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THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2025

CALENDAR

Friday, 24th October

Monday, 27th October

Tuesday, 28th October

Wednesday, 29th October

Thursday, 30th October

Friday, 31st October

Monday, 3rd November

Tuesday, 4th November

Friday, 7th November

Sunday, 16th November

Tuesday, 25th November

Friday, 28th November

Monday, 8th December

P&F Mango Drive Order Forms due Compass (9am) / Office 3:15pm

Whole School Swimming consent / payment due on Compass

Jnr & Snr Concert DVD & USB orders due

Whole School Swimming commences

Whole School Swimming continues

BENDIGO CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - no school

Whole School Swimming continues

Day for Daniel – wear red, gold coin donation

Whole School Swimming concludes (NO LUNCH ORDER FIRST STEPS)

CURRICULUM DAY – WELLBEING APPROACHES

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY – ALL WELCOME (see back page)

Division Cricket – selected Year 5/6 students (teams TBA)

2026 Year 6 Grad tops ordering closes (online only)

School Council

CURRICULUM DAY – REPORT WRITING

Year 6 Graduation – more information to follow

School Organisation

Dear Parents, Carers and Greater Community,

Week 3 has been pretty settled despite the changing weather conditions from warm, to cool, to windy! With the end of the year fast approaching and some busy weeks ahead, it's been down to business in the classrooms in preparation for assessment and reports later in the term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had our October meeting on Tuesday night, passing through the Parent Payment Policies (with some modifications), updating all happening in Education thanks to our Term overviews, exploring changes occurring onsite due to buildings and grounds work and much more. Our final meeting of Council for this year is in November on the 25th. One for the diary, especially if you were unable to make the October meeting 😊.

FREAKY FRIDAY PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to the students at Crusoe College, including many of our past students, for their wonderful performance of FREAKY FRIDAY yesterday. The Senior Unit really enjoyed their outing and staff who attended loved seeing past students shining.

DIVISION CRICKET

We have had a change of date for division cricket, now set to occur on Friday, 7th November. A team of Year 5/6 students will head off to represent our school at the Division Cricket tournament based at Catherine McAuley College in Junortoun. Brett & Roberta will be in attendance to supervise and coach the teams and a great day is set to unfold. If your child has been lucky enough to be selected to participate, please consent/pay on Compass once announced.

FOOD PANTRY, BRAIN FOOD, SNACKS – REPEAT FROM LAST WEEK!

We have a newly stocked community pantry at school with Vegemite, Cheerios, honey, Weeties, SPC baked beans / spaghetti, Sirena tuna cups, long life milk (including lactose free), soup and more for any family wanting free items... particularly during those times of need. Too embarrassed to drop in? No need to be, however if you are feeling like you can't drop in... ring the Office and speak to one of the team (Erin, Janet, Dean, Chris, Ainsley or I) and we can discreetly put some things into a bag for you to send home. If you ever forget to send your child with brain food or snacks... please let us know... we have fruit and also snacks like popcorn, fruit cups and milk boxes to support. No issue at all 😊.

BREAKFAST BUFFET AND CLUB – REPEAT FROM LAST WEEK!

If you have been in the school grounds of a morning you may have noticed our BREAKFAST BUFFET in action (Monday – Thursday). Most days Dean, Chris or I will run a breaky buffet from the balcony alongside the library and my office. Children can come to school and have fruit cups, fresh fruit, cereal with milk, popcorn and a milk box if they are hungry. Please don't be embarrassed if they come and eat even if they have had breakfast – many visitors love the social element of a second breakfast with their friends. On Fridays Clare puts on a more elaborate breakfast club on the steps of the Multipurpose Room also – with lots of choices like toast for those who want it before the start of the day.

WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Next week will see all classes participating in the swimming program for 2025 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (no Wednesday as it is the Bendigo Cup Public Holiday and no school). You might think this is a big undertaking having the whole school attend... and it is... however this was the preferred attendance for the local pool when we booked... so fingers crossed it all runs like clockwork! We have ensured all groups have the indoor heated pool this year to ensure swimming is pleasant even on some of these unpredictable cooler days! Please remember to send bathers and towel to school each day... if you are able, children can come each day with swimwear underneath uniform (might be harder for Junior Unit and First Steps as swimming is so late in the day). If sending children to school with bathers on underneath, please just make sure they are dry for comfort's sake. The first group is SA/R and SB departing school at 9:55am. Second group is SK and MW/A at 10:35am. Third group is ME/D and MP at 11:25am. Fourth group is the Junior Unit at 12:10pm. Last, but not least, will be First Steps at 12:55pm. We have an alternate timetable and different supervision in the yard due to the comings and goings. So next week will mean nothing is our normal routine, even for staff like myself who will also find themselves at times visiting the pool. It's all hands on deck. If you are looking to catch up with any one of us next week, best to ring the Office to find out a time or email staff directly. If you haven't already, please consent and/or make payment on Compass by tomorrow. Finally - all children should do the swimming program. It's part of the mandated Curriculum and so important for water safety.

CLASS STRUCTURES AND TEACHERS

Next year we anticipate having the following staffing in place:

FIRST STEPS

Foundation – Nicole Peach (Monday – Thursday) and Nick Reid (Friday)

Foundation – Catherine Kelley

JUNIOR UNIT

Year 1/2 – Jen Nicholls

Year 1/2 – Ainsley Stanley (Monday – Thursday) and Roberta Mathers (Friday)

MIDDLE UNIT

Year 2/3 – Wendy Hicks (Monday – Thursday) and Amanda Bateman (Friday)

Year 3/4 – Pauline Mulcair

Year 3/4 – Emma Tuckwell (Monday – Wednesday) and Dean White (Thursday / Friday)

SENIOR UNIT

Year 4/5 – Kate Dole

Year 5/6 – Jayden Sheean

Year 5/6 – Brett Strange

BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

Next Wednesday, 29th October is the Bendigo Cup Public Holiday. As we are a Bendigo school, we have to take Bendigo Cup as our shire holiday, meaning that we have a school day on Melbourne Cup. Families are reminded that there is no school or OSHC on Wednesday due to it being a holiday. Next week is a 4 day week due to the holiday, with students attending on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A busy short week with swimming thrown in also!

DAY FOR DANIEL

Next Friday, 31st October is DAY FOR DANIEL. To recognise this important day, we will deliver AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CHILD SAFETY LESSON and participate in active travel to school. Your child/ren can meet staff at Phillis Street at 8:30am and walk, ride or scoot to school. If at OSHC, students can walk laps of the tiger turf. We encourage all children to wear red and donate a gold coin to the DANIEL MORCOMBE FOUNDATION. School Leaders will collect gold coins from classrooms in the morning.

CURRICULUM DAY

Monday, 3rd November is a Curriculum Day. Our staff will be working on Student Wellbeing and our SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORTS (SWPBS). There is no school for students, so please arrange alternative care.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

With thanks to McKerns and sponsors, for our beautiful selection of fruit 🍊. Here is Ned & Willow with their mandarin and apple.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Oli MB, Eden MB, Logan HF, Phoebe I & Macy F.

With a big week of swimming ahead please endeavour to rest your child / children over the weekend in preparation. Have a lovely Friday and an even better weekend!

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal



FIRST STEPS NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by being an **active listener** in the classroom:

FSN **Everly F**
FSJ **Abigail HF**

Nicole, Nick & Jen

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For working hard to learn and apply their time telling skills:

JJ **Mila C**
JC **Harvey**

Jayden & Catherine

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For actively participating in all classroom activities:

MED **Kajarah**
MP **Alexis W**
MWA **Piper C**

Emma, Dean, Pauline, Wendy & Amanda

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For care and understanding towards classmates and teachers:

SA/R **Avery F**
SB **Jacob F**
SK **Otis M**

Ainsley, Roberta, Brett & Kate

INCIDENT REPORT NOTES

We are now sending digital notifications for head injuries, asthma puffer administration, nose bleeds and bee stings to reduce paper usage.

So, instead of your child bringing home a note, a text message will be sent from Compass to advise you about any of the above.

As always, if it is a serious injury, we will call you straight away.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, we're always here to help.

Regards,

Office & ES staff

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MANGO DRIVE

THANK YOU!

We have received enough orders for the drive to proceed 😊.



Please remember to still send in your paper order form if you are ordering on Compass, thank you. Spare order forms are available from the Office.

Orders are **due in TOMORROW, Friday, 24th October – 9:00am on Compass, 3:15pm at the Office.**

The trays are \$28 each for 7kg of mangoes.

Thanks for your support

2026 YEAR 6 GRAD SHIRTS

Dear Families,

It's that time of year when we begin organising for the year ahead.

Our current Year 5 students now have the opportunity to purchase their **Year 6 graduation shirts** for 2026.

As part of the process, students have voted on their preferred design, and we are excited to share that the shirts can now be **ordered and paid for online** through P&C Uniforms **ordering portal**.

All details, including sizing and ordering instructions, are provided in the **flyer attached**.

We strongly encourage families to consider purchasing **more than one shirt** where possible.

Prices may vary for any reorders placed next year, and having an extra shirt makes washing and daily wear much easier, especially as most students like to wear their graduation shirt every day.

Please note:

- **Orders close on Sunday, 16th November,**
- **Sample sizes** are available to try on **before and after school**, please pop in and see **Kate** in the **Senior Office**,
- We recommend purchasing **at least one shirt in the next size up** to allow for growth,
- A **minimum order quantity** must be met for any future reorders, so getting your order in now is important.

Thank you for your support in helping our students celebrate their final year of primary school in style!

Regards

The Senior Team

SOCIAL MEDIA & CYBER SAFETY

Navigating the Digital World: Your GPS for the Online Adventure

Who Are You Really? The Sneaky Threat of Identity Theft

Back in the day, "identity theft" sounded like something out of a spy movie. You'd picture a shady character in sunglasses rifling through your bin for old bank statements or forging your signature on a dodgy cheque. But these days, it's gone digital and no one's safe, not even our kids.

The truth is, identity theft doesn't care how old you are. Adults are prime targets because we've got bank accounts, credit cards, and online shopping habits that leave a digital trail longer than a Bunnings receipt. But tweens and teens... they're increasingly at risk too, often without even realising it. A stolen email, a hacked gaming account, or an innocent overshare on social media can be all it takes for someone to grab enough personal info to start causing trouble.

How It Happens

It's not always the obvious scams either. Sure, we've all had that dodgy message pretending to be from Australia Post or a "relative" who's suddenly stranded overseas. But kids and teens face sneaky versions too, fake competitions, "free" gaming credits, or new followers asking harmless-sounding questions like "What's your school's name?" or "When's your birthday?" Sounds innocent, right? Until those little bits of info are pieced together like a jigsaw.

Even something as simple as using the same password across games, apps, and social media can leave the door wide open. And once a hacker's in, they can impersonate, message friends, or worse, use the info for fraud. It's not just about money either. Identity theft can damage reputations, friendships, and trust faster than you can say "whoops, shouldn't have clicked that."

I know I've said it before, but it's worth repeating, if something feels too good to be true, it probably is. Whether it's a message saying you've won a \$500 gift card or a free in-game upgrade just for clicking a link, those too-good-to-be-true moments usually end in a digital disaster. It's the modern-day version of someone offering to sell you the Sydney Harbour Bridge only now, the scammers are hiding behind a screen instead of a dodgy street corner.

Why Tweens and Teens Are Prime Targets

Kids often don't have bank accounts or loans, but that's exactly what makes them appealing to scammers, a "clean slate." Their digital footprint is growing, but it's rarely monitored closely. Scammers can create fake identities using kids' stolen details, and it might go unnoticed for years.

Imagine turning 18, applying for your first credit card, and finding out you're already in debt for a jet ski you never bought. Not exactly the birthday surprise you'd want!

What Families Can Do

So, how do we stay one step ahead of the scammers?

A few simple habits go a long way:

- Keep personal info private: full names, birthdays, school names, treat them like gold. They don't belong online.
- Update and vary passwords: YES it's annoying, but not as annoying as explaining to the bank that you didn't just buy a fridge in Finland.
- Talk about scams: chat openly about what's real and what's not. Kids are smart, but scammers are sneaky.
- Check privacy settings: make sure social media and gaming accounts are set to private.
- Be wary of public WiFi: great for scrolling at the café, not so great for logging into your bank.

Final Thoughts

Identity theft might sound like an adult problem, but it's everyone's problem now, from teens posting selfies to parents paying bills. In our connected world, protecting your identity is just as important as locking your front door. We're working hard at school to teach kids how to think critically about what they post online, but it's even more powerful when home and school work together to model smart digital habits.

After all, you wouldn't hand your house keys to a stranger, so why hand over your personal details online! A bit of caution, a few conversations, and a healthy dose of common sense can go a long way in keeping those scammers at bay.

Safe travels on the internet highway, where your data's the passenger, and you're the navigator!

Kate

COMMUNITY NEWS



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**Sunday 26th October
10am to 3pm**

**Lockwood South
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Big Hill Primary School

Mellourne Cup

Family Fun Day

Tuesday, 4th November

All families are invited to come and join in the day of fun and festivities!



The morning program will begin at 9:10am and will include **Fashions on the Asphalt** and the **Hat Parades**. Parents are invited to **Morning Tea** which will be held in the Library at 10:30am.

After first break, at 11:00am, the **Long Distance Races** will be held for each year level.

These are optional competitive races.



From 11:45am there will be **Picnic Races** for all ages (including toddlers and parents).

These races are for fun, participation and inclusion.

For lunch Parents and Friends will be running a fundraising **BBQ** (pre-order on Compass now open) or feel free to bring a rug and a picnic basket.



New this year is a wonderful art show, open in the Multipurpose at both breaks, showcasing excellence in another avenue - The Arts.



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE RACES FORMAT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

THIS IS TO BEAT THE HEAT BY HAVING THE LONG DISTANCE RACES BEFORE LUNCH INSTEAD OF AFTER LUNCH