



Important Dates

7/3/2025

TERM 1	
Wednesday 12 th March	NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5).
Friday 21 st March	National Ride2school day.
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.
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.

Kathy's funeral. It was terrific to see our school represented at Kathy's funeral yesterday and congratulations to her family for a fantastic service. Many of our current and past staff attended, along with some students and parents. Kathy was a Teacher Aide since 2019, who at short notice often helped our Out of School Hours Care program. Thanks to the staff who remained at school and for supporting the casual relief teachers that were employed. Thanks to our teachers for engaging the students in some activities they liked to do with Kathy this week, like making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. RIP Kathy.

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.

NAPLAN. Grade 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests which commence next week (Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy). See below.

School council. As five parents/carers vacancies exist for school council, we are seeking new members. Nomination forms are available at the office. See information below.

Seesaw. To provide teacher communication, next week parents/carers will receive a Seesaw post related to a Maths task their child has completed at school.

Vegetable Garden. A reminder that the vegetable garden is out of bounds until Monday 17th March.

Out of School Hours Care. As Kelly Club will likely end their contract at the end of Term 1, school council are looking at some options to provide Out of School Hours Care being:

- seeking another provider
- a parent/carer providing a Club (like a gardening club)
- the least preferred option of not providing OSHC. As this may be the outcome, parents/carers may want to make some initial plans for Term 2. I'll provide another update next week.

Staffing Update. Welcome to Oscar Jol, our new Education Support – Teacher Aide. Oscar started with us on Monday and from Monday 17th March will be working full-time.

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

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.

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 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

Value of the Week Kindness



We allow ourselves and others to feel safe



We use our 'inside voice' and speak in calm and gentle tones when entering the school buildings.

We take turns and follow the school rules when playing games.



We look where we are going and walk when moving inside the school buildings.



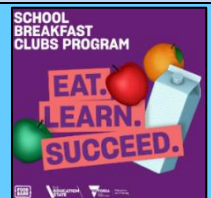

VILLAGE FAIR, 2025. The school's major fundraiser, the Village Fair, will be held on **Saturday 29th March 2025**. For those new to the school the fair runs from **3-7:30pm** and is a great day out for the whole family with rides, market stalls, kids talent show, silent auction, entertainment and a plethora 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

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 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>

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 26th 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:

14th February: Call for nominations. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

28th 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:

5th March: Distribute ballot papers.

19th March: Close of ballot. (4.00pm).

20th March: Count votes and declare the poll.

26th 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.

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 Sonia McCall-White for your help over the last 2 weeks.

TERM 1

Friday 7th & 14th March – Jessie McMaster

Friday 21st & 28th March – Brodie McDowell

Friday 4th & 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 Morgan family for their work in the yard this week.

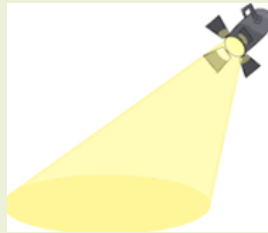
FAMILY NAME	WEEK BEGINNING
Atherstone-Reid Family	10 th March
Attard Family	17 th March
Balazs Family	24 th March
Barton-Ghaie Family	31 st March

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
- There was a SeeSaw notice sent home with your child and a follow up reminder if you have not yet connected. Could families please connect as soon as they can, so they don't miss out on any digital work sent home.

Class in the spotlight - Preps



This week during Tinker Time the preps were faced with a Lego challenge. Students worked individually or in small groups to show what they like to play outside in the yard. Some students chose to make playground equipment, others built fairy gardens that they like to make or even soccer goals for the games they like to play. Below are some pictures of the students with their creations!



Katie, Tom and Lachlan (The Junior Team)

Senior Learning Community

NAPLAN

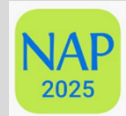
NAPLAN commences Wednesday (12th March) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia..

NAPLAN Schedule

Wednesday	12th March	Writing
Thursday	13th March	Reading
Friday	14th March	Language Conventions
Monday	17th March	Numeracy

To ensure that this period of testing runs as smoothly as possible, we are asking that students with a BYO device (iPad) come to school each day with it fully charged.

Those with a BYO device (iPad), please take the time to double check that the NAPLAN 2025 Locked Down Browser app is installed on the device. You can do this by searching "Nap Locked down Browser" in the app. store.



It's been another busy week in the SLC. Here is a snapshot.

Grade 5s participating in the 'Vertical Climb' and 'Giant Swing.'





It has been wonderful to watch the students demonstrate our school values and in particular how well they are supporting each other with each challenge.

Year 4 students participating in Bike Ed

Last week, Year 4 students began their Bike Education riding skills with a variety of skill stations. Students are learning to control their bike as well as basic road rules that will keep them safe in public.



Pancake Tuesday in the 3/4s

On Tuesday, 3/4 students paid tribute to Kathy Hose by doing some cooking. Kathy was a huge part of our Kitchen Garden Program in 2024. As this coincided with Shrove Tuesday, student made and enjoyed pancakes.



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 - Ethan
Senior L - Solomon
Senior R – Sadie
Senior S – Aibhlinn

Awards

Senior J - Andrew
Senior L - Alex
Senior R - Charlie
Senior S - Olivia

Duncan, Mark, Jay, Linda, Taylah, Cathy & Julie
Senior Team

DONATIONS NEEDED

BUSY BOARDS

Busy boards are designed to engage children's imaginations and encourage them to explore and experiment with different materials and textures. By providing a variety of activities and challenges, busy boards can help children develop their problem-solving skills and foster their creativity. We would like to make some Busy Boards to use for sensory experiences and emotional regulation with selected students (see pictures to the right for examples).



If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need please feel free to drop them in to Miss Fleur.

Padlocks with keys of various sizes
Gate hooks
Gate latches
D shackles
Carabiner's
Chains of various thickness, small lengths.
Key locks
Fidget spinners
Switches
Wall plugs
Cogs, various sizes
Tap handles



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE MISS FLEUR.
THANK YOU

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

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 21 March 2025



**RIDE2
SCHOOL**



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 or 0439761682

Discover Grovedale College

Information Evening 2025 Thursday 13th March

Activities commence at 6.00pm

Parents, prospective students and friends are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening 2025.

The evening begins with displays of students' work and a sausage sizzle at 6.00pm. Guests are invited to tour the College in small conducted groups during this time.

Our programs at Grovedale are stimulating, rewarding and forward looking. We focus on whole student development by embracing academic progress, the building of character, self-determination, confidence and a sense of self worth.

Teaching staff and Team Leaders will provide information on Transition Programs, Curriculum Options, the eLearning Program, Musical Opportunities and our Sports Academy Program.

Enquire about our excellent scholarship opportunities available for students commencing in 2026.



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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.

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

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