



Community News

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2025



Two Weeks to Go — Let the Festive Fun Begin!

It's the final countdown to the end of the school year, and we've got a very busy—and very exciting—two weeks ahead! Here's what's coming up as we wrap up 2025 with plenty of celebration, sparkle and school spirit.

Tuesday 9 December – Statewide Transition & Going Up Day

A big day for all students! Year 6s will visit their 2026 secondary schools, and everyone else will spend the morning in their 2026 classrooms getting a taste of what's ahead.

Tuesday 9 December – School Council End-of-Year Dinner

A chance for our School Council to celebrate a fantastic year of support and teamwork.

Friday 12 December – Community Picnic (1:15pm–3:00pm)

Bring a picnic rug and join us for a relaxing lunch on the school grounds! Families can bring their own food or order lunch for themselves and their children through the canteen. Orders close at 12:00pm on Thursday 11 December.

Tuesday 16 December – Year 6 Graduation (6:00pm–7:30pm)

We can't wait to celebrate our incredible Year 6 students at Old Gipps town as they officially graduate and get ready for their next chapter.

Wednesday 17 December – Final Assembly & Christmas Raffle Draw

Join us as we celebrate the year and pull out those lucky raffle tickets!

📅 Friday 19 December – Last Day of School (1:00pm Finish)

School finishes at 1:00pm. A prompt pick-up is greatly appreciated as staff move into end-of-year wrap-up.



AWARDS

Partnership

Evie—Exceptional assistance during Bike Ed

Archer—Caring for injured classmates during Bike Ed

Cooper M—Working with Mrs Gooding in cleaning up after cooking

Callum—Your exceptional assistance during Bike Ed!

Ethan—Your exceptional assistance during Bike Ed

Georgia—Your great effort to clean Room 1



Mikayla—Working together to clean the quiet corner and re-organising maths resources. Thank you

Shara—Working together to clean the quiet corner and re-organising maths resources. Thank you

Ari—Working together to clean the quiet corner and re-organising maths resources. Thank you

Respect

Izacc—His improved focus and following our morning routine

Optimism

Klein—Developing the ability to use capital letters and full stops correctly

Ellie-Rose—A positive attitude towards new things

Olivia P—Persisting and completing tricky number patterns

Cooper F—An excellent effort on your persuasive text!

Ellouise—Your resilience in overcoming challenges

Pride

Tiarah—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Cooper M—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Quinn—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Lylah—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Ella—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Blake—Resilience and determination through Bike Ed

Jai—His growth in reading and writing

Leighvi—His growth in reading and writing

Mason N—Your excellent persuasive writing piece

Quinn—Having a good go at joined writing

Congratulations to
this week's winners

From The Principal

Warrawee everyone,

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD

What a wonderful night to celebrate Levi's achievement with his family. Thank you to staff members, Ann-Marie, Jacob, Amanda, Julie, Jasmine and Finley who attended the evening. Please see photos in this newsletter.

BIKE ED

Our final Bike Ed session was held this week. Huge efforts were put in by all staff, but particularly Bek, Ann-Marie and Jacob who helped specific students achieve their goal of attempting to ride independently. It was lovely to see that training wheels were discarded. The focus of the session was adhering to road rules, the installation of our traffic school and signage has certainly paid off. Some of our students who "broke" road rules were "fined" and held at the "Police Station", being our new container. Students and staff are excited to participate in Bike Education in 2026.

ART SHOW—FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER—1.15pm—3.00pm

Our Art teacher, Jo, and volunteer, Jen, have been quietly preparing an Art Show behind the scenes to be accessed during the Community Picnic. Jo and Jen have volunteered a considerable amount of time to ensure that every child has a piece of artwork displayed. Be sure to spend some time viewing the amazing pieces of work on display in the BER during the Community Picnic.



COMMUNITY PICNIC

A kind reminder that families will be welcomed into the school from 1.15pm to spend time with children until the end of the school day. Some outdoor activities will be made available. Please remember to bring some gold coins for the Junior School Council Chocolate Pond Fundraiser. A Christmas Stall with a range of hand made items and other Christmas items will be available. EFTPOS will be available for this stall.

Please support our fabulous lunch order creators, Heather and Rob, who have a full menu available to order from for the Community Picnic. Please note cut off for orders is 12.00pm Thursday 11th December. Get your orders in as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

STATEWIDE TRANSITION AND GOING UP DAY—TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

This is an important date for all of our students when our Year 6s will head off to their respective secondary schools for the day and our Kinder students will be attending ASPs. Our current students will find out their 2026 teacher and learning assistant. I ask that you make sure that our child is at school on time as they will be learning about expectations and rules for 2026.

UNDER 16 SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS

As you are aware the Government has imposed Social Media Age Limits to Over 16s commencing on 10th December. To assist you to have conversations with your children around accessing Social Media in a safe environment we advise there are now restrictions on platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube and Tik Tok. Please see this newsletter for parent and carer supports as this date is looming closer.

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

Tuesday 9th December

Statewide Transition and Going Up Day

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School Council End of Year Dinner—6.30pm

Friday 12th December

**Community Picnic, Christmas Stall and Art Show—
1.15pm—3.00pm**

Tuesday 16th December

ATSI Graduation Ceremony—9.30am

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Graduation—Old Gipps town—6.00pm

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

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



10th December—Prep Christmas Songs

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



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)**

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

Congratulations to Levi who was awarded the Moe Rotary Pride of Workmanship at Old Gippstown last night.

Levi was selected for his ongoing commitment to self-improvement as a learner and as an outstanding role model for the Albert St community.

The proud moment for Levi was supported by his family and a representation from the Albert St PS staff. Well done Levi we wish you all the best to "Dare to Dream" and continue to "reach your potential."



Traffic School Bike-Ed Program

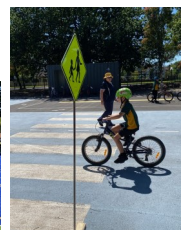


Week 4 Wrap Up

Our final week of the Bike Ed program wrapped up with lots of smiles, confidence and impressive riding skills! Over the past four weeks, students have practised everything from bike safety and handling to navigating different riding challenges, and it's been wonderful to see their improvement each week.

This week, students put all their learning into action, demonstrating safer riding techniques and working together to support each other through the activities. Their enthusiasm and team spirit have been fantastic to watch.

A huge well done to all students for their effort and engagement throughout the program. Bike Ed has once again been a highlight of the term, and we're already looking forward to bringing it back again next year!



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.)



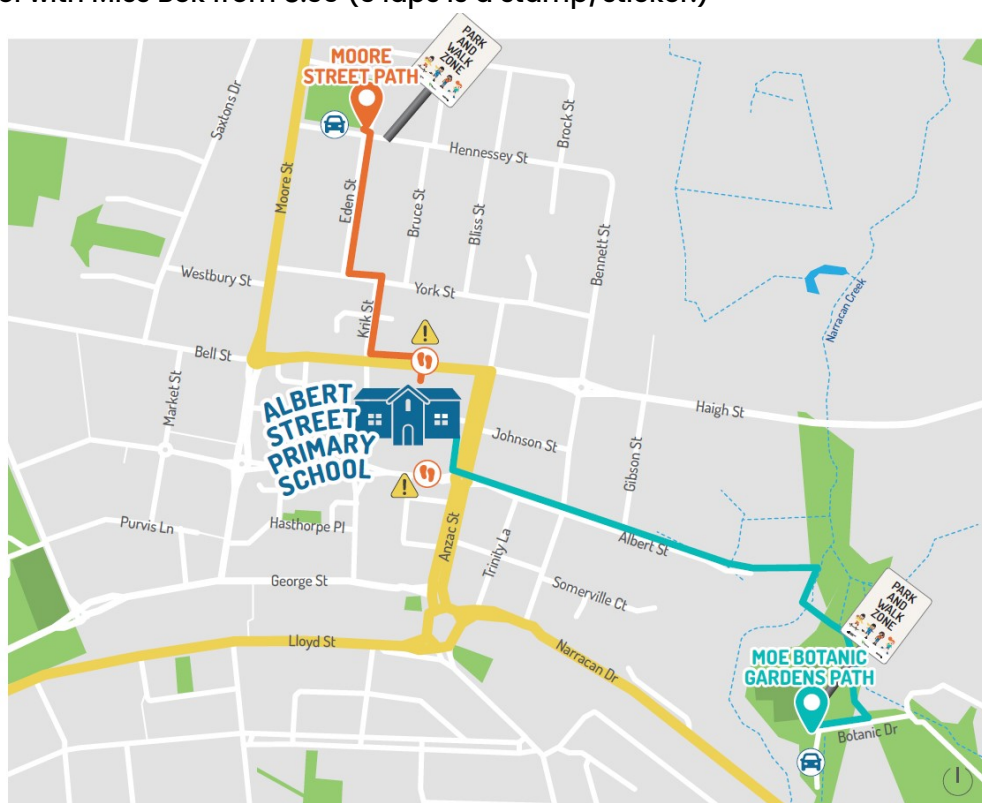
Look out for Park and Walk Zones.



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



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.

Upcoming Social Media Ban for Under 16s

The Victorian Government has announced that the new **social media ban for children under 16** will come into effect on **Wednesday 16th December**. This change is designed to support the safety, wellbeing and mental health of young people by reducing exposure to online risks, inappropriate content and social media pressure.

We understand that this change may raise questions for families, and many parents may be wondering how to navigate conversations and set up safe routines at home. Below are some helpful resources to support you during this transition:

Safe Socials – Parents & Carers (Primary)

A practical collection of guides, tips and conversation starters to help parents support safe online habits.

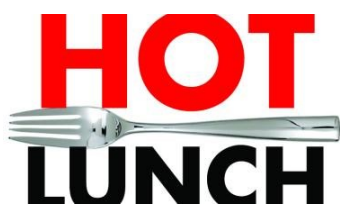
<https://www.vic.gov.au/safe-socials-parents-and-carers-primary>

Parentline – Social Media Ban Parent Guide

Easy-to-understand information about the ban, why it's happening, and how you can support your child.

<https://parentline.com.au/issues/social-media-ban-parents-guide>

We encourage families to take some time to read through these resources and begin early discussions with their children to ensure a positive and supported transition. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school for guidance or support.



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.



This term breakfast club will only run on Wednesdays and Fridays

Breakfast club is open 8:30—8:45am.

The Annual MOE COMMUNITY

Christmas Spectacular and Carols by Candlelight

**FREE
ENTRY**

★ **APEX PARK MOE - Sat 6th Dec 2025**

★ **2pm to 11pm** *RIDES CLOSE AT 10:30PM

MASSIVE SELECTION OF RIDES TO SUIT ALL THE FAMILY!

GREAT SELECTION OF FOOD OUTLETS & BIG TWILIGHT MARKET FROM 2pm to 7:30pm

FANTASTIC FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT 2pm to 6:30pm

INCLUDES CIRCUS PERFORMERS TEACHING CIRCUS SKILLS * STAGE MAGIC SHOW

*** MODEL THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE TRACK * LEGO BUILDING COMPETITIONS * SANTA**

*** BEST DRESSED ELF AND FAIRY COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES**

Featuring the
SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRASS BAND

**BIGGER & BETTER
FIRE WORKS DISPLAY
from 9:45pm**



For more information contact Mike : 0421 217 257 / 0438 566 727 circatt@optusnet.com.au



Gippsland VACCA Christmas Community Event

Wednesday 10th December

Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
32 Kay St, Traralgon VIC 3844



Activities include:

Welcome to Country • Cultural dance workshops
Face painting • Jumping castle • Mechanical bull
Photo booth • Arts & crafts • BBQ lunch + much more!

Transport available – please contact
VACCA Morwell on (03) 5135 6055



VACCA events are Non-smoking and
alcohol-free events.

**Important: It is the responsibility
of Carers/Parents to supervise their
children at all times.**

VACCA Morwell
21 Hazelwood Road, Morwell VIC 3840
p. (03) 5135 6055 w. vacca.org e. vacca@vacca.org



VACCA
VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD
AND COMMUNITY AGENCY
GIPPSLAND

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

PROUDLY PRESENTED THROUGH A NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Lions Club
of Moe



Moe
Neighbourhood
House



smalltalk
Giving your kids a great start

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

MORE THAN A PLAYGROUP

Play Based Learning Activities.
Music and Story Time.
Parenting Support.
Craft & Art.
Sensory Activities.

FREE

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

Albert Street Primary school
Multipurpose room
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



Hey Parents!

Curious to know what happens at TheirCare?
We thought we'd take this chance to tell you more about us.

What to Expect at TheirCare

exceptional care focused on children



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

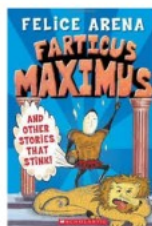
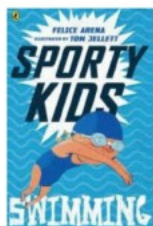
Our selection of amazing toys is rotated across all our services and adds to the wonderful resources at the service. This offers children a variety of valuable play experiences, whilst being sustainable.

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

visit us at theircare.com.au

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.

TRARALGON LIBRARY
Thursday 15 January 11am to 12noon

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.



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

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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.

WIN PRIZES!

National and Statewide Prizes

- Book bundles, Kobo, headphones, and more!

Latrobe City Draw

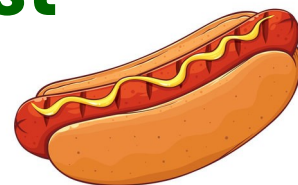
- Special prize bags

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

Canteen Menu & Price List



Available Friday Only



Hot Food

Popcorn Chicken	\$ 4.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$ 0.60
Party Pies	\$ 0.80
Party Sausage Roll	\$ 0.80
Hot Dog	\$ 3.20
Dim Sims - Fried/Steamed	\$ 0.80
Chicken Burger <u>w</u> lettuce/cheese/mayo	\$ 4.60
Cheeseburger	\$ 4.60
Fish & Chips	\$ 6.00
Bucket of Chips	\$ 3.00
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$ 3.80
Cheese Croissant	\$ 3.20
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$ 4.00
Bacon & Cheese Pizza	\$ 4.00
Nachos	\$ 5.50
Mini Spring Roll	\$ 1.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$ 5.50
Parma & Chips	\$ 7.50
Mini Potato Cakes	\$ 0.50

Turkish Roll - Toasted

Chicken, Cheese, Mayo	\$ 6.00
Salami, Cheese	\$ 6.00

Sauce

Tomato / BBQ / Soy Sauce	\$ 0.10
Sour Cream	\$ 0.10

Drinks

Milk

Chocolate / Strawberry / Plain	\$ 2.00
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Fruit juice

Apple / Apple Blackcurrant / Orange	\$ 1.20
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Sandwiches - White/Wholemeal

Cheese & Vegemite	\$ 2.00
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.30
Ham & Salad	\$ 4.50
Chicken & Salad	\$ 4.80

Rolls - White/Wholemeal

Cheese & Vegemite	\$ 2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.80
Ham & Salad	\$ 5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$ 5.50

Wraps - White/Wholemeal

Ham & Cheese	\$ 3.20
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.70
Ham & Salad	\$ 5.20
Chicken & Salad	\$ 5.50

Yoghurt/Ice Cream/Jelly

Yoghurt - French Vanilla	\$ 2.00
Yoghurt - Strawberry	\$ 2.00
Ice Cream - Vanilla	\$ 2.50
Ice Cream - Chocolate	\$ 2.80
Frog in the Pond	\$ 2.00

Snacks

Chocolate Cake	\$ 2.00
Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$ 1.00
Smartie Cookie	\$ 1.00
Raspberry/White Choc Muffin	\$ 2.50
Rainbow Sprinkle Cake	\$ 2.00

Canteen—How to Order

We are happy to be bringing Canteen lunches to school for your children to enjoy.

We have all the instructions stepped out for you to make it easy to use our app.

If at any time you have any problems navigating it, please don't hesitate to contact me by text message. Once you have the app set up, it couldn't be easier to order.

****Please note the following****

For catering purposes, orders will need to be submitted via the app by **12:00pm on the Thursday** for delivery of Friday orders.

If you do put an order in and your child is unable to attend school on the Friday, please text me on 0432 966 982 by 9:00am, and I can hold it until the following week.

Please ensure you place **your child's name and room number** in the **checkout box** as noted in the instructions.

Many thanks,

Heather

HW Food Service

0432 966 982

Room 8 Prep – Miss George
Room 7 Year 1/2 - Mr Burnett
Room 5 Year 3/4 - Ms Hibbert & Mrs Douglas
Room 6 Year 3/4 - Mr Maddock
Room 3 Year 5/6 – Mr Hall
Room 4 Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

