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NEWSLETTER

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Latest News

It has been a busy few weeks at Langley Primary School, with science week, book week, playgroup and staff training. It has been fantastic to see the staff and students participating in and supporting our special events.

We look forward more busy weeks as we close out the term with our Family Maths Night more staff training and some more work in the grounds as we make preparations for the bushfire season.

Family Maths Night – Wednesday 3rd September

Join us for Family Maths Night on Wednesday 3rd September from 5:00–7:00pm! We'll be firing up the BBQ and serving sausages while enjoying a fun evening of maths activities for the whole family.

Family Maths Night is a great way to explore maths together, support your child's learning, and show that maths can be fun both at school and at home. Come along, get involved, and enjoy a night of learning, laughter, and community!

Celebrating Fathers – Happy Father's Day!

As we celebrate Father's Day, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the important role fathers and father figures play in our lives. I am especially grateful for the positive influence my own father had on me — his guidance, encouragement, and care shaped who I am today.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our school community. Your support, love, and involvement make a real difference in the lives of our children, and your presence is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a Happy Father's Day filled with joy, laughter, and special memories! Returned containers can be washed and reused for future cooking sessions, helping us continue providing hands-on, sustainable learning experiences for all students.

Reminders

Wednesday September 3
Family Maths Night

Tuesdays 9.30-11.15am
PLAYGROUP

Calendar Dates - 2025

Wed 3rd Sept - Family Maths Night (5pm - 7pm)

Sun 7th Sept - Fathers Day

Thur 12th Sept - School Council Meeting

Fri 20th Sept - Last day of Term3 - 2.30pm finish

Mon Oct 7 - First Day of Term 1

Wed Oct 15 - Excursion - Runt Movie and

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Don't Forget the Containers!



As part of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, students take home the delicious food they help prepare. To support the smooth running of our program and reduce waste, we kindly ask that all containers sent home with food be returned to school.

Returned containers can be washed and reused for future cooking sessions, helping us continue providing hands-on, sustainable learning experiences for all students.

Thank you for your support and for helping our Kitchen Garden Program run smoothly! We kindly ask that all containers sent home with food be returned to school.

Book Week 2025

Langley Primary School came alive with imagination and creativity during Book Week 2025, as students and staff celebrated the joy of reading.

Throughout the week, the classroom buzzed with special activities, including shared reading sessions, and story-inspired projects. Students also enjoyed daily challenges and book-themed discussions that encouraged them to explore new authors and celebrate their favourite stories.

The highlight of the week came on Friday, when students took to the stage in a performance they had written and created themselves. Dressed in their colourful Book Week costumes, they brought characters from page to stage, weaving together storytelling, drama, and music into a vibrant showcase.



Supporting Healthy Use of iPads and Social Media

At Langley Primary, we are increasingly aware of the impact that social media and device use can have on children's wellbeing. While iPads are powerful learning tools, too much screen time or unmonitored access to social media can lead to unhealthy habits and even addictive behaviours.

Research shows that children who spend more than 2 hours a day on recreational screen time are more likely to report lower physical activity, disrupted sleep, and higher levels of stress or anxiety (Australian Institute of Family Studies, 2023). Social media, in particular, can influence self-esteem and mood, as children compare themselves to others online. The eSafety Commissioner also highlights that setting boundaries early helps children form lifelong healthy habits around technology.

Parents can play an important role in helping children develop balance. Some helpful strategies include:

- Setting clear daily limits on screen time.
- Keeping devices out of bedrooms at night to support healthy sleep.
- Encouraging regular breaks, outdoor play, and face-to-face time with friends.
- Talking openly with children about what they are doing online and who they are connecting with.
- Modelling healthy device use as adults.

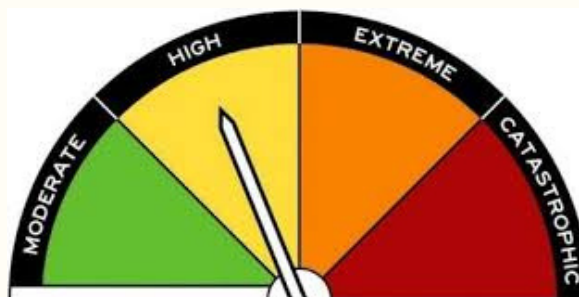
For more support, visit:

- eSafety Commissioner – Online Safety Advice for Parents
- Raising Children Network – Healthy Screen Time

Together, we can support students to use technology in positive, balanced, and safe ways that enhance both their learning and wellbeing.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires. An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.



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 Central, North Central fire weather district.

Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by telephone.

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

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 or any 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 if our school is closed due to 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.

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- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.

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)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook(<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency/>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At- Risk Register (BARR).

Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

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.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire(those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bush- fire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.



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14-Friday, August 22, 2025

CASTLEMAINE MAIL



Langley Primary School NEWSounds

Braving the winter chill for our future

By Pixie and Dusty

In late June, we put on our warm coats and went on a tree planting excursion at Black Hill Nature Reserve. Some friendly volunteers from Friends of Black Hill showed us how to plant native trees and told us why it's important to look after our local animals and plants.

We got really muddy and our hands were cold, but we worked together to make sure the trees were planted properly. It felt good to know we were helping the environment and making a difference.



Pixie said, "It was kind of sad because we saw some dead animals." But Dusty thought it was still a great day: "It was muddy and cold, but it was fun planting trees."

A big thank you to Friends of Black Hill for teaching us so much and letting us help care for the reserve. We hope the trees we planted grow big and strong!



'Wednesdays: When Langley comes to life in 3D!'

By Dusty

If you ask anyone at Langley what their favourite day of the week is, they'll all say the same thing—Wednesday. Why? Wednesday is 3D printing day! When we do 3D printing, we get to



make our own awesome designs using a program called Blender. It's like magic drawing on the computer, but in 3D! We work with Tony, who seriously knows everything about designing and printing. This year I've made a house, a mailbox, a Creeper from Minecraft, and even a storage container for my crochet hooks. It's so much fun to see something you made on the computer turn into a real thing you can hold.

Matisse inspired artworks



At Langley Primary School will like to explore the work of talented artists. This work has been inspired by the work of French artist Henri Matisse.



A day at the Opera

By Pixie and Dusty

In Term 2 we got to go on a really fun trip! We caught a mini bus all the way to the Darebin Arts Centre to see The Lyrebird's Voice by the Victorian Opera.

On the way there, everyone was excited. The singing was amazing! We have been learning about opera in class, so it was cool to see real opera singers using the things we've been practising, like warming up our voices, singing in tune, and using big breaths. We could hear how they changed their pitch, phrasing, and dynamics, just like our teacher showed us. Some funny things were said after.

Bronwyn said, "I liked when all the singers sang together—it sounded like magic." Pixie said, "It was really loud, but in a good way—it made you feel it in your chest!"

And Dusty said "This is the best opera performance we have been to!" After the show we met Doug Kelly, who played the role of Dark Emu. He was really nice and told us a bit more about his character. He was soooo nice. It was the best day because we learned new things about opera, saw how a real performance works, and even got to meet one of the stars.



Dusty and Pixie were thrilled to meet Doug Kelly.



Why did the student eat his homework?

Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

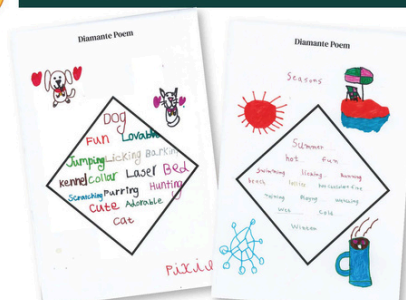
Why did the banana go to the doctor?

Because it wasn't peeling well!

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?

A thesaurus!

Diamante Poems



This term we have been creating Diamante Poems - a seven-line poem that forms a diamond shape when written.

Welcome to Country



In March Uncle Shane visited Langley Primary School to perform a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony to kick off the school year.

The 8 x 4.5 ad KN284922 for Don KRC, a div. of George Westar is missing or incomplete.

Photo Gallery

scSCIENCE WEEK 2025



OWe began the day with a mind-blowing session in the planetarium, where we journeyed through the stars, explored distant planets, and learned about the wonders of our universe. Students were brimming with curiosity and awe as they gazed into the galaxy projected all around them.

Afterwards, the fun continued as we explored the interactive exhibits. From experimenting with light and motion to solving tricky puzzles, there was something for everyone to discover. Of course, the famous vertical slide was a big hit—complete with cheers and a little bit of bravery from those who took it on!

One of the most special highlights of the day was meeting Tara, our science teacher, in person. Tara runs our weekly science lessons via Webex from the Discovery Centre, and students were thrilled to finally see the very room where those lessons are broadcast from. It was a wonderful way to connect our regular online learning with real-life experiences, helping students see how their weekly lessons are part of a bigger science community.

This excursion was the perfect mix of learning, exploring, and fun—and a reminder of how science can spark curiosity both inside and outside the classroom.

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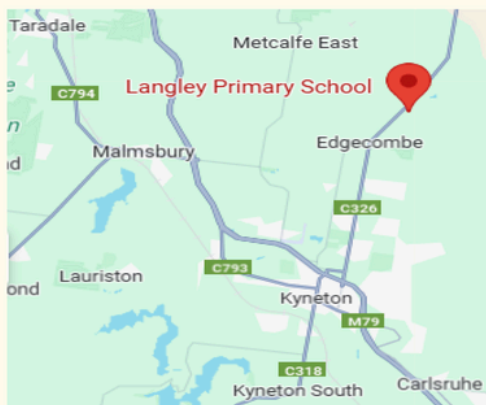
Let's catch up
for craft, games
and songs!



Wiggle &
Giggle

9.30 - 11.15am
Tuesdays

Playgroup



7 Parsell Rd, Langley

10 mins drive north of Kyneton

Call Erica on 0408 484 066 for more info



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Kindergarten Tours

Drop-in sessions

Come and see our kindergarten services

No bookings required.
To find out more scan the QR code or visit:
mrsc.vic.gov.au/kindergarten-tours

Kindergarten tours available in September!

Scan here



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Shire Council

WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL



Why walk or ride?

- Physical activity is good for kids' physical and mental health
- Kids that are active are more likely to continue healthy behaviours later in life
- Kids who walk or ride to school have been found to be more attentive and focused in class
- Kids who walk to school will have a greater connection with their community

Remember

- Plan ahead**
Plan with your parents or guardians so everyone knows which paths you will take, and who you will walk or ride with
- Safety first**
Take care when crossing roads. Always follow the road rules. Plan for hot, cold, or wet days. Wear a helmet when riding
- Part way is OK**
If you can't walk all the way, why not park the car a few blocks from school and walk, ride or scoot the rest of the way?

For more information visit:
walktoschool.vichealth.vic.gov.au

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MACEDON RANGES BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MIDWEEK JUNIOR BASKETBALL

SUMMER SEASON 2025/26

16 WEEK SEASON - STARTING 13TH OCT

OUR DOMESTIC COMPETITION IS STILL SETTLING INTO OUR FRESH NEW LOOK!
TEAM SUBMISSION DETAILS WILL BE SHARED ONCE REGISTRATIONS ARE COMPLETE!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
U10S - **\$190** OTHER AGE GROUPS - **\$215**
PLUS BV & BA FEES, WHERE APPLICABLE
ENDS SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
AFTER THIS DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$235

AGE GROUPS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
JUNIOR GIRLS	U10 BOYS	U19 BOYS
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	U12 BOYS	(NEW AGE GROUP)
	U14 BOYS	
	U16 BOYS	

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