



## Important Dates

2/2/2024

| TERM 1                             |  |
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| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February | Prep Rest Day – No school for Prep students                                    |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February  | Breakfast Club each Thursday from 8.15am                                       |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February  | Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations   |
| 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   |
| 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> March      | First Day Term 2   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April    | Anzac Day Public Holiday   |

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

**School Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Collaboration.

**Child Safe** Anglesea Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students. We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as 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:

There was a positive atmosphere around the school on Wednesday morning as we welcomed back students and parents/carers to school. Thanks to everyone for helping us to have a successful start to 2024. I ask all parents/carers to please make some time each week to read the Newsletter to keep yourself informed of school events.

**HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE.** In the main building some internal walls were repainted. All our carpets were steam cleaned and our grounds kept tidy. The deck next to the portable was cleaned and re-stained, with the steps repainted. This helps us provide an attractive and clean environment for everyone.

**WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS AND STAFF.** A warm welcome to our 2024 Preps as well as our new and returning students. We also welcome new staff in Mr Robinson (Gr 1+2), Ceri-Ann (teacher aide) and Ms Howard (Global Studies).

**SCHOOL VALUES.** Our values have a high profile in the school to assist provide a positive climate for learning. See below how we are teaching the children to show them this week and next.

**CURRICULUM DAYS.** On Monday staff prepared for the year. On Tuesday we attended a session on 'Teaching Writing' with the staff from Bellbrae PS. Our remaining days for 2024 are Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, with staff attending Berry St Educational Model training with staff from Aireys Inlet PS and Lorne P-12 College.

**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** These will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, see more information below.

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.

Kindness: We are friendly, listen to others and behave in a safe manner.

Collaboration: We learn together and help each-other.

**ANGLESEA RIVERBANK MARKETS.** The school hosted the New Year's Day and January 13 Market markets with \$29,000 being raised to assist provide our programs and purchase resources for the students and staff to use. See further information below.

**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.

**ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER.** Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the **Schools' Privacy Policy**. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's policy, as attached to this newsletter.

**GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** We will announce our Grade 6 student leaders and officially welcome the Preps to school at an Assembly - date to be confirmed. See details below.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.** No Assembly today as the Preps are not here. Our first Assembly will be held in the Stadium next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3:10pm and will see the return of the 'Attendance Raffle' – see details below. 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

#### Responsibility



We arrive at school between 8:45 and 9am, put our bags away properly, check the daily timetable, get our learning materials out & go outside to play.

We come inside quietly once the music plays so we are ready to learn when the bell rings.



#### Collaboration

We walk quietly when inside, getting a drink or going to the bathroom.

We work together to pack up (tuck chairs in or put them up, put things away, put rubbish in the bin), before going outside or home.

### Next week we will focus on

#### Kindness



We do our best work and we do it calmly.

We treat others how we would like to be treated.

We include others and play in the safe areas of the yard (the cubbies, the mosaic & hills, basketball court, oval, playground and grassy areas).

#### Respect

When the teacher wants our attention we stop, look and listen immediately.

We line up quietly when asked to.



**ANGLESEA RIVERBANK MARKETS.** The school hosted the New Year's Day and January 13 Market markets with the school receiving funds from stall holder bookings. The \$29,000 raised from these Markets go towards providing our programs and purchasing resources for the students and staff to use. Families are allocated times to assist at the markets in alphabetical order. A BIG thanks to the following people for giving their time to help the school:

- Taking stall holder bookings and allocating sites: Colleen Perkins (both markets)
  - Marking the site lines: teachers Lachlan Turner and Duncan Lester (Jan 1), myself (Jan 13).
  - Placing advertising signs about the town prior to each market: Colleen Perkins (Jan 1), myself (Jan 13).
  - Set up shift: Gooday and Butcher family (Jan 1), Gibbens and Gomez family with myself (Jan 13)
  - Market shift 7:30-10:00am: Caiolfa and Calvert family (Jan 1), Greenwood family with myself (Jan 13)
  - Market shift 10:00-12:00pm: Chapman and Lewtas family (Jan 1), Jacobs family with myself (Jan 13)
  - Market shift 12:00-2:00pm: Colleen Perkins (Jan 1), Lander family with myself (Jan 13)
  - Market shift 2:00-4:00pm: Edwards family (Jan 1), Lane and Charles family with myself (Jan 13)
- Pack up shift: Flynn and Edwards family with Colleen Perkins (Jan 1), Marano family with myself (Jan 13).

**TERM 1 PARENT/CARER/TEACHER CONVERSATIONS.** At the beginning of each year, we provide time for parents/carers to have a conversation with their child's teacher allowing us to better know the students, build positive home-school relationships and provide effective teacher-parent/carer communication. They will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February and a Compass notification will be sent to all parents/carers to book a time between 1 and 6pm. It will include a questionnaire to complete and bring to the conversation. Additional conversations are held in June and December and are available upon request.

**ANNOUNCING GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND WELCOMING OUR NEW PREPS.** We have renewed our Grade 6 Leadership Program to help them have a successful, fun and rewarding Grade 6 year and to develop their leadership skills in preparation for secondary school. The positions this year are:

- **School Captain:** Planning and leading assemblies, representing our school at special events (eg. ANZAC Day), being on call to show visitors about our school, model our school values.
- **Vice-Captain:** Stand in for School Captains or any other leadership roles, set up and run the presentation at assembly, answer the phone and greet visitors in the office if Colleen is out of the office, answer the phone in the portable, on Monday mornings put up the flags and bring them back down on Friday afternoons, model our school values.
- **House Captains.** Organise and lead House activities, helping at the House Sports/Values Cup, running events for Houses during lunchtimes, coordinate recess and lunch sporting equipment, pack away and put-up the goal post pads each term.
- **Student Voice Captains.** Plan and lead termly student voice meetings with Home Group representatives to organise fundraising events and gain feedback from students on how to improve the school, lead a review of the House names, coordinate lost property and rubbish free lunch, help ensure the grounds are free from rubbish, put buddy benches in/out each day, model our school values.
- **Values Captains.** Attend Wellbeing Leadership Team meetings to set the 'Value of the Week' for each term and assist review the school's School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix, promote and model the school values (Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Collaboration), present 'values' awards at Assembly.
- **eSmart Leaders.** Help the younger students send See Saw posts, promote eSmart at Assembly and via the Newsletter, check equipment is ready for use (eg. iPads, headphones, etc), make a video to teach the younger children how to show the values (shown at Assembly and put on our website), model our school values.

The Grade 6's will be informed of these opportunities and prepare speeches for the positions. They will then present their speeches to all Grade 3-6 students who will participate in an election to determine our Grade 6 student leaders. We will announce them at Assembly (date to be advised). At this Assembly we will also officially welcome the Preps to our school with the Grade 6s presenting them with the Welcome Packs they have made for them.

**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. Who will win next week???



**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.





# BREAKFAST CLUB

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME:

8.15am Thursdays

Dear Parents and Carers, I'm very pleased to advise that the School Breakfast Clubs Program will resume next Thursday. Our School Breakfast Club will run every Thursday morning from 8.15am. Delivered by the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria, the program provides healthy meals to help students focus better and participate fully in their education. Our School Breakfast Club is also to help students make friends and strong social connections. For more information about the School Breakfast Clubs Program visit: [www.foodbank.org.au/schools](http://www.foodbank.org.au/schools)

Colleen Perkins  
Co-ordinator



## 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 [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. Thank you to Evie Lander for doing the washing last term.

### TERM 1

Friday 2nd February & 9th February - Twiggy Finemore

Friday 16th February & 23rd February – Marion Goulding

Many thanks

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.**

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>



## BAGS & HATS



These are available to purchase from school. Hats are \$9.50 and School bags are \$55.00.

## VILLAGE FAIR TOY & BOOK DONATIONS

We are now collecting 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 be stored at the school in either the storage space behind the prep room or in the red shed next to the portable.



Thank you.

Amy

## ATTENDANCE

- Please remember to log your child's absence on Compass or call the school and leave a message.
- Late arrivals must be signed in at the front office or they will be marked absent for that period or possibly the full day.
- When collecting your child early from school please remember to sign out at the office.



## SAVER PLUS

Many families are experiencing cost of living challenges as well as increased education costs. Saver Plus, supports eligible families to take some control of their finances by offering a matched savings incentive and financial education workshops.

If parents commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months, ANZ will match it with up to \$500 for families to put that money towards education costs ( school uniforms, stationary, camps, laptops, sports fees, and music lesson).

### **What is Saver Plus?**

Saver Plus is a program for people on lower incomes. It's about bolstering their financial **skills, so they can develop (and keep) good savings habits.**

Back to school is a lot. Let's get ready.

\*A lot of feelings, a lot of expenses, a lot of stress.

**Saver Plus can help.**

saverplus



Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus.org.au



If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than 58,000 people to start saving. It's helped overcome the barriers around education expenses. And it's set them up for a brighter future. Researchers at RMIT discovered that program participants:

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|  <p>Continue saving - even increasing their savings - after the program has finished (87% reported this)</p> |  <p>Gain more financial control</p> |
|  <p>Reduce stress and increase confidence</p>  |  <p>Discover new opportunities</p>  |

85% of our past participants said they're better prepared to manage environmental changes (such as cost of living pressures or unexpected bills) since completing Saver Plus

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**ATHLETICS TRAINING**

**TERM 1**  
**TORQUAY TUESDAY 4PM**  
**ANGLESEA WEDNESDAY 3.45PM**

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.3VIKINGS.COM.AU](http://WWW.3VIKINGS.COM.AU)



**SURF COAST CALISTHENICS**

2024

**Ballet & Jazz**  
**Acro**  
**Apparatus**  
**Performance Skills**  
**& SO MUCH MORE!**

**Times - 3-7 yrs**  
Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

**Sub-Juniors - 10 yrs & under**  
Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.30pm

**Juniors - 13 yrs & under**  
Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.30pm

**Intermediates - 17 yrs & under**  
Wednesday 6.00pm - 8.30pm

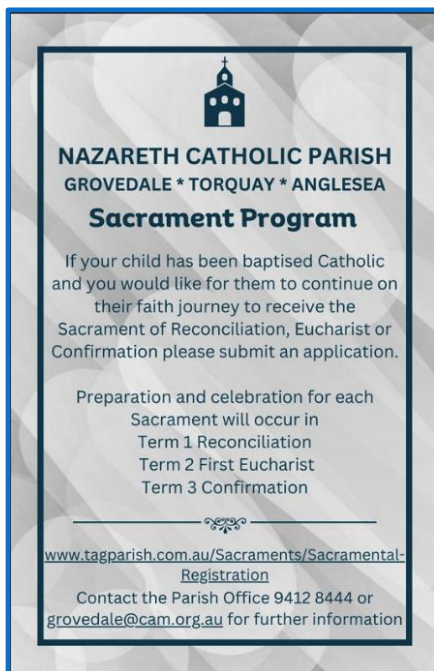
**Seniors - 16 yrs & over**  
Monday 6.00pm - 8.30pm

**Call Kids - 18 months - 5 yrs**  
Thursday 9.30am - 10.15am

**All Abilities**  
Wednesday 4.00pm - 5.00pm

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**Sacrament Program**

If your child has been baptised Catholic and you would like for them to continue on their faith journey to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please submit an application.

Preparation and celebration for each Sacrament will occur in  
Term 1 Reconciliation  
Term 2 First Eucharist  
Term 3 Confirmation

[www.tagparish.com.au/Sacraments/Sacramental-Registration](http://www.tagparish.com.au/Sacraments/Sacramental-Registration)  
Contact the Parish Office 9412 8444 or [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au) for further information



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**Baptism Program**

Are you considering Baptising your child?  
Now is the time to make contact with Nazareth Catholic Parish.  
To baptise a child at least 1 parent must be a baptised Catholic.

For children in grade 2 and below in 2024 head to our website and submit an application form.  
For older children who are in grade 3 and above your child will need to participate in a preparation program with the parish which begins 6th Feb 2024.

[www.tagparish.com.au/Sacraments/Baptism](http://www.tagparish.com.au/Sacraments/Baptism)  
Contact the Parish Office 9412 8444 or [grovedale@cam.org.au](mailto:grovedale@cam.org.au) for further information

