



SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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2024 Begonia Festival Parade.

We were proud to parade with Gum Long this year at the festival. We had 13 students attend from Sebastopol PS. We had a great time carrying Gum Long with students and staff from Canadian Lead and Mt Blowhard PS'. My thanks to the students, Chris Ottini and Wil Juarez for joining the fun on their Labor Day Public Holiday.



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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Vale Dudley the Reading Wellbeing Dog

Dudley has been our Reading Therapy Dog at Sebastopol PS since 2017. Last week Lynette told us that Dudley had passed away after a short illness. Dudley was a beautiful brown Border Collie who was trained as a Therapy Dog. He was a special dog who meant a great deal to many of our present and past students and staff. The children in Year 3-6 have been told about Dudley's passing and some have created special condolence cards and messages for Lynette. Dogs are a very important part of our lives, and when they pass away it is an opportunity to support children and help them understand the endings and beginnings of our relationships and life.

School Celebration Day – 27th March 1:40pm

All students are part of our Term 1 School Celebration Day. This fun afternoon is to celebrate the progress our students have already made in their learning and the friendships they share with peers across the school. Parent/Carers and younger siblings are welcome to join us. The activities will include an Easter Egg Hunt, bubbles and more. At 2:45pm we will gather in the Atrium to draw the 2024 Easter Raffle prizes and hear from our Prep/Year 1 students. A coffee van will also be on sight for that afternoon.

Easter Hat Parade and Casual Dress Day Thursday 28th March at 1:40pm

Please join us for our Sebastopol PS Annual Easter Hat Parade at 1:40pm next Thursday 28th March.

This will be our final assembly for the term. There will be music, colour and cute Easter Hats.

Monday 22nd April Pupil Free Day

At School Council this week the Term 2 Pupil Free Day was approved. The teaching team will be working with Oz Lit Teacher <https://www.ozlitteacher.com.au> and the Education Support Team will be undertaking further development in MULTILIT.

Thursday 25th April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday

Students in Years P-6 are invited to join the Sebastopol PS ANZAC Day March and Commemoration at the Sebastopol Cenotaph. Ms Wilson will meet the students at 9:30 at the old Post Office Corner. Students need to be in full school uniform for this significant event.

I hope to see you at our gatherings next week.

Michelle Wilson
Principal



Sebastopol School Council AGM

I am pleased to announce our 2024 School Council membership and executive.

Michelle Wilson – Principal and Executive Officer

Jason Filcock – President and Community Representative

Karen McAdie – Vice President and Parent Representative

Esme Jorgensen – Secretary and Staff Representative

Emma Low – Treasurer and Parent Representative

Sami Syed Muhammad – Parent Representative

Rebekah Keays – Parent Representative

Meagan Canfield – Parent Representative and Fundraising Committee Coordinator

Karinda Taylor—Staff Representative

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday night School Council members reflected on the school highlights of 2023 at Sebastopol PS.

Their highlights included:

- 150th SPS celebrations with wonderful displays, lots of guests, a fantastic book launch and great support of the Sebastopol Historical Society
- Athletics Carnival at Llanberris, a wonderful day for parents, staff and students to come together
- Observing the learning growth of students over the year
- Significant workforce recruitment in late 2023 to create new work force plan for 2024
- Being back at the school as a parent

We also took the time to thank Jason for his ongoing commitment to the school as a school council member, President and now parent. This is Jason's 11th year as a member of School Council.





Ballarat VIC Parent / Carer webinar: **Supporting children and young people impacted by grief and loss**

headspace National are hosting a free mental health education webinar for adult parents and carers of children and young people of Ballarat, Victoria and surrounding areas.

The session aims to:

- Provide information regarding children and young people's mental health
- Increase awareness of strategies to support children and young people impacted by loss and change
- Introduce you to some skills and strategies to encourage self care and support help-seeking
- Build awareness of local, state and national support services available to children, young people and adult carers

When:

Thursday 21 March 2024,
5-6pm

Where:

Online via Zoom

How do I register?

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite, or scan the QR code below or copy the URL below into your web browser:
bit.ly/3QZrkWE



All those who register will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages as well as links to resources and support services.

Contact:

For more information email:
programsupport@headspace.org.au

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health



Thanks to the Sporting Schools Grants our students in Year 1-6 have enjoyed golf clinics. Tony Collier is a wonderful golf teacher and positive educator. The students really enjoyed the chance to work on their swing with our new golf equipment.

Grade Prep/1 Item



It has been a busy term for the Prep/1 class. Prep students are now attending every day and we welcomed Oakley D to our class last week. Year 1 students have helped the Preps to learn school routines while building on their knowledge and skills from last year. It has been lovely to see new friendships formed and an excitement for learning.

In Literacy we have been learning about phonemes and graphemes. Our bank of known high frequency words is continuing to grow. Our favourite time of the day is when we have 'Reading Buddies' and read to each other. With daily practise letter formation is becoming more accurate and we are learning to plan and write more interesting pieces about topics that interest us.

In Numeracy we have all enjoyed using colourful bead frames to count to 100 and beyond. Prep students have been learning about numbers up to 10 while Year 1 students have been learning about 2 digit numbers. We are learning different addition and subtraction strategies to help make solving maths problems easier.

We are looking forward to a well deserved rest over the holidays and will be back ready for another great term full of learning and fun with our friends.

Mrs Lawes Prep/1 Teacher □



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FIRST NATIONS KIDS/YOUTH

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Where?

Shearer Hall, Trades Hall
24 Camp Street, Ballarat Central

Who?

First Nations kids
prep - grade 12

How Much?

\$5 per child
(each session)

When?

Every Wednesday Night
6pm - 7pm
(beginning term 2)



Run by Red Tree Community Arts
Any questions? Call Maegan on 0435753800

Well-being & Inclusion

Wellbeing & Inclusion - Attendance

Schools are encouraged to follow up student absenteeism when a child has been absent more than **five** days in a term, for any reason (indicating attendance falling below 90%), even for parent approved, health-related absences.

We are encouraged to follow up and implement improvement strategies where:

- the absence is having a significant impact on a student's educational attainment, achievement and development
- a student has been truanting (absent without parental consent)
- a parent reports that a student refuses to attend school
- there has been no explanation for the student's absence
- a parent repeatedly fails to provide a reasonable excuse for their child's absence.

How can parents help with improving attendance? Help your child practise good daily habits like:

- finishing homework and placing it in their school bag.
- laying out clothes and their school bag in the evening.
- having a regular bedtime for a good night's sleep.
- leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time.
- turn off electronic devices one hour before bedtime.

If you have significant concerns with your child's attendance, please contact me so that we can make a plan to support you and your child and make supportive adjustments to improve their outcomes.

Esme Jorgensen
Wellbeing and Inclusion Leader



Year 3-4 Instrumental Class.

It is great to see the impact music making and performing impacts has on the confidence, cohesion and wellbeing of students

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.





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.



The Junior School Council are continuing with the sale of zoooper 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.

Student Recognition Awards

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR

Peace Walk and Assembly

Friday 22nd March 2.30pm.

Easter Raffle Tickets

Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 27th March** at 2.45pm during school celebration.

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Drive
Hot cross buns will be ready for collection on **Tuesday 26th March** in the afternoon.

Hot Lunch Orders -Thursday 28th March

Order forms have gone home and money and form are due back tomorrow, **Friday 22nd March**.

Sebastopol Primary School Fundraising
Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL WITH DISTINCTION AT THE BEGONIA FESTIVAL 2024



Kate Lehan
Nell Browning
Georgia Lehan
Liliana Kline
Mikaeel Hussain
Charlotte Keays
Noah Smith
Amelia Relouw
Joel Chettleburgh
Iris Chettleburgh

Leijla Jakupovic-Moss - Prep/1

For being ready to learn and always trying her best.

Cyanna Smith - Prep/1

For being ready to learn and always trying her best.

Dakota Pacheco - 1/2

For being an excellent role model and supporting other students to follow the matrix.

Evie Hickson - 3/4

For attention to detail in her persuasive writing.

Mikaeel Hussain - 3/4

For making independent attempts with addition and subtraction strategies.

For great sportsmanship and skill in the Gaga Pit

Joel Chettleburg - 5/6

For excellent leadership and a great role model in the classroom and playground.

Riley Elliot - 5/6

For showing great respect, kindness and care for Dudley and Lynnette.

Charlie Oliver - 5/6

For helping at breakfast club.

Amelia Relouw - 5/6

For always showing a positive attitude.

Kyzell Weetra - 5/6

For his excellent attitude to learning.

Wyatt Williams - 5/6

For improved attendance.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
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 2.30 Peace Walk and Assembly.
WEEK 9	25/03	26/03 Hot Cross Buns to be collected in PM 11:30 BADAC First Nation Program Y5 & Y6 Library Excursion	27/03 School Celebration- Easter Egg Hunt Easter Raffle Drawn	28/03 Hotdog Lunch 1:30 Assembly Easter Hats 2:10 End of Term Finish	29/03 Good Friday

TERM 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1	15	16	17	18	19 Y6 ANZAC DAY MELB SERVICE
WEEK 2	22 Pupil Free	23	24	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26
WEEK 3	29 School Council 6.30pm Annual Report All Welcome.	30	1	2	3
WEEK 4	6	7	8	9	10

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