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We've had an exciting and busy start to Term 3! Our **School Review** is well underway, with valuable feedback gathered from parents, students, and staff to help shape our 2026–2029 Strategic Plan. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Book Week is just around the corner—don't forget to provide consent and payment on Compass for our whole-school adventure next Friday. Staff will also be sharing their favourite books in a special "reading round robin."

While **fencing works** have taken longer than expected, new gates will soon be installed to enhance student safety. We appreciate your patience during this time.

We look forward to upcoming events, including the **South Street Competitions, Art Show, Whole School Mystery Bus Tour**, and **Term 3 Disco**.

Have a great week and see you at assembly!



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape your future.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

15th August	Assembly 2.40pm PE Item
18th August	Parent Guardian School Opinion Survey Opens
22nd August	Whole School Mystery Bus Tour
28th August	Assembly 2.40pm Year 5/6 Item
8th September	South Street Competition
10th September	Art Show
11th September	Hot Lunch Orders Due
12th September	Assembly 2.40 Art Item
18th September	Whole School Celebration—Disco
18th September	Hot Lunch
19th September	Assembly 1.40pm
19th September	Parent Guardian School Opinion Survey Closes
19th September	End of Term 2.10pm

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Principal's Update and Insights

School Review 2025

Our School Review is currently underway, led by Independent School Reviewer, Julie Myers. We have welcomed the insights and feedback from the School Review Challenge Partners and our Central Highlands Area colleagues. The panel has conducted focus groups with parents, carers, students, teachers and education support officers as a way of learning about our school and understanding the views of key stakeholders. I would like to thank the twelve parents/carers who made the time to attend the parent forums and speak to the review panel. The panel has also undertaken classroom learning and staff professional learning observations over two days. As the review team works through the final day to refine and develop goals for the 2026-2029 School Strategic Plan we will continue to inform our school community.

Book Week

Please remember to provide consent and payment on Compass for the 'Book Week Whole School Adventure' next Friday. We are looking forward to going on an adventure together as part of the theme of 2025 Book Week. As Literacy Leader, Audra Lawes has arranged a 'reading round robin' for staff to visit all classrooms next week to share a favourite book with students across the school.

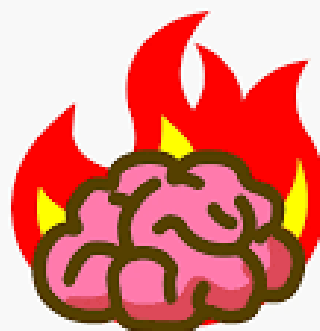
Fencing Works

My thanks to everyone for adjusting the school drop off and pick up while the fence construction continues. Due to weather and illness of the contractors, progress has been delayed and the inconvenience to our school community has extended beyond the time anticipated. I have been informed the the new gates are being installed next week. These gates will provide additional security for our students and support our Child Safe support strategies. We will keep you updated and we hope the car park will

reopen in the near future.



Have a great week, see you at Assembly,
Michelle Wilson



NEUROSPICY

The NeuroSpicy Group is a support group for parents of neurodivergent students. They meet every Thursday at school at 9.00am. All welcome.

100 Days of School

On Monday 4th August Prep /1 celebrated 100 Days of School for 2025. Children came dressed in their brightest clothes and had a day full of fun literacy, numeracy and STEM activities based on the number 100.

The activities enjoyed the most were making a lava lamp, decorating biscuits, making a 100 dominoes run, a 100 cup tower and making the numeral 100 out of blocks.



Heartwarming Community Service Project

We're excited to share a wonderful initiative led by Lilly, a senior student at Loreto College, who is undertaking a food-focused community service project. Lilly and her friends' kind and generous support for families during this chilly Ballarat winter is truly commendable. The school project not only demonstrates thoughtful planning and preparation skills but also highlights how a single act of kindness and effort can make a significant difference in someone's day. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Loreto students for their work related skills, dedication and compassion!

Kate Landry

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEADER



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL **DOUBLE MATRIX THURSDAYS**

Come one, come all to the official Sebastopol Primary School "Double Matrix Thursdays."

Every Thursday, the incredible work you do to get Matrix Money will be doubled!!!

That's right, 2 for the price of 1.

Save up quicker for your amazing bigger prizes at the Matrix Market. Don't miss out and make sure you are at school every Thursday to get this amazing reward.

2025 Parent/ Carer Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**.



All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages. **The link to the portal will be sent to all parents on Monday 18 August and is open till Friday 19th September.**

Breakfast Club

Sebastopol Primary School's Breakfast Club is open to all students, providing a nutritious start to the day. A good breakfast is essential for improved attention, concentration and overall well-being, ensuring a better day at school. The School Breakfast Club Program aims to support a whole school approach to healthy eating and relates to a range of school programs and initiatives – all are welcome!

Thank you to Chris Ottini for his continued efforts and coordination of this fantastic program. Please contact him if you would like to volunteer your assistance. Chris.Ottini@education.vic.gov.au



Kate Landry
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEADER

Tanzpro

**Biodanza (Dance of Life)
for Children**

with Liz

Contact us to book a
FREE Come & Try session

The program involves dance, story sharing, art, imaginary play and movements with music, curated for children.

TANZPRO is an evidence-based program that supports children developmentally with emotional regulation, empathy, relaxation, self esteem and increased skills in communication and confidence, in a fun and engaging way.

Children will develop an awareness of self-perception, growing their identity and developing their self-confidence. They will learn to express their potential, have courage to take risks through creativity, respect each other and feel cared for.

This course encourages pathways to developing empathy which is a fundamental skill to foster lifelong healthy relationships.



When and where

FREE COME & TRY sessions
Tuesday afternoons
26 August | 16 September

6-12 year olds: 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm
3-6 year olds: 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

To register, please visit:
ballarateastnh.org.au/classes/tanzpro

or call: 0422 612 052

or email:
reception@ballarateastnh.org.au

Aboriginal and Youth Cultural Gathering

Monday August 4th, Principal Michelle Wilson, Kate Landry and Rin Taylor took the 16 First Nations students to the Aboriginal and Youth Cultural Gathering "Close the Gap" day at Federation University. We had a great day participating in this event which was an opportunity to immerse in the rich traditions and knowledge sharing of Australia's First Nations Peoples. It was also celebrated on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

The SPS Koorie Champions reflected on the day and shared their highlights:

Year 6 Wyatt: The free food and boomerang throwing on the oval!

Year 4 Kayden: The free food, making a new friend from Newington Primary School and seeing my cousins also there to celebrate the day.

Year 3 Dom: The indigenous design different coloured hoodies we were given and the whole group introduction with everyone in the big theatre.

Year 3 Kace: Making new friends, drawing an indigenous symbol on the big art mural.



Students of the Week

Prep/1 - Sophie Tallentyre

For explaining her thinking strategies in maths clearly and eloquently.

Prep/1 - Flynn Austin

For putting up his hand and contributing to class discussions.

2/3 - Eli Cole

For creating an outstanding maths portfolio piece.

2/3 Kingston Easton

For being an excellent role model and speaking up during class discussions.

3/4 - Willow McIntosh

For being a good friend and a positive influence in our class. Your happiness and enthusiasm light up our room!

3/4 - Breanna Lucido

For your excellent Storm Boy 'Coorong' poster. It was well researched and well presented. Great work!

4/5 - Lily Anderson

For actively engaging in class discussions, providing well-considered and insightful responses.

4/5 - Kayden McNicol

For consistent improvement in the times table challenge in Maths.

5/6 - Keith Bassett

For showing excellent drafting of their information report.

5/6 - Nell Browning

For showing excellent drafting of their information report.

5/6 - Wyatt Williams

For demonstrating excellent knowledge during our novel study.

5/6 - Iris Chettleburgh

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5/6 - Elena Birch

For showing great leadership in running the Matrix Market for the Prep/1 class.

5/6 - Lola Carter

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SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$50 MATRIX TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, one lucky student will be randomly selected for a \$50 Matrix money prize.

To enter all you need to do to enter is be at school on that Tuesday!!

That's right, \$50 to spend at the Matrix Market on Fridays.

Don't miss out and make sure you are at school every Tuesday to get this amazing reward.

BELL TIMES

8.50 am - Music Plays

9.00am School starts

11.00 - 11.10am Children eat Lunch

11.10 - 11.40 Lunch Break

1.40pm - 2.10pm Recess

3.10 Dismissal

Last day of Term 2.10pm Finish

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1 - 30th January to 4th April

Term 2 - 22nd April to 4th July

Term 3 - 21st July to 19th September

Term 4 - 6th October to 19th December

Calendar of Events Term 3 2025

Sebastopol PS Term 3 2025 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Jul	21	22	23	24 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	25
2 Jul-Aug	28	29	30	31 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Newsletter 2/3 Item	1 2.40 Assembly 23 item
3 Aug	4 Aboriginal Children's Youth Day	5	6 School Review	7 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	8
4 Aug	11 School Review	12	13	14 School Review 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Newsletter PE Item	15 2.40 Assembly PE Item
5 Aug	18	19	20	21 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	22 Whole School Mystery Bus ride
6 Aug	25	26	27	28 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Newsletter 5/6 Item	29 2.40 Assembly 5/6 Item
7 Sep	1	2	3	4 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	5
8 Sep	8 South Street Comp	9	10 ART SHOW	11 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Hot food Lunch Orders Due Newsletter ART Item	12 2.40 Assembly ART Item
9 Sep	15 6.30 School Council	16	17	18 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Hot Food Lunch Orders	19 1:40 Assembly 2:10 End of Term Finish