



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 31

THURSDAY 8TH OF OCTOBER, 2026

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Dear School Community,

The final School Term of 2026 has now begun and we have our eye on many things that we are looking forward to including Sporting Schools sessions, Camps/Sleepovers/Extended Stays for all students, Transition Days, Healthy Living Kitchen Garden sessions, School Concert, Graduation, an end of year Family Excursion Day, and of course, Student Reports! It is a busy time of year, and we would like your assistance ensuring our students sleep well and turn up regularly and on time. We look forward to another successful period of growing and learning.

We have organised Sporting Schools Golf sessions to kick off the School Term on the first two Tuesdays. We had a great time with coach Reanna Blake on Tuesday and look forward to building on our skills next Tuesday.

This Term, we will have three 'Healthy Living' Kitchen Garden sessions with Lily Summers from Primary Care Connect. Today, students are focusing on a kitchen lesson making healthy snacks including Banana Bliss Balls, Milo & Weet-Bix Bliss Balls and Banana Muffins. Our next two sessions will take place in Weeks 5 and 9.

Our School Camps for Grade 3-6 students take place in Week 3. We expect all students to attend as this is an important part of our school curriculum. It is a terrific opportunity to have our students grow more independent, flexible and resilient and modifications can be made to anything that promotes attendance in



some capacity including but not limited to part-time attendance, meals, medications, routines, etc. Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns.

Our Grade 3 Camp will be attending Billabong Ranch for an overnight stay from Tuesday 20th – Wednesday 21st October. We expect that 15 students will be accompanying Ms Kildey and Mr Cleary, who will also be driving the bus to keep costs down. Billabong Ranch is in Echuca only an hour away, and the itinerary is jam-packed with fun activities including Horse Grooming, Bungee Trampolining, Pedal Boats, Animal Feeding, Mini Golf and Campfire Activities. We look forward to a fantastic Camp opportunity for our Grade 3 students.

Our Grade 4-6 students will attend Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement from Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st October. We expect that 37 students will be accompanying Ms Mangiameli, Mr Pettigrew and Mrs O'Toole.

Our most senior classroom will take a Ford's Bus between Congupna and Bendigo, a V/Line Train between Bendigo and Swan Hill, and a Camp Bus from Swan Hill Train Station to Camp. For those that have been to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, this Camp has a similar 'olden day feel' and activities will include a Legends of the Mallee Lightshow, a Paddle Steamer boat ride on The Pyap, and learning sessions in things like Blacksmithing, Butter Churning, Rope Making, Wood Turning, Pioneer Toys & Games, Pioneer Photo Parlour, Lamington Making, Peg Dolls, and Woodturning. The Camp Lodge is right on the Murray River, and this promises to be a prospective highlight of our student's camp experience.

Not to be outdone, our Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover takes place the following week in Week 4 on Thursday 29th October. Our Foundation students will stay for the afternoon and early evening before pick-up and our Grade 1-2 students will have the opportunity to sleep over in our junior classrooms. We will provide more information about this exciting adventure next week.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal



Thought for the Week

Curiosity is your super power.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

President: Lauren Sibio
Deputy: Amy Ellis
Secretary: Wendy Sidebottom
Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Adam Cleary, Brad Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy Lee, Greg Joinbee.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES TERM 4

Monday 12th October 6:30pm

SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

President: Angie Grills
Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Richardson
Members: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister, Melissa Hudson.



TERM 4 CALENDAR

October

- 8th Kitchen Garden Program
- 13th Sporting Schools Golf
- 13th MARC Library
- 19th Grade 4/5/6 Camp (Swan Hill) begins
- 20th Grade 3 Camp (Billabong Ranch) begins
- 27th P&F Meeting - 7pm
- 27th MARC Library
- 29th Grade F-2 Extended Stay and Sleepover

November

- 2nd Curriculum (Pupil free) Day
- 3rd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- 5th Kitchen Garden Program
- 10th Grade 4/5/6 Yachting



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Terrific Kid of the Term!

Term 3, 2026



Throughout this term, Dusty has demonstrated outstanding maturity and a wonderful growth in confidence, establishing herself as an excellent leader and role model for her peers. She is incredibly reliable and consistently brings her best effort to everything she does. Dusty truly displays our school values by approaching every challenge with a brave heart, treating everyone around her with genuine kindness, and bringing a wonderful curiosity to her learning. Congratulations, Dusty, on a fantastic term!

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FOUNDATION TRANSITION

Please bring a **piece of fruit, snack, water bottle** and **broad brimmed hat** to each session

Tuesday 17th November (9-11am)
Tuesday 1st December (9-11am)
Tuesday 8th December (9am-1pm)

A FRIENDLY RURAL SCHOOL WITH:

- Excellent Teaching and Learning,
- Supervised School Crossing
- Out of School Hours Care program,
- Stimulating learning environment,
- Professional and dedicated staff ,
- School Chooks and Guinea Pigs,
- School Bus Run to Shepparton,
- A Buddy System with Senior Students,
- Congupna Cruzers Soccer sides,
- Art, Library, LOTE, STEM & Music
- A STEM Laboratory with Minecraft, Lego Robotics and a 3D Printer.



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