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READATHON

On Monday XXth of August, Sebastopol Primary School commenced the 30-day Readathon run by our fantastic fundraising committee. Students were tasked with reading as many books as they could during this period. Many students were also able to attain a number of sponsors for their reading. Some sponsors gave a flat payment and some sponsored for a dollar amount per book read. Cumulatively, our families and fundraising team raised \$1,500 to go toward new decodable reader books. The greatest number of books read was 124 books as logged by Evie H and the highest amount raised was by Leon P. Such a great effort from both students and our fundraising committee.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Here we are in Week 8, in what feels like an incredibly fast-moving term!

Last week we had a fantastic celebration of Book Week, beginning with our wonderful parade on Monday. It was great to see both staff and students going above and beyond with their costumes and getting into the spirit of the day.

I also loved seeing the amount of work that went into the individual reading records completed by every student. Congratulations to our record winners, as well as our best-dressed students from the parade. Each of our winners has received a \$10 Scholastic voucher to spend through Book Club, which they will receive this week. Well done to everyone who participated and helped make Book Week such a great celebration.

A Massive Readathon Thank You!

A massive thank you also needs to go to our Fundraising Committee for organising and supporting our wonderful Readathon. It was such a positive experience, and one of the real highlights was having so many of our parents and family members coming into the school and spending time reading with our students. Having our community involved in our classrooms in such a positive way was fantastic to see.

A special congratulations to Evie H, who read an incredible 124 books during the Readathon! What an outstanding effort.

Thanks to the fantastic support of our students, families and wider school community, we also raised an amazing \$1,500. Thank you to everyone who read, sponsored, donated or supported the Readathon in any way.

Kelly Sports – T-Ball/Baseball

We have also started our Kelly Sports T-ball/Baseball program, which will continue over the next three weeks. We have been fortunate to fund this program through our Sporting Schools funding, providing another opportunity for our students to develop their fundamental movement skills while experiencing a different sport.

Thankfully, the weather looked after us last week, allowing us to make great use of the oval, basketball court and our indoor stadium.

Victorian Principals Association State Forum

Last week, I was also fortunate enough to attend the Victorian Principals Association State Forum, alongside more than 500 principals from across Victoria. The State Forum is always a fantastic opportunity to connect with other school leaders, share ideas and hear from some outstanding keynote speakers.

A highlight for me was hearing from Gill Hicks, whose presentation, *The Power of Understanding*, drew on her incredible journey following the 2005 London bombings. Gill was inspiring, warm and incredibly engaging, and there were many messages from her presentation that I took away with me.

I also really enjoyed hearing from Paul Watkins, who spoke about pushing himself to his limits through some incredibly gruelling endurance events, including in Antarctica.

Principal's Report Cont.

Kane Tolliday

One of the things I really value about the Victorian Principals Association is the opportunity it provides to connect with other principals and continue to reflect on our own leadership styles and approaches. It is always a valuable conference and two days of professional learning that I thoroughly enjoy.

Proposed Term 4 Pupil-Free Days

We currently have three proposed pupil-free days for Term 4. These dates will be taken to School Council next Monday night for approval. At this stage, they are proposed dates only, and we will confirm them with families following School Council.

The proposed dates are:

Staff Professional Practice Day – Monday 2 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – Tuesday 3 November

Staff Curriculum Day – Friday 27 November
– Department of Education Professional Learning

Class Handover Day – Friday 18 December

We understand that pupil-free days require families to make alternative arrangements, which is why we want to provide as much advance notice as possible. Further information will be communicated once the dates have been formally approved.

A Reminder About Uniform and Presentation

I would also like to remind families of our expectations regarding school uniform and student presentation.

I am still noticing some students coming to school with coloured hair that does not reflect a natural hair tone.

Bright blue, green or red hair, for example, does not meet our expectations. We ask families to please support us in ensuring students come to school with hair colours that are within natural tones.

We are very fortunate to have a good supply of spare school uniforms available when students genuinely need them. However, we are being much stricter about when replacement clothing is provided. With the wet weather and mud around the school, there are occasions where students are deliberately choosing to play in muddy areas or get their clothing excessively dirty.

Where this is a deliberate choice, students should not expect to automatically receive a replacement set of clothing from the school. Our spare uniforms are there to support students when accidents happen or when there is a genuine need. We appreciate families reinforcing with their children the importance of making sensible choices during wet and muddy conditions.

With just three weeks remaining in Term 3, we still have plenty happening across the school and lots to look forward to.

I hope everyone enjoys the next three weeks and we finish what has been a very busy term strongly.



Student Achievements

Ella Dawson - P

For excellent reading, decoding words and identifying words she already knows.

Hailee Guymer - P

For sounding out new words and using words that she already knows when writing.

Dylan Johns - 1

For always being positive and bringing a sense of fun to our class.

Ryder Kellett - 1

For showing resilience and growth with his work.

Breanna Lucido - 4

For showing engagement and enthusiasm in our investigations of continents in Integrated Studies!

Mia Sternberg - 4

For making breakthroughs in your ability to read clocks and tell time! Well done, Mia!

Charlie Bradley Nunn - 4

For an excellent summary of the day's learning in our maths groups.

Chayce Langley - 4/5

For consistently showing a positive attitude towards learning and always trying your best.

Emily Eades - 4/5

For showing fantastic improvement and working hard to develop your skills and knowledge.

Evie Hickson - 4/5

For demonstrating excellent effort, participation and enthusiasm in your learning.

Georgia Lehan - 5/6

For fulfilling her Grade 5/6 responsibilities quickly and efficiently.



School Captains' Awards

Maeve McAdie: For sharing great questions during science.

-Lily

Liliana Kline: For making sure everyone was included in a playground game.

-Mikaeel

What we learnt from the COSMODOME...

That the sun is made of gas and the stars are big, just very far away – Oakleigh

That Pluto is not a planet any more – Ava

The Earth used to have rings and those rings formed the moon – Chayse

That stars light up – Stella

I learnt that Jupiter is very hot – Thomas

That there is such a thing as space junk – Markell

That there is a bigger part of space than our galaxy – Koby
About Saturn and the rocky planets – Kiara

That the sun has weather - Breanna

That the Earth is slowly heating up – Craig

That some rocks are planets – Emily

We learned about climate change – Thomas

That the planets actually move – Theo

That the sun is a star – Leijla

I learnt about space and that the moon spins around – Ella

That there might be multiple universes – Mikaeel

That there are blue stars - Haylo

That it's cool to be able to lie down and see everything like you're really in it - *paraphrased from many students...



Album Covers

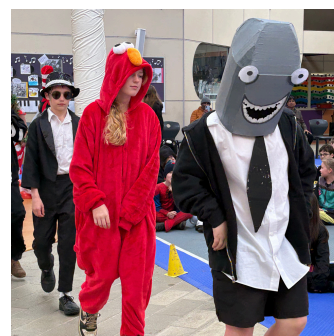
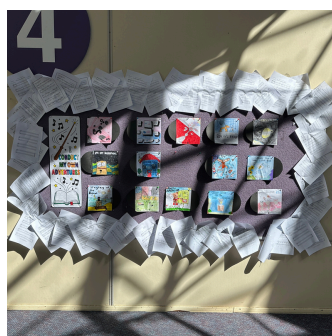
In Preparation of Book Week, all students designed album covers for different stories as if they were a record. Mr Tolliday and the fundraising committee then selected a winner from each class for the best design.

The winners from each class were Logan, Thea, Leijla, Mia-Lee, Ariana, Emily, and Ava-Grace.



Costume Parade

On Monday, students, staff, and a number of parents came to school in costume to represent a character from a story. Everyone paraded around the atrium and the fundraising committee selected a student from each class as having the best costume related to stories.



BOOK WEEK

22-28 August 2026



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Classroom Reading

Throughout the week the teachers brought in some specially selected books to read with the class. Students were also encouraged to spend time in and out of the classrooms enjoying books of their choice.



Buddy Reading

To finish the week, all students and staff brought a book from home or the classroom library into the atrium to share with another person from a different class. It was great to see so much reading all in one place.



What's On?



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](#).

Hot Lunch Day

To celebrate the end of term, the Fundraising Committee are running a Hot Lunch Day on Wednesday 16th of September. They will be serving ham and cheese, cheese and chicken and cheese toasties. Order forms must be back by Wednesday 9th of September to ensure there will be sufficient ingredients for all orders.

Volunteering Opportunities

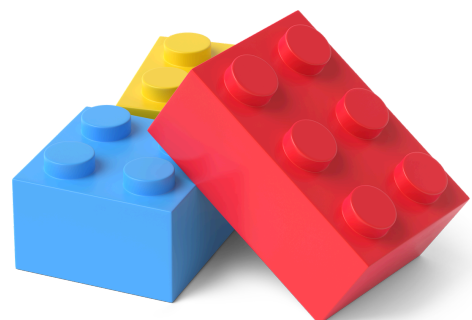
Currently at Sebastopol Primary School, we are looking for parents and friends who would like to get involved with volunteering around the school. We would like parents to be involved in fundraising initiatives to support the students to access further opportunities.

Colouring Competition

Each child will receive a colouring competition sheet to be completed at home. One student artist will be selected to win a free build session at The Brick Studio. More information to come via Compass.

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.



Uniform Reminder

A Reminder About Our School Uniform

I would also like to remind all families of our expectations around school uniform. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps create a sense of pride and belonging. On yard duty last Friday, I counted seven students who were not wearing the correct school uniform, particularly students wearing jumpers or hoodies that are not part of our approved uniform.

We understand that there may occasionally be a reason why a child cannot wear the correct uniform. However, our expectation is that students attend school each day in full school uniform, including an approved school jumper or jacket. We ask parents and carers to please support us by ensuring non-uniform jumpers and hoodies are kept at home.

I would also like to clarify our expectations regarding hair and hair colour. Students are expected to attend school with natural-coloured hair. Bright or unnatural colours do not meet this expectation. If a student's hair is long enough to be tied back, it is expected to be tied back. This applies to all students.

These expectations are not about taking away students' individuality. They are about maintaining consistent standards across our school and ensuring that all students and families understand what is expected.

Below is an image of Sebastopol Primary School uniform items available from Beleza. If you require support obtaining these items, please contact the office.

Hats will also be expected from September 1st and throughout term 4 per the SunSmart Policy.

			
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Community Events

1st-31st August-**Ballarat's Best Pie**-Ballarat

21st Aug-**GRIMM: Tales by The Brothers Grimm**-Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat

29th Aug-**Ballarat Preloved Fashion Market**-Barkly Square

29th Aug-**Buninyong Village Market**-Buninyong Town Hall Precinct

29th Aug-**Wadawurrung Weaving Workshop**-Australian Centre for Rare Arts and Forgotten Trades

30th Aug-**Ballarat Wind Orchestra – Coming Home**-Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

4th Sep-**Casey Donovan – This Is Me 2026 National Tour**-Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts



DEAN KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday September 6th 2026
12 Noon - 4pm

Kite Making Workshops \$10
Kite Demonstrations
Sausage Sizzle & Afternoon Tea

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- Grades 4-6**
- Mon 21st, Thurs 24th, Fri 25th Sept 10AM - 2PM**
- Lucas Community Hub, 17 Coltman Plaza, Lucas**

Activities are based on the Paw Pals Curriculum, which aligns with the general capabilities in the Victorian Curriculum.

Applications close 7th September. Get in touch with us today to secure your place.

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Term Calendar

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

Term 3

	Mon Aug 31	Tue Sep 01	Wed Sep 02	Thu Sep 03	Fri Sep 04
W8				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	02:40: Assembly Year 2 Item
	Mon Sep 07	Tue Sep 08	Wed Sep 09	Thu Sep 10	Fri Sep 11
W9	06:30: School Council Meeting		Toastie Orders Due	RUOK Day 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Sep 14	Tue Sep 15	Wed Sep 16	Thu Sep 17	Fri Sep 18
W10					2:10 Finish Final Day of Term 3 01:40: Assembly Year 1 Item

Term 4

	Mon Oct 05	Tue Oct 06	Wed Oct 07	Thu Oct 08	Fri Oct 09
W1					
	Mon Oct 12	Tue Oct 13	Wed Oct 14	Thu Oct 15	Fri Oct 16
W2				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Oct 19	Tue Oct 20	Wed Oct 21	Thu Oct 22	Fri Oct 23
W3	06:30: School Council Meeting			09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Oct 26	Tue Oct 27	Wed Oct 28	Thu Oct 29	Fri Oct 30
W4		02:10: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56		09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Teachers Day
	Mon Nov 02	Tue Nov 03	Wed Nov 04	Thu Nov 05	Fri Nov 06
W5		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	11:40: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56....	09:00: RDA Horse Riding	11:45: Ballarat and Clarendon College....



Important Date or Events

3rd Sep: Bulldogs Read

7th Sep: School Council Meeting

9th Sep: Toastie Orders Due

10th Sep: RUOK Day

16th Sep: Toastie Lunches Provided

18th Sep: Final Day of Term 3, 2:10pm finish