



Community News

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2025



AWARDS

Partnership

Cooper M—Working in partnership to have a successful Bike Ed

Respect

Pip—Consistently treating all your peers with respect to help create a classroom where everyone feels valued and included

Jessica—Taking care when forming letters during writing tasks

Lara—Adhering to class routines

Optimism

Royalty—Being brave and going on rides at Gumbuya World

Poppi—Her enthusiasm to continue her learning

Erica—Her enthusiasm to continue her learning

Kasey—Always being willing to have a go at new things

Pride

Mercury—Huge success in heart word reading! You are at a Grade 4 level in heart words! Well done, this is a fantastic achievement!

Isaijah—His success with measurement assessment. Well done!

Francis—His growth with measurement assessment. Well done!



**Congratulations to
this week's winners**

From The Principal

Warrawee everyone,

Please note our last newsletter for the year will be published on Thursday 18th December. We look forward to sharing photos of the Community Picnic, Christmas Raffle draw winners, Graduation and the Art Show.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

How fabulous to see so many families joining us at our Community Picnic today. It was a great opportunity for sharing food, interacting with activities, purchasing at the Christmas Stall, participating in the JSC Chocolate Pond and an opportunity to view students' artwork. Thank you to our families who were able to attend to make this a successful event.

GRADUATION

Next Tuesday evening we are excited for our Year 6s to formally graduate from Primary School. This event will take place at Old Gippsdown and we look forward to presenting the Partnership, Respect, Optimism, Pride, Community Awards. This year as an aspect of Marrung, our Aboriginal students will receive a special Indigenous Stoll to celebrate their completion of Year 6. Thank you to Sarah and Emily for organising these.

ART SHOW

A huge thank you to Jo and Jen K for ensuring that every student has some pieces of art displayed in the Art Show. This amazing display of 2D and 3D Artwork is held in the BER. For those families that were unable to view artwork at the Picnic today there is an opportunity to visit the Art Show between Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th December from 8.15am to 8.45am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please enter via the front gate and call past the office and you will be directed to the Art Show. It would be a shame to miss it !!!

2026 STAFFING

We had a successful Going Up Day on Tuesday this week. Students spent time with their 2026 class teacher and learning assistant. There are some changes in staffing for next year so please note the following.

Prep/1—Jasmine Hibbert and Kim Radic
Year 2/3—Daniel Burnett and Amanda Gooding
Year 3/4—Jacob Hall and Deanna Zealley
Year 5—Noel Maddock and Lucy Crocker
Year 6—Finley Smith and Jodie Leeson
Siobhan George will be teaching across all classes.
Visual Arts—Jo Fraser
Digi-Tech—Melissa Lia
Kurnai—Katie O'Regan

Dr Monique Osborn

IMPORTANT DATES



Term 4

Mondays throughout term

54 Reasons Small Talk Playgroup—Every Monday

Mondays throughout term

Stroll & Roll—Moore Street Kinder 8.10am

Stroll & Roll—Botanic Gardens 8.15am

**Monday 15th—Wednesday 17th
December**

Art Show viewing

8.15am–8.45am and 3.00pm–3.30pm

Tuesday 16th December

**Year 6 Graduation and ATSI Stoll Presentation—Old
Gippstown—6.00pm for 6.15pm start**

Wednesday 17th December

Final Assembly—Christmas Raffle Draw—2.10pm

Thursday 18th December

End of Year Reports Published

Friday 19th December

Last day of School—1.00pm Finish

Prompt pick up is appreciated

Term 1 2026

Tuesday 27th January

Stationary Pack Pick up—School Admin Office

9.30am–11.30am or 3.00pm–5.00pm

Wednesday 28th January

First day of school for students (no Preps)

Thursday 29th January

First day of school for Prep students

Friday 27th March

Student Free Day—Maths PD for teachers



17th December—Farewell to Year 6s / Christmas Raffle

Partnership

/ˈpɑːtnəʃɪp/ noun
1. the state of being a partner or partners.
2. an association of two or more people as partners.



Respect

/rɪˈspɛkt/ noun
1. a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.
2. due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others



Optimism

/ˈɒptɪm(ɪ)z(ə)m/ noun
1. hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something.



Pride

/praɪd/ noun
1. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of one's close associates, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.
2. consciousness of one's own dignity.



Gates/Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

All gates are locked at 8:45am. If your child is late to school (after 8:45am), or needs to attend an appointment, access will be via the front gate only. At times the gate will be locked for incidents around student safety. Should the gate be locked, please call the office.

Family Pick Ups and Drop Offs

A–G **Yellow Gate (Anzac St)**

H–O **Green Gate (Front)**

P–Z **Blue Gate (Kirk St)**

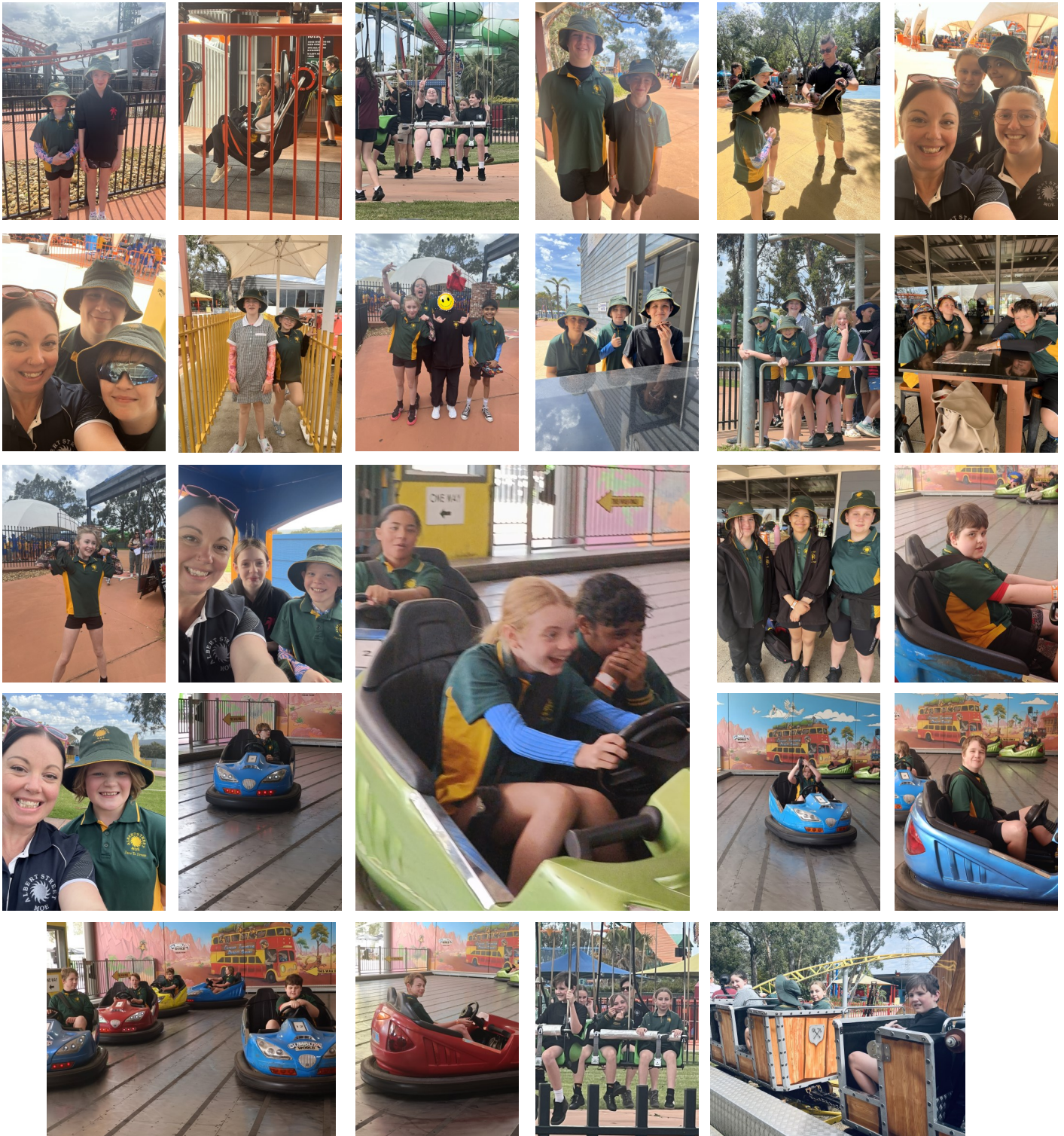


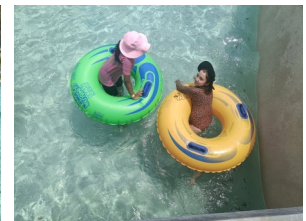
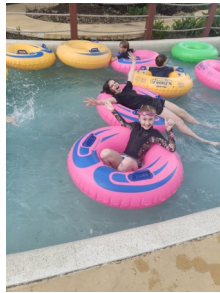
Year 5 and 6 Gumbuya World Adventure

Our Year 5 and 6 students ventured out on Friday 5th December for a full day of adventure at Gumbuya World. The morning rides set the tone, with carriages zipping and swirling while friends cheered each other on. A wander through the Wildlife Trail added a quieter kind of excitement, with students spotting dingoes, koalas, kangaroos and a few feathered characters who seemed eager to show off.

After lunch, the water park became the star attraction. Slides, splash zones and the Lazy River offered a cool, sunlit break as everyone soaked up the fun.

By the time the bus rolled home, the day had stacked up a treasury of shared stories, brave moments and wide smiles. A brilliant outing for our senior students and one they'll be talking about for a while.







Prep to Year 4 Bounce-Fest at Inflatable World

Last Friday our Prep to Year 4 students wrapped up the year with a joyful tumble into Inflatable World at Stadium 34. The moment the doors opened, the room filled with the kind of excited energy that only a giant landscape of bouncy castles, obstacle courses and supersized slides can create.

Students darted, climbed, leapt and giggled their way through the maze of inflatables, cheering each other on as they discovered new favourite challenges. There were heroic climbs, graceful (and not-so-graceful) landings, friendly races and plenty of soft, springy wipeouts that ended in laughter.

Between the bouncing and the beaming faces, the day delivered exactly what an end-of-year celebration should: fun, friendship and a well-earned dose of energetic chaos. Our younger students returned to school happily tired and full of stories.

A perfect finish to a busy year.



Community Pantry



A reminder to all families that we have a Community Pantry that can be accessed by parents. Our pantry items are primarily provided by FoodBank and we welcome families to take what you need! The food items available include cereals, soups, fruit cups, spaghetti, baked beans, tuna, honey, vegemite, milk and bread (in freezer). We also have feminine hygiene items and toothpaste. Just around the corner we usually have fresh fruit such as apples, pears, and oranges.

There are also free books and second-hand uniform for \$3 each.

✨ Statewide Transition & Going Up Day ✨

Today we celebrated an important milestone for our students! We hope our Year 6s enjoyed a smooth and positive transition into secondary school as they took their next big step.

At school, we were excited to welcome our 2026 Preps and new students into our community for Going Up Day. Students spent the morning in their 2026 classrooms with their new teachers and Learning Assistants, setting shared expectations for routines, procedures, and learning to support a safe and orderly learning environment.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from visitors who commented on how respectful, calm and engaged our classrooms were.

Well done to everyone—what a wonderful start to our 2026 learning journey! 🌞



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Collingwood Players Drop In for a School Visit

There was a buzz across the school yesterday as Collingwood players Scott Pendlebury, Oscar Steene, Jakob Ryan, Charlie West and Ash Johnson stopped by to spend time with our students.

The players joined students outdoors for some relaxed activities and fun interactions in the yard, creating plenty of excitement among our young footy fans. They also took time to chat with groups of students, responding to a mix of curious questions about their experiences and life in the AFL.

Before heading off, the players kindly signed a range of student items, giving many children a keepsake to remember the visit.

It was a bright, energetic afternoon that left students inspired and full of stories to share.



Stroll & Roll

Students will be receiving their active passports next week which will live in their classroom. Each time a student walks or rides to school they will get a stamp or sticker in their passport.

10 stamps= a sticker

20 stamps= a wristband

30 stamps= a hand ball

40 stamps= Latrobe leisure family pass

50 stamps= Surprise treat

You could walk or ride from your home,

Park the car and walk or ride from Moore Street Kinder or the Botanic gardens OR

Walk laps of the oval/school with Miss Bek from 8:35 (3 laps is a stamp/sticker.)



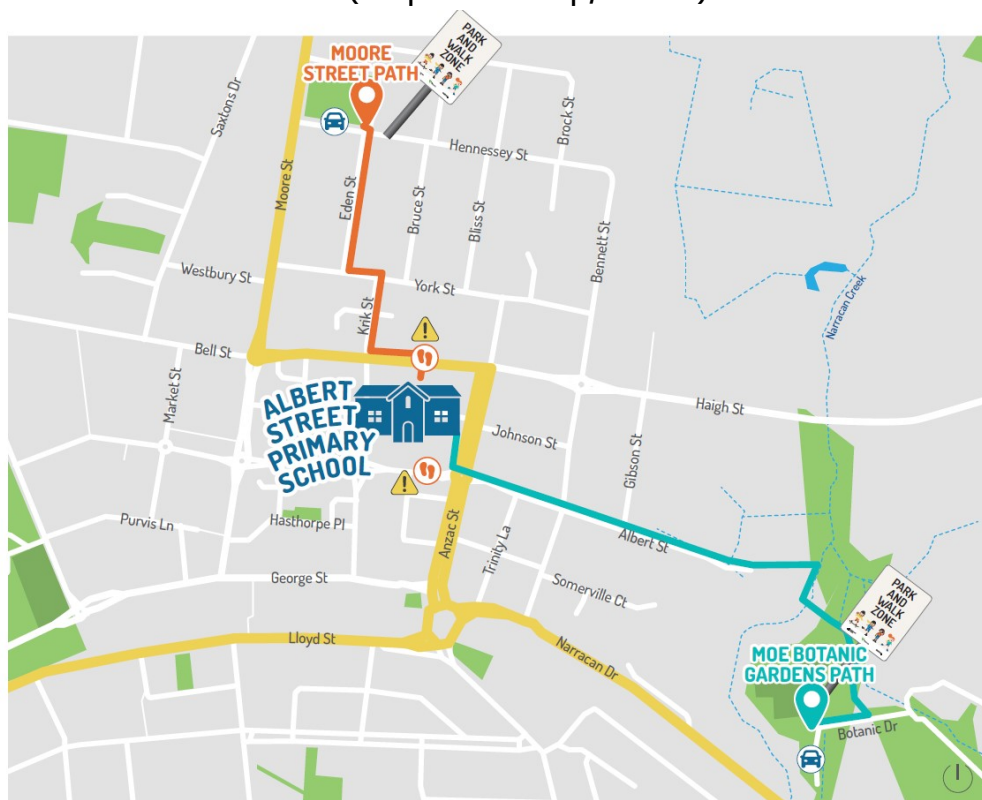
Look out for Park and Walk Zones.



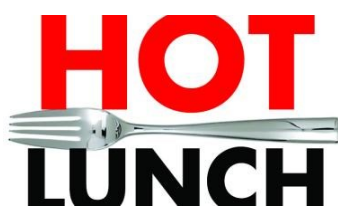
Don't forget to Stop, Look, Listen and Think when you are crossing the road.

Legend

- Moore Street path - 550m**
2min ride/7min walk
- Moe Botanic Gardens path - 850m**
3min ride/12min walk
- School crossing
- Parking area
- Adults must help you cross the road here:
Haigh St and Albert St crossings



For more information scan the QR code or visit our website.
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/StrollandRoll



A kind reminder to parents/carers that if your child is expecting a hot lunch please ensure this is delivered **after 1.15pm**. To avoid disappointment we cannot accept requests for your child to leave the classroom early to eat a hot lunch. You can appreciate that this is frustrating for the teachers and also important that students are not missing out on their learning time.

CHRISTMAS & CAROLS IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER
3 PM - 10 PM

FEATURING:
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
BY LOCAL STUDENTS,
MARKET STALLS,
FOOD TRUCKS
SANTA'S GROTTO
NEON LIGHT DISPLAY
ARTS & CRAFTS AND
SO MUCH MORE!

LOCATION: OLD GIPPSTOWN
211 LLOYD ST MOE 3825

FREE ENTRY

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Lions Club
of Moe



Moe
Neighbourhood
House



smalltalk
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MORE THAN A PLAYGROUP

Play Based Learning Activities.
Music and Story Time.
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Sensory Activities.

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Mondays
(During school terms)
9:15am-11:15am

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Starting 13th October 2025

54 reasons
Part of the Save the Children Australia Group

For more information: melissa.ballantine@54reasons.org.au
54 reasons Moe Office: PH: 03 58 226700



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What to Expect at TheirCare

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Awesome activities

Our original programs are filled with awesome activities that are adored by primary school children across the country.



Incredible educators

Our people are open, caring and engaged. They are trained, mentored, and supported so they can be focused on your child and their play.



Fresh + healthy food

Delicious, nutritious, and culturally diverse menus are planned in consultation with children and nutritionists, to support growing bodies & minds.



Amazing + fun toys

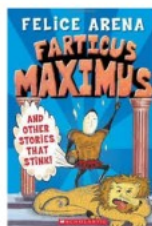
Our selection of amazing toys is rotated across all our services and adds to the wonderful resources at the service. This offers children a variety of valuable play experiences, whilst being sustainable.

If you'd like to learn more please chat with your service provider.
Or contact Customer Support at 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

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FELICE ARENA

Live at Traralgon Library!

Join us for this high-energy, interactive presentation complete with theatre improvisations, as Felice brings his stories to life and jump-starts a lifelong love of books.

Felice Arena's works include the Specky Magee, Farticus Maximus and Sporty Kids series as well as his most recently acclaimed historical adventure novels The Boy and the Spy, Fearless Frederic and A Great Escape.

Reader's Emporium will be at the library so you can buy his books and get them signed!

Suitable for primary school aged children. Children under 12 must be supervised for the duration of the event.

TRARALGON LIBRARY
Thursday 15 January 11am to 12noon



For more information and to book, scan the QR code. Or, visit your local library.

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE.
Book online or at your local library

JOIN. BORROW. READ. AND WIN!

Big Summer Read Fun Days!

Traralgon Library
Thursday 15 January 2026
11am to 2pm

11am Felice Arena*

- Smoothie bike**
- Arts and crafts**

Moe Library
Friday 23 January 2026
11am to 2pm

Big Summer Reading Club

Latrobe Regional Gallery Morwell
Tuesday 13 January 2026
2pm to 3pm

Churchill Library
Fri 16 January 2026
11am to 12noon

*Ages 8+
**Bookings preferred.

*Bookings required
**Drop-in sessions for all ages.

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National and Statewide Prizes

- Book bundles, Kobo, headphones, and more!

Latrobe City Draw

- Special prize bags

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

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