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SCHOOL NEWS



WINTER FUN

Last week our students engaged in indoor play during a wet day timetable. We are exceptionally lucky at Sebastopol Primary School to have our covered atrium where all of our students may access a wide range of activities during rainy days. The Atrium hosted a range of games and was split into a number of zones where students were able to conduct their breaks in a safe and happy way. Some students chose to play Hopscotch or Snakes and Ladders on our giant hand-painted play boards while others chose to sit with their friends and play a range of smaller games. Four square was also available for those who like to move around at recess and lunch. For students who prefer a quieter, cosier space, the library was available for drawing and reading. At Sebastopol Primary School, it is important that students have the opportunity to relax their brains during breaktime, so we are all ready to jump straight back into the learning.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

I hope you've all had a wonderful last two weeks and enjoyed the long weekend. I spent mine nursing Milla after she had her tonsils removed on Thursday and is now slowly making her way through the recovery process.

Two weeks ago, I attended the Victorian State Principal Forum, which was a fantastic opportunity to network with principals from across the state, share the successes of our school, and learn from a range of educational and high-performance leaders.

One of the highlights for me was hearing from Lisa Alexander, former Australian Diamonds Netball Coach. Lisa spoke about the connection between high-performing teams, high expectations, and strong leadership. Having also worked as a teacher for many years, she drew some powerful parallels between building successful sporting teams and creating successful schools. Her message reinforced the importance of working together, maintaining high expectations, and continually striving to improve.

As we move towards the end of Term 2, there are still plenty of exciting events and learning opportunities ahead.

A reminder that next Thursday, 18 June, is our School Photo Day. Our Grade 5/6 students will also be attending their Sovereign Hill excursion on the same day. Correspondence will be sent home closer to the date; however, we will require our Grade 5/6 students to arrive at school a little earlier so that both individual and class photos can be completed before

departing for Sovereign Hill. Further information regarding uniform expectations for School Photo Day will also be communicated shortly.

We are now just two weeks away from the end of Term 2. The final day of term will conclude at 2:10pm, with our final assembly commencing at 1:40pm.

While the holidays are approaching, there is still plenty of learning to be done and several exciting announcements to share before we begin Term 3.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you enjoy the weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone over the coming fortnight.

Kind regards,
Kane Tolliday
Principal



Student Achievements

Linkin Lambert - P/1

For using the count on and count back strategy in Maths.

Goeffal Greaves - P/1

For settling in quickly to his new class and making new friends.

Koby Kline - 1/2

For listening exceptionally well during class and being an outstanding role model to others.

Leijla Jakupovic-Moss - 1/2

For working incredibly hard on a recent maths assessment.

Olivia Gower - 3

For being a kind and considerate class member.

Evie Bradley Nunn - 3

For showing fantastic improvement in her attendance this term.

Carla Smith - 3

For demonstrating fantastic results in her reading assessments.

Mishel Sami Syeda - 4

For producing neat and accurate graphs to display data in Maths. Well done, Mishel!

Mia Sternberg - 4

For accurately identifying independent and dependent clauses in complex sentences. Good work, Mia!

Jaxon Davey - 5/6

For effort and attention to detail when writing sentences with prefixes from the 'con' family.

Toriarna Denny - 5/6

For her consistent and thoughtful approach to daily maths drills.



School Captains' Awards

Tyson Dickinson: For excellent focus during silent reading.

-Mikaeel

Liliana Kline: For moving safely and respectfully around the school, inside and outside.

-Lily

Reconciliation Week & Mabo Day

27th May - 3rd June



Australia has recently observed National Reconciliation Week. This is an incredibly important week for Australia as it is a time for Australians to learn more about the history of the country as it relates to Indigenous Australia. It is also a time to reflect on this shared history and celebrate how far we have come as a country.

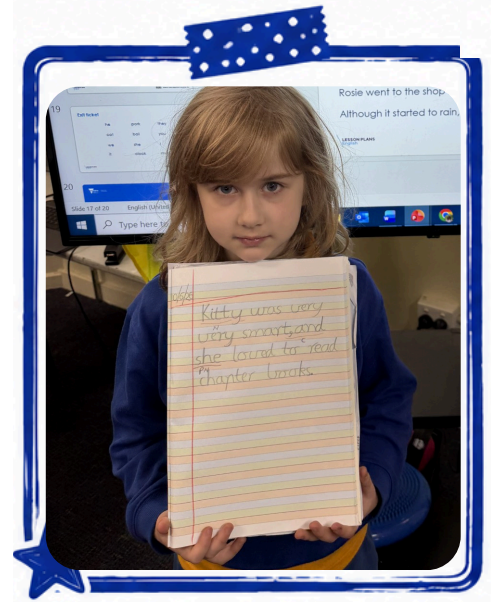
At Sebastopol Primary School, to tie in with the 'All In' theme of NRW, the music played before the bells changed to songs sung by Indigenous Australians. We heard music from Christine Anu, Jessica Mauboy and a number of other bands and artists even featuring several songs that our own choir has performed at various events.

Classes started the week by learning the history of Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. Year 4 explored the significant milestones that frame the week: the 1967 referendum and Mabo Day. They learnt about the positive changes brought about by these milestones and discussed how these events benefit all Australians. We also created Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'flag hands' to mark Sorry Day.

[BTN ran a special feature for National Reconciliation Week that was definitely worth a watch!](#)



What We've Been LEARNING in our 1/2 CLASSROOM



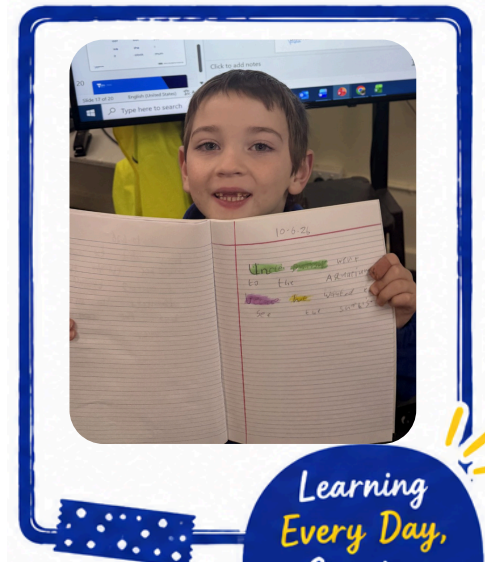
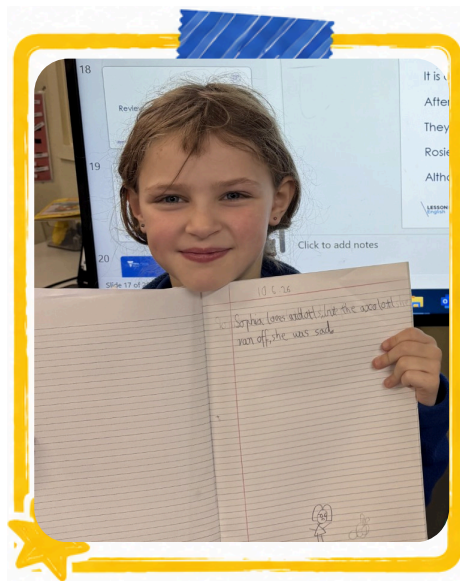
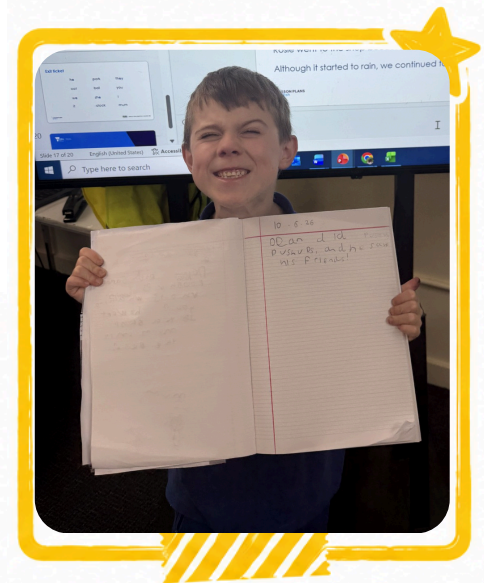
Compound Sentences with "before" and "after"

This week, students have been learning how to write compound sentences using the conjunctions **before** and **after**. They explored how these conjunctions help connect two related ideas and show the sequence of events within a sentence. Through a range of speaking, reading and writing activities, students practised creating their own compound sentences and identifying these conjunctions in texts.



Nouns and Pronouns

Students have also begun learning about **nouns** and **pronouns**. They have been identifying nouns as naming words for people, places, animals and things, and exploring how pronouns can be used in place of nouns to avoid repetition in writing. Through games, discussions and writing tasks, students have been developing their understanding of these important grammar concepts and applying them in their own sentences.



Learning
Every Day,
Growing
Together!

WESTERN BULLDOGS FOOTY CLINIC

Last Thursday, our Grade 1/2 and Grade 3/4 students were fortunate to take part in a football clinic run by Kobi from the Western Bulldogs.

Throughout the session, students enthusiastically developed their AFL skills through a range of engaging activities focused on kicking, handballing, and agility. It was fantastic to see students demonstrating teamwork, persistence, and a willingness to challenge themselves while having fun.

To conclude the clinic, Kobi and the Western Bulldogs generously donated 10 new footballs to our school. We are incredibly grateful for this wonderful contribution, which will help support students' participation in sport and physical activity for years to come.

A big thank you to Kobi and the Western Bulldogs for providing such an enjoyable and memorable experience for our students.



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

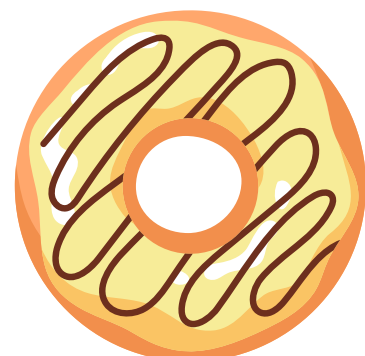
Order forms have been distributed to all students. Bakery items will be ordered from Bake & Grind Ballarat. Orders are due back to the office by Monday 15th June and proceeds will go toward increasing accesses to experiences in and out of school such as a greater variety of take-home readers, fully funded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

Our Wellbeing Hub is accessed every minute throughout the day to support a wide range of student needs.

Some students access the Hub as part of a **scheduled break**. These breaks are a pivotal part of their Individual Education Program (IEP), helping them remain engaged in learning, build self-regulation skills, and minimise feelings of dysregulation within the classroom.

Another student support strategy used at our school is **break cards**. These cards are available to students who recognise that they need a short break to regulate their emotions or behaviour. Students present their break card to their classroom teacher before visiting the Hub.

At other times, students may access the Hub at their **point of need**. These visits are often supported by our wonderful Education Support staff and are tailored to the individual circumstances of the student.

Whatever the reason for a visit, the Wellbeing Hub provides a safe and supportive space where students can regulate, reset, and return to their classrooms feeling calm, settled, and ready to learn.



Ms Maddie and Miss C

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Community Events

13th Jun-**Ballarat Farmers Market**-North Gardens Reserve

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

21st Jun, 12th Jul-**Guided Forest Therapy**- Kirks Reservoir Parkland

20th-21st Jun-**Hadestown**-Mount Clear College

24th Jun-**Faulty Towers Dining Experience**- Piano Bar Ballarat

26th Jun-19th Jul-**Winter Wonderlights**- Sovereign Hill

27th Jun-19th Jul-**Pop-Up Ice Rink**-15 Armstrong Street South

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BADAC SENIOR
YEAR 7 - 17 YEAR OLD YOUTH

DINNER - DRINKS - MUSIC

02 JULY 2026

BALLARAT & DISTRICT TROTTLING CLUB - FLYING HORSE

DROP OFF: 6.30PM
PICK UP: 10.00PM

FORMAL WEAR

For bookings <https://allevents.in/ballarat/naidoc-ball-senior-tickets/200030083455350>

Further information
Dawn 0457 274 414 | Kristie 0476 982 732

BADAC JUNIOR NAIDOC BALL

PREP - GRADE 6 YOUTH

FINGER FOOD AND REFRRESHMENTS PROVIDED

DJ & PRIZES

FORMAL WEAR

DROP OFF: 3.00PM
PICK UP: 5.00PM

Ballarat & District Trotting Club - Flying Horse

02 July 2026 | RSVP BY 19 JUNE 2026

Further information

Dawn 0457 274 414 | Kristie 0476 982 732

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Term Calendar

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

Term 2

	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 05:30: School Council Meeting			08:30: School Photos 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

Term 3

	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				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Jul 27	Tue Jul 28	Wed Jul 29	Thu Jul 30	Fri Jul 31
W3	06:30: School Council Meeting			09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Aug 03	Tue Aug 04	Wed Aug 05	Thu Aug 06	Fri Aug 07
W4				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Aug 10	Tue Aug 11	Wed Aug 12	Thu Aug 13	Fri Aug 14
W5				09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21
W6	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week	Science Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Science Week



Important Date or Events

15th Jun: Pie Drive Orders Due

18th Jun: School Photos

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

23rd Jun: Pie Drive Orders to be Collected

26th Jun: Last Day of Term 2

13th Jul: First Day of Term 3

13th-14th Jul: Australian Ballet Visit