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PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Hello families and carers,

A lot has been going on in classrooms over the last two weeks and there have been many wonderful learning activities happening. It's fabulous to see the students engaged.

Congratulations to all our student leaders who received their badges at our first assembly last week. Our student leaders are very proud to be representatives for all students in the school and I look forward to seeing their achievements this year.

Our 5/6s had a very successful day in the kitchen last week – what a delicious looking meal they cooked and shared. I look forward to seeing what the Grade 3/4 class prepare next week.

A reminder to all that Monday 28th February is a student free day. No student supervision will be available on this day, all staff will be participating in some cultural training as well as beginning our Auslan journey. By the end of Term 1, all staff will be trained in Level 1 Auslan to be able to share this in everyday communication with our students.

School council nominations close today at 3pm. Please ensure if you wish to be part of this that you have completed the nomination form and handed it to the office. More information will be shared next week once the nominations are all received.

I hope to touch on each of our 5 Keys regularly in the newsletter this year. Please see below for this week's focus.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please contact the office. Have a wonderful weekend.

MRS CARLY MIDDLETON

Principal

KEY DATES

- **Mon 28th Feb**
 - **Curriculum Day No students to attend**
- **Tues 1st March**
 - **Community Playgroup 9:30-10:30**
- **Tues 1st March**
 - **3/4 SAKG Cooking**
- **Tues 1st March**
 - **5/6 Police in Schools Program with Des Hudson**
- **Wed 2nd March**
 - **Foundation Students Rest Day**
- **Tues 8th March**
 - **Community Playgroup 9:30-10:30**
- **Tues 8th Mar**
 - **2/3 SAKG Cooking**
- **Wed 9th March**
 - **Foundation Students Final Rest Day**

Please see the term calendar at the end of the newsletter for later events.

KEY FOCUS: CONFIDENCE

This week's focus is on Confidence:

A healthy sense of self-confidence is necessary for your child to develop social skills, become more resilient, and embrace their full potential inside and outside the classroom.

What is Healthy Self-Confidence?

Self-confidence is a feeling of trust in one's abilities, qualities, and judgment. A healthy sense of self-confidence is all about having a balanced view of yourself — taking pride in your abilities while recognizing your flaws. Children with a healthy sense of self-confidence are able to feel good about themselves and know that they deserve respect from others.

How can we help build self-confidence in children?

One step to focus on this week is: Help them practice self-acceptance: Encourage your child to examine their strengths and weaknesses from a position of self-love and acceptance. Teach them that they can address their weaknesses without being overly critical. Let them know that their worth is not dependent on successes or failures.



2022 BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to all staff and students who are celebrating their birthdays this fortnight

Sienna - 25th
Karen - 25th
Rashell - 29th
Peyton - 5th
Ava - 7th



2022 INFORMATION



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ✓ Have a current health care card **OR** pensioner concession card
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school
- ✓ Have regular income from work, yourself **OR** your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



MATHS UPDATE



JUNIOR MATHS

Students in the junior building have been learning about time.

Help your child at home by talking about:

- What time do we eat breakfast? Lunch? Dinner?
- What time do we go to school? Finish school?
- What day of the week is sport? The weekend?
- Which day comes before Tuesday? After Sunday?
- What are the months of the year? Birthday month?
- What do the hands on the clock tell us? Minutes? Hours?
- Does it take longer to eat your lunch or tie your shoelace?

Thinking about these things each day brings a higher sense of awareness to your child about how we use time in our everyday language and also builds their vocabulary around time.



[Click here for your child to practice with games relating to time](#)

Read the time on an analogue clock. Lots of choice over levels, including: reading time to the nearest hour, half hour, quarter hour, five minutes or minute. Options include using a 24 hour clock and seeing how many correct answers you can get in a given time.



Scan to open this game on a mobile device. Right-click to copy and paste it onto a homework sheet.

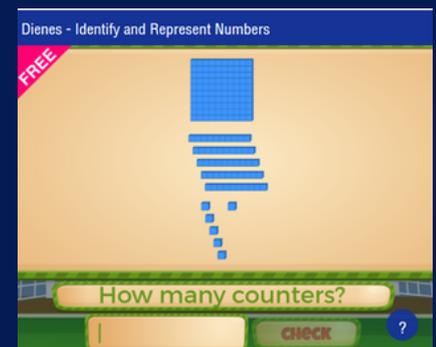
SENIOR MATHS

Students in the senior building have focused on place value and addition to begin 2022.

Place value is the value of each digit in a number. For example, the 5 in 350 represents 5 tens, or 50; however, the 5 in 5,006 represents 5 thousands, or 5,000. It is important that children understand that whilst a digit can be the same, its value depends on where it is in the number.

Students will soon move into a unit on fractions and decimals. Fractions find their way into our real-life maths, more than any other math concept. At home you may promote a conversation by cutting up an apple into halves, then quarters, then eighths. Or, while in the car, mark the passing of time with fractions. "We are one-third of the way there." "It will take us 20 minutes to get to the movies." "In how many minutes will we be half-way there?"

Click for [place value](#) or [fraction games](#) to practice at home.



ONLINE SAFETY

A very important aspect of child safety involves keeping children and young people safe in the online environment.

This is an area that parents and schools are very aware of, however with the constant changes and evolving nature of technology, websites, games and so on, it can be quite challenging keeping up with the latest information.

the **Office of the eSafety Commissioner** is one trusted organisation that provides knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

This is a copy of the 2022 eSafety webinar schedule.

Webinars are **FREE** for parents and carers to access.

Parents and carers are able to register for a webinar by going to the [eSafety](https://www.esafety.gov.au) website directly and following the instructions.

Please note, each webinar listed on the schedule also includes the age range it is most suitable for.



Parent and carer webinars

2022

2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

January Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Cyberbullying and online drama . (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).	February Webinar: Helping kids thrive online (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old). 8th February – Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22	March Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).
April Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse . (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).	May Webinar: Parental controls (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).	June Webinar: Online gaming (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).
July Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Parental controls . (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).	August Webinar: Popular apps (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).	September Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old). National Child Protection Week #NCPW22
October Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).	November Webinar: Guide to the holidays (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).	December It's December! You can check out our annual Gift Guide here.

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars).

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PREP



This week the preps have been enjoying spending time with their Grade 6 Buddies. The prep students invited their buddies to the prep room and the senior students were very happy to play and teach the younger students about school life.

We also started our Thursday Clubs and the preps were so excited to choose their 'Clubs' activity. Some activities the students can try are: knitting, ball games, nature walks, billy cart riding and hip hop dancing.

It's hard to believe we are nearly half-way through term 1. We are all looking forward to a fun and productive finish to the term!



ONE/TWO

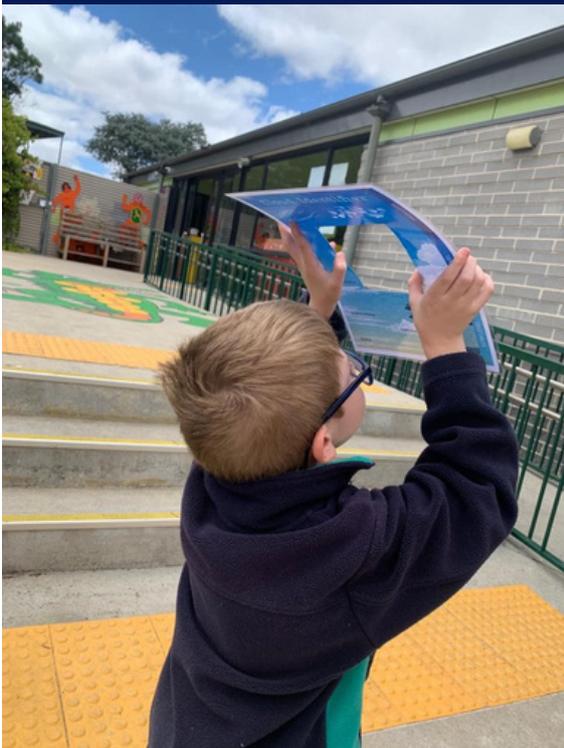


It has been busy in our classroom with a new teacher working with us while Mrs Minns-Reeves is away, her name is Ms Brooke. Ms Brooke is getting to know all of our names and helping us learn lots of new and exciting things!

We are still busy learning about the seasons and the weather. Each day we are collecting weather data to track the changes happening daily throughout the seasons. This week we've been discovering the different types of clouds and what we can tell from their colour, shape and size.

In Literacy, we have been focusing on making text-to-self connections through both our daily IRA and writing sessions. A huge focus for Grade 1/2 this term is around resilience and we have begun looking at what a "Growth Mindset" is and how we can use it each day to persevere with tricky tasks. The power of 'Yet' has been particularly important in our understanding of positive self-talk... e.g. "I can't do this YET"

It has been a joyous and eventful week in Grade 1/2 and we are looking forward to what's ahead!



TWO/THREE



This week we are continuing our exploration of time, seasons and weather, including learning about the difference between weather and climate, and the various weather events we experience here in Ballarat.

In literacy we are exploring writing recounts, and we are reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl as a class novel. In maths we are looking at the difference between digital and analogue time and building our understanding of how to tell time and represent time visually. We also celebrated Twosday on Tuesday, February 22nd, by exploring pairs, multiples of 2, and each writing two truths and a lie - a very fun exercise! The 2-3 students are settling into the classroom routines beautifully.

In class we have been practising saying an Acknowledgement of Country, which your child may have shared with you at home, which aligns with the Victorian Curriculum goals of building students' Intercultural Capabilities, as well as building their Personal and Social Capabilities, and contributing to their already strong knowledge of diversity, empathy and respect. We have discussions about why we say Acknowledgements of Country at different times, and this learning will lead into the unit on World Cultures we will soon be starting. We have also been learning a short verse that is connected to our work on Growth Mindset in the classroom, and reflects our classroom values of being kind, being true, being brave and always trying to do the right thing. As part of this we clap in a rhythm, which helps build the students' sense of pattern, as well as having them cross the midline, which encourages the two sides of the brain to communicate effectively.

Planning is currently underway for some exciting excursions at the end of this term and next term, which is something to look forward to after the last couple of years!



THREE/FOUR



The grade 3/4s are settling wonderfully into the classroom routines. They enjoy a period of quiet, independent reading each morning before the day begins and enjoy this quiet time every day. Some even ask for more time!

We have been practising our subtraction strategies so that we can work with larger numbers; the students have been using MABs to help develop their place value knowledge to help with this. Today we had time playing maths games which was a very popular choice!

The students worked on building a paper bridge today with Ms Hofman. The pictures below tell the story - this is a very engaged, interested group!



FIVE/SIX



The Grade 5/6's have had a busy two weeks. Last Tuesday they enjoyed their first Kitchen Garden Day. The students worked well as a class to create a 3 course meal for the entire grade.

We have also been working on writing Narratives, where they have been learning about using different figurative language and stronger vocabulary in order to make their writing more engaging. They have been analysing authors writing to create their own writing and tasks they have found most enjoyable.

For reading they have been working on developing a love for reading by having "book club" each week. Where they get to read a book they enjoy and then share the books with their group and enjoy a discussion.



SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31 JAN	1 FEB STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	2 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	3 FEB	4 FEB
2	7 FEB	8 FEB	9 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	10 FEB	11 FEB Newsletter
3	14 FEB	15 FEB SAKG Cooking 5/6	16 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	17 FEB School Council nominations sent home	18 FEB
4	21 FEB	22 FEB Community Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00	23 FEB Foundation Students Rest Day	24 FEB School Council Meeting Nominations Close	25 FEB Newsletter
5	28 FEB CURRICULUM DAY - No Students	1 MAR SAKG Cooking 3/4 Police in Schools 5/6 Playgroup 9:30	2 MAR Foundation Students Rest Day	3 MAR	4 MAR
6	7 MAR	8 MAR SAKG Cooking 2/3 Playgroup 9:30	9 MAR Foundation Students Rest Day	10 MAR	11 MAR Newsletter
7	14 MAR LABOUR DAY	15 MAR SAKG Garden Day 9-12 - 2/3 12-3 - 1/2 Playgroup 9:30	16 MAR	17 MAR	18 MAR Magpie Athletics Day
8	21 MAR Harmony Day	22 MAR SAKG Cooking 1/2 Playgroup 9:30	23 MAR	24 MAR	25 MAR Newsletter Magpie Cross Country Day
9	28 MAR	29 MAR SAKG Cooking Prep Police in Schools 5/6 Playgroup 9:30	30 MAR	31 MAR	1 APR Wathaurung Cross Country
10	4 APR	5 APR SAKG Garden Day 9-12 - 5/6 12-3 - 3/4 Playgroup 9:30	6 APR	7 APR World Health Day	8 APR Newsletter