

Term 1
Week 3

NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef PRIMARY SCHOOL



RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
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PERSISTENCE



UPCOMING DATES

Monday Feb 19th

Yr 5/6 Tennis Academy Lessons

Tuesday Feb 20th

Getting To Know You Interviews—
10 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

No school except interview time

Wednesday Feb 21st

Prep Rest Day

Friday Feb 23rd

11.45 3-6 Hockey Road Show

2.15 Whole School Assembly

Monday Feb 26th

Yr 5/6 Tennis Academy Lessons

Wednesday Feb 28th

Prep Rest Day

Thursday Feb 29th

Census day

Wednesday Mar 6th

Curriculum Day— No school

Monday March 11th

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday March 13th

Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN commences

3-6 Royal Australian Navy Band
Excursion

Friday March 15th

Whole School Assembly 2.15 p.m.

From the Principal :

Classes across the school have settled amazingly well after the addition of the extra class that started today. There is some great work being done around our school values and School Wide Positive Behaviours Expectations. Students have discussed what a positive learning environment looks like, feels like and sounds like and are working to ensure this is occurring each day. There will be times throughout the year when issues or social conflict may happen. During these times, the first point of contact would be your child's classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is usually in the best place to speak about what might be happening and it is always important to hear what the teacher is observing in the classroom as well. If you haven't met the teacher before, please make contact when you can and begin a positive line of communication. We are all working towards the same goals for the students and working together to build a positive learning environment. There will be ups and downs throughout the year. Staff appreciate your support.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION TIMES

Students must be collected before 3.30 each school day. Families who are late more than twice in a term will be asked to enrol their child in the After School Program. Our staff have their own commitments after school are not able to stay every day after their work hours.

From the Principal cont....

LUNCH EATING TIMES

Students are supervised to eat their lunch each day between 11.30 and 11.45 a.m. If families need to deliver their child's lunch, we ask that you bring cold food, enter through the office and take it directly to your child's classroom before 11 a.m. OH&S rules mean students cannot eat hot food in the classrooms, and staff cannot heat lunches for students. Thanks for your co-operation! :)

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Annual Privacy Reminder Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the School's Privacy Policy. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages.

CURRICULUM DAYS

Yesterday, the School Council passed our Curriculum Days for 2024. Dates are as follows:

Day 2- Wednesday March 6th (Support for start of year procedures to be redone due to additional class)

Day 3- Monday August 5th (3-Way Conferences)

Day 4- November 25th – (Professional Practice Day)

Day 5- Monday December 9th (2025 Planning/Preparation Day)

Getting to Know You Conferences – Tuesday 20th February 2023

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have returned their getting to know you interview request slips. Times have been finalised and sent home with students as well as via text message.

These interviews are designed to allow teachers, students, and parents/carers to meet and discuss the needs of students for the year ahead. They are important in creating a positive school/home partnership.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. It is important we are positive with the children and support them to do their very best. Teachers have been working on skills in class for the students to be confident to complete the assessments. We realise these tests are only a snapshot of each child's work. This year testing will be completed online for all tests except Year 3 Writing which will be handwritten. Testing Dates will be from Wednesday March 13 until Monday March 25th. When final dates for each test are set we will inform all parents and carers.

Jo Ryan
Principal

Carlton Football Club Visit



The 3-6 students had a visit from the Carlton Football Club with some players from the AFL teams answering some questions and signing some autographs with some of the students. Some of the students walked away with some Carlton merchandise which was happily signed by the players. Thanks Mr West for organising the event.



Cultural Diversity Week

Every year in March, we bring our school community together to celebrate the colourful sounds, sights, movements, and tastes of our rich multicultural communities.

Lightning Reef Primary School will celebrate Cultural Diversity Week on the week of Monday 18th - Friday 22nd of March. The 2024 Cultural Diversity Week theme is "Our Shared Stories - Celebrating Together." This theme encourages us to recognise and celebrate our culturally diverse communities.

Students will be participating in events and activities throughout the week, including:

-Monday

An Indian Dance Performance

-Tuesday or Wednesday (Date to be confirmed)

A Thanaka Party

-Thursday - Harmony Day

We will celebrate Harmony Day by encouraging staff and students to dress in either orange (to celebrate harmony amongst groups) or come in their national colours to celebrate their heritage.

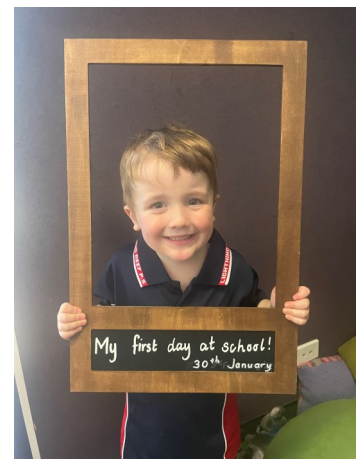
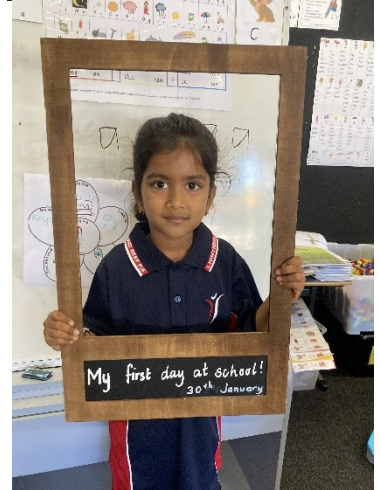
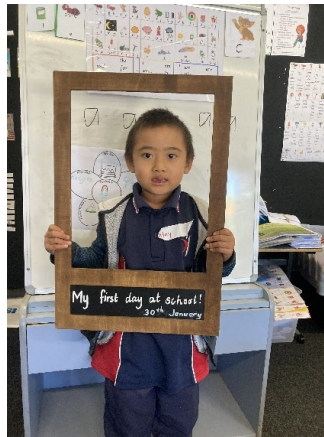
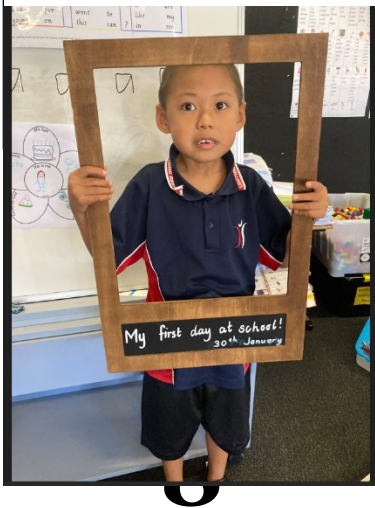
As part of our Harmony Day and Cultural Diversity Week celebrations, we will be having an Aboriginal Infusion school incursion from 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

The school will cover all expenses for these special activities so there will be no cost for families.

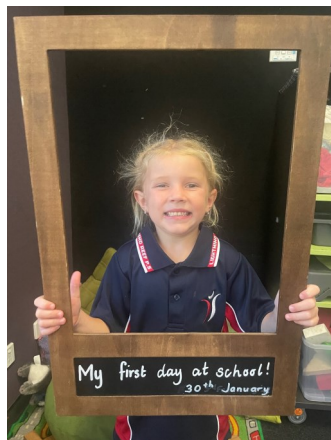
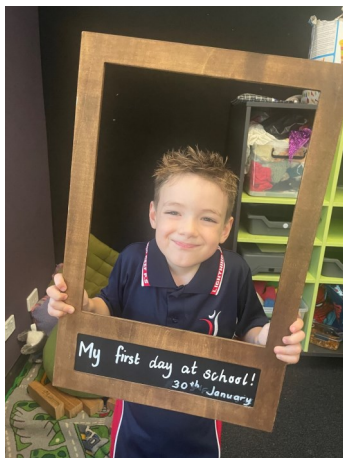
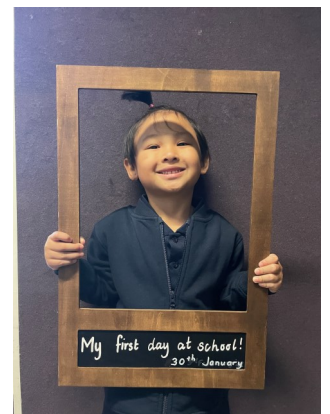


Class news: Room 4 & 5 Welcome Preps!

Lightning Reef would like to welcome our new Preps! These students have made a wonderful start to the school year. We love seeing the smiles on their faces everyday they come to school.



Class news: Room 4 & 5 Welcome Preps!



And to Axel, Zoe, Noah and Jett who have the same big smiles!

Awards Week 1

Learning Awards

Room	Name	Reason
5	Mariam	Pointing to her words when reading
7	Samantha	For starting her writing straight away and rereading her writing.
2	Ezra	Improving his writing skills by having a go at spelling unknown words.
10	Chit Chit	For improving her place value skills by participating and asking questions.
9	Willow	For improving her place value skills to build her numbers

Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
5	Kayleigh	For showing kindness by inviting others to play at break time
7	Summer	For showing kindness towards others in the classroom.
2	Kwar Lae Lae	For demonstrating Responsibility by being willing to help others in the classroom.
10	Tahlia	For demonstrating kindness by supporting a new student.
9	Johnatha	for showing kindness by being a good friend to others



Awards Week 1



Awards Week 2

Learning Awards

Room	Name	Reason
8	Ro Ku	For improving his reading skills by rereading when it doesn't look right, sound right or make sense
7	Jaxsyn	For improving his maths skills by making two digit numbers using bundling sticks.
3	Parker	for improving his reading stamina skills by reading for longer periods without distraction.
2	Izzy	Improving her maths skills by creating some very creative polygon shapes.
10	Amelia	for improving her place value skills by renaming numbers using MAB.
9	Ember	For improving her persuasive writing skills by writing strong opinions
Karen	Billie	For improving her Karen language skills by consistently practising Karen conversation.
PE	Ryan	For improving their Tennis skills by following advice on how to play a correct forehand stroke.
Music/Drama	Leo	For improving his djembe skills by demonstrating excellent rhythms and beat.

Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
8	Isabella	For demonstrating respect by completing all tasks with enthusiasm
7	Eleanor	For showing responsibility by having her belongings ready for learning each morning.
3	Jake	For showing persistence by always having a go at everything
2	Law Per Soe	For demonstrating respect by being a very helpful member of the classroom and being reliable.
10	Taj	for demonstrating kindness by including others in games and activities
9	Marlie	for demonstrating responsibility by packing up the computers
Karen	Mariam	For demonstrating respect by listening to and practising new Karen words.
PE	Roger	For demonstrating persistence in PE by doing his best with all new skills.
Music/Drama	Mabel	For demonstrating respect by using and putting away instruments with care.

Awards Week 3

Learning Awards

Room	Name	Reason
8	San Win	For improving his writing by adding describing words
7	Ezra	For improving his maths skills by demonstrating his place value understanding during number talks.
3	Aiden	for correctly placing 2 digit numbers on a number line
10	Vada	For improving her place value skills by renaming numbers
9	Nice	for improving her 3D Shape skills but being able to name the faces, edges and vertices
Art	May	For improving their Art skills by creating an amazing cheetah.
PE	Tyreece	For improving their tennis skills by showing control in his shots.
Music/Drama	Charlotte	For improving her rhythmic skills by leading the class with the African dunun drums.

Values Awards

Room	Name	Reason
5		
8		
7	Eh Pla Ku	For demonstrating responsibility by following instructions and making sure his desk is always tidy.
3	Annaka	For demonstrating responsibility by always transitioning quickly.
2		
10	Marlie	For demonstrating kindness by including others within the classroom
9	Billie Jean	for demonstrating responsibility by caring for the devices
Art	Brodie	For demonstrating Kindness by encouraging his friends in Art.
PE	Hsa Thaw	For demonstrating responsibility by packing up others' equipment when they leave it laying around.
Music/Drama	Samantha	For demonstrating respect by listening carefully to instructions and caring for the djembes.



Awards Week 3





Get your Colour on, Lightning Reef Primary School is hosting a Colour SPLATACULAR Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun will be on Thursday 28th March from approx. 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For further information, please contact Josh West via Dojo or text him on his work number: 0482 059 930

Josh West
PE Coordinator

Happy fundraising!

Bendigo City Council

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

Also, a reminder that cars cannot park over the school crossing or double-park along Holmes Road.



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR RECRUITING

Also we are in the midst of recruiting school crossing supervisors. If any of your school community members are interested, they can access more information on the link below:

<https://city-of-bendigo.applynow.net.au/jobs/10000124-school-crossing-supervisors>



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PUPIL FREE DAY



YMCA Lightning Reef Primary School Outside School Hours Care is running a full day service for upcoming pupil free day.

Children will enjoy a range of engaging activities and have the opportunity to socialise with peers from all year levels.

Date: Tuesday, 20th February 2024

Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Location: Lightning Reef Primary School
OSHC

Session fee: \$102.30

Fee after MAX CCS*: \$10.23

Activity highlights: Cooking and Baking- bake some yummy treats to take home with you. Arts and Crafts- Put your creativity to the test and see what artwork you can create.

*MAX CCS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fee above is calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.



**Scan the QR code to access
enrolment and booking instructions.**





COME AND TRY

JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 5-18
FIRST NIGHT IS FREE

SESSION TIMES
WEDNESDAYS
 UNDER 12 TRAINING 6:15-7:15PM
 UNDER 18 TRAINING 7:30-8:30PM
 SCHOOL TERMS ONLY
FRIDAYS
 JUNIOR COMPETITION 6:45-8:30PM
 SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

CALL 0499 731 811 TO ENQUIRE TODAY

Bendigo Eaglehawk Badminton Association Inc.

HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

FREE ENTRY	SUNDAY FEB 25, 2024	10AM TO 1PM
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FREE ACTIVITIES:
 THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
 WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • ART AND CRAFT
 SPORTING ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • FREE GIVEAWAYS!
 RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

FOOD/DRINKS:
 BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS
 - ALL \$2 EACH • FREE FRESH FRUIT • COLIBAN WATER
 REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Don't forget a towel!

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.

**STRAUCH RESERVE
14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY**



Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4th April** at Canterbury Oval between 9:00am – 10:00am and runs for 10 weeks, including 3 x Halftime games at Eaglehawk Football Club home games.

The NAB Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions children will learn the skills of the game in an exciting and social environment.

To register, go to www.play.afl/auskick or for more information, go to our Facebook page "Eaglehawk Auskick"

BENDIGO FORD FUN RUN 2024



SUNDAY 3 MARCH



REGISTER NOW

bendigofordfunrun.com.au

1km

KIDS DASH

5km

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TEAM CHALLENGE

10km

FUN RUN

21.1km

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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 \(lightningreefprimaryschool.vic.edu.au\)](http://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](http://cfa.vic.gov.au).

- 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 those students who had a birthday in the last fortnight:

Seth, Declan, Kaiden,
Theo, Cat Axel, and
Jaycee-May



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.



Learners today Leaders tomorrow