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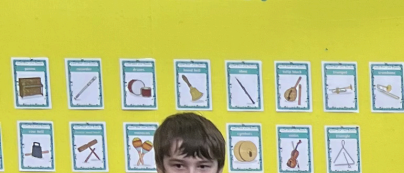
RESPONSIBILITY



SAFETY

SCHOOL NEWS

Make Music!



EARTH ED AT SPS

On Tuesday, 14th of July, Sebastopol Primary School was lucky enough to host Earth Ed. The facilitators taught the year 3s about technology and robotics. The students were really excited to use their new coding skills to program the robots from the iPads. This was a great opportunity to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at school in a different way.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a fantastic school holiday break. While the weather certainly wasn't on our side, I hope you all managed to stay safe, keep dry and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Over the break, we completed several exciting projects around the school. The biggest of these was the creation of our new Grade 4/5 classroom. A huge thank you to Bruce Simpson for his fantastic work installing the new wall, giving the room a fresh coat of paint and ensuring everything was ready for our students. The space looks fantastic and is a wonderful addition to our school.

As communicated to families over the holidays, we are also very excited to begin our new seven-class structure from Monday 27th of July. This is an exciting milestone for Sebastopol Primary School and reflects the continued growth of our school community.

With this expansion, I would like to warmly welcome our two newest staff members. Mr Adam Smith joins us from Delacombe Primary School and will be teaching our Grade 1 class. We also welcome Miss Sophie Hausler, who joins us as a graduate teacher from Newington Primary School and will be teaching our Grade 4/5 class. We are thrilled to have Adam and Sophie join our team and look forward to them becoming valued members of our school community.

Another significant project completed over the holidays was the installation of our new CCTV system.

This has been in planning for a number of months, and it is wonderful to now have this important security upgrade in place, helping to keep our school safe and secure around the clock.

Over the past two Wednesdays we have also held our Parent-Teacher Interviews. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who took the time to meet with classroom teachers to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements and set learning goals for the semester ahead. Strong partnerships between home and school play an important role in every child's success, and we greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

Tomorrow is the scheduled industrial action day, and families will have received communication outlining the arrangements for our school. While providing a high-quality education for our students remains our highest priority, we also acknowledge the importance of the current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement discussions and the industrial action being taken by many members of our profession. Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate this day, and we hope a positive resolution can be reached in the near future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to sharing more school news with you in our next newsletter.



Student Achievements

Holley Burrows - P/1

For using a number tracker to count on.

Austin Camilleri - P/1

For exhibiting great leadership, always being respectful and responsible.

Thea May - 1/2

For consistently being ready to learn and always trying her best in every task she undertakes.

Dylan Johns - 1/2

For focusing really well during small group reading sessions, demonstrating her knowledge of phase 4 and 5 sounds.

Priodorshini Das - 3

for excellent paragraphing in her narrative.

Nicholas Cocking - 3

for showing an amazing understanding of addition.

Hailie Cross - 3

For improvement in her learning stamina

Jaxon Davey - 5

For doing the right thing even no one is watching.



School Captains' Awards

Charlie Guymer: For working extremely hard in class.

-Mikaeel

Charlotte Anderson: For including other students in school activities.

-Lily

Class Item

Year 5/6

Recently, as part of their place value investigations, the Grade 5/6s undertook the following challenge:

Tilly makes 3011 with place value counters.



What other 4-digit numbers could she make with 5 counters?

(You can also use 100 counters. We thought about using decimals, but it would make too many combinations).

First, we worked out that the numbers had to be between 1004 (made up of one 1000 counter and four 1 counters), and 5000 (all five 1000 counters). Then the challenge was set: as a class, get within five of the maximum possible outcomes. The time limit was how long it took Mr. Forrester to work out all the possible numbers. We got 32 out of a possible 35 numbers. How many can you get?

(Answers on page 13).

Class Item

Year 3

WEEK 1 HIGHLIGHTS FROM GRADE 3



SPS Read-a-thon

Just a little extra info about the read-a-thon

If the kids put the reader down on their sheet and show their teacher, that counts as their nightly reading.

If children could please bring in their sheets on Friday 24th, we will be giving out a small prize and reading a book with the class.

Reading more than 1 book a night? Pop them in the extra reading sheets.

If you miss a night, don't stress! We count the total so you can make it up another night.

Reading to/with your child counts!

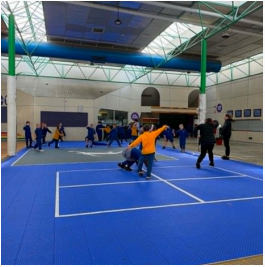
You can also include any block of 15 minutes of reading!

Happy Reading!



The Australian Ballet Company

— at Sebastopol Primary School —



We were thrilled to welcome
The Australian Ballet Company
to Sebastopol Primary School for an
inspiring and unforgettable performance
and workshop.

Our students were captivated by the grace, skill
and storytelling brought to life through dance.
It was a wonderful opportunity to learn,
be inspired and celebrate the magic of ballet.

Thank you to **Ms Kym** for organising such
a wonderful opportunity 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.

Readathon

The Sebastopol Primary School Readathon is starting on July 20th. 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](https://www.playgroup.vic.gov.au/).

Smile Squad Dental Visit

Sebastopol Primary School is currently hosting the Smile Squad from Grampians Health. They have been conducting free examinations for students who have been registered. If you are yet to register, there is still some time left to do so.

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>



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

Do you have questions or need support?

Please contact Family and Children's Services

 **Call** 5320 5720  **Email** kindergarten@ballarat.vic.gov.au

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

Translation services are available.



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WE SERVE

Community Events

23rd Jul-AEU Stopwork Industrial Action-
Melbourne

23rd Jul-Show-and-Tell with Carly-Eureka
Centre

24th Jul-Seb Big Band with special guest
Joshua Hyde-Ballarat Performing Arts
Centre

24th & 25th Jul-Ballarat Night Tram-
Ballarat Tramway Museum

25th Jul-Ballarat Farmers Market-Ballarat
Showgrounds

25th Jul-The Australian Ballet - The
Nutcracker Act II and Other Works-Her
Majesty's Theatre

26th Jul-Off Broadway-Wendouree Centre
for Performing Arts

29th Jul-'Old School Trivia with Old
School Prizes'-Aunty Jacks

1st-7th Aug-Biodiversity Week-Ballarat

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

13th & 14th Jul-Choral Competition at the
Royal South Street Society Ballarat
Eisteddfod

Term Calendar

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

Term 3 Weeks 1-5

	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 -....	10:00: Australian Ballet Visit -....	12:40: Parent Teacher Conferences	Dental Van	Dental Van

	Mon Jul 20	Tue Jul 21	Wed Jul 22	Thu Jul 23	Fri Jul 24
W2	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 01:40: Auskick Visit	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 12:40: Parent Teacher Conferences	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 08:30: Thursday Classes 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 02:40: Assembly Year 3 & Year 5/6 Items

	Mon Jul 27	Tue Jul 28	Wed Jul 29	Thu Jul 30	Fri Jul 31
W3	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 01:40: Auskick Visit 06:30: School Council Meeting	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 09:00: The Cosmodome Incursion 10:00: The Cosmodome Incursion 11:40: The Cosmodome Incursion 12:40: The Cosmodome Incursion 02:10: The Cosmodome Incursion 03:20: Auskick	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 11:40: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56	Dental Van 30 Day Readathon PREP 100 DAYS of SCHOOL 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Dental Van 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 03:20: Auskick	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon Principals Day 02:40: Assembly Prep & Year 4 Items

	Mon Aug 10	Tue Aug 11	Wed Aug 12	Thu Aug 13	Fri Aug 14
W5	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 03:20: Auskick	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon 09:00: Royal South Street Competition 09:00: (Draft) Royal South Street....



Important Date or Events

16th-31st Jul: Smile Squad Dental Van

20th-21st Jul: School Readathon

27th Jul: Auskick Visit

28th Jul: Cosmodome Incursion

28th Jul: Auskick Starts

29th Jul: 5/6 Talk Money Financial Literacy

30th Jul: Prep 100 Days Brighter

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Term 3 Weeks 6-10

	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21
W6	30 Day Readathon Science Week	30 Day Readathon Science Week 03:20: Auskick	30 Day Readathon Science Week	30 Day Readathon Science Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon Science Week 02:40: Assembly Science Item
	Mon Aug 24	Tue Aug 25	Wed Aug 26	Thu Aug 27	Fri Aug 28
W7	Book Week	Book Week 03:20: Auskick	Book Week	Book Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Book Week
	Mon Aug 31	Tue Sep 01	Wed Sep 02	Thu Sep 03	Fri Sep 04
W8		03:20: Auskick		09:00: RDA Horse Riding	02:40: Assembly Year 2 & 4/5 Items
	Mon Sep 07	Tue Sep 08	Wed Sep 09	Thu Sep 10	Fri Sep 11
W9	06:30: School Council Meeting	03:20: Auskick		RUOK Day 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	
	Mon Sep 14	Tue Sep 15	Wed Sep 16	Thu Sep 17	Fri Sep 18
W10		03:20: Auskick			2:10 Finish Final Day of Term 3 01:40: Assembly Year 1 Item

Answers to maths challenge:

1004	1121	1400	2120	3101
1013	1130	2003	2210	3100
1022	1202	2012	2300	3200
1031	1211	2021	3002	4001
1040	1220	2030	3011	4010
1103	1301	2102	3020	4100
1112	1310	2111	3101	3101



Important Date or Events

11th Aug: Somers Camp

14th Aug: Choir Royal South Street Choral Competition

17th-21st Aug: Science Week

24th-28th Aug: Book Week

10th Sep: RUOK Day