



Community News

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AWARDS

At our Year 6 Graduation the following students who exemplified our values throughout the year were awarded our School Value Awards. Congratulations to you all.

Partnership—Jake M

Respect—Callum R

Optimism—Georgia S

Pride—Gina N

Spirit of Community—Ethan C



Further congratulations go to Ethan who received a Victorian High Achiever Program Literacy Award for his work in this program.

**Congratulations. We
are proud of you all**

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to our students who achieved **100% attendance in Term 4**. This is a fantastic effort and shows a strong commitment to learning, routine and responsibility. Well done to everyone who made being at school every day a priority.



Kariane Mikayla Francis Ava Kaleb LW Dustin
Olivia N Abby Mason N Levi Mrs. Osborn Mrs Fraser

We would also like to give special recognition to the students who achieved **100% attendance for the entire year**. This is an outstanding achievement and one that deserves to be celebrated. Maintaining perfect attendance across the whole year takes dedication, resilience and support from families, and we commend everyone involved.

Mason N Olivia N Levi



House Points Winner

Congratulations to **Red House**, our overall House Points winner! A great effort from all Red House students who showed teamwork, participation and school spirit throughout the year. Wear that victory proudly.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A huge thank you to everyone in our wonderful school community who contributed to and supported our Christmas Raffle. From donating prizes to selling and purchasing tickets, every contribution helped make this fundraiser a great success.



Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible **\$838** and were able to offer **25 fantastic prizes**. The raffle created plenty of excitement and festive cheer, and it was lovely to see our community come together in the spirit of Christmas.

We truly appreciate the support shown by families, staff and local businesses. Your kindness helps us continue to provide great opportunities and experiences for our students.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners:

1st—Mrs Fraser	2nd—Miss Sharon	3rd—Dianne S	4th—Miss Leeson
5th—Trey B	6th—Jake M	7th—Margaret	8th—Kariane C
9th—Miss Bek	10th—Mark S	11th—Mrs Sim	12th—Dr Osborn
13th—Gina N	14th—Olivia N	15th—Stef W	16th—Nicole C
17th—Savannah L	18th—Mr Burnett	19th—Lenny D	20th—Mila A
21st—Ken R	22nd—Emma S	23rd—Jackie R	24th—Yulara A
25th—Tiarah P			

From The Principal
Warrawee everyone,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

We finally made it to the end of the Term and the Year with some great successes to celebrate. Please see inside the newsletter for these and accompanying photos. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all back on January 27th when you pick up your Stationary Supplies.

GRADUATION

Congratulations all our Year 6s who have completed their Primary School years and are moving on to Secondary School in 2026. We had a fabulous celebration at the Old Gippstown Function Room on Tuesday evening. Thank you to parent helpers and staff, Bec C, Sarah P, Sarah B, Janelle R, Miss Bek who organised decorations and prepared the room for the event. A huge thank you to Miss Jen and Mrs Sim for creating amazing grazing boxes for supper. This year Auntie Nicky and Auntie Audra presented Graduation Stoles to our ATSI students. Congratulations to our Values Award recipients Jake, Callum, Georgia and Gina, and our Community Spirit Award recipient Ethan. All these students have consistently engaged in their learning and have respectfully contributed to our School Community. Thank you to families for supporting our Year 6s throughout the year and especially to look so amazing for graduation. A proud moment for all those involved.

ASSEMBLY

An action packed final assembly was held this week. Thank you to family members who supported the Christmas Raffle. An amazing \$838 was raised, which will contribute towards upgrading playground equipment in 2026. Please see raffle winners in this newsletter.

Students and staff who attended school every day this term were awarded with a certificate for their efforts. A huge congratulations to Mason, Olivia N and Levi who have 100% attendance for the entire year. What a great example they have set for other students in our school community.

ART SHOW

Thank you to families that popped in before and after school this week to visit the Art Show in the BER. We celebrated the talents of Jo Fraser as our Art Teacher and her volunteering support, Jen K, by displaying a years worth of 3D and 2D art pieces. WIN News was invited to video the Art Show and interview a number of students and Jo. We hope you have had an opportunity to see this on our Facebook page. The Express also attended the Art Show, look out for photos and an article about this in an upcoming edition.

JSC

Thank you to Jake, President, and Kienan, Secretary, for your amazing work leading the Junior School Council students this year. JSC have made a wonderful connection with two students in South Africa and have recently videoed areas of our school for cultural sharing. We are delighted to announce that we have made \$133.85 from the Chocolate Pond fundraiser to purchase a range of new sandpit toys in 2026. How fabulous that the Fundraising Committee will honour the JSC by matching the \$133.85 raised. Thank you to all our 2026 Junior School Council students. I look forward to working with you again the New Year with new projects.

Dr Monique Osborn



IMPORTANT DATES



Term 4

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

Wednesday 4th February

No Preps on this day

Wednesday 11th February

No Preps on this day

Wednesday 18th February

No Preps on this day

Wednesday 18th February

CIF Moe Newborough Community Camp Fire—APEX
Park—4.00pm—6.00pm

Tuesday 24th February

School Council Meeting—6.00pm

Wednesday 25th February

No Preps on this day

Wednesday 4th March

Preps commence attending full time

Wednesday 11th March

Whole School Athletics

Friday 27th March

Student Free Day—Maths PD for teachers

Tuesday 31st March

School Council Meeting—6.00pm

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day of Term—2.00pm Finish

Term 2

Monday 20th April

First day of school

Thursday 21st May

School Photo Day

PEOPLE'S CHOICE ART AWARD

During the Art Show visitors had the opportunity to vote for their favourite piece of art and place the student's name in a draw, in this way everyone had an opportunity to win the People's Choice Art Award. Thank you to Jen K for organising this and congratulations to Tiarah whose name was drawn at Assembly this week.



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)**



COMMUNITY PICNIC

Community Picnic Brings Our School Together

Our school was buzzing with smiles, chatter and picnic rugs on Friday 12th December as families joined us for our much-loved Community Picnic. Parents and carers spent the afternoon at school enjoying a picnic lunch with their children, making the most of the sunshine and relaxed end-of-year atmosphere.

Throughout the afternoon, students and families played games, took part in fun activities, explored our amazing Art Show and picked up bargains at our Christmas stall. The Junior School Council's chocolate pond fundraiser was also a big hit, with plenty of excitement as students tried their luck to support a great cause.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community, strengthen connections and share some quality time together. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the afternoon such a success. What a lovely way to round out the school year.



5/6 COOKING

The Year 5/6 students had a wonderful time decorating Christmas cookies with Ms Smith, Mrs Gooding, and Miss Hibbert. With great appreciation to Mrs Gooding for taking the time to pre-bake over 175 cookies in preparation for the students to decorate.



The room was filled with laughter and excitement as the students carefully iced their cookies and added colourful chocolates and festive designs. With lots of creativity on display and helpful guidance from the teachers, everyone enjoyed a fun, memorable and delicious activity together.



Partnership

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



Respect

ˈrɪspɛkt/ 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

ˌɒptɪˈmɪzəm/ noun
1. hopefulness and confidence about the future or the success of something.
2. the regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others.



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.



ART SHOW IN THE MEDIA

Lights, camera, creativity!

We were thrilled to welcome WinTV reporter Jack and *Latrobe Valley Express* journalist Katrina to our school on Tuesday to capture the colour and creativity of our Art Show. They filmed, photographed and spoke with our amazing art teacher, **Jo Fraser**, along with students **Uri**, **Ellouise**, **Mila**, **Izaac**, **Kariane** and **Gina**, who proudly shared their artwork and creative process.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the talent, imagination and hard work of our students. We can't wait to see our Art Show shining in the spotlight!



A Very Beary Special Surprise for Prep

Our Prep students were delighted with a heart-warming Christmas surprise last week, receiving beautiful teddy bears and festive Christmas stockings kindly donated by the talented craft group **Poppy Creations**.

There were plenty of smiles as the teddies were cuddled and the stockings admired, bringing an extra sprinkle of Christmas magic into our Prep classrooms. This thoughtful gesture made our youngest students feel very special and added to the joy of the season.

A huge thank you to **Poppy Creations** for their generosity, time and care in creating such lovely gifts. They certainly helped make Christmas a little brighter for our Preps.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Our Year 6 students celebrated a very special milestone with their Graduation, held at the historic setting of **Old Gippstown**. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their primary school journey and to celebrate the growth, friendships and memories made along the way.

Surrounded by staff and families, students enjoyed a memorable celebration as they marked the end of their primary school years and prepared for the exciting transition to secondary school. The setting provided a perfect backdrop for photos, laughter and shared moments that will be remembered for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of our graduating students and wish them every success as they take the next steps in their learning journey. Year 6, you will always be part of our school story.



Staff vs Students Bootball Showdown

There was plenty of excitement on the oval this morning as staff and students faced off in our much-anticipated **Staff vs Students Bootball** match. With cheering from the sidelines and some impressive skills on display, the game delivered great entertainment for everyone watching.

Both teams battled it out over **two innings each**, with some big kicks, quick catches and plenty of laughter along the way. After a closely contested match, it was the **staff team** who came away with the win, finishing **14–10**.

A big thank you to everyone who played, cheered and helped make the morning such a fun and memorable event. It was a fantastic way to build school spirit and end the term on a high note.



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Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this. General daily replacement activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, cars may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-program/> for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 9:30am – 5:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Change	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your family's circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

Albert Street PS TheirCare

Times 7:00am – 6:00pm

Location 40 Albert Street, MOE MC 3825

Call 0459 100 501



*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY, **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. Please note all prices are current as at the time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

Excursions & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 9:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear sunnies & socks.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 JAN <p>Space Rangers</p> <p>Outfit up, Space Rangers of We are blasting into adventure with comic games like Space Invaders and the Rocket Rock Scramble! Build your own Rocket Corner Rocketwork and experience with the Scrambling Ballons STECH challenge for a day of out-of-this-world fun and discovery!</p> <p>From as low as \$176 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	6 JAN <p>Zootopia 2</p> <p>Rockin' cops Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde find themselves on the twirling trail of a great mystery when pig-roger Tony Scamaleri builds his Zootopia and turns the animal metropolis upside down in the all-new animated comedy adventure. Disney's Zootopia 2.</p> <p>From as low as \$177 Full Fee \$7170**</p>	7 JAN <p>Calm in the Cosmos</p> <p>Blow off into a cosmic adventure! Create your own mesmerizing DIY sensory galaxy bottles that with stars and planets. Then explore the universe with a spinning color system craft, race through space in cars in the moon, stretch like an astronaut in space suits, build a starship check STECH project, and play the man from mars!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.00 Full Fee \$8526**</p>	8 JAN <p>Clown in a Round</p> <p>It is a day full of laughter, colour, and circus magic! Please ally move in Please Please, go crazy with Circus Tent Tent and Paper Circus, and whip up some Puffy Paint Fairy Flies. Finish with Circus Charades for a show-stopping performance of fun!</p> <p>From as low as \$73 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	9 JAN <p>Summer Vibes</p> <p>Soak up the Summer Vibes with a day full of colour, creativity, and outdoor fun! We will paint bright Summer Vibes masterpieces, craft Butterfly Sun Catchers, and get active with STECH project and Scissors Tag! Then, we will wrap up with The Great Outdoor Treasure Hunt for the ultimate summer adventure!</p> <p>From as low as \$73 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	12 JAN <p>Starburst Super Nova</p> <p>A galaxy of excitement awaits as we explore the stars through games like Guardians of the Galaxy, Meteor Hunt and Musical Planets! Build your own Cup Rocket Launcher and dive into the aquaplay, sparkly fun of Galaxy Glitter for a day that is truly stellar!</p> <p>From as low as \$176 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	13 JAN <p>STEM Zone</p> <p>Get ready young scientist! Today we are blasting off to the STECH Zone for a hands-on science adventure. With super enthusiastic STECH teachers who cannot wait to share the fun of science and technology with curious minds the young folk at service, the fun continues in the STEM and Rocket group games and LEGO building challenge.</p> <p>From as low as \$10.07 Full Fee \$19.02**</p>	14 JAN <p>Circus Pop Slime Fest</p> <p>Get ready for a day of squishy, silly fun! Create your own popcorn slime and watch it pop. Then join the circus excitement with popcorn toss, craft amazing hanging acrobats, balance your way through the hula hoops challenge, test your aim to pin the nose on the clown, and make bouncing paper clown creations.</p> <p>From as low as \$8.00 Full Fee \$8526**</p>	15 JAN <p>Bow-a-rama</p> <p>Step into the world of Tin Tin Bowling! Put on your bowling shoes and get your skills to the test as we take on the bowling bowl! After bowling down the pins, we will keep the fun rolling with caterpillar races, test our reflexes in catch, don't catch, and get creative making beautiful/cute/bonnie to take home!</p> <p>From as low as \$177 Full Fee \$7170**</p>	16 JAN <p>Circus Du Science</p> <p>Enter the Circus Du Science for a day of amazing experiments and creative challenges! Build towering structures in the Card Tower Challenge, test strength with Elastic Butterflies, and create Tasting Fun in the Exploding Alien Experiment. Plus, race through building a Straw Roller Coaster and lay your way through Blob Tag!</p> <p>From as low as \$73 Full Fee \$7188**</p>
19 JAN <p>Little Champs Open</p> <p>Game, set, match! It is time to get active with Tiddlers Tennis, Mini Tennis, and a Baseball Tournament! We will also craft our own Paper Tennis Racquets before playing together for a day of teamwork, laughter, and sports challenges made for champions!</p> <p>From as low as \$176 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	20 JAN <p>SpongeBob Cinema Splash</p> <p>Spring into the water with the ocean's delight to face the Flying Dutchman's ghost, encountering challenges and some scary marine mysteries. The fun continues back at service with beachies, bridges and beach group games and catch dough sea fish.</p> <p>From as low as \$177 Full Fee \$7170**</p>	21 JAN <p>Galaxy Lab</p> <p>Prepare for an intergalactic adventure! Explore the wonders of space with your eyes, out of this world Galaxy Lab Kit! Launch into orbit as we craft flying rocket ships, blast off in space tag, join in on a group game of space ball, and design mesmerizing star spirals!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.00 Full Fee \$8526**</p>	22 JAN <p>Big Top Training</p> <p>Master the art of circus performance in our exciting circus skills workshop! Learn amazing tricks and techniques like a true performer. Then we'll move onto creating and competing in the paper plane distance challenge, test our reflexes in wall ball, craft colourful clown hats, and prepare your own catapult roller bowling game!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.37 Full Fee \$8314**</p>	23 JAN <p>Galactic Circus</p> <p>Blow into a galaxy of fun space vibes! Test your self-control in a group game of 'Try not to laugh', master juggling skills in the Group Juggling Challenge, and create your own STECH Fortune Teller to predict the future! Aim for the stars with Saturn Ring Toss, then blast off in space to the Galaxy!</p> <p>From as low as \$73 Full Fee \$7188**</p>	26 JAN <p>Service closed</p>	27 JAN <p>Summer Loving</p> <p>Shake it off! Calling all the Swimmers out there... Let's make Taylor Swift friendship bracelets. Then, it is time to groove and move with musical hula and sock! Craft dazzling Tiki Snowflakes, and when it's time to get moving, we will play Reverse 100 the hottest, most challenging tag game around!</p> <p>From as low as \$176 Full Fee \$7188**</p>			

Back to School time!

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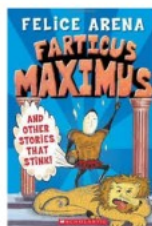
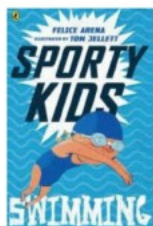
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Reader's Emporium will be at the library so you can buy his books and get them signed!

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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

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Tuesday 13 January 2026
2pm to 3pm

Churchill Library
Fri 16 January 2026
11am to 12noon

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LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

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