



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



SAFETY

SCHOOL NEWS



PUSH AND PULL

On Monday 25th, all year 1 and 2 students travelled by bus to the Earth Ed centre to learn about the forces of push and pull. The educators at Earth Ed, Jessica and Emma led a variety of activities with 'push and pull' at the centre of each. The students learnt that gravity was an important 'pull' force and applied their learning to various games and tools around the space. The students then used pushing and pulling forces to construct superhero equipment from cardboard to aid them in their superhero endeavour. Finally, the students conducted scientific experiments using pinball machines where they had to create and place obstacles and then predict where the different kinds of marbles might go when released. The students thoroughly enjoyed their day trip to Earth Ed and were excited to learn more about push and pull and Colt's favourite, gravity. Thank you to Ms Mac for making the whole day safe and enjoyable.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Welcome to Week 6 everyone.

I hope all of our families have had a wonderful last two weeks.

Last Tuesday, all staff from Sebastopol Primary School joined with staff from Mount Pleasant Primary School for an enriching professional learning session with Glen Pearsall focused on Tier 1 and Tier 2 behaviour interventions. It was a fantastic opportunity to collaborate with similar schools, share ideas and strategies, and continue strengthening how we support all students across our classrooms and playgrounds.

Last week, I also sent communication to families regarding school reporting and the changes taking place due to the current EBA industrial action. Mr Juarez and I have worked hard to streamline the reporting process this semester, meaning reports will look a little different to previous years. One thing families can be assured of is that reports will still provide a clear and accurate understanding of student achievement levels across all learning areas.

Today and tomorrow, I am attending the Victorian State Principal Forum in Melbourne. This annual event brings together principals from across the state to participate in professional learning around leadership, curriculum, wellbeing, and strategic school improvement. I look forward to collaborating with like-minded leaders, building connections, and sharing ideas on how we can continue to improve outcomes for our students and community.

A reminder to families that the proposed report writing day on Tuesday, June 9 will no longer take place. School will operate as normal on this day, with classes running as usual. This curriculum day will instead be used later in the year for a more targeted professional learning focus for staff.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend ahead.



Student Achievements

Hailee Guymer - P/1

For wonderful home reading and having her reading record signed.

Ryder Kellett - P/1

For showing kindness and respect towards adults and peers.

Maddi Burrows - 1/2

For wonderful responses during our daily review and writing instruction. Maddi you have had an outstanding period of learning growth, well done.

Sophia Delpol - 1/2

For being such a positive role model in the 1/2 classroom. Your writing pieces have been exceptional this week, congratulations.

Ava Koppman - 1/2

For making an excellent start in the 1/2 classroom. We warmly welcome you and your family to the SPS community.

Charlotte Anderson - 4

For consistently using correct punctuation in your writing. Keep up the good work, Charlotte!

Niel Copertino - 4

For a well-written piece on the topic of 'My Special Person Should Win an Award'. Well done, Niel!

Liliana Kline - 5/6

For showing great dedication to both the preparation for the Prep/One Goldilocks' bed activity and helping her buddy work through their plan.

Lucas Henessey - 5/6

For very expressive use of adjectives when using new vocabulary.



School Captains' Awards

Tommy Keays: For being respectful and kind by getting a basketball unstuck safely.

-Mikaeel

Alex Holland: For making sure his teammate was okay when they got hurt in PE.

-Lily

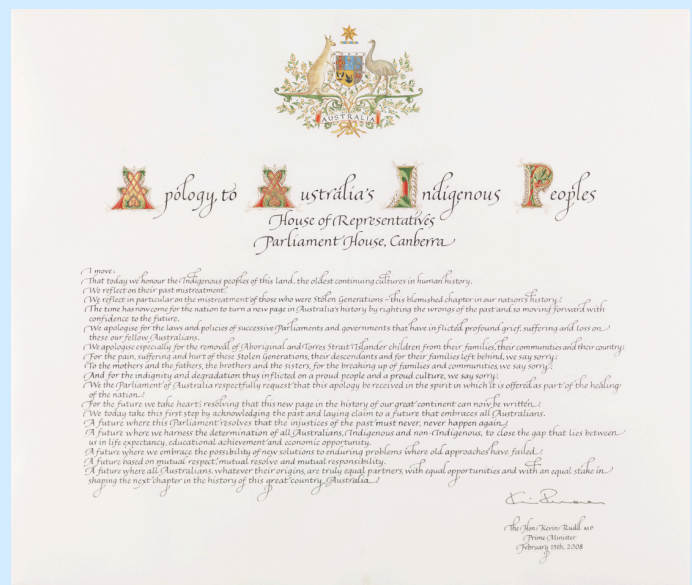
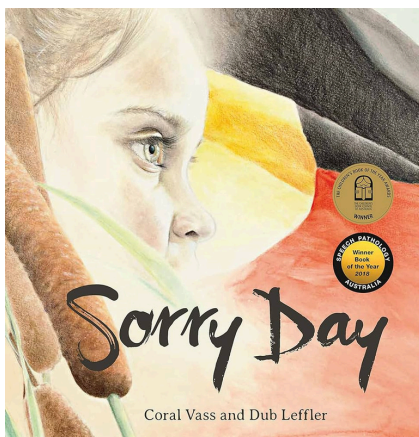
National Sorry Day

26 May

Tuesday 26th of May was National Sorry Day. This significant date commemorates when the Bringing Them Home report being tabled in 1997 and has been observed every year since.

National Sorry Day serves to mark the beginning of Reconciliation Week and reminds us that the first step to fixing a problem is taking responsibility and holding yourself accountable. In 2008, Kevin Rudd did exactly that and issued a formal apology on behalf of the Australian government. This was such an important step toward reconciliation and the 'Close the Gap' movement.

At Sebastopol Primary School, classes observed this day by learning about the history of Sorry Day and completing activities to support the learning. Year 3 and 4 watched Kevin Rudd's apology speech, read the book, Sorry Day, by Coral Vass and Dub Leffler. Year 3 even came down to the front of the school to read and discuss the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples the holds pride of place in our school foyer. Year 1/2 learned about the meanings and symbolism of Australia's Indigenous flags applied that knowledge to their artwork surrounding the National Sorry Day Timeline displayed on their Wow Wall.



Class Item

Prep/1

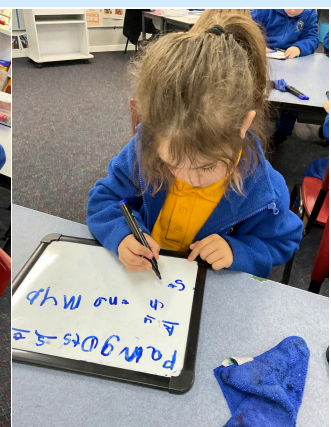
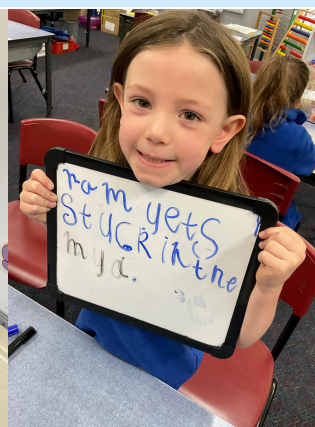
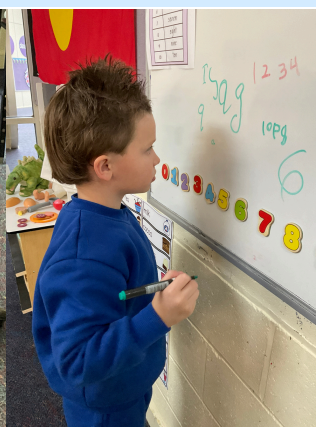
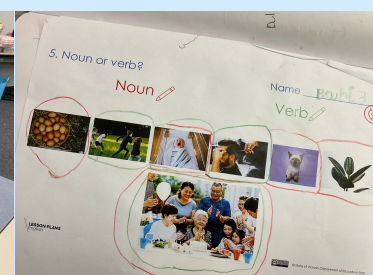
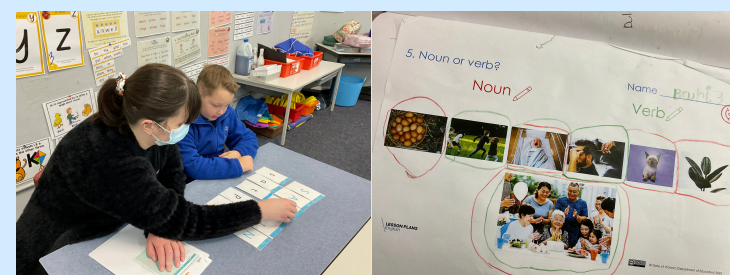
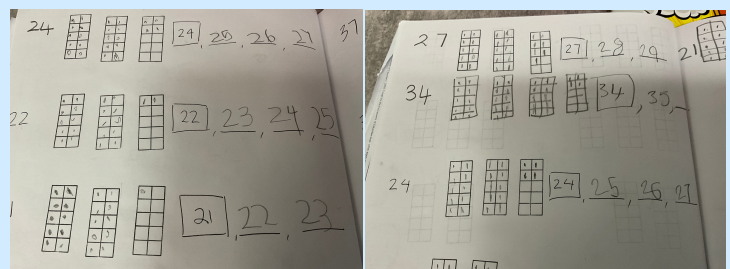
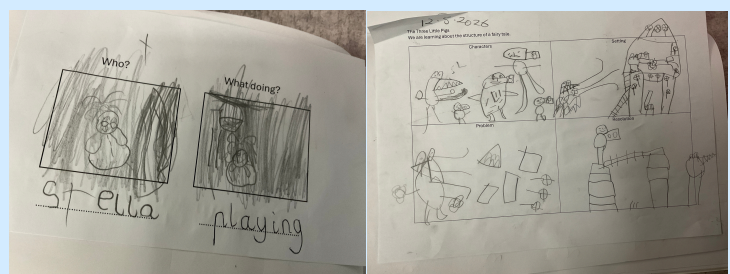
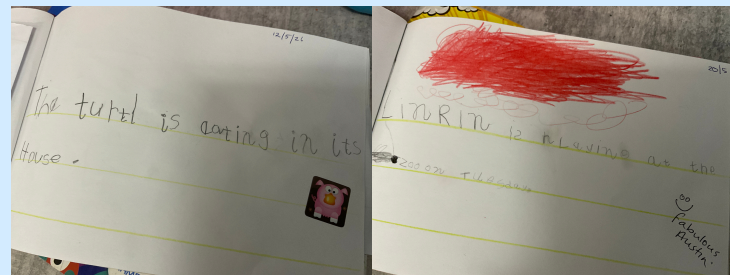
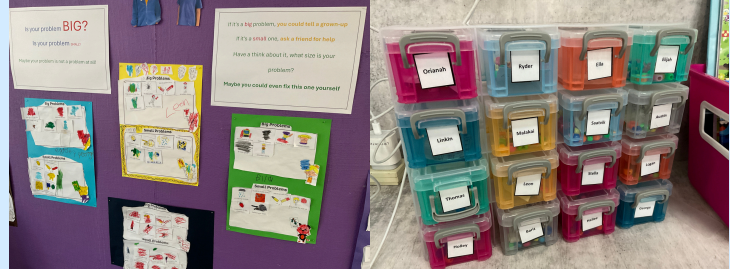
As we approach the end of Semester 1, it is a lovely time to reflect on the learning that has taken place in the Prep/1 classroom so far this year. The benefit of strong routines and structures is evident as the children display an increasing confidence and independence. It is wonderful to listen to conversations as they share their learning.

The 'I do', 'We do', 'You do' learning strategy now has a greater focus on the 'We do' and 'You do' as the children actively engage in all learning tasks.

In the classroom every day, we continue to build on our knowledge and skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening and numeracy. School Wide Positive Behaviour and Respectful Relationships lessons have enabled us to become more resilient and to practise our getting along skills. A particular focus this term has been learning about the size of our problems and identifying ways to find a solution. We hope you enjoy our class item 'What size is your problem?' at the next Assembly.

Beyond the classroom, we have continued to participate in specialist classes for LOTE, PE, Art, Music and Science. Thank you to the Specialist Teachers who plan programs that the children really enjoy. Our Year 5/6 Buddies have continued to guide and support us and show great leadership, kindness and respect.

A very special 'shout out' to the ESO's who work in the Prep/1 classroom whose knowledge, support and care is invaluable and greatly appreciated. We hope you enjoy the photos we have shared here that showcase the wonderful learning that is taking place in Prep/1.





National Simultaneous Storytime

Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller



Sebastopol Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime again this year; an initiative led by Australian Library and Information Association. Each class together with thousands of other schools read Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd and illustrated by Jake A Minton.



This year, the P/1 class received a special invitation to walk to the Sebastopol Library to participate in NSS in the children's section. Mr T captivated the P/1 students with a picture storybook before Narelle, the librarian, read Luna Roo to everyone. The students had a great time on their first local walk to the Sebastopol Library with school even though it rained a bit on the way back to school.

Year 1/2 read the book and then went on to complete a follow-up activity where they each created a crest all about them and the many positive attributes they possess.



LITTLE BOOK PRESS Australian Library and Information Association

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

LUNA ROO
the KANGAROO BALLER

27 May 2026

www.alia.org.au/nss #LibraryStorytime

ADAM JACKSON ADRIAN LLOYD JAKE A MINTON

Education Support Personnel Day



Friday the 15th of May was Education Support Personnel Day and to celebrate, all ES staff were given the morning off for yard duty to enjoy a morning tea hosted by the teaching staff. Teachers brought in a number of delicious treats for the staff to eat while ES were thanked for their dedication to their work and all the unseen extras that they do around the school. Mr T even brought in a round of coffees for staff as a thank you.

Students had made some lovely hand-decorated cards for members of the ES team with messages from the classes. These were then presented to ES staff at the assembly.

Volunteer Week

Thank you for all you do.

National Volunteer Week was 18th-24th of May and Sebastopol Primary School hosted a morning tea to celebrate. All members of the fundraising team and breakfast club volunteers were invited and were able to reflect on all the amazing things they enable to happen at Sebastopol Primary School. Volunteers received certificates presented by the school captains who also delivered speeches to say thank you.

We are so fortunate to have parents, businesses and members of the community give up their time to contribute to the various areas of the school. All of the unpaid work they put in serves to reduce barriers to our students' education whether it be making sure students have eaten in the mornings or working to provide a new world of possibility by enabling students access to new experiences and up to date facilities and equipment.

Thank you all so much for joining us and thank you for supporting our students' education.



What's On?

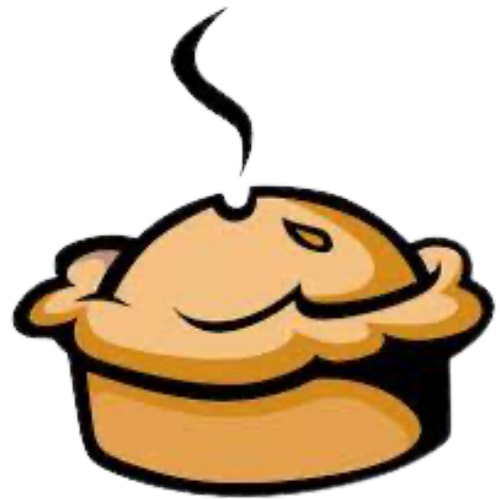


Neurospicy Parents Group

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. Thus far, fundraising has enabled us to get new furniture for classrooms, an excursion to the zoo, new books for class novel studies and take-home readers.



Donut, Pie & Slice Drive

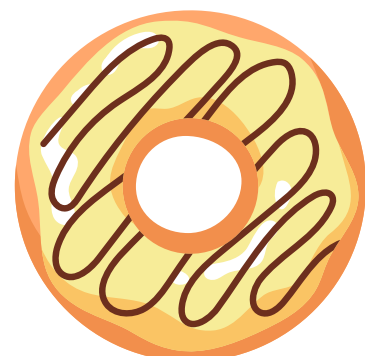
Order forms have been distributed to all students. Bakery items will be ordered from Bake & Grind Ballarat. Orders are due back to the office by Monday 15th June and proceeds will go toward increasing accesses to experiences in and out of school such as a greater variety of take-home readers, fully funded incursions and subsidised excursions.

Please invite your extended family, friends and neighbours to place an order for some sweet and savoury treats.

Orders to be collected Tuesday 23rd June.

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](#).



WELLBEING HUB

NEWS FROM THE HUB

HAVE YOU SEEN THE ACRONYMS 'MHIPS' AND 'MHWL' AROUND AND BEEN WONDERING WHAT THESE MEAN AND HOW THEY FIT INTO OUR SCHOOL CONTEXT?

MHIPS STANDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. IT IS AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

MHWL STANDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEADER. THIS ROLE IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS BY BUILDING STAFF CAPABILITY IN IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH, ESTABLISHING REFERRAL PATHWAYS, AND MONITORING STUDENT WELLBEING.



OUR MHWL AT SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL IS MISS C, SHE IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING STUDIES THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND THE MURDOCH CHILDRENS RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO DELEVE DEEPER IN THE WAY WE CAN SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN OUR SCHOOL.



Ms Maddie and Miss C

Smile Squad



Smile Squad is coming to our school

Sebastopol P.S families,

The Smile Squad team from Grampians Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

Grampians Health will be sending to your school the next generation of oral health professionals and your child will be seen by a dental/oral health student working under the supervision of a qualified smile squad clinician. We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. To be seen on site at school you must tick YES in the box to be seen by a student.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by the 27th July 2026

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will have received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. If you prefer to attend your child's appointment, you can take your child to the community dental clinic.

The Grampians Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Grampians Health

Smile Squad



TERM 2
REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Open Pro Tennis Academy
Venue: Buninyong & District TA
Programs: Hot Shots | Junior | Adult



ENQUIRE NOW !

Kickstart 3 -5 y.o. | Hot Shots 5 - 10 y.o. | Junior 10+ y.o. | Adults

Community Events

Until 4th Jun-**Always was, always will be: Wadawurrung self-guided walking tour**-Ballarat Mining Exchange

21st-31st May-**BLOC Music Theatre presents Disney's Frozen**-Her Majesty's Theatre

30th May-**The Glitter Bug Club-Kid's Cabaret Extravaganza**-Black Box Theatre

30th May-**Buninyong Village Market**-Buninyong Town Hall Precinct

1st-12th Jun-**Junior Keeper Program**-Ballarat Wildlife Park

6th Jun-**Bridge Market**-Bridge Mall

14th Jun-**Beginner Leather Workshop**-Australian Centre for Rare Arts and Forgotten Trades



Playgroup Victoria

FREE COME AND TRY

SOVEREIGN KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CLUB



Held at Phoenix Community College.
• Thursday 7th & 14th of May

Basketball come & try day for **all ages!!** Bring your friends along.

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP OR EMAIL US!

- 8 yo - 11 yo 4:30-5:30
- 12 yo - 16 yo 5:30-6:30

EMAIL: admin@skbc.org.au

Sovereign Knights Basketball Intention to play form



AFLW GIRLSSUPER CLINIC

04 JUNE

Clinic 4:30-5:30pm
Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, Ballarat
Suitable for ages 5-12



Supported Playgroups



Supported Playgroups

Family
& Children's
Services



Supported Playgroups
are now located at
Sebastopol
Primary School
(Warreen St)



Every Monday
from May 18th 2026

(exc holidays)

entry via School reception

Arrive from 9am
for a cuppa, chat and play

FACILITATED PLAYGROUP
9:30am-11AM



- Come along and meet other families
- Fun engaging activities and circle time
- Learn about play and children's development
- Parenting support through Small Talk program
- Parenting resources and referral pathways

Scan the QR Code
to register



*subject to eligibility

Places are limited, for more information please contact:



City of Ballarat Supported Playgroups

Ph: 5320 5720

Email: ballaratplaygroups@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Term Calendar

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

	Mon Apr 20	Tue Apr 21	Wed Apr 22	Thu Apr 23	Fri Apr 24
W1	First Day of Term 2				Whole School ANZAC Service
	Mon Apr 27	Tue Apr 28	Wed Apr 29	Thu Apr 30	Fri May 01
W2					02:40: Assembly Year 4 Item
	Mon May 04	Tue May 05	Wed May 06	Thu May 07	Fri May 08
W3	10:00: Scheduled School Tours - 2027....			01:00: Scheduled School Tours - 2027....	09:00: Cross Country
	Mon May 11	Tue May 12	Wed May 13	Thu May 14	Fri May 15
W4		05:00: Information Evening for New....		09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Education Support Personnel Day Hamburger order forms due 02:40: Assembly 5/6 Item 07:00: Ballarat Bluelight Disco
	Mon May 18	Tue May 19	Wed May 20	Thu May 21	Fri May 22
W5	National Volunteer Week 06:30: School Council Meeting	National Volunteer Week Student Free Day - Staff PD	National Volunteer Week 09:30: Volunteers' Morning Tea	National Volunteer Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	National Volunteer Week 11:00: Hot Lunch Day - Hamburgers
	Mon May 25	Tue May 26	Wed May 27	Thu May 28	Fri May 29
W6	09:00: 1/2 Earth Ed Excursion	Sorry Day	Reconciliation Week 11:00: National Simultaneous Story time 11:30: P/1 Sebastopol Library	Reconciliation Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Reconciliation Week 02:40: Assembly P/1 Item
	Mon Jun 01	Tue Jun 02	Wed Jun 03	Thu Jun 04	Fri Jun 05
W7	Reconciliation Week	Reconciliation Week	Mabo Day	09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Jun 08	Tue Jun 09	Wed Jun 10	Thu Jun 11	Fri Jun 12
W8	King's Birthday Public Holiday			09:00: RDA Horse Riding	02:40: Assembly 1/2 Item
	Mon Jun 15	Tue Jun 16	Wed Jun 17	Thu Jun 18	Fri Jun 19
W9	Pie Drive Orders due back 06:30: School Council Meeting			09:00: RDA Horse Riding 09:00: SOVEREIGN HILL COSTUMED SCHOOL	09:00: SOVEREIGN HILL COSTUMED SCHOOL
	Mon Jun 22	Tue Jun 23	Wed Jun 24	Thu Jun 25	Fri Jun 26
W10		Pie Drive Orders to be collected		09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Last Day of Term 2 01:40: Assembly Year 3 Item



Important Date or Events

27th May-2nd Jun: Reconciliation Week

3rd Jun: Mabo Day

8th Jun: King's Birthday Holiday

15th Jun: Pie Drive Orders Due

18th-19th Jun: 5/6 Sovereign Hill Costumed School

23rd Jun: Pie Drive Orders to be Collected

26th Jun: Last Day of Term 2