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SCHOOL NEWS



SMILE SQUAD

We have had some very important visitors at school this term. The Smile Squad from Grampians Health has brought all of their specialised dental equipment and set up a practise in our school library. Over the last 3 weeks, the dentists of the Smile Squad has been completing examinations on 57 registered students. Some students have only needed a quick check up and others have been able to catch dental health issues before they have gotten worse. We are very lucky to have had the Smile Squad pay us a visit.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Welcome to Week 4. You may have noticed that our school newsletter is now being released on Tuesdays rather than Thursdays. We hope this gives families a little more notice to plan ahead and attend our Friday assembly, particularly if your child is performing or receiving an award.

Last week, all students enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Cosmodome. This engaging incursion gave students the opportunity to explore space, the planets and our galaxy through an immersive learning experience. It was wonderful to hear the excitement from students as they left each session, and I'm sure many went home eager to share what they had learned. A big thank you to Mr Forrester for organising this valuable learning opportunity, and to our students and staff for representing our school so positively throughout the day.

We also celebrated a very special milestone with our 100 Days of Prep. It was wonderful to see our Prep students enjoying a range of fun activities to mark the occasion. Some of the highlights included biscuit decorating and an exciting scavenger hunt around the school, which I thoroughly enjoyed being part of. A sincere thank you to Mrs Lawes for the time and effort that went into making the day so memorable for our youngest learners.

While we celebrate 100 days of learning for our Prep students, it also serves as a reminder that our Grade 6 students now have just 100 days remaining of their primary school journey. For many families, that's an exciting yet emotional milestone. We look forward to making the most of these final 100 days and creating many more special memories with our graduating students.

Looking ahead, next Tuesday eight of our students will head off to Somers Camp for an exciting week-and-a-half experience. We wish them every success and know they will represent Sebastopol Primary School with pride. Mr Forrester will be accompanying the group, and replacement teachers will be in place to support our Grade 5/6 students during this time.

Next Friday, our school choir will perform at the Royal South Street. We wish all of our choir members and Ms Kellie the very best and thank them for the commitment they have shown in preparing for this wonderful opportunity.

I hope you all have a fantastic week ahead, and I look forward to seeing many of you at assembly on Friday.



Student Achievements

Prep Class - P

For successfully completing '100 Days of School'.

Thea Ada May - 1

For always showing respect to others.

Isabella Boeyen - 1

For always giving 100% during class time.

Theodore Canham - 2

For wonderful responses during our daily phonics and writing a great procedural text on how to draw a dog.

Jaxon Gower - 2

For great contributions to our daily phonics and maths reviews and trying your best in all the learning tasks we do.

Kace Coleman - 4

For contributing to class discussions and sharing your learning at appropriate times. Well done, Kace!

Jada Farquhar - 4

For showing role model behaviour in the classroom. Keep up the good work, Jada!

Eathan Nicholson - 4

For making a positive start here at your new school. We love having you in our class!



School Captains' Awards

Benjamin Scott: For showing great confidence when completing classroom tasks independently.

-Mikaeel

Geoffal Greaves: For making a quick start to his learning activities.

-Lily

Class Item

Prep

To celebrate our 100th Day of School, we started the day by calculating how many days the students, Chris and Mrs Lawes had attended school. We then enjoyed a range of fun and engaging activities all based around the number 100.

Our STEM challenges included arranging 100 dominoes in a line, building the tallest tower possible with 100 cups, creating a construction using 100 blocks, and joining 100 Unifix blocks together to make a 3D structure. The students showed wonderful teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills throughout each challenge.



At fruit break, we enjoyed some extra special treats. The hommus was a class favourite!

Students decorated, cut out and measured their own 100 Day crowns, while our Year 6 Buddies helped us record 100 reasons why we love school, which are now proudly displayed in the atrium.

We also decorated biscuits using musk sticks, freckles and icing, and they were absolutely delicious!

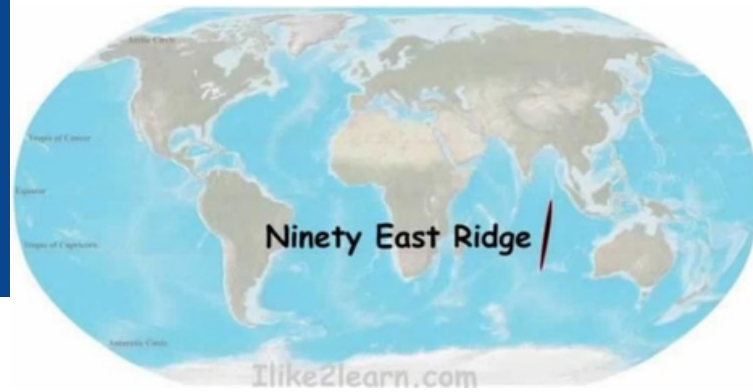
To finish our celebration, each student received a special treat—a box of Smarties to celebrate being 100 days smarter, along with a pair of fun star-shaped glasses.

It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, learning and memorable experiences. We are looking forward to making the next 100 days just as exciting! 😊

✨ 100 Days Brighter ✨

Class Item

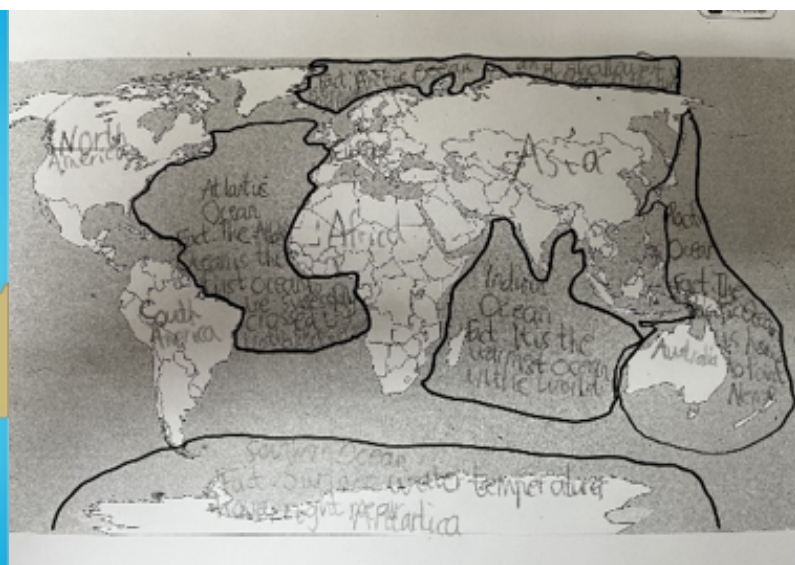
Year 4



In Integrated Studies, Year 4 have been learning about the world's continents and oceans. We can identify all seven continents and five oceans on Earth, and we have learnt some interesting facts about each of these land masses and bodies of water.

Did you know?

- The point in the ocean that is furthest from any land is called Point Nemo (in the Pacific Ocean).
- Asia has 48 countries and is home to 4.8 billion people!
- There is an underwater mountain range in the Indian Ocean. It is called Ninety East Ridge.



What's On?

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily at 8:30 AM to all students. Those who wish to attend Breakfast Club will enter through the tunnel entrance before the music starts to play at 8:50 AM and head straight to the canteen to collect some toast and/or a Milo.

This initiative is operated by volunteers and a number of them have thanked the students for always bringing with them, their big smiles and Sebastopol Primary School manners.

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](#).

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.



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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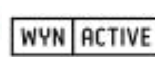
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WE SERVE

Community Events

1st-7th Aug-**Biodiversity Week**-Ballarat

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

7th Aug-**Tuck Shop Ladies and Special
Guests**-Ballarat Performing Arts Centre

8th Aug-**Ballarat Farmers Market**-Ballarat
Showgrounds

13th & 14th Jul-**Choral Competition at the
Royal South Street Society Ballarat
Eisteddfod**-Founder's Theatre

15th Aug-**Jane Austin Improvised**-Ballarat
Performing Arts Centre

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

Term Calendar

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

	Mon Jul 27	Tue Jul 28	Wed Jul 29	Thu Jul 30	Fri Jul 31
W3	Smile Squad Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 01:40: Auskick Visit 06:30: School Council Meeting	Smile Squad 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	Smile Squad Dental Van 30 Day Readathon 11:40: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56	Smile Squad Dental Van 30 Day Readathon PREP 100 DAYS of SCHOOL National Friendship Day 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	Smile Squad Dental Van 30 Day Readathon
	Mon Aug 03	Tue Aug 04	Wed Aug 05	Thu Aug 06	Fri Aug 07
W4	Smile Squad Dental Van 30 Day Readathon	Smile Squad Dental Van 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...
	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



Important Date or Events

20th Jul-21st Aug: School Readathon

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