



## "Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be A Learner"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow!! What a full-on two weeks of term! The first week of term included the Grade 3 and 4 camp to Forest Edge. The second week had the Grade 5 and 6 camp to Melbourne. Although very tiring for all that attended camp (teachers included), both camps were incredibly fun. A massive congratulations to our wonderful kids for having a go at everything. The last part of our camping program will be the Grade 2 sleepover in September (just before daylight savings starts).

### School Review

Every four years all government schools undertake a school review, checking that everything is compliant (document wise) and reviews the practices in the classroom (including classroom observations). The review is undertaken by an independent reviewer. The review team consists of, my Senior Education Improvement Leader (my boss), the reviewer, two school leaders from other schools, Karyn Van Dyk (school council president), Cam Le Page and myself.

There are 4 days in total. Last Friday was the first day, Monday the 22nd and Tuesday the 23rd will be spending time in the classrooms, chatting to staff and normally chatting to parents (I need to check when this will be happening). Our final day is Friday the 26th of May.

A huge thank you to Karyn for being a part of this.

### Pevan and Sarah

Pevan and Sarah is an interactive website that we use with the younger students. Last year we were incredibly lucky to attend a concert with Pevan and Sarah in Traralgon. Pevan and Sarah are coming back again this year. I have booked tickets for our Preps, Grade 1s and 2s to attend. The concert isn't until October 12th. This is one of very few excursions that will cost the students to attend. The cost of the ticket is \$20. Please don't stress about this yet – we will send notes out in Term 3. I just wanted to give you the heads up.

Kind regards,

Christine.



*"Lest We Forget"*

## Upcoming Events

- **May 10-School Athletics (11:30-1:30) Grades 3-6**
- **May 11-Puffing Billy Railway Excursion-Gr 4/5 & 5/6**
- **May 12-Mother's Day Stall All gifts \$5. Pay at the office. Book Club Orders due**
- **May 16-School Council 5:15pm District Athletics**
- **May 22, 23 & 26-School Review**
- **May 25-School Open Day**
- **June 1-School Photo Day**
- **June 12-Public holiday Monarch's Official Birthday**
- **June 20-School Council 5:15pm**
- **June 23rd- Last day of Term 2**

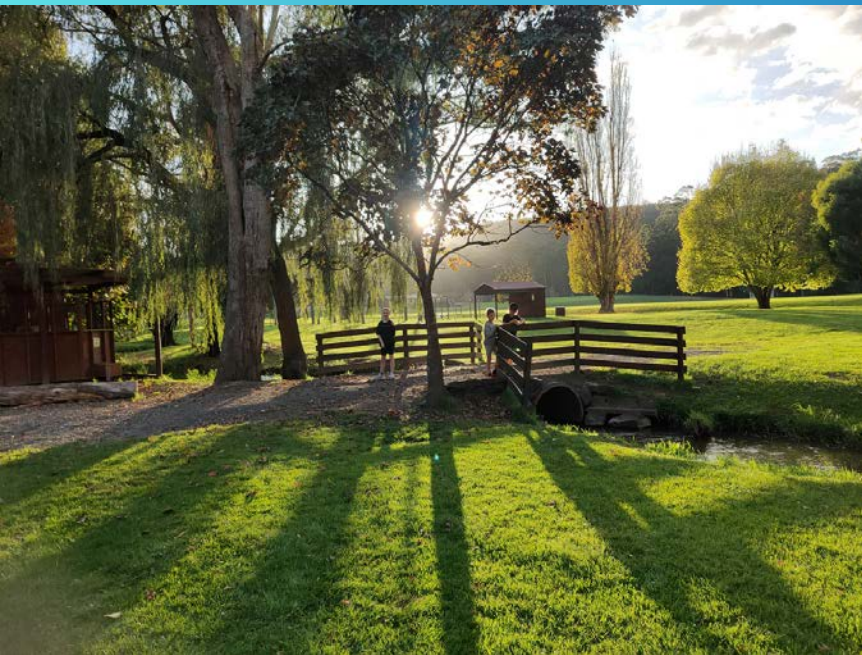
Every Minute Matters  
**BE A HERO**  
Here Every day Ready On time





# Grade 3/4 Camp CYC Forest Edge

photos courtesy of Mrs. Pedersen.









# Student Birthdays

## May

**14 Kameron Gr 3**

**18 Tatum Gr 4/5**

**22 Reinor Gr 5/6**

**23 Michael Gr 4/5**

**25 Logan Prep**

**Breanna Gr 4/5**

**27 Dominic Prep**

**Seb Gr 3**

**29 Cooper Gr 5/6**





# *Mother's Day*

**Mother's Day is Sunday May 14th, and it is time for our stall fundraiser.**

**Our Mother's Day Stall is scheduled for Friday May 12th, and we need your help!**

**If you could kindly donate a small gift for the students to purchase for their special person, that would be amazing. It can be something small, and something that you may even have at home that you do not need. All we ask is that it is in good condition.**

**If you are able to help us, could you please bring your donation to the office by Tuesday May 9th.**

**All gifts will be \$5 each and it will be 1 gift per student. Students will need to pay at the school office, and this can be done before the morning bell on any given day. All payments need to be handed in to the office by Friday morning.**

**Thank you!!**

## 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:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

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

### 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.



**Please contact the school office for an  
application form.**



Breakfast Club is open every morning between 8:00am-8:30pm with Krystal & Brylee.



This term, on Fridays, we will be selling hot chocolates. They are 50 cents each and payment needs to be made at the office before the morning bell.

## School Times

- 8:45 1st Session
- 9:45 2nd Session
- 10:45 Eating Time (supervised)
- 10:55 Recess
- 11:30 3rd Session
- 12:30 4th session
- 1:30 Children supervised to eat lunch
- 1:40 Lunch Recess
- 2:15 5th Session
- 3:15 Dismissal

## TERM DATES 2023

- Term 1 30 January (Students start) 6 April
- Term 2 24 April 23 June
- Term 3 10 July 15 September
- Term 4 2 Oct 20 December



### ATTENDANCE



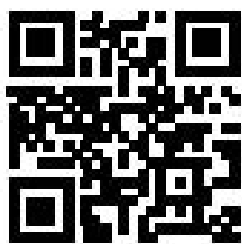
Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well - and that's OK! But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure the BEST opportunity for learning. If your child is absent please enter their absence via the Compass parent portal or alternatively call the school on 51271448 as soon as possible.



# 2024 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Open 1 May until 30 June

**If your child turns 3 or 4 years of age before  
30 April, 2024 they can enrol for kinder.**



Enrol online at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/kinder) or scan the QR code, you can also call 1300 367 700 to arrange support to complete the online form.

Enrolments received after 30 June will be offered in order of receipt where places remain available.



# Dads Tuning in to Kids Group program

**Are you a dad with a child between  
3 and 12 years old?**

We are running a  
free parenting  
group for men!



## YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- Help your child manage tough situations
- Manage parenting stress
- Connect with your child

## Program Details:

Details: Dads Tuning in to Kids Group Program

When: Term 2 Group will run each Tuesday for 7 weeks, commencing Tuesday 9th May - Tuesday 20th June.

Evening sessions from 7pm - 9pm

Where: Online via zoom

To register interest or for any enquiries, please contact Berry Street by Ph: 03 5134 5971 or Email: [TuningIntoKids\\_Teens@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:TuningIntoKids_Teens@berrystreet.org.au)

<https://www.berrystreet.org.au/>

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