

### **FIRST AID TRAINING 2025**

Our staff have completed CPR Refresher this week. Our thanks to Chris for arranging the training and to Dan from Stitches First Aid Education for the great professional learning.



### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

21st July	First Day of Term 3
1st August	Assembly 2.40pm Year 2-3 Item
4th August	Aboriginal Children's Day at Fed Uni
15th August	Assembly 2.40pm PE Item
18th August	South Street Choir Competition
28th August	Assembly 2.40pm Year 5/6 Item
11 September	Assembly 2.40 Art Item
19th September	Assembly 1.40pm
19th September	End of Term 2.10pm

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# Principal's Update and Insights

## **Term 3 2025**

We have had a great start to Term 3 with great learning programs, important professional development, Parent Student Teacher Interviews, School Council, the Trivia Night and a high number of enrolment inquires.

## **Interviews**

Please make the time to attend the Interviews this week, if you are unable to find a suitable time please call to arrange an alternative appointment.

## **First Aid**

First Aid training was completed this week by most staff. Once again Stitches Training did a great job.

## **Reading**

In the lead up to Book Week this term, I have been impressed by the engagement of our students in both independent and class reading. The Grade 5-6 class love their new novel study by Morris Gleitzman, Once. The Prep – 1 class often start their day with independent reading and sharing.

## **School Council**

School Council approved the Grade 3-6 Camp to Sunny Stones at Merrimu 4-5 September. Further details will be provided to parents and carers shortly regarding camp. School Council have also approved a whole school Mystery 'Book an Adventure' excursion to celebrate Book Week 2025. <https://cbca.org.au/childrens-book-week/>. All students and staff will be travelling to a wonderful local area for a shared adventure.

We have a new School Council President, Emma Low. Emma has been a member of School Council for many years as a parent representative and the treasurer. Emma is an active member of our Fundraising Committee and she has been a valuable support and advocate of our school over many years. I look forward to working with Emma in her new role as President. A big thank you to Meagan Canfield for her work on School Council as a parent representative and President. Meagan has now stepped back from School Council; however she is

keen to continue her marvellous work on the Fundraising Committee. We also welcome Suzanne White, parent of Noah, Eli and Leon to the Sebastopol PS School Council. Suzanne and her family have a long association with the school, and we value her involvement on School Council.

## **Trivia Night**

Many thanks to all who attended, donated, danced, sang and answered the trivia questions. Congratulations and thanks to the Fundraising Committee for creating a wonderful night and their many volunteer hours. This additional fundraising money will go to the design and purchase of a new choir uniform.

## **School Review 2025 – Parent Forum – 10am**

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

As part of our 2025 School Review, parents are invited to attend the Parent Forum with Review Panel members. The panel comprises of the Independent Reviewer, Julie Myers, our Senior Education Improvement Leader, Anne Gawith, our Education Improvement Leader, Nat Maher and other local principals. The panel is eager to hear from parents/carers representing P-6 students. The forum questions and discussion will cover learning, support, resources and our school environment. We hope to have a good representative of parents at this important forum on 11<sup>th</sup> August at 10 am.

I hope to see you at assembly on Friday, when Grade 2-3 will be sharing some highlights from their class.

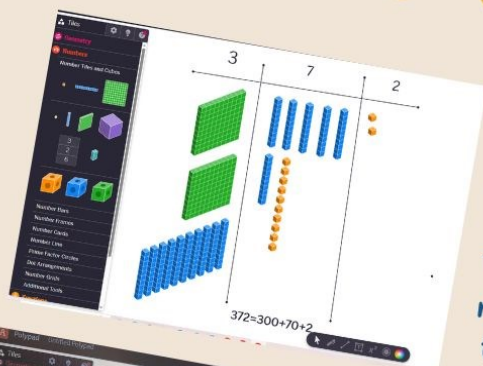
Thank you for your ongoing support and sharing your children with us every single day. We love seeing



their smiling faces and happiness as the play and learn with their friends and class peers.

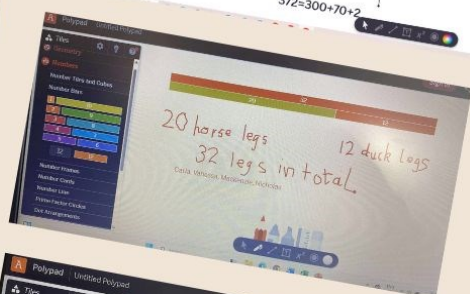
# 2/3 CLASSROOM NUMERACY

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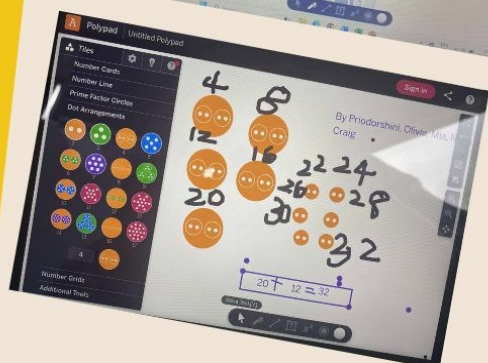


The 2/3 classroom has been focusing on two, three and four digit place value.

They have been utilising a free resource called polypad to partition numbers into their parts within the place value system.



If your child would like to use this program at home you simply type polypad into your search engine and click start new poly pad.

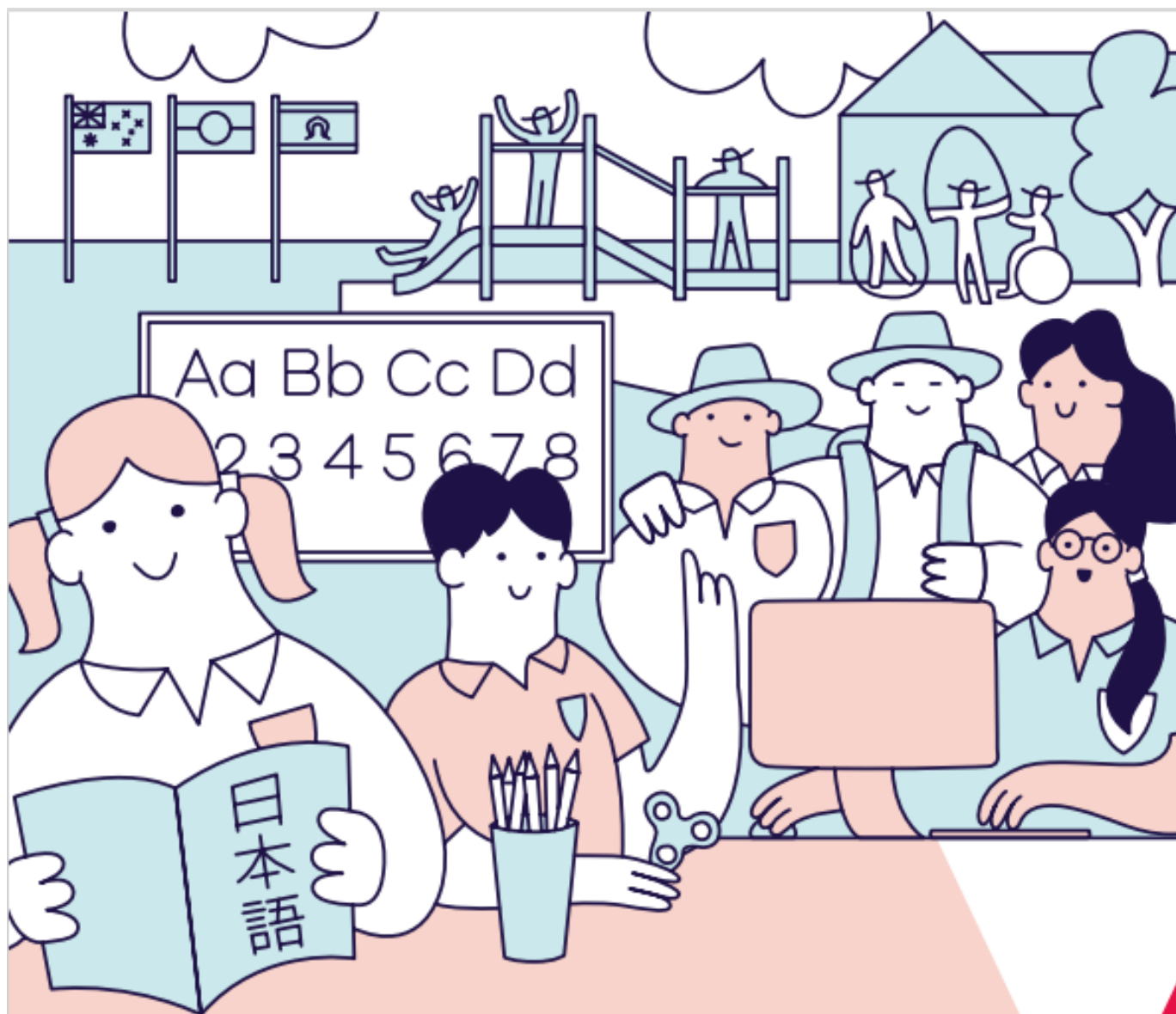


Kind regards,

$\frac{2}{3}$  students, Ms Mac, Mrs  
Juarez and Montana

POLYPAD





# Every day counts

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### **Every Day Counts**

#### **The importance of regular school attendance.**

At Sebastopol Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or contact Michelle Wilson about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via Compass, contacting the front office or discussing this with your child's classroom teacher, so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see Attendance and Missing School.

Remember, Every Day Counts.

Maddie Whitcher  
Wellbeing and Inclusion Learning Specialist



The NeuroSpicy Group is a support group for parents of neurodivergent students. They meet every Thursday at school at 9.00am. All welcome.

# Traffic Management



## After School Traffic Management!

Our Warreen Street school car park is currently closed due to the fence construction.

We are aware this is causing congestion on Yarrowee Street in the afternoons.

This week I have spoken to the work supervisor Lennie, regarding the timing of the fencing work. Following his advice, the current traffic arrangement will continue until mid August.

Please refrain from using the 'School Crossing Clear' and Bus Zone as a pick up area. Our wonderful school crossing supervisor needs a clear view of traffic in both directions.

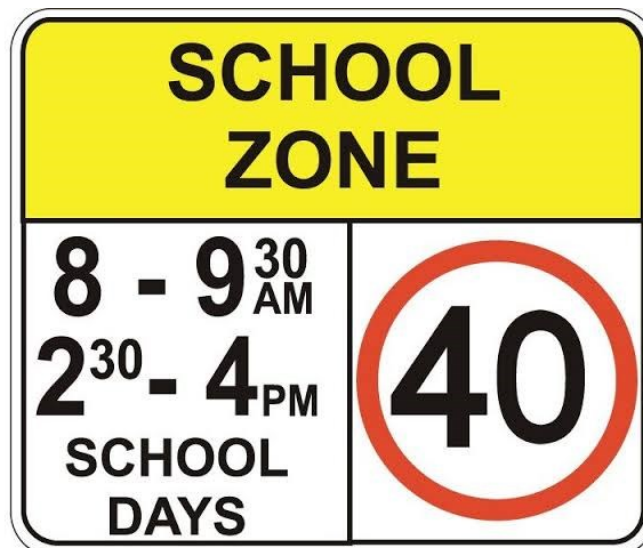
We understand that car parking options have reduced, but please park and walk to meet students after school.

Thank you

Keep Our Kids Safe!

Michelle Wilson

Principal





# 2025 CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA

Our 2025 Christmas in July Trivia Night was a great event, with loads of trivia and fun for all. A massive thanks to our Fundraising Committee and Trivia Hosts duo, Alan and Maureen Peach. Over 100 participants gathered, sang, danced and quizzed to raise money for our wonderful school. Thanks to all who attended and donated items for the silent auction.

We can now update our SPS Choir Shirts ready for Royal South Street Competition.



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & EXERCISE

“Research shows, regular physical activity and exercise leads to changes in the brain. It improves cognitive function, elevates mood, improves learning and reduces ‘stress chemicals’ like cortisol.” Dr Michael Carr-Gregg  
Physical activity and exercise is not only vital to a child’s overall development but it has so many other benefits. With children spending more time on computers being sedentary, it is even more important to get kids moving more. As well as maintaining a healthy weight, it also improves concentration by helping to establish connections between different parts of the brain. It helps kids develop fundamental movement skills impacting positively on their confidence, self-esteem and ability to develop social skills. On an emotional level, it reduces stress and anxiety while improving posture and sleep. Physical activity and exercise is good for your child’s health, now and in the future. Parents should encourage their kids to move or play sport at every opportunity -in and out of school.

Kate Landry

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

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## **SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL** **DOUBLE MATRIX THURSDAYS**

Come one, come all to the official Sebastopol Primary School “Double Matrix Thursdays.”  
Every Thursday, the incredible work you do to get Matrix Money will be doubled!!!

That’s right, 2 for the price of 1.

Save up quicker for your amazing bigger prizes at the Matrix Market. Don’t miss out and make sure you are at school every Thursday to get this amazing reward.

## **SEBASTOPOL PRIMARY SCHOOL** **\$50 MATRIX TUESDAYS**

Every Tuesday, one lucky student will be randomly selected for a \$50 Matrix money prize.

To enter all you need to do to enter is be at school on that Tuesday!!

That’s right, \$50 to spend at the Matrix Market on Fridays.

Don’t miss out and make sure you are at school every Tuesday to get this amazing reward.



# LOTE

We look forward to attending the Children & Youth Cultural Gathering Close The Gap Day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025** at Federation University.

**CLOSE THE GAP DAY**  
**Children and Youth Cultural Gathering**

Inspired by the 'Close the Gap' initiative, this interactive program deepens understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through engaging workshops. Cultural knowledge is passed down through generations, vital for preserving identity, connection, and belonging. Supporting its sharing ensures it remains alive for future generations. Here's a breakdown of what students can expect:

- **Dance:** Experience traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dances.
- **Didgeridoo:** Learn about the didgeridoo's history and try playing it.
- **Weaving:** Create woven crafts and explore traditional techniques.
- **Damper Making:** Make damper, a traditional bread, and learn its cultural significance.
- **Aboriginal Games:** Play traditional games to understand Indigenous skills.
- **Art:** Discover Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and its cultural meanings, then complete a collaborative mural.
- **Storytelling:** Listen to Dreamtime stories and learn about their cultural meanings and values.
- **Deadly Thinking:** Participate in yarning sessions to explore strength, resilience, and how to seek help.

This Cultural Day is about more than just learning—it's about supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth. The event promotes cultural practices, strengthens connections, and links students, families, and schools to local services, addressing gaps in health, education, and social and emotional wellbeing. Aligning with the 'Marrungu Vision' and state strategies by supporting community engagement and helping schools better support students. This is achieved by improving knowledge and emphasizing the importance of embedding Aboriginal ways of knowing, being, and doing in our efforts to create meaningful change.

For more information, please contact the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team at BADAC: Email: [sewbception@badac.net.au](mailto:sewbception@badac.net.au) Phone: (03) 5331 5344 Ext: 3

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During Physical Education classes over the next four weeks, as part of a successful Sporting Schools Australia grant, the whole school will have the opportunity to participate in the Ballarat Basketball, School Hoops Program.

This sport initiative increases children's participation in sport and connects them with community sporting opportunities. There will be two coaches, usually current Ballarat Miners players and they will provide interactive and fun skill development sessions to keep the students engaged.

Monday 10-11am	Year 5/6
Monday 11.40 -12.40pm	Year 3/4
Monday 2.10-3.10pm	Prep/1
Tuesday 10am-11am	Year 2/3
Tuesday 11.40- 12.40pm	Year 4/5

Kate Landry  
PE Teacher





# School Wide Positive Behaviour Principal Assistants Reward



Priodorshini and Olivia were wonderful assistants to Ms Wilson last Friday.

To earn their Matrix Money, for this experience they completed great writing in class and they always listen to their teachers.

During the outing we went to the 1816 Bakery, visited Jo at the Perridak Art Gallery to view the artwork and get ideas for our art show. We then fun walking in the historic laneway between Armstrong and Lydiard Streets. They loved the umbrellas high above their heads.

Olivia's future goal is to help others when her work is completed and to read six paragraphs in a chapter book.

Priodorshini's next goal is to write a story, four pages in length.

A big congratulations to these wonderful students and their families.

It is terrific to celebrate their achievements and commitment to learning.

Michelle Wilson



# Students of the Week

## 2/3 - Andre Farquhar

For demonstrating an excellent start to Semester 2 and setting a commendable example for others.

## 2/3 Mia-Lee Burrows

In recognition of her continuous effort in the classroom, leading to significant progress in her recent reading assessment.

## 3/4 - Niel Copertino

For his hard work and focus in solving vertical addition problems in maths. Well done, Niel!

## 3/4 - Lily Robertson

For her valuable contributions to class discussions. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and learnings, Lily!

## 3/4 - Thomas Kocmur

For excellent work in the Tutor Learning Initiative.

## 4/5 - Eli Smith

For demonstrating consistent effort during writing tasks.

## 4/5 - Damon Lambert

For maintaining consistent achievement in the times table challenge.

## NAIDOC WEEK NOMINATIONS

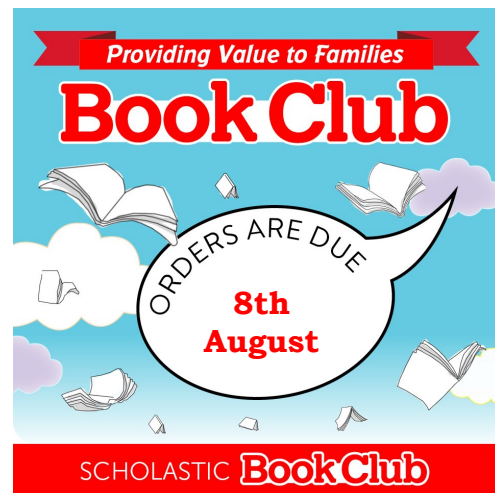


Back Row-Elena Birch, Iris Chettleburgh, Brock Denny, Kyzell Weetra  
Front Row-Maddie Miller, Dominic Delpol, Lakaysha Weetra, Tori Denny  
Absent-Kayden McNicol, Wyatt Williams



## Victorian High Abilities Learning.

Congratulations to Iris, Amelia, Lilith and Mikael who are part of the Victorian High Abilities Virtual Learning Initiative this term.



## 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 2.10pm Finish

## 2025 TERM DATES

Term 1 - 30th January to 4th April  
Term 2 - 22nd April to 4th July  
Term 3 - 21st July to 19th September  
Term 4 - 6th October to 19th December



# Calendar of Events Term 3 2025

## Sebastopol PS Term 3 2025 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Jul	21	22	23	24 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	25
2 Jul-Aug	28	29	30	31 9.00 Neuro-spicy group  Newsletter 2/3 Item	1 2.40 Assembly 23 item
3 Aug	4 Aboriginal Children's Youth Day	5	6 School Review	7 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	8
4 Aug	11 School Review	12	13	14 School Review 9.00 Neuro-spicy group Newsletter PE Item	15 2.40 Assembly PE Item
5 Aug	18	19	20	21 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	22 Whole School Mystery Bus ride
6 Aug	25	26	27	28 9.00 Neuro-spicy group  Newsletter 5/6 Item	29 2.40 Assembly 5/6 Item
7 Sep	1	2	3	4 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	5
8 Sep	8 South Street Comp	9	10 ART SHOW	11 9.00 Neuro-spicy group  Newsletter ART Item	12 2.40 Assembly ART Item
9 Sep	15 6.30 School Council	16	17	18 9.00 Neuro-spicy group	19 1:40 Assembly 2:10 End of Term Finish