



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Grade 3/4 Item

Grade 3/4 has enjoyed a positive start to the year. We have brightened up our learning space with a colourful rainbow, and learnt that scientifically, seeing a rainbow means two things: it's raining in front of you and the sun is behind you.

We have been investigating different types of food packaging and how the packaging changes to fit the demands of the product and its transport. For the remainder of the term we will be

designing and testing packaging to protect a raw egg during the Egg Drop Challenge. To include sustainability, the packaging needs to be made from recyclable materials and if you have recently indulged in some online shopping, we would love donations of clean cardboard boxes and packaging paper or pellets. If you are able, please drop these off to the Grade 3/4 room from next Wednesday.

Thank you,
Mr Forrester



WESTERN BULLDOGS



Western Bulldogs AFL Clinic

Sebastopol Primary School was very fortunate to have some of this years players come to visit the school and provided invaluable guidance and fun.

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Thank you!

We are now just past the midpoint of Term 1 and we are proud of the way our new and returning students have taken up our school routines, expectations and aspirations.

Attendance is tracking well for the year, and we appreciate the parent/carer communication both 'face to face' and via Compass to explain and update us on student attendance.

Classroom learning is well underway with positive and calm classrooms. I had the privilege of being in the Year 5/6 classroom on Tuesday when they were listening to Ms Peach read the final chapter of *Warhorse* by Michael Morpurgo. The students were very focussed and invested in this. They have engaged with this social history story and I know that some of them will be sourcing other books by the same author. I reflected that a few of my favourite school memories are related to listening to novels in class. In Year 1 when Miss Tully read *Charlotte's Web* and in Year 4 when Mr Mc Cubbin read *The Cherry Tree Farm* by Enid Blyton. These books led me to the Dingley PS library and a life of reading and sharing books. What books are your children reading and sharing at home.?

The year Mr Juarez is taking Physical Education and Health and it has been great to see the development of ball skills across Prep—Year 6. The students are now increasingly using the outdoor courts during play breaks for Basketball games and related activities.

The Prep—Year 2 students are working hard and enjoying getting to know their classmates. It is lovely seeing the new friendships develop and watching student peers show kindness and care for each other. The Junior classes are working well with both the classroom teachers and education support officers. Our teaching and learning programs are organised to ensure we meet the learning needs, styles and strengths of all students as they develop their foundational learning skills.

The Year 3-4 class is a hive of focussed activity and they have shared some of their class activities in the newsletter.

Our next School Wide Celebration will be on Wednesday 27th March from 2:10pm. All students will be included in this celebration day and future ones. We would also like to extend an invitation to parents and carers to share our celebrations of learning and wellbeing at Sebastopol PS.

Staff Wellbeing and Learning

On Friday night our staff team shared a lovely evening of bowling and a meal together at the Sebastopol Bowling Club. Our thanks to the 'two Robs' who coached us on the night set us up for a great final round. As always, the meal was lovely, and we value the support of the Sebastopol Bowling Club.

On Tuesday afternoon our staff shared student writing examples from across the school as we continue our professional learning and understanding of how students demonstrate their writing capabilities and progress. On 22nd April Oz Lit Teacher will be presenting further professional learning to the Sebastopol PS staff in this area.

Sebastopol PS Choir was proud to perform at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership in Ballarat yesterday in front of Indigenous Elders, students and staff from Beaufort Secondary College and staff from Forest Street Primary School. A beautiful indigenous artwork was installed, along with an 'Acknowledgement of Country' for the academy. Our choir were part of the dedication and smoking ceremony of the art piece.

Begonia Festival

We will be parading with Gum Loong with Mt Blowhard and Canadian Lead PS' from 10:00 on Monday 11th March. Students in Year 3-6 can meet Ms Wilson at the POW memorial in Black shorts/pants and a plain white top. Please be there by 9am.

Have a great long weekend and enjoy the Begonia Festival.

Michelle Wilson
Principal



The Sebastopol PS choir performing at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership in Camp Street, Ballarat on Tuesday.



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Celebrating
10 YEARS

SONS OF THE WEST



A space to come together with other locals, Sons of the West is an opportunity to challenge yourself, try something new and make your health a priority!



FREE Health & Wellbeing program



Talk and **LEARN** about key **HEALTH** issues



CONNECT with others in your community



Get **ACTIVE** with exercise experts



Open to **MEN OVER 18**



TO SIGN UP, **SCAN THE QR CODE**

or visit our website
westernbulldogs.com.au/foundation/programs/sons-of-the-west

Starting in BALLARAT
Starting **Tuesday mornings** from 5th March in **Wendouree**
or starting **Wednesday evenings** from 6th March in **Sebastopol**



Sons of the West is an inclusive program and welcomes all who identify as men, from all cultural backgrounds and abilities, to get involved.

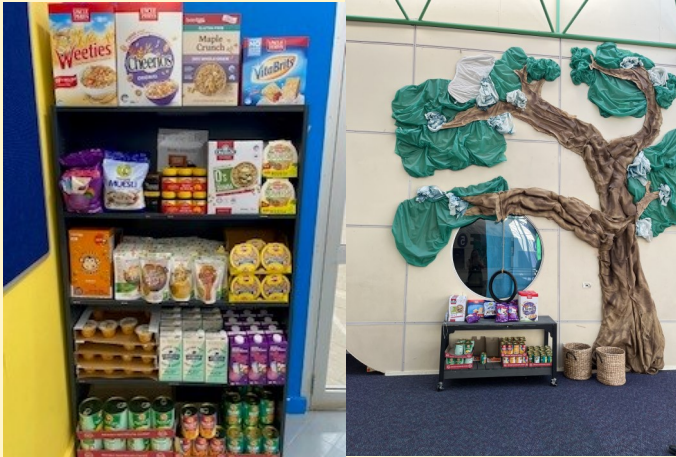
IMPACT THAT *inspires*

Connect with us on social
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WATERGARDENS  

Well-being & Inclusion

At Sebastopol Primary School, we run breakfast club 5 days a week. Breakfast club is open from 8:40-9:00 and students can get hot or cold milo, toast and fruit, no questions asked. We do ask students to sign their name to ensure we are catering for the correct numbers. Feel free to drop your child off early so they can have breakfast at school.



We are also very fortunate to have access to food bank deliveries each week. The school community is welcome to grab some long life milk, cereal, soup or canned goods. This is on a first come first serve basis, with other items being available in less regular intervals such as bread. We have a place to collect food items at both the front office and near the classrooms, under the giving tree.

We are aware that the cost of living has impacted some of our families more than others. If you are in need, please make contact with me as we also get access to a variety of vouchers and other community supports.

Esme Jorgensen
Well-being and Inclusion Leader



Learning & Curriculum

Dear Sebastopol Primary School Community,

My name is Wil Juarez and I am the new Leading Teacher in Curriculum and Learning. It has been a wonderful start to the year and already we are seeing so much growth in all our students. Families play a key role in developing a child's language and literacy skills from birth. A child's understanding of the world and their capacity to learn is influenced largely by family. Here are some tips to help your child to speak and listen at home:

- Sharing rhymes, poems and songs.
- Encourage your child to join in.
- Sharing and talking about family histories and family photos.
- Looking at a range of picture books.
- Collecting cardboard and other household items for your child to build with, ask your child to describe what they are building.
- Listening to simple radio programs or podcasts developed for children together and discuss the content.
- Playing vocabulary games with your child such as, "what's the opposite of ..."
- For example, "What's the opposite of big?"

I am always available to speak with any parents or carers that would like tips on how to help build literacy skills at home.

Wil Juarez.

**2025 YEAR 7
SHOWCASE
EVENING**

**TUESDAY
12TH MARCH**

4:30PM-6:30PM

**SEBASTOPOL
CAMPUS**

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Showcase Evening at Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus. The College will be open between 4:30pm - 6:30pm for visitors to undertake a self-guided tour, exploring interactive displays of students' work and activities across a variety of learning areas.

Discover first-hand how your child can share in the lifetime benefits of an excellent secondary education, including a broad range of scholarship opportunities. Further information will be available on the night.

Please enter the school via the Hertford Street gate to collect your showbag and tour booklet.

Phoenix
P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IN KNOWLEDGE
THERE IS
OPPORTUNITY

Introducing Rufus

-Therapy Dog in Training –

Rufus is our new Learning Specialist, Esme's dog. School Council and Consultative Committee have welcomed this addition to our well-being structures.

If your child starts talking about Rufus, this is who he is.



SWPBS

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)

Positive Behaviour Referral - Green

In our efforts to give a balanced approach for our students, we are aiming at sending out 'Green' referrals. These will be when your child has demonstrated excellence with one of the school values. These are aimed at providing positive experiences for our students and their families. If you have any questions, please contact me, Esme Jorgensen.

Esme Jorgensen
Wellbeing and Inclusion Leader



OPEN EVENING

Come along to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12.

Our Open Evening will showcase our specialty areas and provide an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College. Join one of our tours to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12. The tours will showcase our extensive renovations and refurbishments and you will view our specialty areas and gain an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College.

To provide a more personal and interactive tour, we are placing a limit on the number of people in each group. Tours will be conducted at 15 minute intervals, and we ask that you register for a tour via our College's website and select a time that is most convenient to you.

All tours will commence from the College Main Entrance/Foyer. We look forward to meeting you.

20 MARCH 2024

Book tickets at
mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au



Prep Class 2024 as featured in The Courier 6th March



Congratulations

Miss C along with her partner Ryan welcomed their daughter Violet Edith Chappell on the 24th February. Mum and Bub are both doing well and hope to show her off with the SPS family soon.

School's
back!



Newsletter

To access our fortnightly school newsletter visit our website at <http://www.sebasps.vic.edu.au/>
Please also subscribe to our Newsletter email list at our website to receive a notification when our newsletter is ready.



EVERY FRIDAY
\$1 EACH

The Junior School Council are continuing with the sale of zooper dooper's and now choc coated ice creams and icy poles for only \$1. This money will be used to subsidise the grade 6 jumpers.

Fundraising

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

Easter Raffle Donations

We would appreciate donations to help fill our Easter hampers. Easter eggs, Easter crafts/activities, Easter toys, books or baskets.

Please leave donations at the office by **Friday 15th March**.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Tickets have been sent home, if you didn't receive a book or need more contact the office.

Tickets \$1.00 each.

Books to be returned by **Monday 18th March**. Raffle will be drawn on **Friday 22nd March** at assembly.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive order forms have been sent home.

Packets are \$9.00 each, allowing Sebastopol Primary School to raise \$2 per packet sold. Varieties include traditional, chop chip, fruitless, mocha and apple & cinnamon. Orders and money are due back on **Tuesday 19th March**.

Hot cross buns will be ready for collection on **Tuesday 26th March** in the afternoon.

Sebastopol Primary School Fundraising Committee



Student Recognition Awards

Andre Farquhar - Prep/1

For being ready to learn and always trying his best.

Evie Guymer - Prep/1

For being ready to learn and always trying her best.

Mishel Sami Syeda - 1/2

For applying herself academically to improving her writing

Lucas Hennessey - 3/4

For dedication to improving his reading.

Lily Anderson - 3/4

For being a responsible group member.

Elena-Rose Birch - 5/6

For writing great persuasive text.

Nell Browning - 5/6

For writing great persuasive text.

SESAME KIDS

OSHC PROGRAM

TO ENROLL VISIT
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03 5384 5232

"The Fun Starts After School"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 6	04/03	05/03 11:30 BADAC First Nation Program	06/03 Prep Rest - Assessment Day	07/03 Newsletter	08/03 2.40 Assembly
WEEK 7	11/03 Labour Day Public Holiday Begonia Festival Gum Loong Parade	12/03 11:30 BADAC First Nation Program	13/03 Prep Attend School NAPLAN Y3 & Y5	14/03 NAPLAN Y3 & Y5	15/03 Easter Donations to be Returned
WEEK 8	18/03 6:30 School Council AGM Return Easter Raffle Tickets	19/03 NAPLAN Y3 & Y5 Hot Cross Bun money and order forms returned 11:30 BADAC First Nation Program	20/03 NAPLAN Y3 & Y5	21/03 Newsletter	22/03 SEDA Clinic Y3-6 2.40 Assembly at the Peace Pole
WEEK 9	25/03	26/03 Hot Cross Buns to be collected in PM 11:30 BADAC First Nation Program	27/03 School Celebration Easter Raffle Drawn	28/03 1:30 Assembly Easter Hats 2:10 End of Term Finish	29/03 Good Friday

Ballarat City Youth Brass Band

Want to learn a musical instrument?
Do you have an hour on Tuesday evening?
Can you spare \$1 a week?

Ballarat City Youth Brass Band is looking for new members, come down and give it a try, 6:00-7:00 Tuesday evenings in term time.



Phone: 0402 914 673
ballaratbrassband@gmail.com
212 Ripon st South, Ballarat Central
Facebook:
City of Ballarat Municipal Brass Band

Be the envy of your friends
No previous experience necessary
Also with free tuition
Instruments provided

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 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 2.30pm Finish