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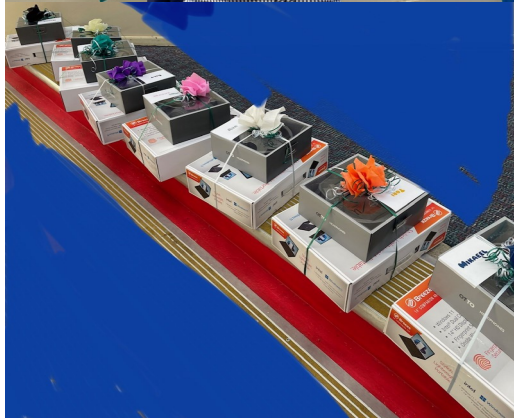
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A BIG THANK YOU



Our thanks to the wonderful team at State Schools Relief (SSR) for their ongoing support with uniforms, swimwear, school bags, shoes and laptops!

We have been working to close the digital divide at SPS. In 2022 our Year 3 students received a laptop and headphones to use at home and now our 2023 Year 3 students have the same. Smiles and a new device for great young minds! Their curiosity, creativity and collaboration will thrive with this ICT support. Thanks to Chris and Miss Cullinan for organising this new rollout.

Easter Raffle Donations

We would appreciate donations to help fill our Easter hampers. Easter eggs, Easter crafts/activities, Easter toys, baskets etcetera. Please leave donations at the office by Monday 3rd April 2023.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Tickets have been sent home this week, please contact the office if you need additional raffle books.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, books need to be returned by Friday 31 March 2023. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April at the end of term 1 assembly at 1.30pm.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Order form is attached to this newsletter.

Our Fundraising committee meet twice a term, new members are welcome. At the Fundraising Committee on Tuesday it was agreed that funds raised this year will be used to cover the cost of 2024 Prep School Bags and Hats, subsidise the cost of the 2023 Grade 6 Jumpers and Polos and contribute towards indigenous plants for the school grounds. Last year we fundraised approximately \$3800.

Thank you 2023 Fundraising committee,
Emma, Meghan and Melissa.

Sebastopol Primary School Fundraising Committee.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal Message 16th March 2023

The Sebastopol PS School Council AGM Monday 20th March 6:30pm

All Welcome

- 2023 School Council Nominations will be announced.
- Executive positions to be nominated for 2023: President, Vice President and Treasurer.
- The 2022 Annual Report will be presented and reviewed to share our progress and areas for improvement.
- 150th Celebrations to be discussed. Volunteers needed for the Kitchen and School Displays.

150th Birthday at Sebastopol Primary School

Lily, Willow (school captains) and I met with ABC Ballarat Radio early on Wednesday morning. This was a great chance to promote the 150th plans and share our learning stories. The 19-20 May will be a great time to gather with past staff, students and friends from the school and join our 2023 students to share more about the history of Sebastopol Primary School.

2023 NAPLAN – See media statement attached to the newsletter

NAPLAN is earlier this year so we will have the learning data to follow up on with Year 3 and 5. Please ensure your Year 3 and 5 students are at school on time for this to be a smooth and positive experience for all. NAPLAN Assessment dates -

- 14/3 Writing
- 15/3 Reading
- 20/3 Language Conventions
- 21/3 Maths

There will be time provided to catch up on assessments if children are unwell and absent. My thanks to Sally Peach for coordinating this assessment process.

Professional Development

MULTILIT Language Lift professional development is a 2 day course to be held on line on 20-21 March. This focuses on a small group program that addresses Vocabulary, Grammar and Story Skills for early years students.

COVID

A bout of COVID March 6-10 meant that 4 staff were unwell and on leave. Please keep children at home if they have cold, cough, gastro symptoms. These symptoms can be signs of COVID and we need to limit the spread of COVID as the season changes. Free RATs are available from Sebastopol Library.

School Update

We now have 88 students and our 2023 Preps are now attending fulltime time. It is wonderful to have so many new families in our school. We already have a number of students intending to enrol in 2024.

Our Year 6 students have the best attendance at 88%, with the Year 1/2 students very close at 86%.

Our school attendance rate at the midpoint in Term 1 is

84%. We are aiming for 94% as this is the state wide target. 'School Approved' reasons for nonattendance are illnesses and medical appointments. You can record an absence via COMPASS or by phoning the school, my thanks to the parents who are doing this. Absences due to holidays can be approved if a written note is provided PRIOR to the absence, noting the dates and time line of the absence. We still have a small number of students arriving late most days, so we need to improve this so that kids are in class ready to learn at the start of the school day. Set more than one alarm and do not worry if there is no time for Breakfast, as our Breakfast Club is open every morning at 8:40am.

Parent / Community Engagement

We had 10 participants from our school at the Begonia Festival Parade with Gum Loong. To parade Gum Loong requires stamina, strength, great presentation and a collective effort with Canadian Lead and Mt Blowhard Primary Schools. We all had a ball and the participants will be receiving a special award from Gum Loong on Friday. My thanks to the families who came along to share the occasion.

We were thrilled to distribute 9 laptops to Year 3 students. These laptops need to remain at home. Our thanks to State School relief for 'Bridging the Digital Divide, so that students can research, read, connect and create when they are at home.

Important Excursion Reminder

We are required to have parent consent for all excursions local and beyond 1-2 days prior to travelling. Please use the Compass App, visit the office or call at least 2 days prior to excursions so that students know they are ready to travel and staff can cater appropriately for buses, supervision ratios and bookings. We are always happy to support you as we are dedicated to all students accessing all the programs that we offer across the school year.

Have a great week and we would love to see you at the School Council AGM on Monday night 20th March 6:30pm.

Michelle Wilson
Principal





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We had so much fun parading Gum Loong at the Begonia Festival. Thank you to all amazing students, parents and staff who dressed up and carried Gum Loong over 1km. It was wonderful to share the parade with Canadian Lead and Mt Blowhard PS's. We had over 50 participants this year to carry the 2nd longest Chinese Dragon in Victoria. Past student Ben Wright came to say hello to an 'old friend! Ben was one of the many students in the late 1990s who created Gum Loong. Gum Loong will be residing at SPS for a few months as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Thank you and congratulations to all the students who participated in the parade.



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.

22 MARCH 2023

Book tickets at
mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au



2023 International Women's Day! We gathered our brilliant senior girls to share our strengths, enjoy a hot chocolate with cake and remind our emerging women of the wonderful opportunities that will come their way. Thanks to all the amazing women connected to our school. We have grandmothers, aunts, big sisters, mothers, educators, support staff, gardeners and volunteers who all support our emerging young women to be happy, strong, brave, healthy and the best version of themselves.

This is Relay For Life



Saturday 18th March Fed Uni Mount
Helen 1pm to 10pm

Congratulations to our Cross Country squad 2023. The event will take place on Thursday 30th of March. Individual times and other information will come out in the next 2 weeks.



ABC Ballarat for invited us to the Sebastopol Library studio to talk about our school and the upcoming 150th Birthday celebrations 19-20 May! We were nervous, proud, excited and thrilled to be part of the 'Love Where Live' series early Wednesday morning.



SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023
ALL ABOARD SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS
BUNINYONG
 SKATE PARK
 1PM - 3PM
 208 Forest St, Buninyong
 FREE sessions, equipment provided | All ages and abilities welcome

Student Recognition Awards

Alarah Nunn - Prep

For coming to school every day with a big smile ready to learn.

Craig Brody - 1/2/3

For showing an improvement in his writing.

Logan Nunn - 1/2/3

For great teamwork during the PE trust activity.

Nate Mitchem - 1/2/3

For great teamwork during the PE trust activity.

Harry Thomas - 3/5

For reading his first book independently at SPS.

Lily Anderson - 3/5

For showing persistence when learning high jump technique.

Toriarna Denny - 3/5

For choosing a just right book!

Paul Arthur - 5/6

For excellent leadership skills and following school values.

Jai Boyd - 5/6

For excellent leadership skills and following school values.

The following receive a certificate for a wonderful performance at the 2023 Begonia Festival Parade

Lily Anderson

Nell Browning

Iris Chettleburg

Toriarna Denny

Sophie Kendall

Kate Lehan

Amelia Relouw

Ethan Relouw

Renea Relouw

Willow Williams

The Sebastopol PS staff received a lovely message from Kiesha in year 6 on International Women's Day. We wanted to share this with our community as it is a great example of the development of emotional literacy and gratitude.

It is a privilege for us to experience, firsthand when students are empowered and want to share positivity.

You are Enough!

Always believe in yourself,

You are always beautiful no matter what people say,

The people who care for you are always with you!

Kiesha

Term 1 Dates

Fri 17th Mar

Assembly 2.40pm

Mon 20th Mar

School Council Meeting
A.G.M. 6.30PM

Wed 22nd Mar

Book Club-Orders Due

Thu 23rd Mar

Badminton

Fri 24th Mar

Harmony Week, Peace Pole
-ALL WELCOME

Fri 31st Mar

Return Easter Raffle Tickets
Assembly 2.40pm

Mon 3rd April

SPS Relay for Life 9.30am

Wed 5th April

SWPB Celebration

Thurs 6th April

Assembly 1.30pm
Easter Raffle Drawn
End of Term 1 2.10pm

Term 2

Mon 24th April

Pupil Free Day

Tues 25th April

ANZAC Day Holiday

Fri 19th May

150th Celebrations
12.30pm-4.00pm

Sat 20th May

150th Celebrations
11.00am-3.00pm

Fri 23rd June

End of Term 2

Term 3

Mon 10th July

First Day Term 3

Fri 15th Sept

End of Term 3

Term 4

Mon 2nd Oct

First Day Term 4

Fri 20th Dec

Last Day Term 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 8	13/03 LABOUR DAY	14/03	15/03	16/03 Newsletter	17/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 9	20/03 School Council 6.30pm	21/03	22/03 Return Book Club Orders	23/03 Newsletter Badminton	24/03 Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 10	27/03	28/03	29/03	30/03 Newsletter	31/03 Easter Raffle tickets to be returned Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 11	3/04 SPS Relay for Life 9.15am	4/04	5/04 SWPB Celebrations	6/04 Easter Raffle Draw Assembly 1.30pm End of Term 1 2.10pm	7/04 GOOD FRIDAY

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 1	24/4 PUPIL FREE DAY	25/4 ANZAC DAY	26/4	27/4	28/4
WEEK 2	1/5	2/5	3/8	4/5 Newsletter	5/5
WEEK 3	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5
WEEK 4	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5 Newsletter	19/5 SPS 150TH CELEBRATIONS

TERM 2

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
 Last day of Term 2.10pm Finish

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1: 27TH JANUARY TO 6TH APRIL
TERM 2: 24TH APRIL TO 23RD JUNE
TERM 3: 10TH JULY TO 15TH SEPTEMBER
TERM 4: 2ND OCTOBER TO 20TH DECEMBER