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SCHOOL NEWS



SEBASTOPOL STARS

Last week, Sebastopol Primary school took to the stage and sang, danced and acted in front of hundreds of audience members. The concert, organised by Ms Kellie, celebrated the theme of 'A Symphony of Stories' and due to the efforts of all of our students, staff, and families, proved to be a smashing success. We'd like to thank all of our families who supported our concert by attending or ensuring their children were present for rehearsals and the concert day. We'd also like to extend our thanks to Mount Clear College for allowing us to use the Gay E. Gough Theatre and a number of essential items to set the scene for our performances. It was truly a pleasure to see our children show such confidence and teamwork when performing on stage or pithcing in with backstage operations. Thank you Ms Kel for all that you do!

Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

School Concert – What a Night!

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you and congratulations to all of our wonderful students who took part in our school concert!

Putting on one show is a huge effort, let alone two in the one night! I couldn't be prouder of the way our students performed, conducted themselves and represented our school.

For many of our students, performing on a stage in a theatre is something they have never experienced before. To see them up there performing with such confidence was something pretty special and a wonderful reminder of why we provide these opportunities.

A massive thank you also goes to our teachers, ESOs and our Concert Committee, led by Miss Kellie and Cassandra. The time, effort and preparation that went into making the night a success was enormous.

Our school concert will continue to be a biennial event, and after seeing what our students and staff can achieve, I can't wait to see what we put together in two years' time. Watch this space!

Exciting Staffing Announcements

We have some very exciting staffing news to share as we continue planning for 2027.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Ms Maddie, who has officially been appointed as the substantive Assistant Principal of Sebastopol Primary School!

Maddie has already contributed so much to our school, and we are incredibly excited about what lies ahead.

As many of you may already know, Maddie will also be taking maternity leave next year as she prepares to welcome her second child. We will be putting arrangements in place for an Acting Assistant Principal during her leave and will keep our community updated.

We are also thrilled to announce that:

- Mr Birkett has accepted another 12-month contract and will be continuing with us in 2027.
- Kaeli, Jemma and Bruce will all be continuing as part of our wonderful Education Support team.
- Cassandra will continue delivering our Music Therapy program.
- Mrs Ashby (Tayla) will continue teaching Physical Education and Auslan in 2027.

It is fantastic to have so many familiar faces continuing with us next year. This consistency is incredibly important for our students, families and the continued growth of our school.

Pupil-Free Day and Melbourne Cup Long Weekend

A reminder to all families that Monday 2nd of November is a pupil-free day, followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 3 November.

Our teaching staff have been working incredibly hard throughout the year, and Monday has been allocated as a Professional Practice Day, providing staff with time for assessment, reporting and professional responsibilities.

There will be no students or staff required on site on Monday, and the school will be closed on both days.

We hope everyone enjoys the opportunity for a lovely long weekend!

Principal's Report Cont.

Kane Tolliday

Our Playgroup Space Is Growing!

One of the really exciting developments at Sebastopol Primary School has been the way our wonderful playgroup space is being embraced by the wider community.

We currently have several community groups using the space, with even more joining us over the coming months.

Our regular groups include:

- **Japanese Playgroup:** Tuesdays and Fridays.
- **Mums and Bubs:** Thursdays from 9:30am.
- **Vickers Street Playgroup:** Commencing Monday 9 November.
- **Ballarat Multicultural Society:** Joining us on Wednesdays from 2027.

It is fantastic to see our facilities being used to bring families together, build connections and provide opportunities for young children within our community.

A special welcome to Vickers Street Playgroup!

We are excited to welcome the Vickers Street Playgroup to Sebastopol Primary School from Monday 9 November.

The group will run each Monday from 9:30am to 11:30am in our playgroup space.

A gold coin donation is appreciated to assist with purchasing consumables for craft activities.

You can also follow the group on Facebook for updates and information.

Jenny, the group leader, would love to meet new families, so please pop in, say hello and enjoy this wonderful community space!

Enjoy the Long Weekend!

It has certainly been a busy start to Term 4, and there is still plenty happening as we move towards the end of the year.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for their continued support of our wonderful school.

Have a fantastic long weekend, enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday!



Student Achievements

George Hennessy - P
For speaking up, showing leadership and encouraging others to make good choices.

Thomas Scott - P
For successfully building on his knowledge of place value working with 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Ethan Hall - 1
For showing persistence and always joining in on our concert practices and the final performances.

Leon Price - 1
For always finding ways to make us laugh and being a positive part of our Grade 1 class.

Jaxon Gower - 2
For working extremely hard on his narrative piece, including a 'subject, adverbial (where), and a verb group' in his writing.

Leijla Jakupovic Moss - 2
For always looking out for her peers and showing care by alerting staff when a student in the yard was upset.

Mia Burrows - 3
For showing excellent confidence and persistence during concert practice.

Carla Smith - 3
For demonstrating excellent editing skills in her writing piece about Amelia Earhart.

Harper Langley - 3
For always being a responsible and helpful member of the class.

Bella Franks - 4
For a well written 'Memorable Day' recount full of detail and feeling. Well done, Bella!

Connor Gottlieb - 4
For your enthusiastic involvement in concert practise and giving your all on concert day. Well done, Connor!



School Captains' Awards

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Belynda Canfield - 4/5
For consistently putting in your best effort and taking pride in the work you complete. You always strive to do your best and should be proud of your efforts!

Tyson Dickinson - 4/5
For always showing a positive attitude towards your learning and trying your hardest in all tasks. Your dedication and commitment to doing your best work is wonderful to see!

Georgia Lehan - 5/6
For being an amazing dedicated stagehand during rehearsals and at the concert. You really helped us out Georgia.

Eli Smith - 5/6
For exemplary work as a stagehand, both during rehearsals and on concert night. You were a great helper Eli.

Liliana Kline - 5/6
For volunteering as a stagehand for the evening concert performance. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Lily Anderson - 5/6
For working collaboratively as a school captain team and sharing ideas to complete her duties the best she can. Great leadership!

Mikaeel Hussain - 5/6
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Year 1 Item

What a spectacular performance! 🌟🎶
Over the past few months, our Grade 1 students have been working incredibly hard preparing for their concert! The excitement and enthusiasm throughout rehearsals have been wonderful to see, with students eagerly practising their moves and giving every rehearsal their best effort. All their hard work certainly paid off, as they delivered an absolutely amazing final performance! We are so proud of the confidence, energy and big smiles they brought to the stage. What a fantastic achievement from our Grade 1 superstars! ⭐







Class Item

Year 4

It has been a very busy start to Term 4 in the Year 4 classroom as concert preparations and the big day itself have been front and centre. We have enjoyed learning a dance routine to the song “How Far I’ll Go” from the movie Moana. The students also helped paint and design the props used in the performance.





After weeks of practise the big day finally arrived and our superstar students delivered two brilliant performances! Well done students and a big thank you to families for your support with providing costumes.





5/6 LION KING



A performance to be proud of!

A huge congratulations to our Grade 5/6 students on their fantastic performance of The Lion King at our school concert! This performance was a true celebration of creativity, teamwork and commitment.

With the support and guidance of Mr. Forrester, the students created their own screenplay during writing sessions, developing the characters, scenes and dialogue. They also created their own props and spent many hours rehearsing their characters, lines and choreography in preparation for the big night.

It was wonderful to see all of their hard work come together on stage. Well done to every student for the confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork you displayed!

Mr. Forrester and Mr. Juarez

ON STAGE

Highlights from our Grade 5/6 Lion King performance













What's On?



Prep Transition

Next week, our 2027 prep students will be commencing their weekly transition sessions on Wednesdays. There are 6 sessions in total that each will have a classroom component and then there will be some having different focuses on the various areas of the school such as Art, PE, Music etc. Sessions conclude with Tuesday 8th December which is Statewide Transition Day.

Eureka Centre

On Tuesday 17th November, our Grade 4/5/6 students will be visiting the Eureka Centre in Ballarat to further develop their understanding of the Victorian Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade. Students will explore the historical events, learn about the people involved in the fight for miners' rights, and discover the significance of the Eureka Flag. This excursion will provide a valuable opportunity for students to connect their classroom learning with local history and deepen their understanding of an important event in Australia's past.

Reminder: Please ensure that the excursion consent form has been completed before the day. Thank you for your support!



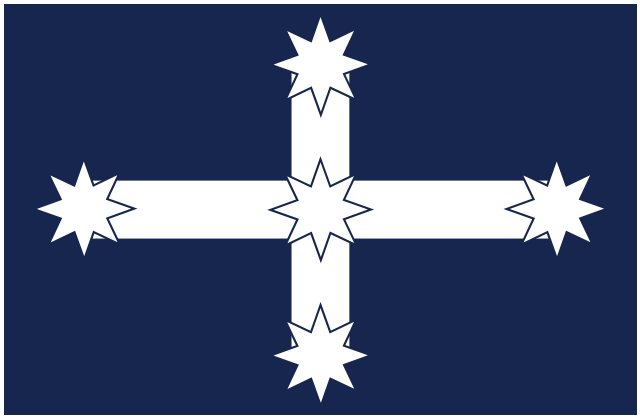
Playgroups

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.





Community Events

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

5th Nov-**Spring Street Things: Surprising Stories from Victoria's Parliament House**-Eureka Centre

6th Nov-**Pevan and Sarah in Concert**-Caro Convention Centre

9th Nov-3rd Jan-**Christmas in Ballarat - Art Trail**-Ballarat CBD

13th-15th Nov-**Ballarat Show**-Ballarat Showgrounds and Events Centre

14th Nov-**Ballarat Farmers Market**-North Gardens Resserve







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- Board-Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA)
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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

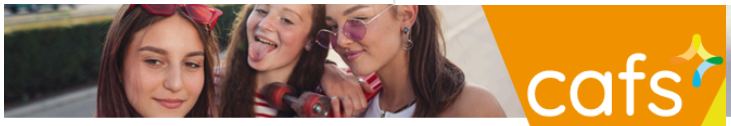
Location: Online

For referral contact us:
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COURSE INCLUDES:

- Discussions
- Child Development
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- Parenting Techniques/Supports



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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:
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COURSE INCLUDES:

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- Child Development
- Emotion Coaching
- Parenting Techniques/Supports



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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:
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COURSE INCLUDES:

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- Child development
- Emotion Coaching
- Parenting Techniques/Supports

Family Supports







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Supported Playgroups

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Family & Children's Services

Supported Playgroups are now located at Sebastopol Primary School (Warreen St)





- 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

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

Scan the QR Code to register

*subject to eligibility

Places are limited, for more information please contact:

CITY OF BALLARAT

City of Ballarat Supported Playgroups
Ph: 5320 5720
Email: ballaratplaygroups@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Term Calendar

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

	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	Staff Professional Development	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	09:15: (Draft) Prep Transition 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			09:15: (Draft) Prep Transition	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: 4/5/6 Eureka Centre Excursion	09:15: (Draft) Prep Transition	09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics 12:55: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics....	

	Mon Nov 23	Tue Nov 24	Wed Nov 25	Thu Nov 26	Fri Nov 27
W8			09:15: (Draft) Prep Transition	09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics 12:55: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics....	Pupil Free Day

	Mon Nov 30	Tue Dec 01	Wed Dec 02	Thu Dec 03	Fri Dec 04
W9			09:15: (Draft) Prep Transition	09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics 12:55: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics....	02:45: (Draft) Grade 6 Graduation

	Mon Dec 07	Tue Dec 08	Wed Dec 09	Thu Dec 10	Fri Dec 11
W10	06:30: School Council Meeting	09:00: (Draft) Prep Transition		09:00: RDA Horse Riding 11:20: Junior Swimming and Gymnastics 12:55: Senior Swimming and Gymnastics....	02:40: Assembly 4/5 Item



Important Date or Events

30th Oct: Teachers Day
2nd Nov: Pupil Free Day
3rd Nov: Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
4th Nov: Prep Transition Session 1
5th Nov: Swimming and Gymnastics
6th Nov: Ballarat and Clarendon College Concert Band