



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are **READY TO LEARN** when we are;
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & SAFE
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The Sebastopol Primary School Choir was excited and proud to perform at the Central Highlands Principal Forum at the Goods Shed Ballarat and at Kmart DTC, to launch the 2022 Wishing Tree Appeal. Thank you to Miss Kellie, Cassandra, Chris and Mrs Nadine Ogilvie for supporting the choir for these two events. To present and perform involves many rehearsals and a great deal of teamwork. The SPS Choir will be performing again on Friday 16th December at Central Square and Wendouree Village.

Our school has received positive feedback from across the state following the Choir's performance of the Combined Anthem



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal Message 18th November 2022

2023 School Planning and 2022 School Reflections

On Tuesday Miss Maddie as Learning Specialist, and I spent the morning planning the SPS Annual Implementation Plan for 2023 with a group of other school leaders from the area. In 2023 we will continue our focus on Literacy, however in 2023 all schools in Victoria are required to have a Numeracy target.

Numeracy 2022 – 2023

In 2022 Sally Peach, as Numeracy Leader, has undertaken and led a great deal of professional learning with the Australian Catholic University, Andrea Hilbrick and two other local schools, Phoenix Community College and Delacombe. In 2023 Sally's professional knowledge will be shared across all classrooms to ensure our Numeracy learning data, programs and assessments reflect the agreed curriculum across the school. My thanks to Sally for her leadership in this area in 2022.

Literacy 2022 – 2023

Last week Sophie Cullinan led staff through the Term 4 Student Writing Moderation. This session involves all teaching staff and me viewing unnamed student writing samples and reviewing them for assessment based on the use of vocabulary, content, sentence structure, writing genre, grammar, spelling, punctuation and overall audience interest. It is a valuable way to ensure consistency of assessment P – 6, and for staff to share their knowledge of teaching and assessing writing. My thanks to the work Sophie has done as Literacy Leader since Term 2 2022.

In 2022 Audra Lawes will resume the role of Literacy Leader. We will again be focussing on ensuring our students are both reading accurately, fluently and understanding what they are reading (comprehension). Our team will be viewing webinars based on the 'Science of Reading' to ensure we are using evidence-based strategies to teach reading, engage students in reading and collect student data. As part of this planning, in 2023 we have allocated substantial funds to update our student reading resources.

School Wide Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships

Congratulations to our Wellbeing Leader, Nadine Ogilvie and our students. Our, School Wide Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships programs have received an excellent review following Martine's, the regional co-ordinator's visit and a 'fidelity check'. We were rated at 92% which compares very well with schools across the region, area and state. Our school is calm, positive and our students are happily engaged with their learning and peers. This result reflects a collaborative effort across the school by all staff. We thank our parents and carers for working with us to promote and foster strong social skills and values. RESPECT – SAFETY – RESPONSIBILITY – READY TO LEARN.

Prep Transition 2023

We are thrilled to have 15 Prep Students enrolled for 2023. The Wednesday Transition sessions have been well supported by families. Next week the 2023 Preps will stay until 1pm to build their school stamina and experience more school related activities. The 2022 School Captains and our current 2022 Preps are doing a wonderful job to support our new students.

Year 6-7 Transition

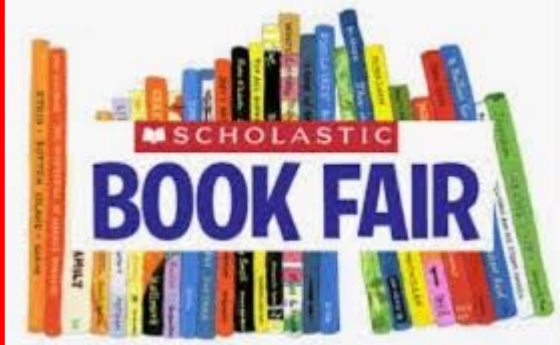
The co-ordinator from Phoenix CC has been communicating with us regularly about Year 7 2023. It has been wonderful to hear about the valuable transition visits to Phoenix CC from our Year 6 students.

We are thinking of friends, families, farmers and all people impacted by the severe flooding across New South Wales and in Victoria. Please stay safe and do not walk, drive or ride through flood waters.

Next week I am having two days of LSL to share a decade birthday celebration with close friends at Queenscliff. I would like to thank the Sebastopol PS staff for the lovely card and glasses they presented me with last week. I have so much to be thankful for and celebrate as both an educator, mum, daughter, friend and grandparent.

Have a great week,

Michelle Wilson
Principal



Book Fair

The 2022 Ashton Scholastic Book Fair is back, 15 - 25th November. Please visit the library after 3pm to see the wonderful books for all ages on sale. Great for Christmas gifts and keeping reading interest going over the summer holidays. Our thanks to Wendy Porter for coordinating the 2022 Book Fair. Please visit the library.

Book Club Issue 8 is Open

Magazines have been sent home or you can access the current catalogue online at [ORDER ENTRY \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au)

Orders with money are due back to school by Wednesday 30th November to ensure book availability.



'Local Matters' at Grill'd are supporting our Indigenous First Nation Language and Culture program. If you're thinking of going out for a burger or salad meal please visit Grill'd and remember to pop the gold token into our school jar. Thank you!

Eureka Mums

If you missed out on dropping off donations last week-- don't worry! You can catch us again at Sebastopol Primary School every Monday this month (Nov 21st, and 28th), from 9am-12pm. Start gathering your items now, and visit our website (<https://www.eurekamums.org/pages/donate-things>) for a full list of items we accept. If you have any questions, please email donate@eurekamums.org.



Foodbank is available from near the school office and families are encouraged to utilize this service. Bread is also donated and delivered please continue to help yourself.

Parents, teachers, carers
& workers - join us!

Orange Afternoon Tea

UNDERSTANDING VICTORIA'S NEW AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT LAW: SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE

Ballarat Community Health, Youth Law and the Centre Against Sexual Assault are partnering to deliver this public awareness event during the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

DATE: Friday 25th November, 2022

TIME: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

VENUE: BCH Lucas, 12 Lilburne St

COST: FREE

You're invited to join us for a FREE afternoon tea where you will hear about why Victoria is adopting the affirmative consent model and how it will provide better protections for victim-survivors of sexual offences. You'll also learn how we teach consent to young people.

By respecting women's right to choose, we create a more equal society and help prevent violence against women.





If you have young people in your family or networks having a tough time please contact these services. They have capacity and are able to support your children and youth.

1. Under 12 years

<https://bchc.org.au/service/head-to-health/#:~:text=Head%20to%20Health%20is%20a,get%20the%20help%20they%20need.>

2. 12 years and over.

<https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/ballarat/>

Supporting School Learning at Home



When parents support school learning at home, this shows our children that we truly value education and the school. Your job as a parent is to encourage them, support them and challenge them to learn and do their best. If you can instil in them the mindset that learning is a process, that is positive and enjoyable, they will grow up to be lifelong learners who thrive on challenges.

Parent involvement in educational activities with their children is associated with improved educational outcomes for all students.

Children at all ages with parents interested and involved in their learning have a clear academic advantage.

Children do not stop needing their parents because they get older, or because lives get busy.

You don't have to be strong academically yourself to have an impact on your child's education.

Evidence shows you just have to be supportive and positive about learning.

Top tips

- **Read with your child from an early age** and encourage a positive attitude to learning from reading – both books and online.
- **Promote a positive mindset in your children** to help them see the benefits and enjoyment that can be found in learning and improvement.
- **Don't put too much pressure on them.** Encourage them to be as good as they can be and help them plan how to improve.
- **Be willing to help with homework**, even if that just means asking them questions.
- **Let them be independent learners and be there to support** if they want to do the home learning themselves.
- **Encourage them to see mistakes as an important part of the learning process** and help them to see how to use their mistakes to learn.
- **If homework is causing stress or arguments, put it aside and take a break.** Try again later and if there are still problems, contact the teacher to discuss solutions.

Acknowledgement: Dr Bruce Robinson: "Your Support of Learning Impacts Your Child's Results at School" in The Fathering Project, February 2022.

Student Recognition Awards

Lachlan Camilleri - P/L

For being very kind and helping the new Preps.

Keith Bassett - 123M

For always being a role model and showing leadership in the classroom.

Georgia Lehan - 123M

For amazing work and improvement in her writing

Lucas Hennessy - 123M

Great asking maths questions and working out the answer.

Dylan Eustace - 123M

For performing sensational drumming at assembly.

Gage Charity - 35C

Working hard on his learning and attitude at school.

Ja'Quanie Weetra - 35C

Doing an excellent job during assessment week.

Tyler Boyd - 56P

Showing great leadership.

Sean Smyth - 56P

For persistence and resilience at swimming.



Term 4 Dates

Term 4

Fri 18th Nov	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 22nd Nov	Swimming Program
Wed 23rd Nov	2023 Prep Transition
Fri 25th Nov	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 29th Nov	Swimming Program
Wed 30th Nov	2023 Prep Transition
Thu 1st Dec	Artlink Excursions
Fri 2nd Dec	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 6th Dec	Swimming Program
Wed 7th Dec	Artlink Excursions
Thu 8th Dec	Artlink Excursion
	Adroit Big Breakfast
Fri 9th Dec	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 13th Dec	Swimming Program
	SPS School Council
Fri 16th Dec	Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 20th Dec	SPS Choir Performance at Stockland Wendouree and Central Square Last Day Term 4



Federation University

Run FOR A CAUSE

NOV 2022



JOIN US ON SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

The Federation University Run for a Cause is the largest community fun run and walking event in the Ballarat area. All proceeds going directly to the Ballarat Christmas Appeal, proudly supported by 3BA 102.3FM.

The course is once again set amongst the beautiful parklands of Victoria Park. Run or walk through the shady, pram accessible roads within Ballarat's iconic park when you sign up for the McGrath 10km Run, Showbiz Cinemas 5km Run/Walk or the Y Kids Dash.

Enjoy the atmosphere and soak up the feel good vibes at the conclusion of your run or walk at the Event Village. Food trucks, coffee vans, music, children's activities, toilets and a bag-drop will all be available within the Event Village.

We invite your school community to create a team and enter together. Prizes will be given to the largest school team, so get everyone on board and signed up! If you have any questions, please email info@ballaratfoundation.org.au.

REGISTER HERE



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 8	21/11	22/11 Swimming Program	23/11	24/11	25/11 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 9	28/11	29/11 Swimming Program	30/11	1/12 P-3 Art Gallery	2/12 School Captain speeches Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 10	5/12	6/12 Swimming Program School Council	7/12 End of Year Celebration– Waterpark P-3 3-5 Art Gallery	8/12 Junior Water Park 5/6 Art Gallery	9/12 Year 6 Graduation
WEEK 11	12/12	13/12 6-7 State Transition Day	14/12 Reports Home Senior Water Park	15/12 Adroit Big Break- fast 8.30am	16/12 Christmas Casual Day
WEEK 12	19/12 Assembly 12.40 Finish 1.10pm	20/12 Pupil Free	SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS	HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Newsletter

To access our fortnightly school newsletter visit our website at <http://www.sebasps.vic.edu.au/>
Please also subscribe to our Newsletter email list at our website to
receive a notification when our newsletter is ready.

2022 TERM DATES

Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27th January to 6th April

Term 2: 24th April to 23rd June

Term 3: 10th July to 15th September

Term 4: 2nd October to 20th December

BELL TIMES

8.50 am - Music Play

9.00am School starts

11.00 - 11.10am Children eat Lunch

11.10 - 11.40 Lunch Break

1.40pm - 2.10pm Recess

3.10 Dismissal