



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL
We are READY TO LEARN when we are;
RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & SAFE
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We've having an exciting and busy Term 3 with lots of learning, events, and community connection at Sebastopol Primary School.

Our new automatic gates and fencing works are nearly complete. Thank you for your patience and safe driving around the school during pick-up and drop-off times.

Students enjoyed celebrating **Book Week 2025** with "Book an Adventure" activities, including a mystery bus trip to Victoria Park Adventure Playground. Staff and students loved the fun of mystery readers, and author workshops. Take a look at the photos inside.

Thank you to all families for your support and involvement in school life. Together we continue to build a respectful, responsible and safe learning community where our students are truly *"Living as we Learn."*



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

29th 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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Book Week 2025

What a wonderful time we had across the school celebrating Book Week.

Teachers enjoyed visiting different classrooms to be the 'Mystery Reader'. Senior students linked into workshops with authors Matt Cosgrove and Jess McGeachin, while junior students filled their passports and became expert book reviewers. To coincide with the theme 'Book an Adventure' all staff and students went on a mystery bus trip to the Victoria Park Adventure Playground. A special thank you to parents and carers who kept the mystery location under wraps. Congratulations to Mackenzie who guessed that 85 book worms were in the jar. We are now looking forward to Book Week 2026. I wonder what next year's theme will be and where our next adventure will take us? Happy reading

Mrs Lawes



Principal's Update and Insights

Michelle's Leave

As communicated last week, Michelle has taken extended family leave from Friday the 22nd of August until Monday the 3rd of November. During this time both of us will be sharing the responsibilities of the Acting Principal role. If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please come in or call the front office to arrange a time to meet with us.

Fencing Update

The new automatic gates have now been installed at the entrance and exit of the carpark. These gates will be open during the school day. If they happen to be closed during school hours and you cannot access the carpark, please call the front office. The carpark is now open for all families and staff to use; this includes the drive-through drop-off and pick-up area for before and after school. The fence construction has now moved to the Yarrowee entrance and after a little bit of adjusting, this space has now been made safe for students to access the cars parked in front of the school. With the construction site close to the carparks and school entrance, we appreciate your understanding during this time where adjustments have had to be made. We are aiming for the fence building work to be completed in the coming weeks, weather dependent.

Safe Driving Practices

With the temporary fencing causing a few changes of routines, we remind all parents/carers/families to ensure that you are following safety procedures in dropping off and picking up your child. The space in front of the Yarrowee Street gate is not a car park and is not to be used to park in as you quickly drop off/pick up students. Please obey all street signs surrounding our school area and respectfully follow the directions of our lovely crossing

guard. We must all work together to ensure that all our students, family members and staff are always safe during pick-up and drop-off times. Please ensure that you keep all your driving behaviours safe and you are always interacting with each other in a positive manner.

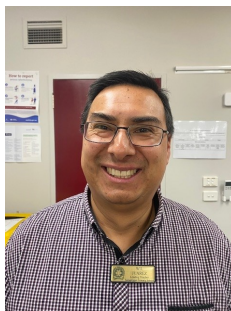
Attendance

We have seen an increase in parents using Compass to mark your child's absences, which is incredible to see. Please continue to use Compass as your first point of call to report absences, or alternatively you can call the front office. If you are facing challenges with getting your child to school or concerns around their attendance, please speak ask to meet with a member of the Leadership or Wellbeing Team.



Maddie Whitcher

Acting Principal



Wil Juarez

Acting Principal



DEAN **KITE** FESTIVAL

Sunday September 7th 2025
12 Noon - 4pm

Kite Making Workshops \$10
Kite Demonstrations
Sausage Sizzle & Afternoon Tea

Hepburn
SHIRE COUNCIL

Dean Recreation Reserve
1370 Daylesford / Ballarat Road
Dean, Victoria

IGA. CRESWICK

Fundraiser on day for
local charity

enquiries: Jon Rofe, p: 0428 340 596 e: rofey@bigpond.com

Remembering Arthur Jarvis



Remembering Arthur Jarvis and 19 other Ballarat soldiers who died by accident in WW1 or WW2.

Arthur Jarvis past student of Sebastopol State School, died while on leave when he dived into the Suez Canal on a hot day and broke his neck. Twenty Ballarat Soldiers that died by accident during the wars were remembered at a special service at the Arch of Victory. The silver bell was rung twenty times, one bell for each soldier. Thank you to Nell and Iris for laying the wreath and locating the names of the soldiers at the memorial.

We received a special note from Paul Jenkins OAM, Sebastopol RSL Sub-Branch., please read this account of the announcement of the end of WW2.

Thanks for coming to the Service at the Arch of Victory today.

It is great to see the young children becoming involved in our remembrance services. (Including grand children!!!)

The older Ballarat State Schools have a great history of former students serving in World War. Our committee is very pleased to see those schools remembering their former students.

It's great to see the kids placing the poppies on the memorial Wall after the service.

I remember one day at Redan State School that a student from Sebas State School came to Redan on his bike with a message from the Headmaster at Sebas. No phones in those days at the schools.

We kids all wondered what a Sebas kid was doing coming to our school! Especially on a bike, as they were very rare during the War. How times have changed.



Victory in the Pacific Day VP Day. A very special day in my memories.

On this day 80 years ago, I sat in the grade 3 and 4 class at Redan State School 1289.

Miss Knight was our teacher.

It was "playtime and all of the kids were out in the playground playing when we heard the sound of a number of "Mill Whistles" all around Ballarat sounding all sorts of calls.

Short, long, in between and all of that.

Mr Maxwell, the headmaster came running out of his office calling "Is that the whistle?"

With that he actually RAN out to his car, parked in Hertford Street and drove down to the shop on the corner of Albert and Hertford Streets in Sebastopol to use the only phone in the area.

We were all seated back at our desks when he opened the classroom door and called out.

"It's over, the war is over".

I remember that we all threw our books and schoolbags up in the air and enjoyed yelling out.

Soon after, the whole school assembled on the quadrangle and we were told that we were all allowed to go home.

What did a few of us do after that you may ask?

Well, we went down to the Sebastopol Fire Brigade and about twenty kids from Sebas and Redan schools rang the fire bell for about two hours.

Funny, just how you remember things. Not a bad memory for a seven year old!

Paul Jenkins OAM.



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.**

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.

FREE COME AND TRY

SOVEREIGN KNIGHTS BASKETBALL CLUB

Basketball
come & try
day for
all ages!!

Bring your
friends along.



Held at
Phoenix
Community
College.

SCAN QR CODE
TO SIGN UP OR
EMAIL US!

- August 28th
(4:30 – 5:30)
- September 4th
(4:30 – 5:30)



EMAIL:
admin@skbc.org.au

Sovereign Knights Basketball
Intention to play form



buninyongtennisclub.teamapp.com

facebook.com/buninyongtennisclub

Join us for the upcoming Summer of Tennis



Come along to our tennis open day for juniors and seniors

Saturday 6th September 3:00 pm - 5.00 pm

New players welcome, no experience necessary

Find out about competitions that are right for you



Buninyong
Community Tennis Club

2025/26 Season

11th October 2025
to
28th March 2026

Junior Tennis - Saturday morning

Senior Tennis - Saturday afternoon

Fast 4 Family Nights

Social Nights

RSVP: secretary@bunctc.org

- **Registrations**
- **Grading**
- **Try-outs**

**Can't make it but keen to
play? Need further
information? Get in contact:**

Junior Coordinator - Rohan

 0433 252 385

 juniors@bunctc.org

Senior Coordinator - Shontelle

 seniors@bunctc.org

Senior Coordinator - Remo

 0422 831 456

 seniors@bunctc.org

WE ARE **PASSIONATE**

5 REASONS why you should register for Little Athletics!

Meet new people and spend time with your family and friends.

Participate in a variety of different events at your weekly meets.

Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

Have the opportunity to participate in local club meets and competitions.

REGISTER TODAY at

lavic.com.au



2025 Thunderstorm Asthma / Grass Pollen Season

Resources for Education Providers

Thunderstorm asthma is thought to be triggered by a unique combination of high amounts of grass pollen in the air and a certain type of thunderstorm (typically between October and end December). It can result in people wheezing, feeling short of breath, and tight in the chest with coughing. This can be sudden, serious, and even life threatening.

Anyone can be affected, even if they don't have a history of asthma.

If your child has current, past or undiagnosed asthma or seasonal hay fever they are at risk of thunderstorm asthma. Don't ignore symptoms like wheezing or shortness of breath.

School/Centre name encourages families to communicate any updated asthma action plans with staff. Our staff will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify a greater level of risk.

Protect your family this pollen season

For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who wheeze and sneeze during spring, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

There are things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and those in your care:

- It's important for everyone in the community to know the four steps of asthma first aid so they know what to do if they or someone is having an asthma attack.

- Avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October through December – especially in the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. Turn off any air conditioner that brings outside air in (e.g. evaporative air conditioners).

- If your child has ever had asthma – talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating their asthma action plan. Remember, taking an asthma preventer as prescribed is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.

- If your child has ever had hay fever – see your GP to make sure they don't also have asthma and discuss how to stay safe during grass pollen season.

- Asthma reliever medication is available over the counter at pharmacies. Ideally, this should be used with a spacer, for both children and adults. If your child is needing to use their reliever medication more than usual, this may mean that their asthma management plan needs updating – see your GP and make sure that you communicate updated asthma action plans with your child's school.

- Monitor the epidemic thunderstorm asthma risk forecast on the Vic Emergency thunderstorm asthma forecast webpage or download the VicEmergency app (App Store or Google Play) – you can set up a 'watch zone' for your location to receive advice and warnings about potential epidemic thunderstorm asthma events during the grass pollen season.

Protect yourself and those in your care this pollen season – preventing and managing asthma matters. There are a range of videos for caregivers on the Asthma Australia website <https://asthma.org.au/resources/videos>

Students of the Week

Prep/1 - Leijla Jakupovic-Moss

For her including dialogue in her narrative. What a star 😊

Prep/1 - Koby Kline

For writing a wonderful narrative about a package at his front door.

3/4 - Jada Farquhar

For your excellent narrative writing about 'The Gift'. Keep up the amazing writing, Jada!

3/4 - CJ Del Rosario

For your problem-solving skills during our Maths lessons on 'worded problems'. Well done, CJ!

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



Every day counts

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



NEUROSPICY

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

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

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



Please remember to put your students name and classroom on the form.
Also a reminder that iceypoles and cupcakes are for sale at the canteen on Mondays.

HOT FOOD DAY ORDER FORM



STUDENT DETAILS:

Name:

Class:

ORDER DETAILS:

Order due: Thursday 11th of
September

Date of lunch: Thursday 18th of
September

ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Nuggets (3)		\$2.00	
Party Pie		\$1.00	
Vegetarian Party Pie		\$1.00	
Total			

ORDER NOTES: (PROVIDE ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS EG. HALAL OR FOOD SENSITIVITIES)

