



## Important Dates

31/1/2025

TERM 1	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Geelong Cats visiting Gr 1-4 students 11:15am-12:15pm.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	SSA inter-school Tennis.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	First assembly of 2025. 3:10 start. All welcome.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Outdoor Education begins. Gr 3-6.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	SSA inter-school Soccer (Gr 5 and 6).
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5).
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.

**Welcome new students, staff and families.** A warm welcome to our new and returning students, new staff members and new families. We've started the year with 159 students and I'm sure everyone will make everyone new to our school feel welcome.

**Bushfire preparedness.** Do you have the Compass app on your phone so you can receive notifications immediately about Catastrophic / Extreme weather days? See information below and the attachments with this newsletter. Please note we will only be informed of any Catastrophic or Extreme weather the previous day and most likely after 4pm.

**Curriculum Days.** On Tuesday and Wednesday we prepared for 2025 by:

- Renewing our approach to teaching English (Reading and Writing) to match the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model focusing on explicit instruction and phonics.
- Using Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) assessment data, that students in Grade 2-6 complete for Reading and Maths, to identify student strengths.
- Using a Soundwrite assessment tool to measure student strengths.
- Updating our first aid skills for Asthma, Anaphylaxis, CPR, Snake bite and Epilepsy.
- Unpacking student supplies (workbooks, etc) and setting up our teaching spaces.

**Allergies.** As some children at our school suffer from allergic reactions, we request that all parents take significant precautions to prevent any risk to students with allergies. We encourage parents, where possible, not to send food to school that might pose an allergy risk to any classmate identified as being anaphylactic. Our Anaphylaxis Policy, which can be found on our website under the tab ABOUT US, includes:

- staff and students are regularly reminded to wash their hands after eating
- students are discouraged from sharing food

**SSA Tennis.** Our school is a member of the Surf Coast Sporting Association (SSA) and participate in inter-school sporting events including tennis, basketball, football, netball, soccer and athletics with local schools. Thursday is the tennis competition at Moriac with Hugo M-W, Jimmy R, Ollie C, Milly Charles and Sadie B representing our school. All the best to our team, thanks to parents/carers for organising transport/supervision and to Mrs Wylie for entering our students.

### 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.

### Lunch orders.

Commenced today and operate each Friday. For more information see below.

When placing an order please update your child's details to reflect their 2025 class details. Thanks to Morgan's Bar and Grill for providing these for us.

**Village Fair.** A reminder that our Parents Club will host this major fundraiser on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the school. See more information below.

**Annual Privacy Reminder.** All schools are required to follow the department's standardised [Schools' privacy policy](#) Please take time to read the policy.

**Geelong Cats visit.** On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February the 'mighty' Geelong Cats will be visiting our Grade 1-4 students as part of their community camp. The children can bring something for the players to sign.

**Readers.** If families have any school home-readers (decodeables), it would be appreciated if they could be returned ASAP.

**Riding bikes to school.** In the interests of safety, once students enter the school grounds, they are to hop off their bike and walk it to/from the bike shed.

**School assembly.** Our first Assembly will be held in the Stadium next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3:10pm. All welcome.

**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.

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



### Kindness


We do our work and we do it quietly.

We include others and don't go out of bounds (behind stadium, portable, between path and road in cubbies, staff carpark & garden).

### Respect

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

We line up quietly.



### Collaboration

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

Before going outside or home, we pack up (chairs in, things away, rubbish in bin).

### Responsibility

We arrive at school between 8:45 and 9am, put our bags away properly and go outside to play.

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



**VILLAGE FAIR, 2025.** The Village Fair will be held next year on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Be sure to put the date in your calendar now as it's a wonderful opportunity for our students, families and staff to enjoy a fun-filled day of rides, games, activities, food and entertainment and raise vital funds for the school. In the past it has helped raise upwards of \$30,000 per

year, which the school has put towards building and grounds improvements, new books and resources for music and art programs.

The fundraising effort is only possible due to the significant involvement of the school community through a volunteer organising team and the many parents and teachers that help on the day.

For the fair to be successful for 2025 we need a number of people to get involved as part of the organising team to coordinate an event, activity or stall. For next year we're looking for people to help out with sponsorship, silent auction, entertainment, books and toys, first aid, sustainability, sensory space to name just a few or you may have your own ideas or contacts to bring to the table.

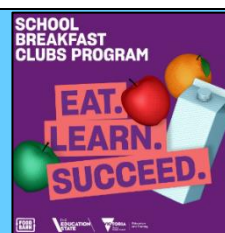
You will be supported in your coordination role by a committed team as well as notes and resources from previous fairs or you can make it your own with fresh energy and ideas. People are encouraged to work in pairs on an activity to share the workload and to bounce ideas off.

If you have the enthusiasm or passion to get involved and meet some great new people please reach out to the school or to Clare Valentine or Elise Saw via [angleseapsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:angleseapsparentsclub@gmail.com) or 0407477022

For those who want to help but can't support a coordination role, look for information on the fair closer to the date for other ways you can help by volunteering, donating goods or services or promoting the event.

## Breakfast Club. *Start date – to be announced.*

Each Thursday at 8am students are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast in the staff room from 8am. 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 promote school attendance, at each Assembly the names of all students who have been at school each day, and on time, will be displayed on the big screen and go into a raffle. We will draw the raffle with one of the students receiving 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.

  
**Anglesea Primary School**  
is using Flexischools for lunch ordering.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> January – Jacqui Callea

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January – Twigg Finemore

Many thanks

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Surfcoast**  
MEDICAL CENTRE  
Sick child?  
Need a doctor?



*Surfcoast Medical Centre*  
*Walk-in Kids Clinic*

9.30AM - 10.30AM WEEKDAYS  
JUST WALK IN  
100 SURFCOAST HWY TORQUAY PH:9123 8455



*Shoot your Shot*

Term 1  
Registrations  
**NOW OPEN**

**SURFCOAST BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**AUSSIE HOOPS PROGRAM**  
**Now at Bellbrae Primary School!**

Term 1: Tuesdays 4pm-4:45pm  
For boys and girls aged 5-10 years  
To register: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/b7575f>  
Enquiries: [aussiehoops@basketballsurfcoast.com.au](mailto:aussiehoops@basketballsurfcoast.com.au)

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