



## Important Dates

28/2/2025

TERM 1	
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.

### 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.

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

**School council meeting.** Our current school council (parents Sam Bailey, Twiggy Finemore and Cameron Shaw) with Department staff (Linda Wylie and myself), met this week and below is a summary.

- The 2025 Annual Implementation Plan was endorsed and will appear on our website.
- Our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) provider, Kelly Club, will likely end their contract at the end of Term 1 due to low numbers incurring a financial loss. They provide OSHC each Monday – Wednesday. We are investigating other providers, another option is for a parent/carer to provide a Club, like a gardening club, some mornings/afternoons. If interested, let me know. The final option is to not provide OSHC.
- Village Fair. We acknowledge and thank parents club for the time and effort already made for this year's Fair. If parents/carers would like to assist with the planning of the Fair or on the day, please contact the school. See more information below.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) / iPads. We discussed some plans that are in motion:
  - All school-based iPads having a specific list of apps installed for student use. This includes Book Creator: <https://bookcreator.com/>
  - Students with a BYOD having access to the same apps only when at school.
  - Other information:
    - Our BYOD program is available for students in Grade 4-6. All students in Grade 5+6 currently BYOD and 46 school-based iPads are available for other students to use.
    - Parents/carers can use JB Hifi to purchase a BYOD. This is a suggestion only, they can be purchase elsewhere. Second-hand iPads may be suitable.
    - All BYOD are stored and used when directed by teachers to complete learning tasks. This may include researching information via the internet for projects. Nb: our filters prevent students from visiting inappropriate sites.
    - Discussions with Deakin University and eSmart regarding best use of Information and Communication Technology to support student learning are in progress.
- Riverbank Markets. We acknowledged our school community effort to coordinate the Melbourne Cup weekend, New Years Day and January 12 markets which recorded a profit of \$34,871 for our school. A reminder that families will be rostered on to help.
- Former students. We shared some positive feedback received from teachers at local secondary colleges about former students.

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

- Thanks to parents Sandy Martin and Rebecca Shaw for their contributions to council.

**School council.** As we are seeking new members of school council, see information below. Nomination forms are at the office with nominations closing at 4pm today.

**Playground – Spider.** Is now back in use, with only minor repairs needed. The contractors commented, 'Well done to your students for reporting this so quickly'.

**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.

**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 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.

ORGANIC

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

We speak politely to others and ask how they are?

We wear our uniform to school each day.

We wear our Leadership badges

Value of the Week  
**Responsibility**  
 When we wear our uniform, we proudly represent our school



**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. 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.

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.

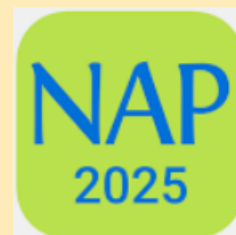
Quickly place lunch orders online with Flexischools!

- 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.

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

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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> February – Sonia McCall-White

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March – Jessie McMaster

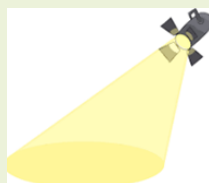
Many thanks

## 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 C*



This week in Junior C (Grade 1/2) the students have been learning a wide variety of things. In English we have been learning to make text to text connections between different picture books that we have read. In science we have been learning about how kangaroos have adapted to our local environment.

In Maths this week we have focused on place value and building numbers using MAB blocks. We have also been learning about 'length'. We used a variety of informal units (feet, hands, blocks) to measure length and had a lot of fun. To test our informal measurement techniques, we have measured different objects in our classroom.



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

## Senior Learning Community

SSA Soccer Thursday 27th February

We had a fantastic day and played some awesome games. Students demonstrated our school values and displayed sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Girls team for making it into the finals.





### **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**

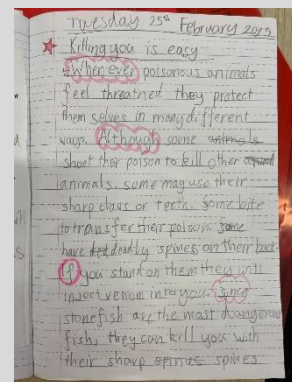
Could we please request families donate a box of tissues for the learning space that their child/ren are in. Thank you.

### **Outdoor Education**

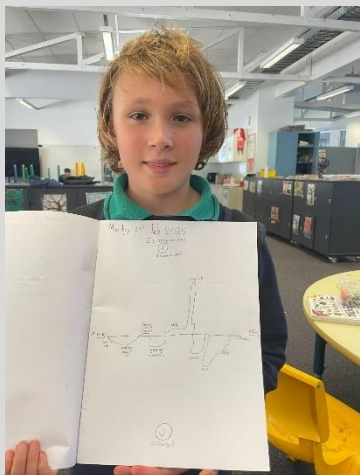
Students had their sessions today. We will continue Outdoor Ed for the next 3 weeks. Please ensure your child/children have everything they require for these sessions .

### **Senior J and Senior L - A Snapshot of our Week**

Over the last couple of weeks students have been learning about sentence types whilst learning about poisonous animals. We used what we learnt about dependent and independent clauses to write an information paragraph.



During Wellbeing, we created personal escalation maps and have been discussing differences between physiological and emotional feelings. Students brainstormed a list of strategies we can use when needed.



**Here are some photos of Outdoor Education:**



**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 R – Mr Robinson

Senior S – Ms Sampson

**Awards**

Senior J – Rex

Senior L - Louis

Senior R – Millie E

Senior S – Samson

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

## Victorian State Lifesaving Championships

Anglesea Primary School students Millie Charles and Archer Long competed in the Victorian state lifesaving championships hosted by Point Leo surf club on the weekend of 20th -23rd of February.

Both students representing Anglesea surf club in scorching heat, and came away with some outstanding results, making multiple finals across several disciplines over the weekends competition.

Archer Long achieved the following results for the weekend in u/11 boys.

- 4th board relay final
- 8th individual board race final
- 8th wade relay final
- 10th beach sprint relay final
- 12th Aqua Cameron Final

Millie Charles achieved the following results for the weekend in u/12 girls.

- 7th place in surf teams final
- 4th Board rescue final
- 9th Board relay final
- 19th individual surf race final



A terrific effort by both Millie and Archer representing their club, school and home town proudly.

Well done!

## 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



GEELONG  
LUTHERAN  
COLLEGE

# 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](http://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](mailto:peneking@gmail.com) or 0439761682

# Under-14 Country Skills Days Registrations Open!



The Under-14 Country Skills Days are back!

Held on **Saturday, 22 March** and **Sunday, 23 March 2025**, at ten regional centres across Victoria, the 2025 Under-14 Country Skills Days are part of a development program for players of all abilities and standards born in either 2012 or 2013 from all associations located in regional Victoria.

The program concentrates on the individual and team skills necessary for players to excel in the Under-14 age group and beyond.

**Each Under-14 Skills Day participant will receive:**

Coaching and development

Official Skills Day T-Shirt

Official Skills Day Drink Bottle

Official Skills Day Basketball

Under-14 Skills Days events run from 10 am to 4 pm each day, and your child must attend the Skills Day in their local academy region. We ask that all participants please bring their lunch.

Participants registered before **Tuesday, 12 March, at 9 am** will receive our **Early**

**Registration Rate of \$105** (including GST), so make sure you register quickly!

Registrations made after that time will be \$125 (including GST), with all registrations closing on **Thursday 18 March at 9 am**.

For further information on Basketball Victoria's Under-14 Skills Days, please contact **Craig Hockley** – [craig.hockley@basketballvictoria.com.au](mailto:craig.hockley@basketballvictoria.com.au).

## **South Central**

Bellarine, Camperdown, Cobden, Colac, Corio Bay, Geelong, Lorne, Mortlake, Lara, Surfcoast

**Location:** **Bellarine Sports Centre, Peninsula Dr, Drysdale**

**Boys:** Saturday, 22 March

**Girls:** Sunday, 23 March

Link to register: [U14 Skills Day registration](#)

**Administrator:** Cate Johnson: [c8tejohnson@gmail.com](mailto:c8tejohnson@gmail.com)

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