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SOUTH STREET



On Friday 14th of August, our choir, led by Ms Kellie and Cassandra, proudly took to the stage at the Royal South Street Competition. We are incredibly proud of their fantastic performance and congratulate them on achieving an Honourable Mention with special mention from the adjudicator regarding our smart new uniforms. Thank you to Renai and Kaeli for supporting our choir on the excursion, and a very special thank you to Lauren Knight for accompanying our choir beautifully on piano. What a wonderful achievement for our talented choir! We would also like to extend our gratitude to SJD Foundation for their ongoing sponsorship of our Arts programs and covering travel expenses and to the Salvation Army for donating a number of black choir pants for students to wear.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Here we are in Week 6 and already over the halfway mark of the term, with plenty of learning, activities and exciting opportunities still to come.

It was fantastic to finally see our Auskickers out on the oval last week after spending the first two weeks inside our mini stadium. We have had a fantastic turnout each week and it has been great to see so many students getting involved. Fingers crossed the weather continues to look after us!

Just a reminder to families that parents and carers are responsible for supervising their children during Auskick, as our staff are involved in their weekly staff meeting at this time. Thank you for your support with this.

We also welcome our Somers Camp students back on Thursday. No doubt they will return with plenty of stories to tell! Somers Camp really is a special, and often life-changing, experience for the students who have the opportunity to attend, and we can't wait to hear all about their week away.

A huge congratulations to our choir, who represented our school exceptionally well at South Street last Friday. They looked fantastic, sounded fantastic and represented Sebastopol Primary School with great pride and professionalism.

Thank you to Ms Kellie, Cassandra and our ES staff who supported the students on the day. A special thank you also goes to Ms Kellie for the enormous amount of work she put into preparing the students and organising their new uniforms. They certainly looked very smart and professional!

This Friday also marks the end of our Readathon. A big thank you to our wonderful PFA, who have been spending time in classrooms reading with our students and encouraging everyone to get involved. It has been a fantastic initiative that promotes something incredibly important at our school: developing a genuine love of reading.

Finally, don't forget that next Monday is our Book Week Parade, beginning at 9:00am in the Atrium. This year's theme is "Symphony of Stories", and we can't wait to see our students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. Families should have received a Compass notification from me with all the information for the morning, and parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

Have a wonderful Week 6, everyone!



Student Achievements

Benjamin Scott - 1

For the fantastic work he has been doing in class.

Dean Brody - 1

For being helpful to others.

Harper Langley - 3

For always showing excellence in her writing.

Chayse Van Der Linde - 3

For demonstrating excellent knowledge during our novel study 'Matilda'.

Kiara Murray - 3

For always being a respectful and helpful member of class.

Niel Copertino - 4

For showing leadership and role model behaviour inside and outside the classroom!

Charlie Bradley Nunn - 4

For sounding out his words in writing to produce a complete narrative!

Dominic Delpol - 4/5

For consistently showing kindness, respect and consideration towards others. You are a wonderful role model in our classroom!

Willow McIntosh - 4/5

For consistently showing responsibility and taking pride in your learning, your choices and our classroom. You can be very proud of yourself!



School Captains' Awards

Markell Weetra: For respectfully and quietly completing his school work.

-Lily

Class Item

Year 4/5

This term, our Grade 4/5 students have been learning all about the Sun while developing their information report writing skills. Students have been researching what the Sun is, what it is made of, how it produces energy, and why it is so important to Earth and the rest of our solar system.

Throughout the unit, students have been developing their research skills by finding interesting and relevant facts and learning how to organise their information into clear sections.



They have explored how to use headings, scientific vocabulary and topic-specific language to make their writing informative and engaging for the reader.

Students have also been working hard to understand the structure of an information report, including writing an engaging introduction, informative body paragraphs and a conclusion that summarises their learning. They have been encouraged to use their own words when explaining the facts they have discovered and to think carefully about how they can teach their reader something new.

It has been wonderful to see the students' curiosity and enthusiasm grow throughout the unit. They have discovered some fascinating facts about the Sun and have enjoyed sharing their learning through their own information reports. We are very proud of the effort and care they have put into their research and writing!



“The Sun is a giant, glowing ball of hot gas and plasma at the very centre of our solar system.”

Uniform Reminder

A Reminder About Our School Uniform

I would also like to remind all families of our expectations around school uniform. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps create a sense of pride and belonging. On yard duty last Friday, I counted seven students who were not wearing the correct school uniform, particularly students wearing jumpers or hoodies that are not part of our approved uniform.

We understand that there may occasionally be a reason why a child cannot wear the correct uniform. However, our expectation is that students attend school each day in full school uniform, including an approved school jumper or jacket. We ask parents and carers to please support us by ensuring non-uniform jumpers and hoodies are kept at home.

I would also like to clarify our expectations regarding hair and hair colour. Students are expected to attend school with natural-coloured hair. Bright or unnatural colours do not meet this expectation. If a student's hair is long enough to be tied back, it is expected to be tied back. This applies to all students.

These expectations are not about taking away students' individuality. They are about maintaining consistent standards across our school and ensuring that all students and families understand what is expected.

Below is an image of Sebastopol Primary School uniform items available from Beleza. If you require support obtaining these items, please contact the office.



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POLAR FLEECE
LINING
\$48.00



SOFT BRIMMED
SLOUCH HAT
\$17.00



SUPER FLEECE
WINDCHEATER
\$27.50



MICRO FIBRE
SCHOOL BAG
\$43.00



ACRYLIC BEANIE
\$13.00



FULL ZIP POLAR
FLEECE JACKET
\$36.00



ROYAL & WHITE
GINGHAM SUMMER
DRESS
\$26.00

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.

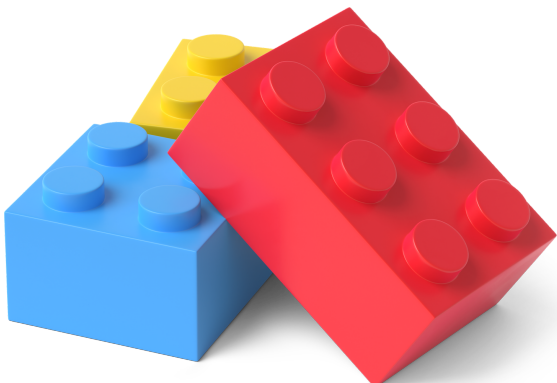
This initiative is operated by volunteers and a number of them have thanked the students for always bringing with them, their big smiles and Sebastopol Primary School manners.

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.

Colouring Competition

Each child will receive a colouring competition sheet to be completed at home. One student artist will be selected to win a free build session at The Brick Studio. More information to come via Compass.



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

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Community Events

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

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

4th Sep-**Casey Donovan – This Is Me 2026 National Tour**-Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts



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Term Calendar

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

	Mon Aug 10	Tue Aug 11	Wed Aug 12	Thu Aug 13	Fri Aug 14
W5	30 Day Readathon	30 Day Readathon 08:00: Somers Camp 03:20: Auskick	30 Day Readathon 08:00: Somers Camp	30 Day Readathon 08:00: Somers Camp 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon 08:00: Somers Camp 09:00: Royal South Street Society Choral...

	Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21
W6	30 Day Readathon Science Week 08:00: Somers Camp	30 Day Readathon Science Week 08:00: Somers Camp 03:20: Auskick	30 Day Readathon Science Week 08:00: Somers Camp	30 Day Readathon Science Week 09:00: RDA Horse Riding	30 Day Readathon Science Week 02:40: Assembly Year 4/5 Item

	Mon Aug 24	Tue Aug 25	Wed Aug 26	Thu Aug 27	Fri Aug 28
W7	Book Week 09:00: Book Week Costume Parade	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 Item

	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

17th-21st Aug: Science Week

24th-28th Aug: Book Week

24th Aug: Book Week Parade

10th Sep: RUOK Day

18th Sep: Final Day of Term 3, 2:10pm finish