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# SCHOOL NEWS



## MARRUNG 2.0

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June the Sebastopol Primary School Choir had the great honour to perform at the launch of the Marrung 2.0, a Department of Education framework that has the aim of building and maintaining a culturally safe learning environment for Indigenous students. The choir, led by Miss Kel and Cassandra and supported by Renai and Kaeli, performed a number of Indigenous songs in front of principals and special guests.

Afterward, the choir walked back to school sporting some new pins they'd been awarded and received some sweet treats as a thank you for their outstanding efforts. The choir will be giving a reprise of their set list at the upcoming assembly on Friday.



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# Principal's Report

*Kane Tolliday*

Welcome everyone to my Week 10 Principal's Report.

As we finish off a very busy term, we have so many wonderful achievements to celebrate.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the launch of the Marung Education Plan for the City Network at the Yuille Wetlands, located just near our school. It was fantastic that our school choir was invited to perform both the National Anthem and an Indigenous song at this important event. I was incredibly proud of the way our choir students conducted themselves and represented our school. Many principals commented on how well they performed. I think the highlight for the students, however, may have been the homemade biscuits they received as a reward, featuring native Australian ingredients including strawberry gum, chocolate peppermint gum and Davidson plum.

Yesterday, school reports were sent home. You may have noticed that they look a little different from previous years. This is due to the current EBA industrial action, which has resulted in written comments being reduced and reports focusing primarily on achievement data and assessment indicators. These reports will provide an excellent starting point for discussions during our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews, which will be held during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3.

Please ensure you book an interview time as soon as bookings open. These meetings are Parent-Teacher Interviews rather than Student-Led Conferences, allowing for a focused discussion about your child's learning progress, areas of strength and goals for Semester 2.

This week, we also farewell two wonderful staff members. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Baker for her outstanding work in Physical Education and Mrs G for the fantastic work she has done teaching Auslan. Both have made valuable contributions to our school, and we wish them all the very best.

We are currently finalising our specialist timetable and staffing arrangements for Semester 2. We are excited to welcome Tayla, who will be taking on Physical Education and some Auslan responsibilities. The staffing profile will look a little different next semester, and I will provide further information to our community as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

Looking ahead to Term 3, we have some exciting news. AFL Victoria's Jono Box has contacted our school and will be running an AusKick program after school on our oval throughout Term 3. This program will be exclusive to Sebastopol Primary School and will be heavily subsidised, making it at least 50% cheaper than standard AusKick programs. More information will be shared early next term, but it is certainly something to look forward to.

A reminder that tomorrow is Green and Gold Day as we show our support for the Socceroos. We encourage all students to get involved and show their Australian spirit.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to our Fundraising Committee for their hard work throughout the term, particularly with the recent Pie Drive. Thank you also to everyone in our community who supported the fundraiser through their purchases.

I hope all of our students, families and staff enjoy a safe, restful and well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a big and exciting Term 3.



# Student Achievements

## **Logan Parker - P/1**

For showing kindness towards others at all times.

## **Orianah Wilson - P/1**

For creating and continuing AB, AABB and ABC patterns.

## **Theodore Canham - 1/2**

For consistently showing kindness and respect to others, and for demonstrating excellent mathematical thinking. Your positive attitude, willingness to help others, and confidence in solving mathematical problems make you a valued member of our classroom.

## **Leijla Jakupovic-Moss - 1/2**

For consistently trying her best and thoughtfully applying feedback to improve her writing.

## **Andre Farquhar - 3**

For showing excellent determination with increasing his school hours! Well done!

## **Harper Langley - 3**

For demonstrating excellent research skills on the First Fleet.

## **Priodorshini Das - 3**

For demonstrating excellent research skills on the First Fleet.

## **Billie Taylor - 3**

For demonstrating excellent research skills on the First Fleet.

## **Dominic Delpol - 4**

For making insightful text connections in Reading. Well done, Dom!

## **Mackenzie Canham - 4**

For creating an informative poster about the ship 'Alexander' from the First Fleet.



## School Captains' Awards

**Bariz Usman:** For concentrating hard in class and maintaining focus.

**-Mikaeel**

**Julieanna Leysa:** For being respectful and quiet while Mrs Lawes was teaching.

**-Lily**

# Sovereign Hill Costume School

*Year 5/6 with Mr Juarez, Lily, Kaeli and Rin*

Our Year 5/6 students recently enjoyed an exciting two-day immersion experience at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, where they stepped back in time and lived as children from the 1850s.

Throughout their visit, students learnt about Ballarat's rich history as a gold-mining town and gained valuable insights into the roles, responsibilities and social expectations of people during this time period. They experienced traditional school lessons, learning the "3 Rs" – Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Students also explored the different expectations for boys and girls at the time, with the girls participating in sewing activities while the boys practised drawing to scale.

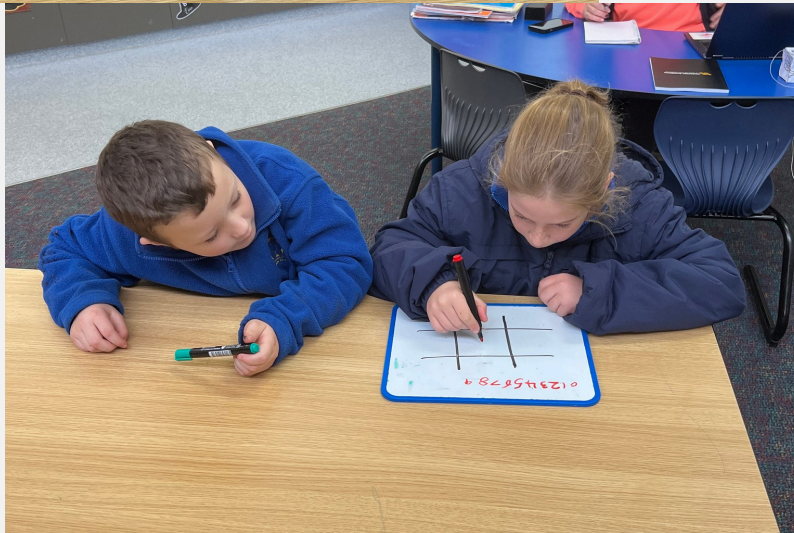
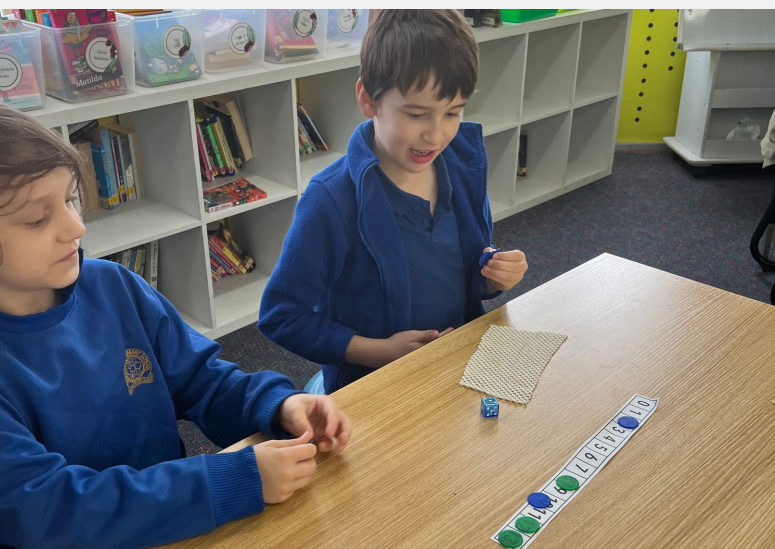
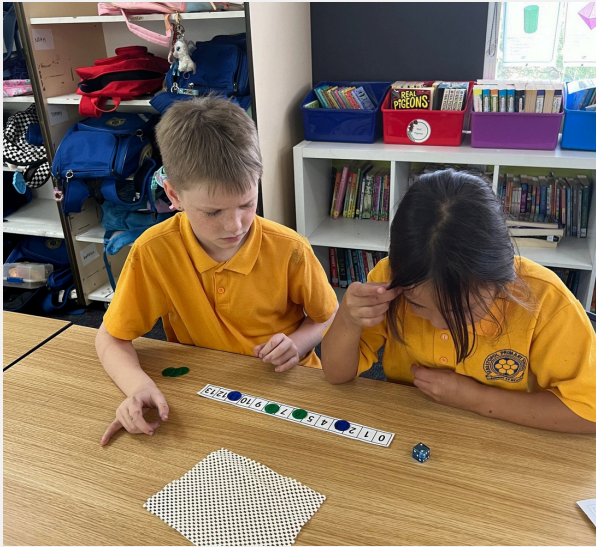
A highlight of the excursion was gold panning, where students excitedly searched for gold just as prospectors did during the Gold Rush. The experience provided a hands-on understanding of life in the 1850s and helped bring history to life.

The students also had great fun dressing in period costumes and fully embraced their roles as part of the living museum. Their enthusiasm and willingness to get into character made the experience even more memorable.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about Ballarat's history in an engaging and authentic way, and they returned with many stories and memories to share.



# GRADE 3 IS THE PLACE TO BE!



# What's On?



## Neurospicy Parents Group

Neurospicy Parents Group will be running on Wednesdays, 9:00AM - 11:00AM in the Multi-Purpose Room for parents of neuro divergent children. Young children are welcome.

## Volunteering Opportunities

Currently at Sebastopol Primary School, we are looking for parents and friends who would like to get involved with volunteering around the school. We would like parents to be involved in fundraising initiatives to support the students to access further opportunities.

## Readathon

The Sebastopol Primary School Readathon is starting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be tasked with reading as many books as they can to raise money for new school books.



## Playgroups

Sebastopol Primary School is now hosting 3 playgroups. On Mondays City of Ballarat facilitates a supported playgroup at 9:30AM. On Tuesdays and Fridays, there is a Japanese playgroup run by volunteers at 10:00AM. On Thursdays there is a further playgroup for Mums & Tykes at 9:30AM. To get involved in any of these, visit [Playgroup Victoria](http://Playgroup Victoria).

## Green & Gold Day

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of June, students are invited to wear green and gold clothing to celebrate the Australian Socceroos competing in the FIFA World Cup.



# Health and Wellbeing Updates



## Head Lice

Head lice are a very common insect that like to live in human hair which can cause the scalp to become itchy. They are most commonly found on school aged children. They can be spread through contact with others. For this reason, students identified as having head lice need to remain home from school until the day after treatment has commenced.

Responsibility for the control of head lice lies with the family. Here are some handy tips on how to do this effectively:

- Hair up and tight
- Not sharing hats
- Regular wet combing
- Conditioner works well, no specific treatment products needed
- Regular linen changes

Further tips on how best to prevent the spread of head lice can be found at [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

# Fostering Opportunities



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## Foster Care

If you or someone you know have been considering doing foster caring for children in need of safe home environments, CAFS and Key Assets have more information on what may be involved and how to start.

Please share these with anyone who might be interested in finding out more information regarding foster care.



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# Kindergarten Registration



## Central Kindergarten Registration

# Kindergarten Registration is now open for 2027

In Victoria, children can start kindergarten at 3 years old, which means two years of **free** kindergarten before school.

## Registering for kindergarten

- Register your child the year before they attend kindergarten.
- Registrations open January 1 for the following year.
- Select three preferences.
- Register by 30 June to receive a kindergarten offer in July. You can still register after 30 June, however some kindergartens may already be full.
- Your child may be eligible for Priority of Access, Early Start Kindergarten or additional Pre-Prep hours. Please answer all questions on the registration form.



### For more information and to register

simply scan the QR code

or visit [ballarat.vic.gov.au/kindergarten](https://ballarat.vic.gov.au/kindergarten)

## Do you have questions or need support?

Please contact Family and Children's Services

 **Call** 5320 5720  **Email** [kindergarten@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:kindergarten@ballarat.vic.gov.au)

 **In person** Parent place, 39 Sturt St Ballarat. Every Thursday 9:30am-2:30pm

*Translation services are available.*



Until 17<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Thinking of Place IV: Fleet-Post Office Gallery**, Federation University

26<sup>th</sup> Jun-19<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Winter Wonderlights**-Sovereign Hill

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-Up Next – **Comedy's New Kids On The Block**-Ballarat Performing Arts Centre

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-19<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Pop-Up Ice Rink**-15 Armstrong Street South

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-19<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Ballarat's Hot Choc Showdown**-Various Locations

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-11<sup>th</sup> Jul-**School Holiday Canvas Painting**-The Art Club Hub

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-12<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Secret World of Food**-Ballarat Library

27<sup>th</sup> Jun-12<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Harry Potter Treasure Hunt**-Collins Booksellers Ballarat on Lydiard

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Jun-**The Design Exchange Winter Market**-Ballarat Mining Exchange

28<sup>th</sup> Jun-**K-Pop Live**-Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat

28<sup>th</sup> Jun-12<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Winter Wonderland at Go Karts and Laserforce**-Ballarat Indoor Go Karts & Laserforce

29<sup>th</sup> Jun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul-**Cosy Collage Crafternoon**-Ballarat Library

30<sup>th</sup> Jun-**Winter Chills Boardgames**-Ballarat Library

30<sup>th</sup> Jun-**Mr SnotBottom vs The Zombie Boogers**-Ballarat Performing Arts Centre

30<sup>th</sup> Jun, 7<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Teddy Bear's Picnic**-Wendouree Library

30<sup>th</sup> Jun-9<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Art Explorers**-Gallery Studio at Federation University

# Community Events

## Holiday camps on sale now!



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1<sup>st</sup> Jul-**Watercolour Galaxies**-Ballarat Library

1<sup>st</sup> Jul-**Kids Winter Animals Art Class**-Buninyong Town Hall

8<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Robot Song**-Her Majesty's Theatre

9<sup>th</sup> Jul-**NAIDOC Week: Tote Bag Workshop with Murrup Art**-Ballarat Library

10<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Celebrate NAIDOC Week with Murrup Art**-Stockland Wendouree

10<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Wurtoo: The Wombat Who Fell in Love with the Sky**- Her Majesty's Theatre

16<sup>th</sup> Jul-**Free Hearing Checks**-Sebastopol Library

# Holiday Programs



## Carp Productions Presents: Dreadful Dragons!

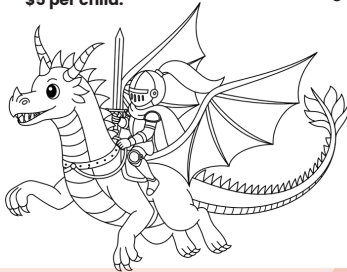
King Cranky Pants' court is in an uproar! Sir Lee, his famous Knight, has disappeared and a fierce fire breathing dragon is heading straight toward his castle! He needs a hero to save the day!

Ages 3-12

Thursday 9 July  
2-2.45pm

Vickers Street Community Hub

Bookings essential  
for each child attending\*  
\$5 per child.



## CocoSounds

Enjoy singing songs from around the world and playing rhythms with your body in this active and engaging session.

This is a free event for children aged 0-5 years.

Presented by CocoSounds.

Ages 0-5

Friday 10 July  
10.30-11.30am

Lucas Community Hub

Register to receive reminders.



## Community Hubs School Holiday Program

Winter 2026

\* These sessions are designed to be a co-learning activity where parents and carers (over the age of 18) participate as core support for their child.

To book a session scan the QR code or visit [collections.humanitix.com/winter-school-holiday-program](https://collections.humanitix.com/winter-school-holiday-program)



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## K-Pop Dance Fun!

Get ready to groove and move these holidays! This K-Pop dance program is all about fun, creativity, and rhythm! Explore exciting dance moves through energetic games and imaginative journeys, making dance a total blast! We'll kick things off with funky warm-ups to get our bodies bopping and our smiles shining. Then, learn cool dance steps and routines that will boost your coordination, rhythm, and confidence. Try some creative movement activities and storytelling through dance and let your imagination soar!

Presented by Yogamigos.

Ages 5-12

Wednesday 1 July  
11am-12pm

Djila-tjarri Community Hub

Bookings essential  
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Presented by Yogamigos.

Ages 5-12

Wednesday 8 July  
11am-12pm

Djila-tjarri Community Hub

Bookings essential  
for each child attending\*  
\$5 per child.



Carp Productions Presents:

## Once upon a time...

...the fairytale characters were feeling out of sorts! Cinderella's toes have blisters, the Dragon is suffering from a sore throat, and the Big Bad Wolf has burnt his bottom! We need you to help Humpty Dumpty MD cure the characters or we might never see our favourite fairytales come to life again!

Ages 3-12

Thursday 9 July  
11-11.45am

Vickers Street Community Hub

Bookings essential  
for each child attending\*  
\$5 per child.

\* Please note: all sessions are designed to be co-learning activities, where parents/caregivers provide core support for their child/ren. An adult/parent guardian is required to stay for the entirety of the session but are not required to purchase a ticket.

To book a session scan the QR code or visit [collections.humanitix.com/winter-school-holiday-program](https://collections.humanitix.com/winter-school-holiday-program)



# Term Calendar

Personal calendar is available on Compass for more information on upcoming events.

	Mon Jul 13	Tue Jul 14	Wed Jul 15	Thu Jul 16	Fri Jul 17
W1	First Day of Term 3 11:00: Australian Ballet Visit -....	11:00: Australian Ballet Visit -....			
	Mon Jul 20	Tue Jul 21	Wed Jul 22	Thu Jul 23	Fri Jul 24
W2	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon
	Mon Jul 27	Tue Jul 28	Wed Jul 29	Thu Jul 30	Fri Jul 31
W3	30 Day Readathon 06:30: School Council Meeting	30 Day Readathon Stardom Incursion	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon
	Mon Aug 03	Tue Aug 04	Wed Aug 05	Thu Aug 06	Fri Aug 07
W4	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon
	Mon Aug 10	Tue Aug 11	Wed Aug 12	Thu Aug 13	Fri Aug 14
W5	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp 09:00: Royal South Street Competition
	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21
W6	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp Science Week	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp Science Week	30 Day Readathon Somers Camp Science Week	30 Day Readathon Science Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon Science Week
	Mon Aug 24	Tue Aug 25	Wed Aug 26	Thu Aug 27	Fri Aug 28
W7	Book Week	Book Week	Book Week	Book Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Book Week
	Mon Sep 01	Tue Sep 02	Wed Sep 03	Thu Sep 04	Fri Sep 05
W8				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Sep 07	Tue Sep 08	Wed Sep 09	Thu Sep 10	Fri Sep 11
W9	06:30: School Council Meeting			RUOK Day 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Sep 14	Tue Sep 15	Wed Sep 16	Thu Sep 17	Fri Sep 18
W10					



## Important Date or Events

**26<sup>th</sup> Jun:** Last Day of Term 2

**13<sup>th</sup> Jul:** First Day of Term 3

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Jul:** Australian Ballet Visit