

11th October 2024

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR



BIRTHDAYS



AUSSIE OF THE TERM



CLASS AWARDS



FROM THE CLASSROOM



PARENT NEWS



BUS REMINDER!

YOUR CHILD NOT CATCHING THE MORNING BUS?

CALL THE BUS IN THE MORNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.

YARRAM BUS

0439 004 358

WAYNE/MEGAN

BRIAGOLONG BUS

0418 364 478

THERESSA/DEBBIE

LOCAL BUS

0427 330 166

CHLOE/DEBORAH/CRAIG

SCHOOL VAN

5144 5644

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:



Keep students & staff safe.



If unwell, stay home, get tested.



Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all staff and students for what is shaping up to be a very busy term 4. We have camps and sleepovers happening for all groups during the term as well as Drumming, Dance, Swimming, Sailing, Graduation, End of Year concert and a number of other excursions and events throughout the term.

Mixed in with all of these things we will also be completing lots of learning in classrooms across the school.

Welcome

This term we have welcomed one new student to the school. Grace has started in our prep class for a couple of days a week. Welcome Grace.

Grace's enrolment brings our total school enrolment to 99.0

\$400 School Saving Bonus and Family Information Updates

Earlier this week all families received a note regarding the Victorian Government's \$400 School Savings Bonus. This money will be held by the school but is allocated by parents to cover the costs of various school requirements. This can include uniforms, excursions, camps, books and graduations.

Information regarding the School Saving Bonus will be emailed directly to parents and carers in early November 2024. Parents are asked to please make sure that they have a valid email address recorded at the school and that they check this email address on a semi-regular basis. Parents and Carers are also asked to please check your junk folder if you cannot locate the email. If you do not receive information by 25 November 2024, please contact your school for support.

Last term all families were sent home a sheet with current contact details that the school has for you. Thank you to all of the families who have updated details and returned this information. For those of you who still need to do this can you please attend to this task as soon as possible.

Regards Jamie



SHOW RESPECT



ACT RESPONSIBLY



BE SAFE

More from the Principal's desk:



Last term Mahalia participated in a competition as part of her TAFE hairdressing course. She was against a number of other young people from TAFE's around the local area, where they were assessed on a number of areas related to hairdressing such as; basin services, maintaining and organising their tools, communication and create a classic long hair up-style. Mahalia did a terrific job and came 2nd place amongst the other competitors. Scores are yet to be finalised but there is a possibility that she may get to go on to compete in the National Competition held in Brisbane. Congratulations Mahalia on a job well done.



Coughs & Colds

COVID, Influenza and Whooping Cough are circulating within our school community and given the immunity of some of our students we ask that all families please be vigilant and keep students home if they are unwell.

We still have a number of free RATs that can be handed out to families if required.

Plastic bottles needed!

Mandy would appreciate it if you can collect clean 1 litre milk bottles, with lids. The students need them for an Art project in Term 4, so please send them in to school at the start of next Term!



CALENDAR

Thursday 17th October -
Primary Big Day Out

Monday 4th November -
Pupil Free day (Staff P.D.)

Tuesday 3rd December -
Christmas Concert

Tuesday 5th November -
Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup



OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Sale & District Specialist School (S&DSS) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. S&DSS has zero tolerance for child abuse.

S&DSS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the diversity of all children, including the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities and vulnerable children. S&DSS is a safe and inclusive school for all people including LGBTI people. Every person involved in S&DSS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

October Birthday's



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Aussie of the Term

Term 3 2024 Senior Secondary

LILY FRASER



Lily has been a valued class member in Senior Secondary this year.

She has developed a good understanding of our classroom routine and happily participates in all activities offered throughout the day.

Lily has continued to grow in her ability and independence in using her Eye Gaze device. She is competent in navigating around the many programs including interactive stories and maths activities. Lily is now exploring and learning to say new words through her device to further increase her communication.

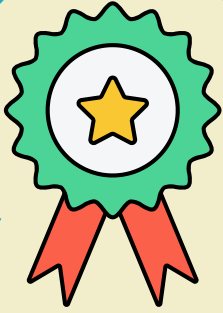
Lily is always happy to sit with her peers and work coactively with them on many tasks. She is becoming very social and will seek out students in and outside the classroom by walking up to them, giving them big smiles and reaching out to touch them.

Lily has continued to enjoy our many outings into the community where she is happy to explore and find things of interest to her.

Lily has been a keen participant in our work experience program. She loves joining the class in delivering catalogues and the Gippsland Times to residents in the community.

We are extremely proud of Lily's achievements this term! Congratulations and well done Lily!





REWARD



Bernie, for wonderful tablework



Will, for being an awesome classmate



Marcus, for great verbal conversations



Keely, for becoming more confident and making new friends



Oliver, for showing great focus on his reading comprehension

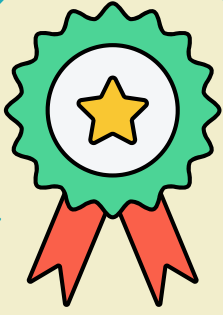


Lily, for great engagement in classwork



ACT RESPONSIBLY





REWARD



Indie, for showing respect to a new teacher in the room



Daniel, for speaking respectfully



Cody, for cheering very loudly in assembly



Mitch, for always smiling and being happy



Crystal, for coping well with change



Katy, for coming to school with a great attitude and settling straight into her new class



SHOW RESPECT





REWARD



Eman, for transitioning safely during gymnastics



Chelsie, for money handling when out and about in the community



Dominic, for using a quite voice when prompted



Mali, for being curious and completing her work



BE SAFE





B3

Welcome back to Term 4! B3 have had a great first week back to school. We have enjoyed seeing our friends again and have settled back into our routine. On Wednesday, Sharon from the Wellington Shire came to do gardening with us. We talked about how seeds grow and even planted some seeds of our very own to take home. We learned how to make a pot out of a piece of newspaper, and we planted lots of different vegetable seedlings like lettuce, tomato, carrots, and silver beet in our veggie patch.

B4



The students of B4 have returned from the holidays refreshed and ready to learn. We have had a great start to Term Four. We spent a session catching up and the students shared their holiday experiences from Traralgon water slides to Melbourne Aquarium and many other adventures in between. We then created writing and pictures to describe our holidays. We have begun creating coloured pasta for necklaces and craft projects. We learned that we needed to use vinegar to make it work and the children enjoyed mixing colours and coating the pasta. As the students in B4 have plenty of energy, we have begun incorporating movement breaks and 'Danny Go! Movement Activity Songs for Kids' has become a firm favourite. We are excited for a fun and productive Term Four.



C4





'C4 have come back refreshed and ready to start a jam-packed term 4! Last term we finished off with café skills where we practiced interacting with shop keepers and handling money. This term we have started our swimming program, sailing at Lake Guthridge, and will be continuing our electives on a Friday. The weather was kind to us this week and we enjoyed a smooth and sunny sail across the water (even Jamie!).

This week we made colourful creations in science! Practicing making predictions and posing questions. We have also began discussing 'The Gold Rush' in preparation for our camp to Ballarat at the end of term. C4 are looking forward to exploring the mines and are determined to find all the gold that they can!

D3



D3 is gearing up for a very busy term 4. The excitement is growing as we get close to our camp in just a few short weeks. Until then students are working hard to develop some awesome new marketing products in anticipation for our involvement in the upcoming George Grey market. A selection of our products can also be purchased from the school office as well as flowers on Johnson in Maffra. We will be taking advantage of the spring weather in the coming weeks and growing some beautiful flowers and wonderful produce, so keep your eyes peeled for these. This term students will be planning an end of year excursion as well as helping organise graduation and other various events, all while keeping up with their class work, work experience and completing their updated CPR certificates.

School Saving Bonus Update



Dear parents and carers

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support, held by the school.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

Please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

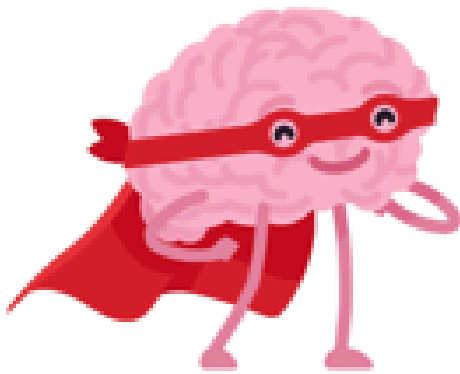
If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the school office on 5144 5644 if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.



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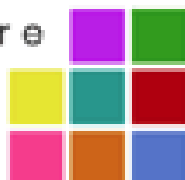
**Autism
spectrum
Assessment**

**ADHD
Assessment**

**Appointments
Available**

**Neuro
Affirming
Psychologists**

Outside the Square
psychology and counselling



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Traralgon**

Upcoming...

ROADIES Day Trips!



13 - 17 YEARS OLD



Monopoly Dreams!

- Melbourne CBD

SEP
14



Wetlands Mini Golf!

- Wheelers Hill

SEP
25



Twisted Science!

- Moorabbin

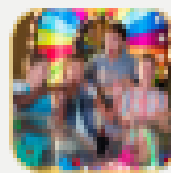
OCT
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Phillip Island Go Karts & Chocolate Factory!

- Phillip Island

NOV
09



Holey Moley & Arcade!

- Moorabbin

DEC
14

NDIS Plan charges apply!



Good Afternoon,

Just dropping you a note to ensure that you are aware that round 8 of the State Government's Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open for applications. These vouchers are a case of "first in, best dressed" and will close as soon as allocation is exhausted.

Eligible families from your school may be able to claim a voucher or reimbursement for expenses incurred since 24 July 2024 up to \$200 per eligible dependant to assist with the cost of memberships or registration fees, equipment, or uniforms. Vouchers will have an expiry date of 29 April 2025.

**Applications are open now at
www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/.**

Please pass this information along to anyone that you believe may benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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