



THE APPLE NEWS

23rd February 2024

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The weather was absolutely perfect on Tuesday evening for our Family Picnic. Cameron and Casey loved meeting many of our families, unfortunately I was in Ballarat assisting another school with their school review. We were fortunate to have a couple of Food Trucks onsite for the night – MrPro Whipp was certainly popular! Many families took the opportunity to meet and chat with the teachers, and other families as well as joining in the games/activities on offer.

Parent Payments

A huge thank you to our families that have already paid their voluntary curriculum contributions for the 2024 school year. These contributions ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Please read the Compass post for details as to how you can support our students with these voluntary contributions.

School Council Election 2024

The new school year brings with it the school council election process. This year we have three (3) parent representative positions available and two (2) staff positions.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by **4:00pm on Wednesday 28th February 2024**. The ballot (if needed) will close at 4:00pm on Wednesday 13th March, 2024.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. Our representatives will be elected for a 2-year Term of Office - From the day after the declaration of the poll in 2024 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2026.

Fiona Kerton , Casey Arrowsmith & Cameron Brown

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

1st - BM District Swimming
(qualifying students only)

6th - School Photo Day

7th - Yr 3-6 Athletics
Carnival

8th - World Maths Day

11th - Labour Day Public
Holiday

School Buildings

The Victorian School Building Authority, architects – Clarke Hopkins Clarke, Project Managers – Tango and our builders – Plan Group have commenced fortnightly meetings regarding the commencement of our new build.

The builders will commence preliminary works from **Monday 4th March**. From this date, the staff carpark will be the new site enclosure/office. Staff will be parking in the back carpark throughout the duration of the build. The front gate adjacent to the carpark will be closed from this date, along with the gate on Sheldon Ave (opposite Vans). The entry from Nelson St will be from the gate near the Year 1/2 playground. The gate near the year 1 classrooms will be the entry from Sheldon Ave.

The preliminary ground works will take place through to early May. This is when we will see the current art room demolished. We look forward to sharing the journey with photos throughout the 2 years of the build.





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SUNSMART HATS IN TERM ONE



All students are required to wear a hat when out in the yard at school during Term 1. Children who do not wear a hat will be asked to play under shade sails (outside the Yr 2 classrooms), away from the sun. We also advise students to wear SPF30+ sunscreen to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

Our 2024 school photos will be taken on Wednesday 6th March.

Details to note are:

- All children will have an individual photo taken and be included in the class photo, whether you are placing an order or not
- Sibling photos for students attending Darley will only be taken if an order is placed prior to the photo day
- Please see Compass to order all school photos

YARD SUPERVISION

Under DET guidelines, the school provides supervision in the yard 10 minutes before the official start of school and 10 minutes after the completion of classes for students at the end of the day. To this effect, there are staff members on yard duty from **8.40am** each morning and 3:20pm following classes. Students are to enter classrooms at 8.40am. This means that no children are allowed to be on playground equipment before 8:35am and after **3:35pm** as there is no formal supervision of students. I ask that parents support the school by ensuring that you speak to your children in relation to this.

Mobile Phones in Schools

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, [staff](#) and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information |

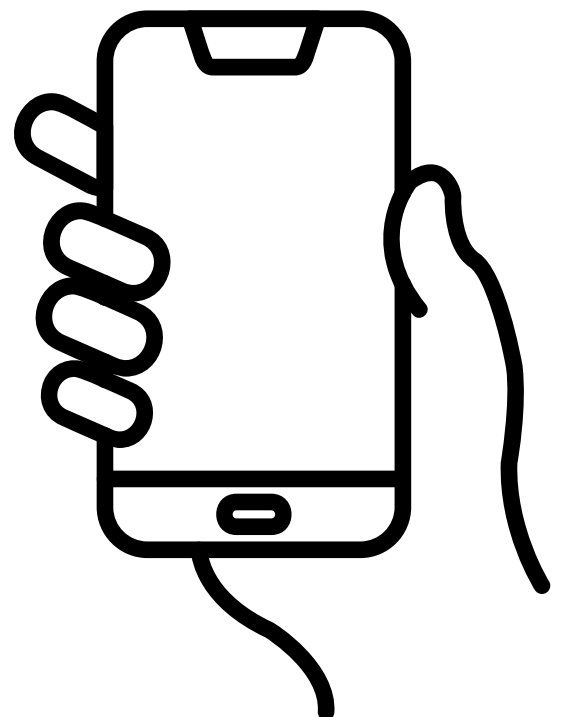
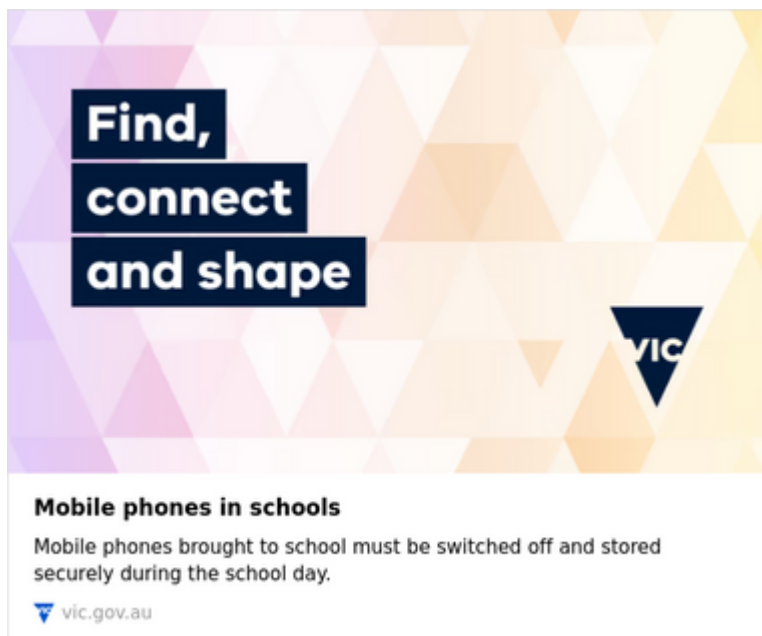
Exceptions: For a small number of students with [particular health](#) needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here on our [school website](#)

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

Every Victoria Child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance (for eligible primary school students) of \$150 is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

How to apply:

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download the form from <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>. If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year
- Changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



Welcome to Grade 2!

Dear families, Welcome to Grade 2!

We have made a fabulous start to the year, the students have been settling in amazingly. So far in Year 2 we have been getting to know each other through various activities including all about me posters, games and conversations.



Furthermore, we have been reinforcing our school values, school rules, classroom expectations and routines through rich experiences to ensure everybody is on the same page. The students have responded very well to the first two weeks and this is evident through students showing respect and kindness to one another.

In week 3 we will begin our curriculum content where we will learn new skills and acquire new knowledge.

We cannot wait for the rest of the year in grade 2 with your beautiful children watching them grow and learn, it's going to be a great one. 😊

SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS

On Tuesday, 13th of February we had our school swimming trials at the Melton Waves Pool. We had 36 proud and enthusiastic students who represented their school house team and showed fantastic swimming abilities. We are appreciative of the families and staff who assisted us to participate and achieve our best.



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
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Points	122	60	60	50
Number of Swimmers	11	8	9	8
Total	11.1	7.5	6.6	6.2

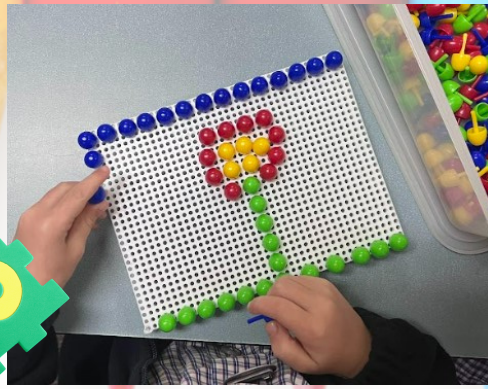


There are 22 students who have qualified through to the next level- Bacchus Marsh District Swimming Carnival which will also be held at Melton Waves on the 1st of March. We wish our swimming team all the best within their events.

The 2024 House Swimming Champions are Lawson! Congratulations!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF FOUNDATION

FINE MOTOR SKILLS



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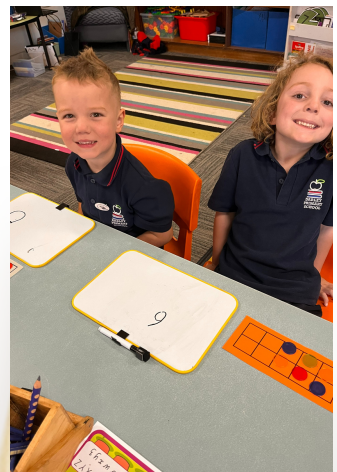
HANDWRITING



LITERACY AND LITERACY BASED INVESTIGATIONS



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Our days are full, fabulous and fun

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Awards

Foundation

FA - Eloise & Spencer
FB - Brooklyn & Hannah
FC - Aishleen & Hudson
FD - Molly & Quinn

Year One

1A - Bentley & Vera
1B - Caleb & Chelsea
1C - Ming Li & Oakley
1D - Danica & Claire

Year Two

2A - Max & Emma
2B - Fayzan & Raiden
2C - Coralina & Ryder
2D - Eli & Evan

Year Three & Four

34A - Lilly & Ava
34B - Ivy
34C - Dean & Ella
34D - Audrey & Ethan
34E - Jacob & Morgan

Year Five & Six

56A - Indy & Andrew
56B - Paxton
56C - Mack
56D - Seth
56E - Alexis
56F - Cruz & Pyper

Specialist

Chinese - Arnold (56E) &
Jordan (56B)
HAPE - Katie (FB) & Jax (56E)
Performing Arts - 1A Whole Class,
Axel (FC) & 1B Whole Class
STEM - Connor (56F) & Mia (2B)
Visual Arts - Mia (34A)

School

Nurture -
Messy Squad -



Principals Awards

Week 3 & 4

COURAGE

Abigail - 56D

CREATIVITY

Adelaide - 1A

CURIOSITY

COLLABORATION

Harley - FC

CARING

Seth - 56A

**COUNTING ON EACH
OTHER AWARDS**

Meeka - 2C

Knox - 2C



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Attendance
Award



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM is coming!
2nd April - 12th April 2024

Please go online and have a look
at the program to book your
children in for some fun filled
holidays

Hello Families,

Over the past couple of weeks, we've been getting to know the children and families at Darley primary school, and it's been an absolute pleasure getting to know every one of you!

We thought it was now time to introduce ourselves to the rest of the community.

My name is Casey I'm the permanent Coordinator at TheirCare Darley. I've been working with kids for 10 plus years, my favourite activities with kids are messy/sensory play, and art.

My name is Harmandeep Kaur. I'm one of the educators at TheirCare Darley. I love to spend time with the kids. I have been working with kids 6 months. I enjoy doing activities with kids such as art and craft, playing outdoor or indoor activities.

We are also excited to welcome Eliza to the team. Eliza use to work for Darley Kidz Club, and is excited to get to know the new families that have started.

Foundation students will continue to be taken to class in the morning and collected from class by an educator in the afternoon in TERM 1 and 2

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CONVEYANCING ALLOWANCE



Families of students attending a government or non-government school in rural/regional Victoria may be eligible for financial assistance to help them meet the cost of transporting children to and from school.

The financial assistance - known as a conveyance allowance- is designed for students who can't access free school buses, and helps cover the cost of public transport, private car and private bus.

To be eligible for a conveyance allowance, students must be of school age and:

- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from home to school and;
- live in rural and regional Victoria and attend their nearest appropriate school.

They conveyance allowance is paid by the Department of Education and Training to families via the school.

If you think your child may qualify for a conveyance allowance, please contact the school to discuss eligibility, and for further information on the application process and payment amounts.

More information is also available at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy>