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The Sebastopol PS Choir was proud to be part of the Kmart Christmas Giving Tree launch once again this year. Our thanks to Kmart for the invitation and our friends from Alfredton PS Choir for joining us for a couple of Christmas Carols. Giving is as good as receiving. Congratulations to all members of our choir.

Dear Parentss/Guardians

Our school community is truly amazing! It is wonderful to share that our **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser was a huge success!

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school.

Of course, the true highlight is the feedback that everyone is loving their cookie dough!

We raised \$820 which will go toward our fundraising goals.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!



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Principal's Message

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Student Leadership 2024

Our Year 5 students have discussed leadership, big ideas, school improvements and the 2024 School Captain roles this week. In coming weeks 2024 School Captains will be interviewed by the 2023 student leaders. On 1st December we will have a special assembly starting at 2:15 pm with School Captain speeches followed by voting for the Prep – Year 5 students. Year 6 students will listen to the speeches and act as Returning Officers at the SPS Ballot Box. Please join us at assembly for this special annual event.

Remembrance Day Commemorations Saturday 11th November.

My thanks to Lily, Willow and their families for taking the time to join the commemoration at the Arch of Victory to honour a past student of our school. The school leaders represented our school well and were interviewed by the Miner newsprint publication and The Ballarat Times. Please see the photos and the story of locating Albert Kernick's Tree on Remembrance Drive.

Staffing Update – Learning Specialist 2024

We are pleased to announce that Esme Jorgeson has been appointed as the replacement Learning Specialist Wellbeing and Inclusion, while Maddie Whitcher is on Family Leave in 2024. Esme is currently working in a similar role at Maryborough Education Centre. We are pleased that she has accepted this key 'acting middle leadership role' at Sebastopol PS. Esme is a past student of our school and she is committed to working with students, teachers and families in our community to find positive ways for all children to have rewarding and positive day at school.

The teaching position for 2024 has now been readvertised for a third time, due to successful candidates accepting teaching posts in other schools. If you know anyone who is interested in a fulltime teaching role at our school, please encourage them to make contact with our school. We need to appoint an acting teacher role for 12 months while Miss Cullinan is on Family Leave in 2024.

School Council 4th December 6.30pm – November Monday 4th

December is our final meeting for 2023. I would like to thank the 2023 Sebastopol PS School Council for their support of our school. We have achieved a great deal this year including grounds improvement, fund raising, Parent Opinion Survey improvements, school maintenance, Child Safe Standards, Koorie Education, Numeracy improvement, take up of digital communication via Compass, 150th Celebrations and as a passionate group who are committed to creating a great learning environment for all children. Thank you for your time, vision and integrity.

Cup Day Storm event

We have a number of areas in the school that had water inundation, wet carpet and damage to ceiling lights as a result of the storm events on Cup Day. Pleasingly the shade sails were fine and our trees were stable. The main classroom areas are safe, however at present the Visual Arts Room, Discovery Learning Room and PE store are being dried out and tested for mould, so they are closed. This has only had minimal disruption to students. I thank the Department of Education for their prompt 'Make Safe' follow up to ensure our school could remain open. These 'Make Safe measures are funded by the Department Education.

Have a great week and please remember to visit the Book Fair at the Library, afternoons from 3:10pm.



Michelle Wilson, Principal

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Remembrance Day, Saturday 11th November.

Willow and Lily represented our school on Saturday morning at the Ballarat Arch of Victory. Eight soldiers from local schools were remembered and honoured for their service and bravery. Albert E Kernick attended our school during an era of slates, large classes, horse and carts in the great community of the Borough of Sebastopol. As Gary Snowden said on Saturday, the primary school students who attended the service certainly represented 'Remembrance Day, we will remember them'.

Following the service Willow and Lily were keen to locate Albert's tree on Remembrance Drive. They demonstrated respect, action research and determination as we set about locating the tree. It was a special morning and we are so proud of our student leaders. The Sebastopol Historical Society commented on the efforts of the student leaders. Their understanding and interest was inspired by their classroom learning that resulted in the publication of a short book about Albert E Kernick. The book was read to the other classes and referred to on ABC Ballarat and 3BA.

bastopol Primary School would like to thank the following Ballarat businesses for their generosity in 2023 and their support for our community.



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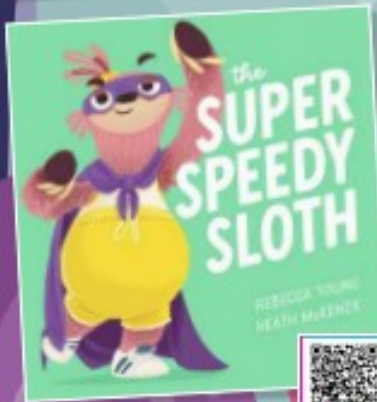
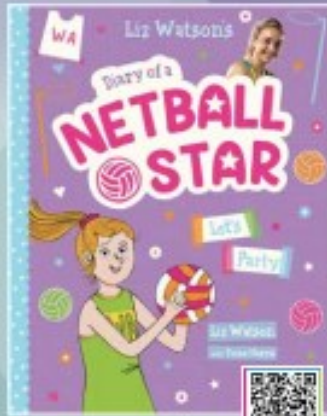
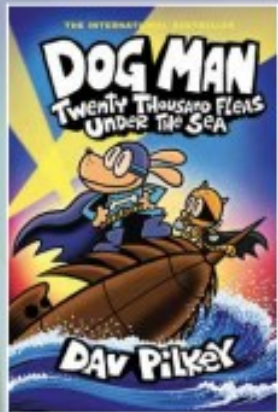
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SCHOLASTIC **Book Fairs**



You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**



Find these books and more at the Fair!

Date 14th - 24th November Time 3.00 pm

Place SPS Library

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



Student Recognition Awards

Noah Lehan- Prep/1

For being a responsible student in our school.

Mishel Sami Syeda- 1/2/3

For writing an excellent description of her character and also being a good role model to others.

Wyatt Williams - 3/4

For being a proactive member of our school community

Elena-Rose Birch - 3/4

For trying her best during assessment.

Makenzie Conduit - 5/6

For being a great helper in class.



Sebastopol Primary School can now collect your eligible containers for the school's hardworking team of fundraisers.

Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers are eligible.

Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label.

Term 4 Dates

Thu 16th Nov	Earth Ed 5/6 Newsletter
Fri 17th Nov	Phoenix Band Visit Assembly 2.40pm
Mon 20th Nov	Report Writing Day PUPIL FREE DAY
Thu 23rd Nov	Pancake Lunch Orders
Fri 24th Nov	Book Fair - LAST DAY
Wed 29th Nov	Mia and Talbot Open for SPS Community 5-7pm
Thu 30th Nov	Newsletter
Fri 1st Dec	Assembly 2.15pm School Captain Speeches
Mon 4th Dec	School Council 6.30
Tue 5th Dec	Showbiz Movie
Fri 8th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 12th Dec	State Transition Day
Thu 14th Dec	SWPB Celebrations Newsletter
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Carol Choir Tour Assembly 2.40pm
Wed 20th Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm FINISH



SPS Fundraising Team meet a couple of times a term and would welcome any new parents or friends of the school. Contact the office for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 7	13/11 Choir Excursion	14/11 BOOK FAIR - After School	15/11 BOOK FAIR - After School	16/11 Earth Ed 5/6 BOOK FAIR - After School Newsletter	17/11 BOOK FAIR - After School Phoenix Band 1pm Assembly 2.40
WEEK 8	20/11 PUPIL FREE REPORT WRITING DAY	21/11 BOOK FAIR - After School	22/11 BOOK FAIR - After School	23/11 BOOK FAIR - After School Pancake Lunch Orders Cookie Dough Delivery	24/11 BOOK FAIR - After School
WEEK 9	27/11	28/11	29/11 Mia and Talbot Open for SPS Community 5-7pm	30/11 Newsletter	1/12 Assembly 2.15 School Captain Speeches
WEEK 10	4/12 School Council 6.30	5/12 Showbiz Movie	6/12	7/12	8/12 GRADUATION
WEEK 11	11/12	12/12 Orientation Day for Year 6	13/12 Reports Home	14/12 Newsletter 2.30 SWPB Celebrations	15/12 Christmas Carol Choir Tour Assembly 2.40
WEEK 12	18/12	19/12	20/12 LAST DAY Assembly 1.00 DISMISAL 1.30		

2024 TERM DATES

TERM 1: 30TH JANUARY TO 28TH MARCH
TERM 2: 15TH APRIL TO 28TH JUNE
TERM 3: 15TH JULY TO 20TH SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 7TH OCTOBER TO 20TH DECEMBER

BELL TIMES

8.50 am - Music Play
 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