

Term 3
Week 6
2024

NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef
PRIMARY SCHOOL



RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
KINDNESS
PERSISTENCE

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday August 26th

Prep Excursion– Our local community of Eaglehawk

Wednesday Sept 11th

Whole School Caneball exhibition

Thursday Sept 12th

Year 1&2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Thursday Sept 12th

Prep Stay and Play Camp
3:15-4.:45 pm

Thursday Sept 19th

School Council 9.15 am

Friday Sept 20th

Sports Colours Day to celebrate end of term.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

2.30 p.m.

From the Principal :

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thankyou to the 30 families who have completed the Parent Opinion Survey! We are very fortunate to have a large proportion of parent responses each year, as it helps ensure we are considering parents views, ideas and feedback.

I have started giving out the Freddo Frogs to the students whose parents have indicated they have completed the survey, and have more ready. The survey is open throughout August, so there is still plenty of time .

BOOK WEEK

As always, the Gym was full of wonderful characters for our Annual Book Week Parade. The students participated in all sorts of activities centered around the magic of reading all week. It was particularly exciting seeing younger siblings and parents joined in and came in costume! Thankyou to the Junior Team for organising the wonderful event!

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

The Junior classes will be busy in the next few weeks, with excursions and the Prep Stay and Play "Camp' coming up.

If you have any concerns, please speak with your child's teacher, so we can plan ahead for a successful trip.



Principal news continued....

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

The Department of Education has a clear commitment to ensuring all Victorian government schools are respectful, safe and inclusive places of learning and work for all students, staff and members of our school communities.

As part of this commitment, the department is supporting all schools to join the many other schools and workplaces across the country to recognise and celebrate Wear it Purple Day on Friday 30 August 2024.

This is to support all lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQA+) young people in our schools and the community, in accordance with obligations in the Child Safe Standards to uphold diversity and equity for everyone regardless of their background, characteristics or beliefs.

The day is organised by Wear it Purple, a student-run, not-for-profit organisation. At our school, we welcome anyone who wants to wear purple on the day to do so, to show their support.

UNIFORM CUPBOARD

Kristie says the cupboard is filling up. If your child is missing an item, please come & look.

HATS ON

From Monday next week (26th August) Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. From Monday, staff and students are required to wear their school hat during outdoor play.

Please remember that peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home.

We also provide sunscreen in the classrooms for staff and students to use.

Thank you for your support :)

CROSSING SUPERVISION

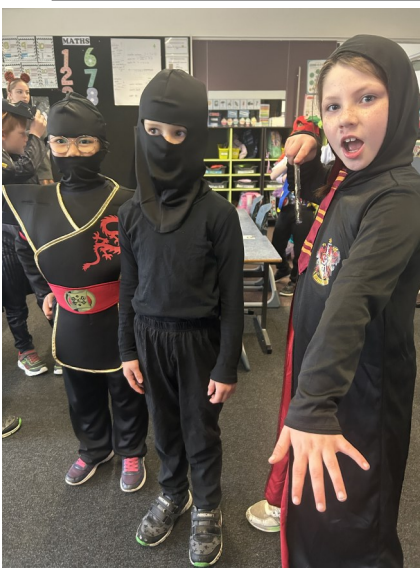
Bendigo Council has informed us that the supervision at the Holdsworth and Holmes Road Traffic lights will cease in 2025. Doug will continue to supervise the Holmes Road crossing at the front

[Have a great weekend.](#)

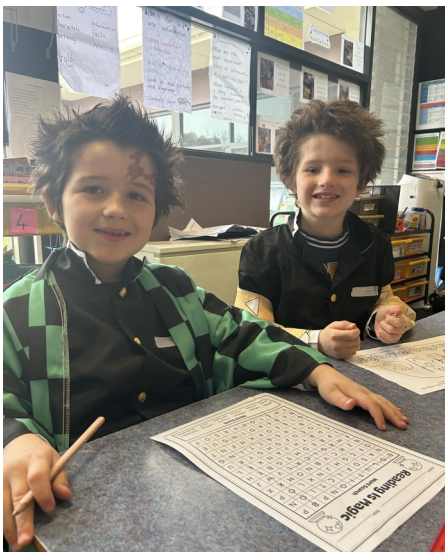
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Room 7 news



This week we celebrated Book Week. All students participated in our annual parade and were excited to show off their costumes. A big thank you to all the families who came along and participated or joined in on our parade, it was great to see so many families attend. After the parade Room 7 and Room 8 combined to complete some “Reading is Magic” activities. We all had a fantastic morning! Thanks Mel for the wonderful display in the Gym, too.



What have Room 4 been up to?

Preps in Room 4 have been learning about how to stay healthy. They have learnt about healthy eating, exercising and body hygiene. This week we had a visit from a Dental Nurse who reminded us how important brushing our teeth twice a day was. Students were highly engaged throughout this presentation and excited about the new toothpaste they received from her.

In literacy we have been learning new sounds. This week our focus has been D, U, CK sounds. Our word of the week was 'duck'. Next week we are looking b, ea, ch our word of next week will be 'beach'.

In Numeracy we have been learning about Subtraction and Time. Students have been able to subtract small amount of items from 10. We have also been learning about the days of the week and day and night. Students will move onto Mass next week in Numeracy.



Things we are looking forward to:

Our local excursion to Eaglehawk. We will be catching the public bus to explore our local Butcher, Bakery, Post office and supermarket. We are also looking forward to finishing the morning off with lunch at the local park. See dates to the right.

We are also looking forward to staying at school extra late on September

12th. Students are super excited to have the whole school to themselves! We will get to have a play and afternoon tea together before heading home at 5:00pm.

Important upcoming dates for Preps

Monday 26th August: Our local excursion. Students will jump on the local bus and explore Eaglehawk, before enjoying lunch and a play together at The Butterfly Park.

Thursday 12th September: Prep stay and play. Preps will stay at school for a play and enjoy afternoon tea before being picked up at 5:00pm.



Children's Book Week®

Reading is Magic

2024
17 - 23 August



Reading awards



Learning Awards Week 5

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5	Peter	For demonstrating right choices by always keeping his hands and feet to himself.
4	Jett	for demonstrating kindness by complimenting another student when they were being good.
8	Ben	For demonstrating persistence by trying to stay on task during independent reading
7	Ella	For demonstrating responsibility by ensuring she looks after her belongings.
3	Htee Moo	Improving her Maths skills by demonstrating of adding 9 strategies
2	Lan Poug Sue	Demonstrating Kindness by always using his manners and being a helpful member of the classroom.
10	Tabitha	For demonstrating responsibility by asking for help when needed
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Learning Awards

Week 6

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5	Ma San Kyi	For improving her handwriting skills by using correct spacing and letter formation.
8	Jayden	For improving his Maths skill by using a range of complex strategies to solve difficult equations.
7	Eh Pla Ku	For improving his Maths skills by explaining his multiplication think board to the class.
3	Leon	For using a planner to provide detail to his writing
2	Cat	Improving her Maths skills by demonstrating a better understanding of friends to 10.
10	Michael	for improving his writing skills by applying himself more consistently
Karen	Ma San Kyi	For improving her Karen language skills by confidently teaching her class mates how to greet others in Karen.
PE	Eh Paw Khee	For improving her skipping skills by being light on her toes and only doing small jumps.
Drama	Nice	For improving her role playing skills by using strong body language and improvisation in a tableau performance.



Values Awards

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Room	Name	Reason
5	Tom Eh Mu	For demonstrating pride in our place by helping to keep Room 5 clean without prompting.
8	Amaya	For demonstrating responsibility by having a great second half of the week, using whole body listening in class.
7	Keira	For demonstrating responsibility by finding an adult when outside to help another student.
3	Tio Maung	For demonstrating respect by showing full body listening.
2	Ricky	Demonstrating Kindness by helping another student with his maths and still getting his own work done.
10	Harrison	for demonstrating responsibility by making good choices towards learning
Karen	Euphemia	For demonstrating responsibility by participating enthusiastically when singing Karen songs.
PE	Liara	For demonstrating persistence by continuing to practise for skipping.
Drama	Htee Moo	For demonstrating responsibility by offering to help other groups out during tableau performances.



Father's Day Celebrations

As we no longer have a Parents and Friends Club this means there will be no Father's Day Stall. However, as a school we would like to celebrate the day, as we did for Mother's Day. Students will also be creating a gift within the classroom for their special person.

Ms G

A decorative graphic for Father's Day. It features a central banner with the text "Father's DAY" in a blue, cursive font. The banner is surrounded by several stylized hearts in shades of blue, purple, and green. The background is white with green and blue wavy borders at the top and bottom.

Father's
DAY

Come along to celebrate by sharing a muffin with a special person in your life.

Date: Friday 30th August

Time: 8:30am - 8:55am (bell time)

RSVP by Friday the 23rd of August who your child will be sharing their muffin with.

To RSVP, please contact your child's classroom teacher via text, Dojo or in person.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Face painting by BKYN

Join us in celebrating

Karen Traditional Wrist Tying Ceremony

Date: 24/08/2024
Time: 9:30 AM -12:30 PM
Location: Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub
Address: 155 Crook St, Strathdale Vic 3550

The Karen Wrist Tying Ceremony is on Saturday the 24th August. If you are able to come along, please do. There will be dancing, a fashion parade, free lunch and the wrist tying ceremony. Some of our students will be performing too!
More information is on the second photo.
Mrs Tonzing

Lightning Reef Primary School YMCA Outside School Hours Care

What have we been up to in OSHC?

This week, our OSHC children have been having lots of fun participating in a range of child-led and planned experiences at our OSHC program! We have a fruit platter and yummy snacks every afternoon like popcorn, custard and fruit, wraps and cheese and crackers. We explore different areas of play including sensory, craft, physical and creative play through our clubs! We have art club, cooking club and more!

Check out some of our recent activity highlights:



What is upcoming in OSHC?

Next week is Special person's week! See below some very exciting activities we have planned over the upcoming weeks that has been chosen by some of our OSHC children.

After School Care Program

Week Starting Date: Monday 26th August, 2024

Science Club: *Walking Water*

Food colouring and water, paper towel and cups... I wonder what could happen?

Cooking Club: *Chocolate Balls*

We are going to make chocolate balls to freeze, to eat with our special person on the weekend!

Art Club: *Create a photo frame/card*

Create a card or photo frame for our special person, we will print a photo out to put inside!

Sports Club: *Down-ball competition*

Back by popular demand, the down ball competition! Where children VS the adults!

Craft: *Drink Coasters*

Create a design in a drink coaster for your special person!

It's not too late to book in! Head over to our website www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au to register and make a booking.

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Foundation Enrolment Information 2025

The Foundation Enrolment Information 2025 booklet has been produced by the **Government, Independent and Catholic School Sectors** across the City of Greater Bendigo. Schools have provided details of Education Week activities, Open Days and Transition sessions for families of children commencing school in 2025.

It is most important that all children commencing school in 2025 participate in their enrolled school's Foundation Transition Program.

At this time of the year, parents are encouraged to contact schools to discuss the prospective enrolment of their preschool aged children for the 2025 school year.

Please take advantage of the various special events and activities which are outlined in the Foundation Enrolment Information booklet. If further information is required, do not hesitate to contact individual schools.



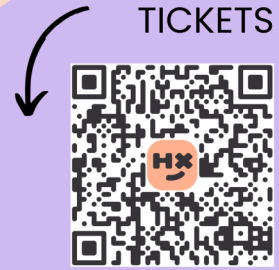
Enrolments for all government schools
open from **Monday 15th April**
until **Friday 26th July**

Scan the code to
view the **Foundation
Enrolment Information
booklet online**



For further information visit www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep

MORE INFO
& BOOK
TICKETS



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29th May, 2024

We so want to hear from you!

Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre has been serving the local community for forty years this year! We currently have a Strategic Plan for the period 2021-2024 and will be working on the development of the next Strategic Plan for 2025-2028 over the next few months.

To help inform our work, it's important for us to hear from our community so we can make sure that what we offer is what locals need. We are seeking feedback from our local community to help identify how we can best support you now and in the future.

Our community survey is now open and will close on 9th September, 2024. You can fill it out online <https://bit.ly/3AqPQDI>, scan the QR code below, or come into the Centre to pick up a printed copy.

We look forward to hearing what you think!

LGNC.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those students who had a birthday in the last fortnight.

Tommy, Klay, Ryan, San and Abraham



REMINDER

Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds, this includes our shared entrance and the bus stop



Lost property

Please remember to check lost property regularly. It is located just inside our foyer entrance.

