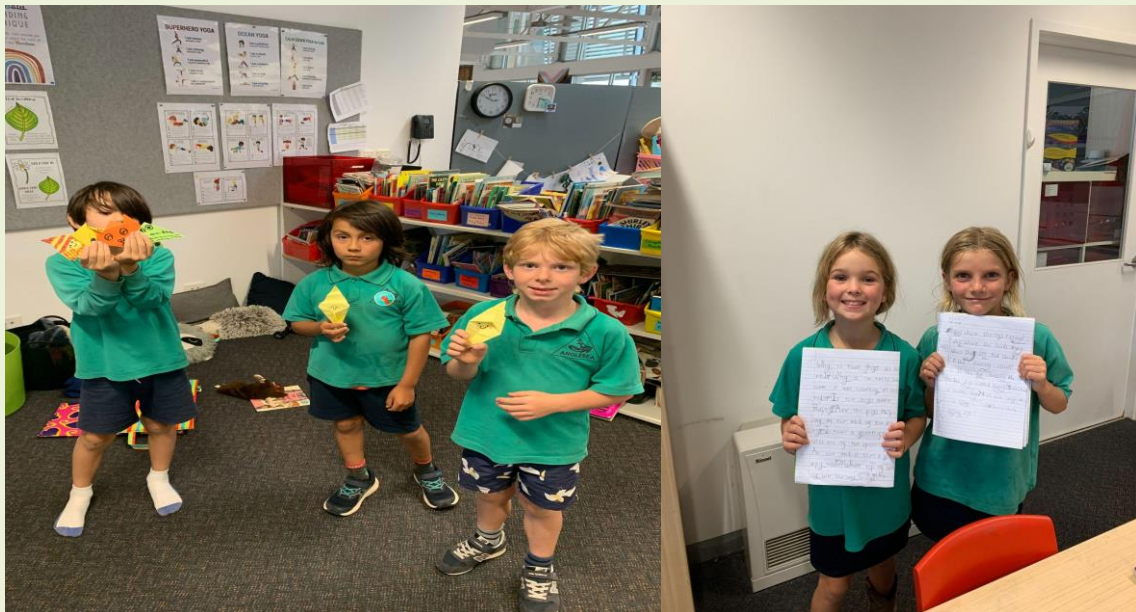
Class in the spotlight - Jnr C

This week in Junior C (Grade 1/2) the students have been learning a range of different things. In English we have continued to learn how to make quick and deep thinking questions from the text we read. In tinker time we have been learning the techniques of origami and mastering how to follow instructions!

In Maths this week we have been playing tic tac toe and working on our addition strategies, using number lines and MAB blocks as well as vertical subtraction to solve equations.

Annual Easter Egg Drop - Last day of Term

All Prep to Grade 6 students will be designing a parachute that will safely land a chocolate egg when dropped from the highest platform in the playground. During class time at school, students will design their parachute then bring home a list of items that they will need to build their parachute. We ask that you please help your child/ren collect the items they may require and bring them to school by Wednesday the 2nd of April.



Katie, Tom and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

Senior Learning Community

NAPLAN

Thank you to parents, teachers and especially the students for taking it in their stride and completing this year's tests.

A Snapshot of Our Week Senior R and Senior S

This term, our Grade 5/6 students have begun to 'ReWild' their school. This Inquiry/STEM unit requires students to select a local animal that they will champion. By following the ReWild action plan, students adopt a local species as a case study and provide a purposeful, sustainable habitat for it in our school grounds. The program, 'Rewild Your School,' was developed by the Jane Goodall Institute of Australia. A huge thank you to Peter 'Possum Pete' Crowcroft for giving up his time to answer questions and pass on his knowledge to our Grade 5/6 students on Monday.



Questions for Pete Senior S

What impact do you see the 'Atlas of Living Australia' having on our local environment?

What goal did you set for yourself?

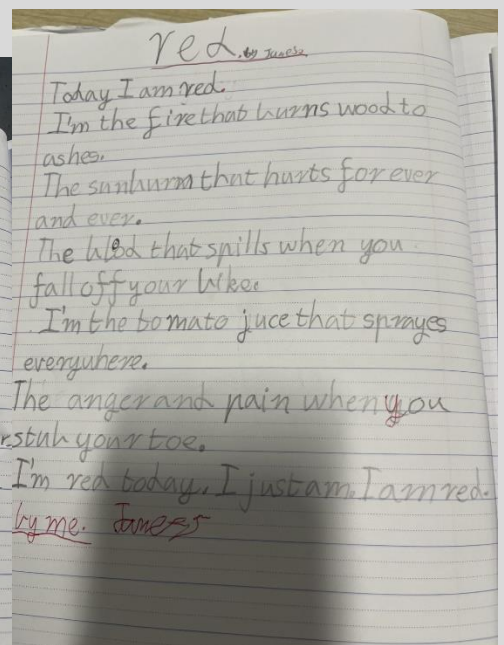
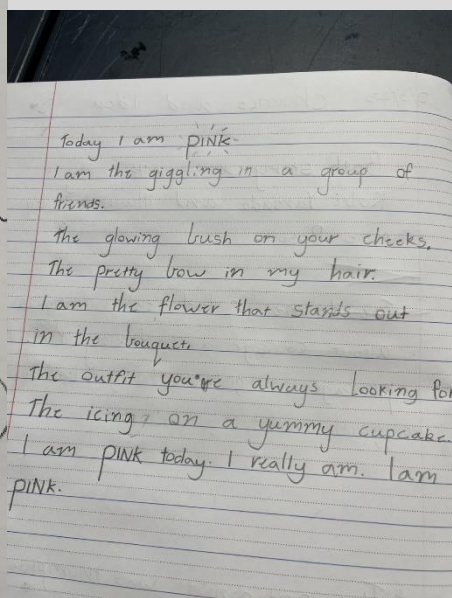
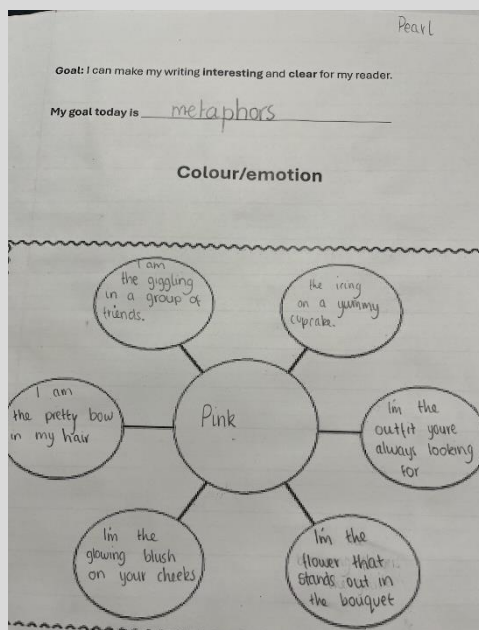
What are you trying to change or improve?

How did you collect the data?

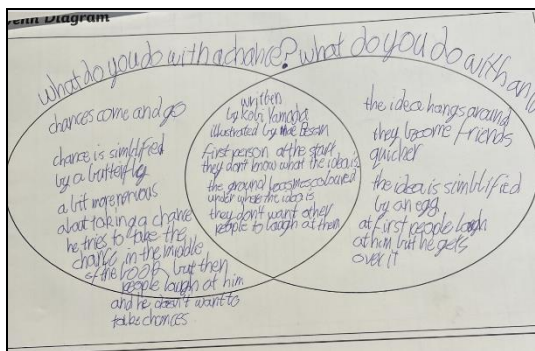
Pete informed us that he wants everyone to appreciate plants and animals and look after them. In his 17 years of working he has addressed 40 000 people and seen over 850 different flora/fauna . The 'Atlas of Living Australia' is tracking species through a special camera (1000 photos in 3 days) that is enabling biologists to know **where** and **when** a particular species was in a particular habitat. Pete also informed us this helps with preserving rare plants and animals. If they see a rare plant and animal they can act to help with its protection.

English

In Reading, students have been exploring the **language features**, **text structure** and **text features** in texts and then transferring these techniques to their own writing. Below, we have Pearl and James' poems inspired by Laura Dockrill's book 'Grey' where the use of metaphors were an effective way of showing how a child felt all their colours had disappeared.



Below we have Sam, Addi's and Scout's reading response to comparing the texts 'What to do with a Chance' and 'What to do with an idea' by Kobi Yamada.



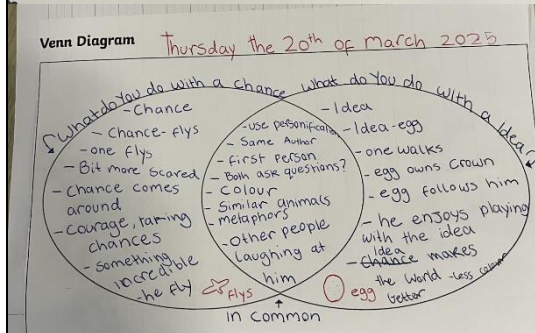
Both books are written by Kobi and illustrated by Mae Benson.

The theme in both texts are courage and taking risks. The protagonists go from having fixed mind sets to a growth mindset.

The illustrations in both books featured a black-and-white world only featuring colour whilst the idea/chance were attentive to influence someone. By doing this, it ~~creat~~ emphasised the emotional power of the books.

The protagonist was triumphant in both texts and a lesson was learned with taking chance and sharing ideas.

The topic of the text is about not being afraid to think outside of the box and always being brave and embracing new things. Something similar about these books is that they both encourage the reader to not worry about what other people might think. A difference is that they both symbolize different things a chance and an idea and both differ in how the character embraces them. Always chase your dreams!



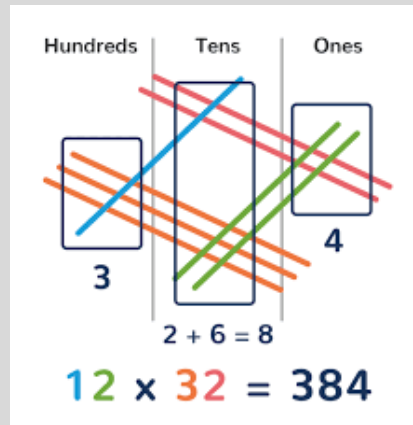
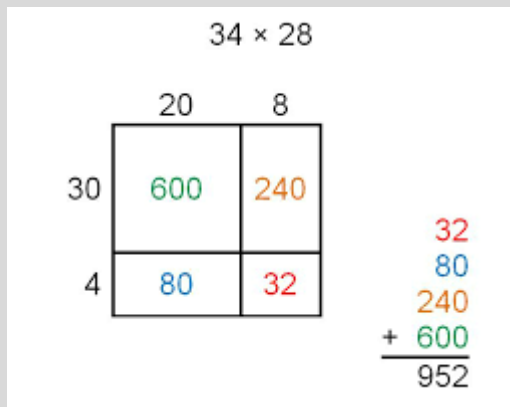
11:30am Venn diagram
2 story books

Thursday the twentieth of March
twent twenty five

Both - Show courage and go for your dreams; Self growth.
Same - same Author & Illustrator, colour, similar text style.
different - egg - Bird - egg walks chance flys.
End - be brave push for your dreams never let go.

Maths

In Mathematics we learnt strategies to solve 2 and 3 digit multiplication problems, like the area multiplication model and the Japanese method.



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 - Rex
- Senior L - Felix
- Senior R - Luca
- Senior S - Olivia

Awards

Senior J - Will

Senior L - Joshua

Senior R - Luca

Senior S - Ryan

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

SCHEDULE

10.00am	Students arrive at Eastern Gardens and assemble near the rotunda.
10.10am	Introduction – Housekeeping, briefing of events, expectations of staff & students
10.30am	Marshalling for 8 Year Old Boys & Girls – walk to the 2km start line
10.45am	8 Year Old Boys & Girls (Combined) RACE STARTS
10.50am	Marshalling for 9/10 Year Old Boys – walk to the 2km start line
11.05am	9/10 Year Old Boys RACE STARTS
11.10am	Marshalling for 9/10 Year Old Girls – walk to the 2km start line
11.25am	9/10 Year Old Girls RACE STARTS
11.30am	Marshalling for 11 Year Old Boys – walk to the 3km start line
11.45am	11 Year Old Boys RACE STARTS
11.50am	Marshalling for 11 Year Old Girls – walk to the 3km start line
12.05pm	11 Year Old Girls RACE STARTS
12.10pm	Marshalling for 12/13 Year Old Boys – walk to the 3km start line
12.25pm	12/13 Year Old Boys RACE STARTS
12.30pm	Marshalling for 12/13 Year Old Girls – walk to the 3m start line
12.45pm	12/13 Year Old Girls RACE STARTS
12.50pm	All races complete – tidy up area and assemble in front of the rotunda
1.05pm	Presentations <small>Schools will be contacted AFTER THE EVENT regarding the Top 8 students in each age group that met the time-limit requirements.</small>
1.25pm	Staff and students leave to go back to their schools

SSA Cross Country Tuesday March 25th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Cross Country is almost here! Next Tuesday students will travel to and from the Geelong Botanical Gardens by bus. The event hub is near the large rotunda in the gardens. **The bus will depart school at 9am** and return to school before



the end of the school day. Please ensure your child/ren are at school by 8.45am. Students will need to bring plenty of snacks, lunch, a refillable drink bottle and wear appropriate clothing. We recommend applying sunscreen before coming to school. If you haven't yet done so, please ensure payment is made by Monday 24th March.

There are students who are extremely excited about cross country, many students who are feeling nervous and others who are a mixture of both. There are students who will run the entire course, some will walk and run, or walk from start to finish. Turning up will be a major achievement for many students. I am so proud of the effort the students have put in during PE to prepare for the event.

Some helpful advice to discuss with your child/ren could be to tell them not to be afraid of feeling nervous. When you feel performance jitters or butterflies in your tummy, do not let the feeling stop you or scare you. Allow it to be there and remind yourself it is natural. It is simply your nervous system preparing you. Know that managing it to your advantage is possible. Use positive self-talk and calming strategies. There will be many students in a similar situation at cross country.

Thank you to Penny, Sandy, Steph and Catherine who have offered to assist on the day. We really appreciate your help.

A reminder that students will run in the age group determined by their age on December 31st, 2025. For example, if your child is 10, turning 11 in October, they will run in the 11-year-old age group.

The top eight students in each age group will qualify for the Division round (subject to qualifying times).

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of all our students.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

Linda Wylie and the Senior Teaching Team
linda.wylie@education.vic.gov.au



SOFTBALL

School Holiday Program

Locations:
 Albury Wodonga Softball Association
 Dandenong Softball Association
 Geelong Softball Association
 Glen Eira Moorabbin Softball Association
 Hume City Softball Association
 Melbourne Softball Association
 Northern District Softball Association
 Sunshine Softball Association

APRIL HOLIDAYS
 Time: 9am – 1pm

Scan the QR Code for more info and to register

www.softballvic.org.au/events

Cost: \$75.00pp for non members, \$50.00pp for members
 Price Includes a glove and ball (or a \$25 Ausport Voucher)




Discover Grovedale College

CAMPUS TOUR DATES 2025

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to participate in a tour of Grovedale College.

Scheduled tours occur every **Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am** during the months of **March, April and May**.

Alternative tour times are available by appointment, please contact the College office on 03 5245 4545.



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UNDER 10's & UNDER 12's JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING COMMENCES

26TH MARCH 2025
 U10'S 4.00PM - 5.00PM
 U12'S 4:30PM - 5:30PM

FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS 26TH APRIL

Enquiries to **Rebecca Gilbert 0402 292 696**







LORNE P-12 COLLEGE

2026 Year 7 Information Evening

You are warmly invited to attend Lorne P-12 College's Year 7 Information Night on **Tuesday 1st of April 2025** from **6.00pm**.

Information will be presented on our Year 7 program and there will be a school tour. Parents and Carers with children in Years 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend. Finger food will be provided.

Enrolment packs will be available on the night.


Unique coastal location | Renowned Music and Performing Arts Program | New state-of-the-art facilities

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For any enquiries:
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Website: lornep12.vic.edu.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

Geelong Lawn Tennis Club

April 7th - 10th 14th - 17th

- 1/2 or full day of fun group activities
- Afternoon squads for competition players
- Technique Development
- Games & match-play

Convenient pick and choose:
 9am-12pm & 12:30pm-3:30pm sessions
 \$50/ half day or \$175/4 half days
 \$100/full day or \$350/4 full days

TERM 2 2025 AFTER-SCHOOL TENNIS

Geelong Lawn Tennis Club

Group or 1-on-1 coaching based on:

- Skill development
- Character Development
- Fun Based
- Beginner to Advanced levels

Mon to Fri from 3:45pm & Sat am

Booking essential
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