



# SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are **READY TO LEARN** when we are;  
**RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE & SAFE**

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## Amplify, Student Voice, Student Leadership and Agency.

Our 2023 School Captains interviewed the Year 5 applicants for the 2024 School Captain role.

Their questions included:

- What is your big idea for our school?
- How do you feel about public speaking?
- What are your ideas for assemblies?
- How will you help the 2024 Preps and other new students feel welcome at our school?

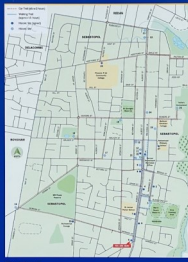
On Friday 1st December four year 5 students will present their School Captain Speeches at assembly. Following this our Prep-Yr 5 students will vote for the role. All four candidates Joel, Charlotte, KJ and Riley are great future leaders who love our school.

The 2024 School Captains will be announced at Graduation on 8th December.



## Royal Mail Hotel Sebastopol Tram Line

The Royal Mail Hotel has stood on the corner of Albert and Queen Streets since 1865, when it was established by Licensee James Leonard. The original wooden building burnt down within twelve months and the licence transferred to F. Neungilly, who ran it until 1874.



Built in stages during the 1890s, the Sebastopol line ran along the east side of Albert Street before crossing to the west side at Ophir Street.



Have you seen the new Sebastopol tram.

This is part of a series of new signs and murals that will be installed around Sebastopol, thanks to the ongoing dedication of the wonderful members of Sebastopol Historical Society. Did members of your family catch the tram home after a dance? Were they hanging off the back or sides of the tram? Apparently tram passengers who caught the late tram home often bought a hot potato in Ballarat and used it as a hand warmer until Skipton Road and then ate it for the rest of the trip.

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# Principal's Message

## **Student Leadership 2024 - Assembly 2:15 start Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

Our 2024 School Captain applicants will present their speeches to the school community on Friday 1 December at assembly. Please note the earlier start time for this special event. Students in Prep – Year 5 will then vote for their preferred School Captain on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## **School Council 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at Royal Mail Hotel**

Fundraising Sub Committee update: This year this incredible group have raised more than enough funds to cover the 2023 fundraising target of subsidised Year 6 polos and hoodies, 2024 Prep School Bags and Hats and a large tree to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Fundraising Committee meeting will be held on Monday at 9:00 to discuss options for the additional \$1500 raised this year. Please remember to donate to the Christmas raffle so we can share the holiday joy and have some more fun distributing raffle prizes and raising more money.

## **Teacher Appointment 2024**

We hope to announce the teacher to replace Sophie Cullinan for 2024 next week. The third round of recruitment for a teaching role at Sebastopol PS closed on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There is currently a shortage of teachers available for recruitment.

## **Education Support Office Role 2024**

We currently have a vacancy for an Education Support Officer at Sebastopol Primary School 16 hours a week in 2024. Please check Department Education Recruitment online or contact the school office directly. Applicants with a Certificate in Education Support, Disability, Youth Work or Koori Education are encouraged to apply. Please share this in your networks.

## **Bulldogs Read 2024 Year 5/6.**

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been accepted in to the Bulldogs Read program for 2024. This is a great program that has promoted reading, healthy active life styles and given our senior students access to some wonderful Bulldogs events with other schools and at fantastic venues.

**I look forward to seeing you all at our assembly on Friday.**



Michelle Wilson, Principal

## **Business Manager**

### Student Requisites/Booklist 2024

A student booklist code is now available to purchase recommended items from Campion Books for your child to individually own and use. These items will need to be labelled / named and brought to school. Campion Books is located at 5 Yarrowee Street, Sebastopol. Orders placed by the 10th December will be available for collection from Monday 15th January 2024. Orders can still be placed after the due date through the website or the collection centre in Yarrowee Street.

<https://order.campion.com.au/validate>

Code : CC9G

Orders due by Sunday 10th December 2023

### PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2024

Sebastopol Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Sebastopol Primary School's Parent Payment Policy and voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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



Book Bazaar



Sunshine Sensory



Ballarat  
Bird World



BALLARAT  
WILDLIFE  
PARK

Golden Point  
Hotel



Mount Clear  
Post Office



Yallambe



Linen & Living



Endee's Fashion



Whitey's Pet  
Food Supplies



Mount Clear UFS





# “The Story of Christmas Tinsel”

Today I would like to share a story that embodies the magic of Christmas and the warmth of kindness.

Once upon a time, nestled in the heart of a quiet forest, lived a kind-hearted widow with her eight beloved children. Despite her tireless efforts, their cottage remained modest, and money was often scarce. As Christmas approached, the widow's heart sank, for she knew she couldn't afford gifts for her children.

Worried and with a heavy heart, she wandered through the woods, pondering what she could offer her little ones on this special day. Christmas Eve arrived, and the family gathered for a simple dinner. The widow hid her concerns behind a brave smile, but the worry lingered.

After tucking her excited children into bed, she sat at the table, feeling the weight of their expectations. In a moment of hope, she ventured back into the woods and found a beautiful evergreen tree. With determination, she decorated it with whatever she could find - fruits, ribbons, and even cookies - hoping it would bring joy to her children.

Unknown to her, as she slept, tiny spiders emerged from the nooks and crannies of the cottage. They had observed her efforts and decided to help. They spun delicate webs that covered the tree, transforming them into glistening silver strands, adorning the evergreen with unexpected beauty.

Christmas morning arrived, and the family awoke to a breathtaking sight. The once-simple tree was now adorned with sparkling silver. Santa Claus, touched by the spiders' kindness, had transformed their webs into something magical. He left gifts for the children and made the widow's heart swell with joy as she witnessed her children's delight.

Since that miraculous day, people have embraced the tradition of adorning their Christmas trees with shiny silver tinsel, honouring the humble widow and her tiny helpers, the Christmas spiders.

Let's never forget that in the spirit of Christmas, even the smallest acts of kindness and generosity can weave the most extraordinary magic.

May this tale remind us that the true essence of the season lies in giving, caring, and cherishing the moments with those we hold dear.

*Adapted from a story by Stephanie Herbek*



Christmas and holiday platters ideas for students to create.

<https://www.taste.com.au/galleries/easy-christmas-recipes-kids/mx0rmh5s>



## Student Recognition Awards

### Whole Class of Prep/1

For 100% attendance on 28th November 2023.

### Chelsea Pacheco- Prep/1

For trying her hardest and putting in lots of effort.

### Nicholas Cocking - Prep/1

For participating in a range of classroom activities.

### Benji Canfield- 1/2/3

For great focus on her letter formation and handwriting.

### Lachlan Camilleri - 1/2/3

For amazing concentration and focus in writing.

### Iris Chettleburgh - 3/4

For great focus during learning.

### Charlie Oliver - 3/4

For a great start to her new school at SPS.

### Harry Thomas - 3/4

For trying all learning tasks.

### Callum Glenn- 5/6

For showing excellent organisation skills.

### Zaiden Kula—5/6

For showing excellent organisation skills.

### Holly White - 5/6

For showing excellent organisation skills.

### Riley Elliott - 5/6

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### KJ Eustace - 5/6

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## Term 4 Dates

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	8.30am Big Breakfast All Welcome SWPB Celebrations Newsletter
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Carol Choir Tour Assembly 2.40pm

## Term 1 Dates

Wed 20th Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm FINISH
Mon 29th Jan	Student Free—Staff Professional Development
Tue 30th Jan	Student Assessment Interviews
Wed 31st Jan	Student Assessment Interviews
Thu 1st Feb	Whole School Returns



become a P&F volunteer

**NOW!**



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 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 <b>GRADUATION</b>
WEEK 11	11/12	12/12 Orientation Day for Year 6	13/12 Reports Home	14/12 8.30 Big Breakfast <b>ALL WELCOME</b> Newsletter 2.30 SWPB Cele- brations	15/12 Christmas Carol Choir Tour Assembly 2.40
WEEK 12	18/12	19/12	20/12 <b>LAST DAY</b> Assembly 1.00 <b>DISMISAL 1.30</b>		

**Blue Light**  
**BALLARAT BLUE LIGHT DISCO**  
**8TH DECEMBER**  
7 - 9PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$8 ENTRY  
Sebastopol RSL Hall  
Cnr Beverin and Birdwood Ave, Sebastopol  
Contact: Des Hudson 0409 865 093  
Ballarat Blue Light Disco | BALLARATBLUELIGHTDISCO

The last Blue Light Disco for the year is on Friday 8th December. A great way for our 2023 Graduates to celebrate and enjoy the evening.



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**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**\$1 EACH**

### 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