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Term 2, Week 2



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back for the start of Term 2! I hope everyone had a great break and it was nice to see everyone back at school and ready for a fun term of learning and activities.

School Grounds Update

Over the next few months a shade structure will be built over the front playground, to provide shade and sun protection for our students, once summer rolls around again! Once the structure is in place, suitable native trees will be planted around the front of the school. In future years, these trees will also provide shade for our students, habitat for birds and wildlife and help maintain the natural environment, which is vital for student wellbeing and learning.

Parking and No Standing Signs

I would like to thank our parents for their patience and assistance with parking during the after school pick-up. I understand that the parking situation can be frustrating at these times. As the school has grown over the past couple of years, traffic flow, parking and most importantly the safety of children at pick-up time has become a concern to many.

You will have noticed that No Standing signs have been erected across the road from the school by Ballarat City Council. This may mean having to park a little further away from the school and walking up to the gates to meet your children, on occasion.



I welcome any suggestions that focus on improved student safety, vehicle access and traffic flow around the school. This will allow me to discuss possible solutions with the council, Vic Roads, the Department of Education and broader community.

School Enrolment Numbers

Our enrolments now sit at 105 students. We expect a similar number of students in 2020, which will help maintain our close-knit school community and individual attention to student needs. It is expected that student enrolments over the next few years will stay roughly the same. This is good news for our school community.

Prep Information Night – 2020

We are holding a Prep Information Night at the school on Tuesday 7th May from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This is an opportunity to tour the school, collect an information pack and enrolment forms for 2020.

Important Dates:

TERM 2:

Swimming every Thursday of Term

Tues 7th May

Prep Information Night

(For 2020 enrolments)

Grade 2/3 Earth Ed Push/Pull excursion

Fri 10th May

Mother's Day Stall

Winter Sports

Tues 14th May

Baker's Delight Lunch Order Day

Fri 17th May

SSV Cross Country

Winter Sports

Fri 24th May

Winter Sports

Fri 31st May

Winter Sports

Mon 10th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Fri 28th June

Last day of Term 2

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

Please contact the school every day your child is away.

Phone: 5332 6317

Email: see above

On the Skool Loop



Prep Enrolments 2020 - Siblings

If your child has a brother or sister who you wish to enrol at the school in Prep for 2020, please contact Anthony Tait and submit an enrolment form by Friday 3rd May (Week 2).

Year 7 Enrolment

Enrolment forms for government secondary schools have been sent home with our Grade 6 students. These must be returned to the school by Friday 17th May.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please see Anthony Tait.

Anthony Tait

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We are holding a Mother's Day Stall on Friday 10th May. There is a great selection of gifts for children to choose from. All gifts will cost \$5.00.

Please send money along with your child on the day. For our younger students, we recommend placing their money in an envelope, with their name on it, so it does not get lost.

Each class will be taken to the stall (in the library) during the day to purchase items.



The Blue Gums classroom has been buzzing with achievement this week! Students have been busy investigating 3D objects in maths and continuing to improve their debating skills through persuasive writing during literacy. Hopefully these newly found debating/arguing skills don't come out to play at home 😊.

Next week on Tuesday the 7th the grade 2/3's will be heading to Earth Ed at Mt Clear College for an excursion. We will spend the day learning about

forces (pushing/pulling). Thank you to those who have already signed and returned the permission form.

Please continue to bring in reading records **weekly**. They are a very important to academic growth, please see Mrs T's article regarding the importance of reading.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Dolly who celebrated her birthday last week!



Welcome back to the Lemon Scented Studio students and families. I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter break. Last week was a short week, this week has seen the studio back into our normal routine. It will be a busy term. Already we have had some of our grade five students out on Tuesday for a leadership conference, we commenced our swimming program Thursday and athletics today (Friday).



This term we will have a more consistent and strong focus on home reading. Students are asked to read a minimum of three (3) nights and to fill in their reader records. Students are not expected to read with an adult, but I encourage this at least one or two nights a week if possible. Reader records are due Fridays and those students



who don't read will be expected to make reading up during lunch or recess time. This is the only homework requirement in the studio. Reading is a valuable task for so many reasons:

- *Children who read often and widely get better at it.*
- *Reading exercises our brain - Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.*
- *Reading improves concentration - Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.*
- *Reading teaches children about the world around them - Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.*
- *Reading improves vocabulary and language skills - Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.*
- *Reading develops a child's imagination - As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling.*
- *Reading helps children to develop empathy - As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in the various situations that stories present.*
- *Reading is a fun when it is a just right text.*
- *Reading is a great way to spend time together - Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.*



The studio also has a measurement basket this term. This basket and booklet is voluntary for student to take home and complete a measurement task/experiment of their choice. This task/experiment may include measuring capacity, weight (mass), height, length, temperature or time. The activity may be as simple as measuring how long the kitchen table is or how many cups it takes to fill a saucepan or hefting to sort

a group of toys from heaviest to lightest. This basket & book is designed for the students to further explore maths in real life. Please take a moment to help your child with an activity if they need assistance.

Thank you to Alyssa who volunteered to take the basket home first. I was so impressed with how Alyssa explored so many areas of measurement. Well done Alyssa! Student are more than welcome to complete other homework tasks of their choice, so children in the studio may have homework down as a strategy in their action plan of a particular goal, however reading is the only compulsory task and is non-negotiable.



In the Lemon Scented Studio we are always looking for ways to develop our skills being and taking responsibility. As part of that skill development we have discussed bringing some indoor plants into the studio and plant maintenance becoming a job on our job tasks. So if you are able to bring in an indoor plant or two, that would be greatly

appreciated. Mrs Tuaine also thought it would be great Feng shui also known as Chinese geomancy (the art of placing or arranging buildings/room to create a positive feel).

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers

Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and we're once again joining it. For those parents who aren't aware of the program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1st of May and the 25th of June you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll be able to swap for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids, and more.

So for any parents who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box, which is located in the office.

Thanks for helping out!



Read with your family every day in May for the chance to win great prizes!

Sign up for the reading challenge! scholastic.com.au/nfrm

 **Lifeline**
Saving Lives
Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

 **DV-alert**
Domestic Violence Response Training

DV-alert Awareness Session

Lifeline is committed to raising the awareness of domestic and family violence.

DV-alert awareness sessions are two-hour interactive presentation where individuals and groups can talk about the issue of domestic violence and what they can do to help make a difference.

Tuesday 7 May 2019 from 11:30am-2:00pm
Western Victoria Primary Health Network
101 Drummond Street North, Ballarat, VIC 3350
Parking available at SIOG Hospital Car Park or BHS multistorey car park on Mair St

At the end of the awareness session

- Identify the different signs and forms of abuse that constitute domestic and family violence
- Familiarise themselves with the Cycle of violence and Duluth wheels – power and control, equality and empowerment
- Reflect on and share what they can do if they know someone who is experiencing domestic and family violence
- Have an opportunity to network with other individuals
- Receive tools and references for domestic and family violence support and referral

[Online registration essential](#)

For enquiries: Lifeline Ballarat 5322 4996
Lifeline.Ballarat@vt.uniting.org

DV-alert is funded by the Department of Social Services.



Hey Kids "MAY Blue Light"

This is an invitation to all local primary school pupils to attend **Ballarat Blue Light's next disco on Friday, 10th May.**

We have plenty more prizes to local attractions to give away this disco, including family passes to Sovereign Hill, Ten Pin Bowling & the Ballarat Wildlife Park. So don't forget to ask your parents if you can come along.

Friday 10th MAY
7PM to 9PM

At Sebastopol RSL Hall, Beverin Street, Sebastopol.

Entry is only \$7 Per Person.

Blue Light Disco is drug, alcohol and weapon free.
It's fully supervised and there are No Pass Outs.
Children must be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.

For more information call Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson 0409 865 093
Don't forget to watch out for your photos in 2019 on
[facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco)
You can also follow us on Snapchat at [bbluelight](#).

We can't wait to see you there!