



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



SAFETY

SCHOOL NEWS



BREAK A LEG!

The stage is set and the buses are booked. Next week, Sebastopol Primary School will be performing at Gay E. Gough Theatre at Mount Clear College! There is still a number of tickets left to be sold for anyone who'd like to witness Sebastopol Primary School's Symphony of Stories. Students will be performing once at 3:00PM and again at 6:00PM on Wednesday the 21st of October. All classes have been working extremely hard to prepare for their showcase. Students will be bused from school to Mount Clear College and will remain there until after the second performance concludes at 7:30PM. The school has been abuzz with excitement and anticipation. We hope to see everyone join us next week. Extended family and friends are welcome.



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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our Sebastopol Primary School families! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful break and had the opportunity to relax, recharge and spend some quality time together.

It has been fantastic to welcome our students and staff back for what is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting final term!

A big thank you to Bruce, who has done an outstanding job getting our school grounds looking fantastic over the holidays. From pruning our trees and shrubs to ensuring our lawns are beautifully maintained, the school is looking terrific and ready for another great term. Thanks, Bruce!

School Concert – Not Long Now!

Over the past two weeks, our classrooms have been working incredibly hard preparing for our upcoming school concert. There has been plenty of excitement around the school, and I cannot wait to see our students showcase all their hard work!

This year, we have made the decision to hold two concert performances on the same day, rather than across two separate days. This allows us to keep everything together and make the experience a little easier for our families and staff.

I want to strongly encourage all families to ensure their children attend both concert performances. Every student has an important role to play, and their attendance is essential to making both shows a success.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend both performances, I ask that you please contact me directly. I will also be following up with families who have indicated to classroom teachers that their child may not be attending both shows.

We have put a significant amount of time and effort into making this a fantastic experience for our students, and I would love to see every child involved from start to finish!

Swimming and Gymnastics Begin!

This week also marks the beginning of our swimming and gymnastics program!

Over the coming weeks, our students will have the fantastic opportunity to participate in both swimming and gymnastics on the same day. These experiences are a wonderful way for our students to develop new skills, build confidence and challenge themselves outside the classroom.

A reminder to families to make sure your child comes prepared with their swimming gear.

Don't forget those bathers!

A big thank you to Ms Maddie for all the work she has put into organising these opportunities for our students. There is plenty of coordination involved, and we really appreciate her efforts!

2027 Prep Transition

Our 2027 Prep Transition Program will begin on Wednesday, 4 November, and we are really looking forward to welcoming our newest students and families into our school community.

Our Prep enrolments are filling up, which is fantastic news! If you know of any families who are considering Sebastopol Primary School for 2027 and have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

We are excited about what lies ahead and cannot wait to meet our newest learners!

Have a Great Week!

It is certainly going to be a busy Term 4, but there is so much to look forward to. I am really excited about the opportunities ahead for our students and the chance to finish the school year strongly.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Have a fantastic week, everyone!



Student Achievements

Stella Lee - P

For matching letter sounds and names to written letters, and beginning to blend sounds to read words.

Logan Parker - P

For beginning to blend sounds to read words.

Kailarni Clifford - 1

For settling into our class very quickly and becoming an amazing part of Grade 1.

Ryker Ilangakoon - 1

For showing improvement in his reading.

Craig Brody - 4

For being enthusiastically involved in your new Place Value maths group. Keep up the good work!

Hunter Van Der Linde - 4

For including interesting details and feelings in your rollercoaster recount. Well done, Hunter!

Thomas Warner Johns - 4/5

For showing kindness and consideration towards others, listening respectfully, and treating everyone with care.

Maddie Miller - 4/5

For making responsible choices, following safety rules, and always thinking about the safety and wellbeing of others.

Liliana Kline - 5/6

For her amazing work in creating writing seeds in her Writer's Notebook.

Damon Lambert - 5/6

For his persistence and hard work during place value groups.



School Captains' Awards

Damon Lambert: For showing respect to all his classmates by learning quietly.

-Lily

Chloe Garvin: For keeping good focus and maintain a strong focus in class.

-Mikaeel

JUNIOR SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

From Space to Living Things

Hands-on science learning across our classrooms

TERM TWO • EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE

Last term, students explored Earth & Space Science through hands-on experiences. We learned about the Sun, Moon, stars, seasons and weather, using models, observations and experiments. Students especially enjoyed creating galaxy jars, exploring constellations and investigating how a rain cloud experiment could model rainfall.



Hands-on blooming flower experiment



Exploring space and constellations



Our galaxy jar experiment



Our rain cloud experiment

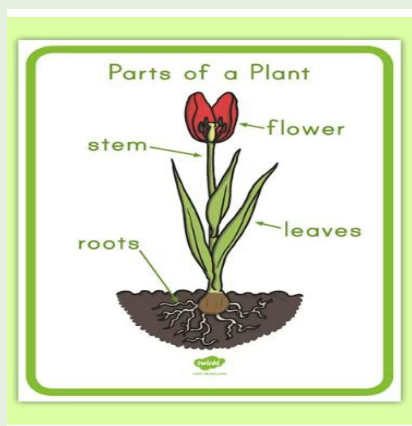
 This term, our science learning is moving from the sky above us to the living world around us!

TERM FOUR • BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

This term, we have begun our Biological Science learning, focusing on plants and animals. Students are learning to identify and describe observable features, compare and group living things, and think about how their features help them survive and grow. Our learning is practical and hands-on, with opportunities to observe, sort, label, compare and create.

PLANTS

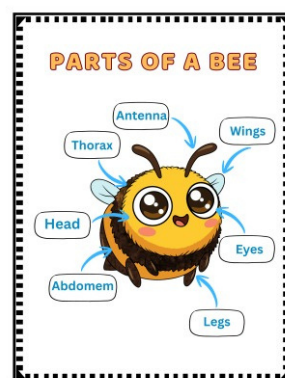
We are learning about plant parts and how each part helps a plant live and grow.



Plant parts

ANIMALS

We are beginning to explore animal features and how these features help animals survive.



Animal features

We look forward to more observing, exploring and hands-on discoveries as we learn about living things.

What's On?



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.

Crazy Camel Keepsakes

Students have all worked very hard to create individual works of art to be transformed into a variety of items that may be ordered using the order form that has been distributed. The options include tea towels, notebooks, calendars and more and are excellent gift ideas for family and friends. If you require another order form, please contact the office.

Talk Money

Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation will be visiting Sebastopol Primary School soon.

Talk Money is a free financial education program that teaches young Australians money lessons for life and aims to help students be confident when talking about money and to make informed financial decisions.

Delivered by talented facilitators, they offer interactive workshops on "Talking about Money", "Spending and Saving Money" and "Making Money Work".

The program is designed for students in Years 5-10 and has been developed in collaboration with education experts and a financial education advisory group.

We're looking forward to their visit and, if you'd like to know more, you can check out their website at www.talkmoney.org.au.

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.



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Community Events

Until 31st Oct-**Croc-tober**-Ballarat Wildlife Park

15th Oct-17th Dec-**Show-and-tell with Carly**-Eureka Centre

16th Oct-**Shake Rattle n Roll**-Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

17th Oct-**Introduction to Beekeeping Course**-Backyard Beekeeping Ballarat

17th & 18th Oct-**My Australia Art Exhibition**-Ballarat South Senior Citizens' Hall

18th & 25th Oct-**Seasons in Ballarat – Ballarat Society of Artists Inc.**-Lake Wendouree Museum

23rd Oct-**100BPM**-Ballarat Performing Arts Centre

24th Oct-**Ballarat Farmers Market**-Lake Wendouree

24th Oct-**The Dinner Series**-Mondegreen Cafe

29th-31st Oct-**VIC Papercraft Show**-Ballarat Showgrounds Pavilion

31st Oct-**Buninyong Village Market**-Buninyong Town Hall Precinct

31st Oct-**Halloween at The Ballarat Greyhounds**-Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club

31st Oct-**Taste Takeover - Halloween**-Lucas Display Village

AUSSIE HOOPS

BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN 4-11 YEARS OLD
5 DIFFERENT DAYS AVAILABLE
7 WEEK PROGRAM



FREE BASKETBALL

COME & TRY BASKETBALL SESSION
FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 4-9
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER
BUXTON MINERDOME



LIMITED SPOTS - REGISTER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

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

Tuning In



TUNING INTO KIDS

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their Child's emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Mondays starting 19th October

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

Location: Online

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Child Development
- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



TUNING INTO TEENS

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their Teens' emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Thursdays starting 22nd October

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Location: Online

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Child Development
- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



TUNING INTO TODDLERS

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their toddlers' emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Mondays starting 19th October

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Ballarat

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Child development
- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



Family Supports



CIRCLE OF SECURITY
CONNECTING FAMILIES
(FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

In Partnership with Salvation Army Ballarat, Catholicare and Grampians Health

A FREE 8-week program that aims to help parents or carers explore fostering healthy attachment with their children.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Wednesdays starting 21st October

Time: 10.30am -12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Ballarat

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Child Development
- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



DADS TOOL KIT
CONNECTING FAMILIES
(FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

A FREE 8-week program that aims to help male parents or carers to explore attachment, developmental needs and positive relationship.

Group Information:

Date: Tuesdays starting 13th October

Time: 10.30-12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Black Hill

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Positive Relationship
- ✓ Emotional Regulation
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



DADS BABY BAG
CONNECTING FAMILIES
(FORMERLY EARLY HELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help male parents or carers to explore attachment, developmental needs and positive relationship.

Group Information:

Date: Thursdays starting October 22nd

Time: 10 -12 pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Black Hill

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Positive Relationship
- ✓ Practical Infant Care
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



Term Calendar

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

	Mon Oct 05	Tue Oct 06	Wed Oct 07	Thu Oct 08	Fri Oct 09
W1	First Day of Term 4				
	Mon Oct 12	Tue Oct 13	Wed Oct 14	Thu Oct 15	Fri Oct 16
W2				09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics.... 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics	02:40: Assembly Year 1 Item
	Mon Oct 19	Tue Oct 20	Wed Oct 21	Thu Oct 22	Fri Oct 23
W3	06:30: School Council Meeting		11:40: School Concert	09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics.... 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics	10:00: Bulldogs Read Finale
	Mon Oct 26	Tue Oct 27	Wed Oct 28	Thu Oct 29	Fri Oct 30
W4		02:10: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56		09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics.... 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics	Teachers Day 02:40: Assembly Year 4 & 5/6 Items
	Mon Nov 02	Tue Nov 03	Wed Nov 04	Thu Nov 05	Fri Nov 06
W5	Pupil Free Day	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	11:40: Talk Money Financial Literacy 56....	09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics.... 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics	11:45: Ballarat and Clarendon College....
	Mon Nov 09	Tue Nov 10	Wed Nov 11	Thu Nov 12	Fri Nov 13
W6				09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics.... 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics	02:40: Assembly Year 2 & Year 3 Items
	Mon Nov 16	Tue Nov 17	Wed Nov 18	Thu Nov 19	Fri Nov 20
W7		09:00: (Draft) 4/5/6 Eureka Centre....		09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics 12:55: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics....	



Important Date or Events

15th Oct: Swimming and Gymnastics Program commences

21st Oct: School Concert

23rd Oct: Bulldogs Read Finale

27th Oct: Talk Money Financial Literacy

30th Oct: Teachers Day

2nd Nov: Pupil Free Day