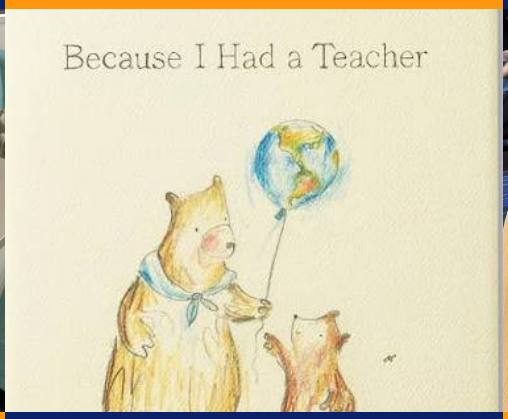






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SCHOOL NEWS



TEACHERS IN FOCUS

Friday 30th of October was World Teachers Day. The theme this year was ‘Shine a Light on Teachers’. To celebrate, Sebastopol Primary School held a morning tea for teaching staff and shouted everyone to a cafe beverage of choice. Teachers were each presented with a personalised gift from their students to show gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work they put in to educating all students. Thank you to all members of our teaching team for all the extra hours and the unseen work and all the dedication you have contributed to ensuring all students recieve a quality education.

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Principal's Report

Kane Tolliday

Dear Parents, Carers and School Community,
The final term is absolutely flying by as we quickly approach the finish line of another fantastic year at Sebastopol Primary School!

Exciting News for Our School

Last week, I'm sure many of you would have seen through the media that the Labor Government has committed $19.58million towards rebuilding Sebastopol Primary School, should they be elected at the upcoming state election.
This is incredibly exciting news for our entire school community and demonstrates that the fantastic work happening at Sebastopol Primary School is not going unnoticed.
It is wonderful to see recognition of the outstanding teaching and learning taking place across our school, and we are hopeful that this commitment will provide us with the facilities to match the high-quality education our staff deliver each and every day.

Student Reports

Following our shorter week last week due to the long weekend, our classroom teachers have been working incredibly hard on preparing student reports.
These reports will provide families with valuable insights into their child's progress and achievements, while offering a wonderful reflection of the learning and growth that has taken place throughout the year.

2027 Staffing Updates

As we continue preparing for 2027, I am pleased to share some exciting staffing announcements:
Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mr Adam Smith, who has been successfully reappointed as a graduate teacher at Sebastopol Primary School.
I would also like to congratulate and welcome Mr Liam Sherlock, who will be joining our teaching team in 2027 as a graduate teacher.
Finally, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Tayla Ashby will be continuing with us for another 12 months, working within our specialist teaching program.
We are excited about the team we are building for 2027 and will continue working through our workforce planning over the coming weeks. I will ensure families are kept informed of any further staffing updates as they are confirmed.

2027 Prep Transition

Last week, we welcomed our newest students for their very first Prep Transition Day!
We are extremely excited to share that we currently have 15 Prep enrolments confirmed for 2027. This is another positive sign of the continued growth of our school and the confidence families are placing in Sebastopol Primary School.
It was wonderful to see our future students beginning to familiarise themselves with our school, staff and learning environments.
This year, we are pleased to offer six transition sessions throughout Term 4, providing our incoming Prep students with plenty of opportunities to build confidence, develop friendships and become comfortable in their new school environment before beginning their learning journey in 2027.

Principal's Report Cont.

Kane Tolliday

Bunnings BBQ – This Saturday

We have an exciting last-minute fundraising opportunity this Saturday at DTC Bunnings!

Bunnings reached out to our school at short notice to see if we could help them out by running their Saturday BBQ, and our wonderful fundraising team were more than happy to step up and make it happen.

A huge thank you to our fundraising team for their flexibility and willingness to support our school.

If any parents, carers or community members are available to lend a hand for a shift on Saturday, we would very much appreciate your help and support. Every little bit of assistance makes a difference, and it's a fantastic opportunity to raise some additional funds for our students and school.

Even if you can't volunteer, we'd love to see you pop down, grab a sausage and support our school!

Important Dates and End-of-Year Celebrations

A reminder to all families that Friday, 27 November, will be a pupil-free day.

Our final day of school for students will be Thursday, 17 December, and we are looking forward to celebrating the end of another wonderful year together.

The day will include our Adroits Big Brekkie, where all students and their families are warmly invited to join us for breakfast and celebrate the year.

We will then come together for our Final Whole School Assembly at 1:30pm, before students are dismissed at 2:10pm.

Please note that Friday, 18 December, will be a pupil-free day, with staff undertaking end-of-year handover and preparation for 2027. Students will not be required at school on this day.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible joining us for our end-of-year celebrations.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school. There is plenty to look forward to over the final few weeks, and I am excited to finish the year strongly with our students, staff and families.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Student Achievements

Elijah Smithwick - P
For decoding new words and identifying words he already knows when reading.

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

Ariana Lalic - 4
For bringing a positive attitude to learning in your maths group. Well done from Mr Juarez and Mr B.

Jada Farquhar - 4
For identifying interesting vocabulary and making relevant comments on our class novel 'The Iron Man'.

Charlotte Anderson - 4/5
For consistently demonstrating amazing behaviour and always wearing her uniform with pride during our swimming and gymnastics lessons. Charlotte always follows instructions, shows respect and sets a fantastic example for others. Keep up the amazing work, Charlotte!

Lucas Hennessy - 4/5
For always displaying fantastic behaviour and wearing his uniform proudly during swimming and gymnastics. Lucas consistently demonstrates respect, follows expectations and makes positive choices. You should be very proud of yourself, Lucas!

Charlotte Stafford - 5/6
For showing fantastic persistence and always trying her very hardest during our place value learning groups. Charlotte approached challenging tasks with a positive attitude, continued to give things a go and showed great determination to improve her understanding. You should be so proud of your efforts, Charlotte! Keep up the amazing work!

Lily Anderson - 5/6
For persistence and enthusiasm during their swimming lesson. She worked really hard right to the end.

Liliana Kline - 5/6
For her work ethic during swimming. Liliana listened well and readily followed instructions.

Ava-Grace Elliott - 5/6
For showing confidence and effort with new activities in swimming. Ava-Grace worked hard and really gave her best.



School Captains' Awards

Dakota Pacheco: For waiting and listening patiently and respectfully while waiting for collection at gymnastics.
-Lily
Eli Cole: For showing great kindness to his classmates.
-Mikaeel

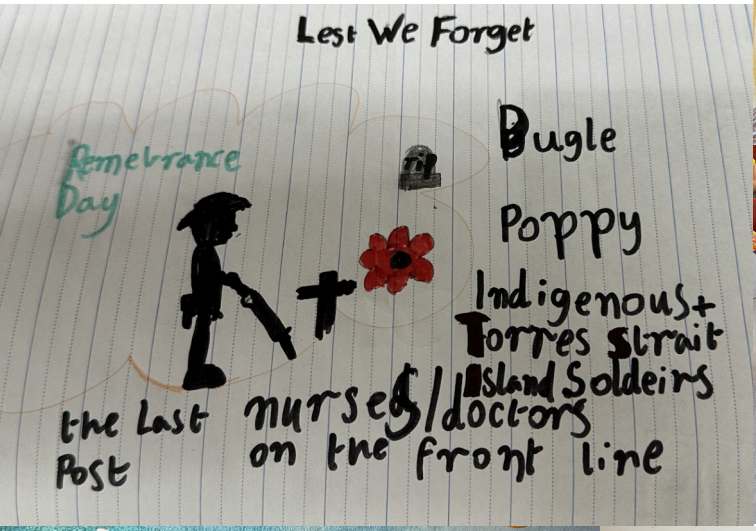
Remembrance Day



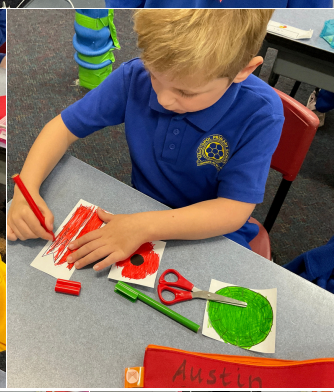
To commemorate Remembrance Day this year, in addition to the customary one-minute silence, led by Miss C, classes explored the history and significance of Remembrance Day by brainstorming ideas, reading stories, watching non-fiction videos and conducting discussions. Some students even went on to produce artwork based on their learning.





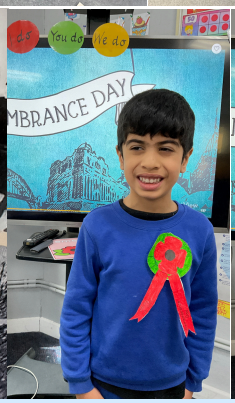


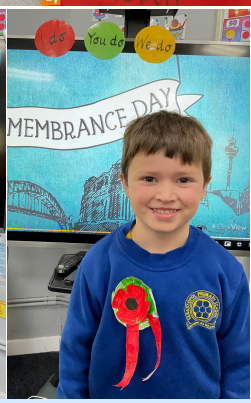












Crazy Camel Fundraiser

Fundraising Committee

The Sebastopol Primary School Fundraising Committee has reported that as a result of the efforts of the students, families and Miss Kel's Art Classes, they have been able to raise over $900 from the Crazy Camel Fundraiser.



What's On?



Prep Transition

Our 2027 prep studentshave commenced their weekly transition sessions. 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!



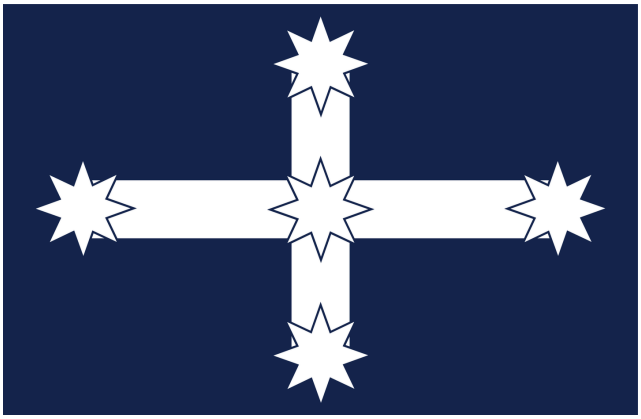
Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Sebastopol Primary School will be running a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse at DTC this Saturday, 14th of November. Please come along to grab a sausage and support our fundraising efforts. Our fundraising team will be raising money to subsidise buses for future excursions.

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





12th Nov-**Show-and-Tell with Carly**-Eureka Centre

12th Nov-**Be Creative**-Sebastopol Library

12th Nov-**Coding Club**-Sebastopol Library

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 Reserve

14th Nov-**Visiting Author: Susea Spray**-Sebastopol Library

18th Nov-**Art Club**-Wendouree Library

18th Nov-**Comic Creators**-Ballarat Library

19th Nov-**Kmart Wishing Tree Opening**-Kmart DTC

23rd Nov-**Beginnning with Books**-Ballarat Library

26th Nov-**SpringFest Ballarat – Movie Fundraiser – Focker In Law**-Palace Regent Cinema

28th Nov-**Santa Arrival Parade**-Stockland Wendouree

29th Nov-**Springfest - Show n Glow**-North Gardens Reserve

29th Nov-**SpringFest Ballarat Market Sunday**-Gardens Precinct

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Supported Playgroups

Supported Playgroups

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
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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