



Important Dates

7/2/2025

TERM 1	
Friday 7 th February	First assembly of 2025. 3:10 start. All welcome.
Wednesday 19 th February	Parent/carer/teacher conversations.
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).
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.

Term 1 Parent/Carer/Teacher Conversations. These will be held on Wednesday 18th February. See below.

Welcome to new staff and students. I'd like to welcome the new Preps and new students in Oron (Grade 1), Leo (Grade 1) and Joshua (Grade 3). We also welcome Mrs Katie Calvert (Gr 1-2 home group teacher). I hope they enjoy being part of our community.

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

Announcing grade 6 leadership positions and welcoming our new preps. This will be done at the Assembly on Friday 21st February. See below.

Student Attendance. Improving attendance is a priority for our school and it is important that students come to school, and on time, each day. While there are valid reasons for being absent, please minimise them and where possible, schedule appointments outside of school hours. If your child is unwell, it's important they stay home to recover. As per Department regulations, the school must be informed of and absence. To do this, please notify the school each morning via phone call or email. If you know in advance that your child will have an extended absence, such as a family holiday, please let us know.

Riverbank Markets. Thanks to everyone who assisted as the New Years Day market recorded a profit of \$14,327 with the January 12 market \$11,602. With our Melbourne Cup weekend market recording a profit of \$8,941.10, our overall total profit was \$34,871.17! Thanks to Colleen for completing ALL of the administrative tasks.

SSA inter-school tennis. Yesterday Hugo M-W, Ollie, Jimmie, Sadie, Milly and Samson represented our school at this event. Well done to you all, congratulations to Samson for winning the boys event and thanks to parents for organising transport.

Lunch orders. If you are 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. This will help us to quickly distribute the lunch orders to the children.

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

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.

Sunscreen. As we do not provide or apply sunscreen to the children, parents/carers might like to pack some in their child's bag and show them how to apply it.

Prep photos. Information was sent this week via Compass to parents/carers of our preps regarding the Geelong Advertiser visiting us on Thursday 13th February.

Medications. All student medications must be handed in at the office, in their original packaging, with a Medical Authority Form completed and given to the office.

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



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.




We return our sports equipment to the green bins after playtimes.




We put our workbooks and pencils away after each class.



We take care of our NAMED hats, jumpers and water bottles and make sure they are in our bags each day.



Value of the Week
Responsibility
We take care of our equipment and put things where they belong



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. Starts next Thursday 13th Feb

Each Thursday at 8.15m 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 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. 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. This will help us to quickly distribute the lunch orders to the children.

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 Wednesday 19th 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 these students have a successful, fun and rewarding year and 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, promote 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 'Values 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.
- **Sustainability Leaders.** Organise classroom bins, think of and implement ways to reduce waste and electricity use, monitor impact of solar panels on electricity use, renew recycling program.

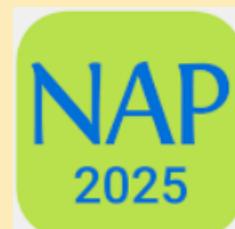
The Grade 6's will be informed of these opportunities and prepare speeches for the positions. They will then present their speeches to all Grade 3-6 students who will participate in an election to determine our Grade 6 student leaders. We will announce the positions at Assembly on Friday 21st February. **At this Assembly we will also officially welcome the Preps to Anglesea Primary School.**

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>

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 to Jacqui Callea for your help last week.

TERM 1

Friday 7th & 14th February – Twiggy Finemore
 Friday 21st & 28th February – Sonia McCall-White

Many thanks

They're Back

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It has come to our attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

What can you do?

Senior Learning Community

To all students/families of returning Years 3-6 students, welcome back. We hope you all had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable break. To our new student; Joshua - Senior L and their families, welcome to Anglesea Primary School.

This year the Senior Team is;

Grade 3/4

Senior J - Jaiman Samji

Senior L – Duncan Lester

Grade 5/6

Senior R - Mark Robinson

Senior S - Julie Sampson / Linda Wylie

All Senior teachers are very excited about the year ahead. Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please do so in the first instance via compass or email. Teacher's email addresses are available on Compass.

Starting Right

This week Senior students have been working on a range of activities to help to get to know one another, revisiting the school values and getting back in the structure and routine of a school day.

Specialists

Senior Specialists are on Tuesday afternoons (12:30pm-1:30pm & 2:30pm-3:30pm) and Wednesday mornings (9:00am-11:00am). Students will rotate through PE, Art, Music/Creative Arts and Global Studies. Can you please ensure that your child/ren wear appropriate footwear on these days to ensure that they are able to run and move comfortably and safely during PE.

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.

Grade 3 and 4

In the grade 3/4s we have commenced our regular timetable and routines this week. It has been pleasing how quickly the students are able to adjust and get back into the rhythm of schooling.

Any of our Grade 4s that are participating in the Bring Your Own iPad are encouraged to bring them on Monday so that our I.T. technician Brodie can connect them to the school network.

Grade 5 and 6 (A Snapshot of our Week)

We commenced our inquiry, '**Who Am I? Understanding Self**. Students were introduced to the '24 Character Strengths.' Students completed a survey to discover their top five character strengths and whether they fall under the virtue of **wisdom, justice, temperance, transcendence, humanity** and **courage**. Students learnt that character strengths can change depending on the influences in their lives like family, friends and the environment.

The good news is that we can actually learn how to use the strengths that do not come so naturally to us. We can also learn how to balance and not overuse our strongly represented traits. And in the end we can learn how to thrive in good times and cope with bad times, by juggling with all 24 Character Strengths.

That is what we mean by "May the Strengths Be with You!"

During **Maths**, students learnt how to draw an accurate pie graph (using their understanding of 360 degrees in a circle and dividing it by the number of students) using a protractor. They chose appropriate graphs to represent the data of **Seasonal Birthdays** and the **Top 5 Character Strengths** in their class.



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