

OSBORNES FLAT PS NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

KADE LIVERMORE

Our school has been busily preparing for the Yackandandah Folk Festival, with lots of preparations being conducted today. We are so very appreciative of the army of helpers that turned out this morning and over the course of the Folk Festival to assist with preparations. A very special thank you to Kim and Brad Nicholls for their amazing efforts and the donation of their time and resources to organise everything to do with our spud stall. On behalf of our community, we thank you for your efforts.

I'd also like to express how proud I am of our Year 3 and Year 5 students, who survived NAPLAN and carried on about their learning when not engaged in NAPLAN. We are so very pleased with the efforts you have all made and we hope that you are proud of the mammoth efforts you have put in.

It is the last two weeks of Term 1, with a finishing time of 2:10pm on Friday 4th April. Our students have had a big term of learning and have earned their time to relax over the holidays.

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Subcommittees

Our new School Council kicks off next Term and we are establishing 4 new subcommittees. We are requiring parent volunteers to help make up these committees to help make our school an even better place. Parents can use the survey link below to nominate themselves against any of the subcommittees. We are looking for members to join the:

- Grounds and Safety subcommittee
- Fundraising and Events subcommittee
- Grants and Funding subcommittee
- Educational Policy subcommittee

Subcommittees meet twice per term to discuss items derived by the subcommittee, and report these back to the School Council.

Click the survey link here:

<https://forms.gle/oKE3424Jm6bpUPMn6>

School Values Work

Our School is currently working on canvassing parent and community input into a new set of School Values. It is our school's work this year to revisit our values and add to our respect value. In the coming week, our parent community will be invited to help select our new values from a list of values that we think are important. Look out for the survey link on Compass to have your say.

Sickness and Tiredness

We are seeing a rise in students who are unwell and who are very tired. We urge families to keep their children home when they are presenting as unwell, in order to stop the potential spread of viruses. As it is also nearing the end of what has felt like a long and warm term, students are feeling the effects of the change in season and are becoming a little less resilient due to tiredness. It is perfectly okay for families to allow their children to have a rest day if this is something that you can accommodate.

We have our next assembly on Monday 24th March, where families are welcome to attend.

NAPLAN

Over the past two weeks, our Year 3 and Year 5 students have taken part in their NAPLAN assessments, covering Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a nationwide assessment that provides valuable insights into students' progress in these key areas. While it is just one measure of learning, it can sometimes feel like a big challenge for young students.

We are incredibly proud of our students for the way they approached their assessments—with determination, resilience and a positive attitude. NAPLAN can be a stressful experience for some, but our students showed great effort and perseverance throughout the process. They tackled each test with confidence and should feel proud of their hard work.

A huge thank you to our teachers and staff for supporting students during this time and to our families for encouraging and reassuring them. No matter the results, we know that every student has done their best and that's what truly matters. Well done, everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES

March

Thu 27th - Elio Simonetti Magic Performance Excursion at Kiewa Valley Primary

April

Wed 2nd - CFA Truck Visit

Fri 4th - Hot Dog Day / Last day of term

Tue 22nd - Term 2 starts

Mon 28th - Curriculum Day (No school)

May

Sun 4th - May the 4th be with you

Fri 9th - NERSSA Cross Country - Yackandandah



From Hynes Classroom

ALISA KING

It has been busy in the Specialist Subjects over the last couple of weeks. Both classes have now begun their Auslan lessons. For the older ones the focus has been on revision and improving their hand posture and signing accuracy of familiar words. For the OS1 class it is an exciting beginning. Discovering that they already knew lots of signs and hand signals that we use every day made starting Auslan less daunting and quite fun.

Both classes have been learning about bushfires and fire preparedness. OS1 learnt to Get Down Low and Go Go Go when a fire alarm goes off and we had good fun practising this at school. ME1 have been learning about the causes and effects of bushfires, how to reduce the fire risk around a home and also about Fire Danger Signs and Total Fire Bans. On Wednesday the 2nd of April the Alans Flat CFA will be bringing their fire truck to school for the children to learn first-hand how the CFA works.

ME1 class have begun working on their cross country running in preparation for next term. We will continue this to build up some general fitness. OS1 have continued working on their basketball skills; bouncing, catching, moving with the ball and shooting for points.

We will be having a Ride to School day on Wednesday 2nd of April. Yackandandah to Osbornes Flat along the Rail Trail. More information to follow.





From Osborne 1

ANTHONY BROWN

Over the last fortnight, OS1 students have been busy exploring numbers in maths, using fun games to investigate concepts like more, less and equal. These hands-on activities have helped build a strong understanding of number relationships in an engaging way.

In literacy, students have been focusing on the letter S, practicing letter recognition and sounds, while also continuing their work on procedural texts. They have been learning how to give clear instructions and sequence steps effectively—a skill that will be useful in many areas of learning.

We were also lucky to have a visit from Aasta in the Art Van, where students explored how lines can be used to create art and experimented with different techniques to add texture to their work. It was a fantastic opportunity for creativity and self-expression!

It's been a great start to the term and we're excited to continue building on these skills in the coming weeks.

Office Update

BEC DAVIS

We'd like to remind our families to allocate their \$400 School Saving Bonus towards school activities to help cover costs such as uniforms, excursions, and other school-related expenses. Since we sell uniforms directly through the school, you can use these funds to purchase them, making it an easy and practical way to make the most of your bonus.

To do this, visit the School Saving Bonus website at <https://www.schoolsavingbonus.vic.gov.au/s/>. You'll need to enter your unique code, which was most likely sent out in November last year. Once logged in, simply select School Activities and choose the amount you'd like to transfer—we recommend allocating the full \$400 to ensure you can use it across various school expenses throughout the year.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to the office.

BUS UPDATE

We'd like to remind parents that our school bus service picks up students from Baranduda at 8:10 and Streets Rd in Wodonga at 8:25. If students are not at the bus stop on time, they will need to make their own way to school.

If your child will not be using the bus service on a particular morning or afternoon, please text the school phone at 0428 380 870 at your earliest convenience to let us know. Our bus service has a lengthy waitlist and with advance notice, we may be able to offer the seat to another student for the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our bus service running smoothly!



From Meehan 1

HAYLEY ELLIS

This week in Meehan 1, we had a blast learning how to cook Chop Suey (Chow Mein) and serve it in lettuce cups, using up lots of fresh produce from food share. We also made delicious pumpkin soup and mango/banana smoothies and let's just say there were plenty of full bellies last Friday!

In addition to our culinary adventures, we spent some time in the garden with a wonderful parent helper, Jessema (Brylie's mum). She taught us how to identify different types of seeds and how to save them for replanting. We also rolled up our sleeves to weed the garden beds and spread fresh compost and soil, getting everything ready for planting later on.

It's been fantastic to see the students of Meehan 1 settle into the rhythm and expectations of the class and daily schedule. I'm incredibly proud of how engaged they've become. Many have taken great pride in their work and have been contributing thoughtfully to classroom discussions. It's clear that they're not only learning, but enjoying the process too!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every morning before school.

It's the perfect way for students to fuel up for the day ahead. We offer a variety of delicious breakfast options, including spaghetti on toast, cereal, toast, milk and fresh fruit cups.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The name "Yackandandah" is believed to derive from the local Dhudhuroa Aboriginal language, meaning "one boulder on top of another at the junction of two creeks," referring to the meeting point of Yackandandah and Commissioner creeks.



Art Van Update

AASTA DEARNALEY

Over the past month, our Foundation - Year 2 students have been diving into what it means to be respectful artists, both to each other and to the materials they use. Through stories, discussions, and hands-on activities, they have been learning how artists behave, how to care for their tools, and how to collaborate in a shared creative space.

A highlight of our sessions has been exploring three engaging books: Play by Hervé Tullet, Surprise by Mies van Hout, and Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld. Each of these books sparked creativity and inspired students to respond in their own unique artistic ways, whether through drawing, painting, or playful mark-making.

We also incorporated play-based art activities, allowing students to experiment freely and build important skills in a fun and engaging way. By exploring different materials and techniques, they learned to take creative risks, embrace surprises, and express themselves with confidence. These experiences are helping to lay the foundation for a strong and respectful art studio culture, one where every student feels inspired to create!

Over the past month, our Year 3-6 students have been exploring what it means to be respectful artists, both in how we treat each other and how we care for our materials and tools. By discussing and modelling artist behaviours, we are creating a studio environment where everyone feels supported in their creative journey.

A big focus has been on experimenting with materials and equipment, allowing students to familiarise themselves with different artistic tools and discover new ways of expressing their ideas. Through this process, they have learned to take creative risks, embrace mistakes as part of learning, and push the boundaries of what materials can do.

This exploration is leading into an exciting long term artwork that students have begun developing. This piece will continue into Term 2, reflecting their personal artistic choices and the experimentation they have engaged in so far. We can't wait to see how their ideas evolve as they continue to grow as artists!





Library Update

DEB BAUERLE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is back and this year is extra special as it celebrates its 20th anniversary! Over the years, more than 4.5 million students have read over 63 million books and now it's our turn to add to that number. The challenge encourages students to read a set number of books and log them online. Foundation to Year 2 students are encouraged to read 30 books, with at least 20 from the official booklist, while Years 3 and up need to read 15 books, with at least 10 from the list. Once completed, students will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Premier.

I'll be distributing student logins this afternoon, so everyone can start logging their books. To support our readers, we've set up a special display in the library with books from the Challenge list, making it easier for students to find something great to read. Families can also get involved by reading together and discovering new favourites. As Premier Jacinta Allan said in her opening message, "Reading together is one of the most powerful ways we can help kids build their literacy skills."

I encourage everyone to take part and enjoy the journey of reading. Let's make this our biggest year yet! Happy reading!

Hot Dog Day Is Back! Now With Primas!

Our popular Hot Dog Day is returning for the third time this term on Friday the 4th of April!

Students can enjoy a delicious hot dog for just \$2 each, we now have Primas available for \$1.50 each with orders available through Compass.

Be sure to get your orders in by Tuesday 1st April 5pm to avoid missing out!



Beechworth Secondary College Discovery Night

Our friends at Beechworth Secondary College are hosting a Discovery Night on Wednesday the 2nd of April 2025 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Head along to meet students and teachers, hear from school leaders and take part in exciting activities. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore everything the school has to offer! Plus, don't miss the Principal's Welcome at 6:00 PM.

Thinking about 2026 enrolments and beyond? This is the perfect time to ask questions and get all the information you need.

For more details, call (03) 5728 1264. The event will be held at 85 Balaclava Road, Beechworth VIC 3747. To learn more about the school, visit <https://www.bworthsc.vic.edu.au>.



Come and meet the students and teachers at our local school. Hear from our school leaders and participate in activities and interactive experiences.

DISCOVERY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL, 2025

5.00 - 7.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME @ 6.00pm

Talk to us about 2026 enrolments - enquiries welcome at all year levels.



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www.beechworthsc.vic.edu.au
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Yackandandah Net Set Go



Come and learn Netball in a fun and inclusive environment for **Children aged 5-10 years.**

WHEN - Term 2 on Wednesdays from 4pm.

WHERE: Yackandandah Football Netball Club

NET

AGES 5-6 YEARS

Learn the basics of netball through fun, simple activities that keep children moving and engaged.

SET

AGES 7-8 YEARS

Set Program will build on movement skills while being introduced to exciting netball techniques and strategies.

GO

AGES 9-10 YEARS

Go will refine netball techniques while continuing to improve overall coordination.

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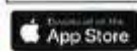
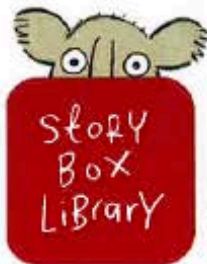
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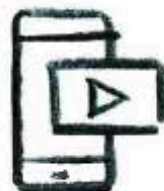
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