

Term 4
Week 6

NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef
PRIMARY SCHOOL



RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
BEING YOUR BEST
CO-OPERATION

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 14th November

Parents & Friends Meeting 2.45 pm

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November

Smile Squad returning

Thursday 16th November

School Council Meeting 9.15 am

Tuesday 21st November

Prep 2024 Transition visit
9.15-10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 22nd November

CURRICULUM DAY

-NO SCHOOL!

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From the Principal :

Another busy week had by all at Lightning Reef! Teachers have been working with Kristie to order student book packs. To try and help families, we have been checking through our cupboards to find any left over books, glue sticks, coloured pencils etc in order to reduce shared class supplies that we usually order and have to pass on costs to you. The fees will be attached to the newsletter to help families plan at this very expensive time of the year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY On 11 November, we commemorate Remembrance Day. This date is the anniversary of the Armistice's signing as the first step to end fighting with Germany in World War I. We commemorate all who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Understanding for students has occurred within the classroom and Assembly this week. **Lest We Forget**



SUNSMART - HATS We are encouraging all families to search to find school hats as the weather (every-now and then) starts to warm up. LRPS expect the use of sun protection measures when the UV index levels are 3 or higher. In Term 4 the 'No Hat No Play' policy will be followed at all times.



From the Principal....

WATER BOTTLES As the weather warms up we ask that children have a drink bottle to use in the classroom. It is important to keep hydrated by drinking water and equally is important not to have interruptions during learning time, needing to go to the bubble taps. Please only fill with water!

Term 4 Curriculum Days– NO SCHOOL DAYS Please make a note in the diary that on **Wednesday November 22nd and Friday December 11th** we will be holding Curriculum Days for all staff. The focus of the first day is a Report Writing Day for Teachers, while the second is for 2024 planning and preparation for the Year 6 Graduation that will be held later that evening.

Swimming Classes coming up– FREE in 2023, just approval needed

Mr West has finished preparing for the 2023 Swimming classes, with great help and support from Ms B! This year, we are trying a new pool– Bendigo East and classes will go every day in Week 10 of this term. We are hoping the weather will be warm, and the Swimming Program is a fun way to finish the Term, plus it is an ideal time to prepare students for a safe Summer holiday around the water.

We have posted the event on Compass, so please make sure you approve it. I'm so pleased to say that we already have over 40% of the students approved to attend, so thank you so much for getting on with approving your child's participation!

If you have any concerns about your child swimming, please see their teacher who will be attend sessions with their class.

Class of 2023 Graduation

We have started planning for the Year 6 Graduation. Graduates may invite family members to attend the ceremony and celebrate the completion of their Primary School Education. Save the date!

Have a lovely weekend,

Jo Ryan

Principal



1/2 CAMP– Dinner at the RSL! Yum, Yum!

The Year 1 and 2 students had a great time at the sleepover on Monday and Tuesday. The teachers were impressed with the behaviour and resilience that every student showed throughout the two days.

On Monday night we walked to the Bendigo RSL to enjoy a meal together. With full bellies, we walked back to school and played some fantastic games with the coaches from Kelly Sports.

The year 1 students were picked up while the Year 2 students went for a night walk around the school. We then enjoyed a milo in the staff room and watched a movie.

Students then got ready for bed and settled into their sleeping bags for the night.

On Tuesday morning the kids woke to yogurt and muesli bars for brekkie, did some morning exercise and got ready for the day.

Thank you for all that attended and supported the event.

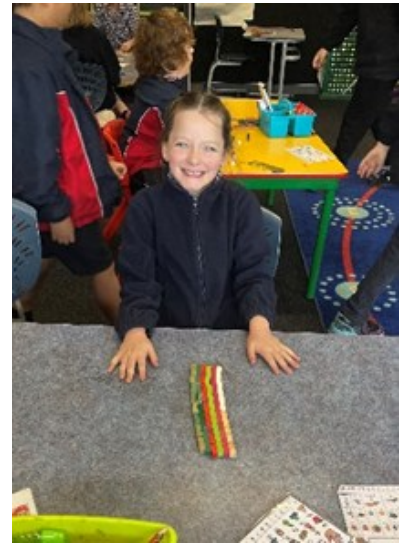


1/2 Camp- Games in the Gym & watching movies



Room 7DIVISION

In Room 7, our Numeracy focus has been Division. Students have been learning about different ways we can represent division, such as an equation, story, arrays or in groups. In this particular lesson, students used Cuisenaire Rods to work out how many times the numbers 10, 12 and 24 can be made up equally and if there are any remainders.



Room 3Cinquain Poetry

CINQUAIN POETRY FROM ROOM 3

**Room 3 are currently working
on CINQUAIN POETRY**

**Here are a sample of some
poems that have been written
in our classroom this week**



SHARKS

Deadly, dangerous

Eating, swimming, chomping

Always beware

Fish

By Taj



LEGO

Creative, blocks

playing, building, sorting

Lots of fun

Bricks

By Rylan



KITTENS

Fluffy, Cute

Clawing, biting, scratching

Different colours

Cuddly

By Tanara



SUMMER

Hot, Dry

Swimming, Reading, Relaxing

Play by the pool

Sticky

By Marlie



AFL

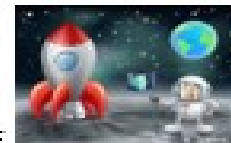
Fun, Oval,

Scoring, Kicking, Running

Melbourne in the best

WINNING

By Allen



SPACE

Dark, dangerous

Floating, exploring, searching

No oxygen

Empty

By Ricky

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY FOR 10 to 12 yr olds

Doxa Youth Foundation will be running holiday camps for children from 10 to 12 years old during the 2024 summer school holidays.

Doxa will be providing these camps FREE of charge for children from less affluent families. We are all about children having fun, learning, and creating special memories. We would appreciate your assistance in referring children who you think would benefit from a Doxa holiday camp.

Malmsbury Camp, January 8th – 12th 2024, (5 days and 4 overnight) Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, climbing wall, archery, trampolines, and local native wildlife. During this program participants will also visit the local swimming pool and canoe in local areas.

City Camp, January 15th – 19th 2024, (5 days and 4 overnight)

Located in the heart of the CBD, our city camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From seeing Melbourne's iconic attractions such as the Eureka Skydeck and Melbourne Zoo, to attending major Australian sporting events such as The Australian Open and Big Bash League, the experience they will have will be like no other.

For further information or to book, email or phone our team on (03) 9046 8200.

Attached is a flyer about our holiday camps and an application form. Please email the completed application form to info@doxa.org.au.



The flyer features a central logo for 'Doxa YOUTH FOUNDATION' with 'Holiday Camps 2024' below it. To the left is a yellow sun icon, and to the right is a red and blue abstract shape. Below the logo, the dates for 'MALMSBURY' and 'CITY' camps are listed. A table compares the activities for each camp, with checkmarks indicating included activities. Below the table are three photos: a group of children, a child archery, and a group of children. At the bottom, sections for 'TRANSPORT', 'COST', and 'FURTHER INFORMATION' provide additional details.

Doxa
YOUTH FOUNDATION

Holiday Camps
2024

DATES
Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January
City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY	CITY
Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria	Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Ropes Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Bash & Aus Open
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canoeing & Swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pool & Beach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archery & Orienteering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Zoo & Museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia

TRANSPORT
Malmsbury: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo
City: Doxa facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST
Our holiday camps are FREE.
Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Email: info@doxa.org.au
Phone: (03) 9046 8200

Assembly Awards—Week 5

Let's Just Do It! Lightning Learner

Room	Name	Reason
4	Roku	for being an active participant in speaking and listening activities.
5	Dom	For working hard in writing and writing the sounds he can hear
7	Euphie	For creating really good division stories.
8	Emily T	For challenging herself when creating division stories.
2	Hsa Thaw	Demonstrating a greater understanding of location and maps.
3	Chit Chit	trying hard in maths with her fractions tasks
9	Can Ler Paw	for her excellent reading during her reading conferences this week.
Art	Harlem	For working really hard on his Pop Art.
PE	Sam	For showing a great understanding of the rules of Cricket.
Music/Drama	Casey	For giving detailed responses to performances and taking on feedback to improve her dramatic skills.
Languages Karen	Kwae Doh	For sharing words that begin with letters in the Karen alphabet.

Room	Name	Reason
4	Kay Nay Kaw	For showing respect when others are speaking by listening attentively.
5	Kayleigh	For being your best when writing and trying to write more
7	Jake	For making an effort to raise his hand when he wishes to speak to the teacher.
8	Hel Eh Poyh	For always demonstrating responsibility by taking care of others.
2	Issabella	Always coming to school ready to learn and demonstrating our school values.
3	Allen	always being respectful
9	Willow	for working well on her powerpoint presentation in Inquiry
10	Xamantha	for being a polite and responsible member of Room 10
Art	Ma San Win	For working well with her peers in Art.
PE	Ryan	For making an effort to better his skills in each and every PE lesson.
Music/Drama	Blake	For dressing up creatively and confidently dancing for the class.
Languages Karen	Amelia	For actively participating in class discussions during Karen lessons.



Assembly Awards—Week 6

Let's Just Do It! Lightning Learner

Room	Name	Reason
4	Sam G	For amazing writing all week!
5	Bodie	For writing interesting sentences with describing words.
7	Selene	For taking on feedback to improve her writing.
8	Aiden	For trying his personal best when writing a narrative.
2	Harrison	Showing some great improvements in his maths assessments.
3	Tahlia	Trying hard with her cinquain poems
9	Eh Paw Khee	For using feedback and editing/adding to writing out her speech.
10	Charlotte	for her effort in writing a well thought out speech
Art	Aung Myit Thein	For creating artwork that expresses his own art style. Keep it up!
PE	Leon Rm 8	For identifying and using all the actions required to perform a safe and successful broad jump.
Drama	Issabella A	For giving constructive feedback when discussing puppet play performances.
Karen	Ma San Win	For confidently teaching her class how to say different foods in Kar

Room	Name	Reason
4	Shane-Dean	For being a caring member of Room 4.
5	Roger	For always coming to school ready to learn and persisting with tasks that challenge him.
7	Jonty	For being a responsible class member.
8	Shar Lom	For being kind and welcoming to new students in our school.
2	Himani	Always being a great friend and including others.
3	Matilda	Being a kind friend to our new student
9	Jonas	for being a positive and kind class member
10	Billie	for co-operating respectfully with others
Art	Ruby J	Being Responsible in Art by cleaning up after herself and others.
PE	Alexander Rm 2	Asking lots of questions to help improve his bowling technique.
/Drama	Athena	Always participating in all Drama activities with enthusiasm.
Karen	Ember	Confidently using Karen language to connect with the community.



School preparations for the bushfire season



Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Northern Country fire weather district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Northern Country fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in Northern Country fire district.

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by SMS, Compass notification and DoJo.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.

Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.

All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.

School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days.

On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.

Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website [Lightning Reef Primary School – Learners today Leaders tomorrow \(lightningreefps.vic.edu.au\)](https://lightningreefprimaryschool.vic.edu.au), by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to
Evie, Billie & Shar Lom.



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.

