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Langley
Primary
School

NEWSLETTER

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Latest News

Welcome to Our Families

Welcome to our new 2026 students, Miriam and Isla, and their families. We are delighted to have you join our community and look forward to being part of your educational journey. This year, we are also pleased to welcome new families who will be accessing our homeschool programs on Mondays and Fridays, as well as our Monday playgroup. We warmly welcome you all to Langley Primary School and trust that your time with us will be positive, supportive and enjoyable.

Annual Welcome Family Picnic – Wednesday 11th March

We are pleased to confirm that our Annual Welcome Family Picnic will be held on Wednesday 11 March. We are honoured that Uncle Peter will join us to conduct a Smoking Ceremony, commencing at 5.00pm. School Council will be providing a BBQ for families to enjoy. Last year's ceremony was a moving and memorable occasion for all who attended, and we look forward to sharing this special experience again. Everyone is warmly welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reminders

Monday March 9

Labour Day Public Holiday

Mondays 10.-12.30 - Playgroup

Mondays & Fridays 10-12.30

Homeschool Program

Calendar Dates - 2026

Wed Mar 11 - Welcome Family Picnic and Smoking Ceremony

Thurs Mar 19 - National Close the Gap Day

Sat 21 Mar - Harmony Day

Mon Mar 23 - Castlemaine State Festival Excursion

Thurs Mar 26 - School Council AGM

Fri Mar 27 - Victorian Flower and Garden Show Excursion

Thurs Apr 2 - Last Day - Term 1 (2.30pm Finish)

Fri Apr 3 - Good Friday Public Holiday

Mon Apr 20 - First Day - Term 2

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Castlemaine State Festival Excursion- Monday 23 March

On Monday 23 March, students will attend the Castlemaine State Festival. We will travel by train to and from Castlemaine, where students will participate in interactive visual arts and drama activities and experience the large cane and bamboo installation All at Once. Consent forms and more information will be sent home. This excursion provides a valuable opportunity for students to engage with contemporary arts practice within our local community.

Victorian Flower and Garden Show – Children's Program – Friday March 27th

On Friday 27 March, students will attend the children's program at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. The program provides hands-on learning experiences focused on gardening, sustainability and the natural environment. We are also excited that students will once again design and create a scarecrow to enter into the show's competition.

Students will travel to and from the event by train, providing an additional real-world learning experience in using public transport safely and responsibly. Consent forms and further details will be sent home.

Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Interviews

We have set aside time for Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Interviews. These short meetings provide an important opportunity for teachers and families to build a strong partnership early in the year and to discuss individual learning goals. Please see Frances if you have any questions or if you have not yet arranged a meeting time.

Education Is a Partnership

We value the strong partnership between home and school. We know that children are most successful when they are supported by both their families and their school. Throughout the year, we will use our newsletter and facebook page to share the many opportunities our students have to learn, grow and shine.

As partners, we share responsibility for each child's success. We are committed to doing our very best at school and ask that families continue to support learning at home by talking with your child about their school experiences and encouraging a positive attitude toward learning.

Working and learning together, we can achieve great results for the children in our care.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC)

We greatly value parent and community involvement at Langley Primary School. Parents, grandparents and community members are encouraged to obtain a Working With Children Check, which is free for volunteers.

Once you have your WWCC, please bring it to the office so we can make a copy and add your name to our volunteer register.

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School Council – Nominations Now Open

School Council plays an important role in shaping the direction of our school. It brings together parents, staff and community members to work collaboratively in the best interests of our students.

Being part of School Council is a valuable opportunity to contribute to decision-making around school policies, strategic planning, finance and community engagement. Members gain insight into how the school operates and have a genuine voice in supporting the future of Langley Primary School.

With this opportunity comes responsibility. Council members are expected to attend meetings regularly, participate respectfully in discussion, maintain confidentiality and act in the best interests of the whole school community.

We currently have parent vacancies on School Council and warmly encourage anyone interested to consider nominating. Nominations are now open and will close on 22 March.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 26 March at 3.30pm. If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Frances. We welcome your interest and involvement in our school community.

Annual Privacy Reminder For Our School Community

At Langley Primary School, we are committed to protecting the privacy of our students and families. As a Victorian government school, we follow the Victorian Department of Education's Privacy and Information Sharing Policy, which outlines how schools collect, use, store and share personal information in accordance with privacy legislation.

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions, or where permitted by law, as set out in the Schools' Privacy Policy and Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

To support teaching and learning, we use secure digital platforms including Google Workspace for Education and Microsoft 365. These platforms provide tools such as Google Classroom, Docs, Slides and Drive, enabling students to collaborate, complete learning tasks and communicate with their teachers. Student accounts are managed by the school and are used strictly for educational purposes. We provide guidance to families about how these platforms are used safely and how parents can further protect their child's information.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy explains how we collect and use images and recordings of students, when parent consent is required, and how consent can be provided or withdrawn. I have attached Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Consent form 2026 for which is required yearly to the Newsletter for those students who have enrolled prior to 2026.

Families can access detailed information about privacy on the Victorian Department of Education website under Schools' Privacy Policy: Information for Parents. This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

If you have any questions about privacy, data security or the digital platforms we use, please contact the school office. We are always happy to assist.

Financial Support for Families

Langley Primary School understands that families may experience financial difficulty from time to time. We are committed to ensuring that all students can access the full educational program and we carefully plan and budget to minimise additional costs to families wherever possible.

We offer a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Information and application forms are included with this newsletter.
- State Schools' Relief (SSR) support for uniforms, footwear and essential items (eligibility applies).
- Early notice of school events and payments, communicated through the newsletter or direct emails.
- Flexible payment options, including payment by instalments.
- Consideration of alternative arrangements for camps, excursions and curriculum contributions where needed.

All conversations are confidential and respectful. If you would like to discuss accessing support or arranging a payment plan, please speak with Frances. We are here to help.

Newsletters

Newsletters will be published three times each term. Each edition includes important information, key dates and reminders, so please take the time to read them carefully.

We also encourage families to like and regularly check our Facebook page for reminders and to see the many wonderful activities and events happening at our school.

You can find us at: Langley Primary School Facebook page

👉 <https://www.facebook.com/LangleyPrimarySchool>

Staying connected helps ensure you don't miss important updates or celebrations from our school community.

Student Arrival Times

Students should not arrive at school before 8:45am, as yard supervision begins at this time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Student Insurance – Department of Education Reminder

Please note that the Department of Education does not provide student accident insurance. Families may wish to make their own arrangements, such as ambulance cover. The school will always call an ambulance if there are concerns for a child's wellbeing.

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Personal Items Brought to School

Personal items brought to school are done so at the owner's risk. The Department of Education does not insure personal property. We encourage families to avoid bringing unnecessary or valuable items to school, as lost or damaged items can be distressing for everyone involved.

Monday Playgroup

Our Monday Playgroup offers a warm and welcoming space for families children 0-6 years and thier parents or carers to connect while children explore, create and play. Activities vary across the term and may include art experiences such as painting, clay creations and collage; imaginative play including cafés, vets, hospitals and dress-ups; hands-on STEM-style construction with blocks and recycled materials; music and movement sessions; gardening; and outdoor adventures like sandpit play, obstacle courses and bike riding

Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for children to build social skills, develop confidence and enjoy rich learning experiences alongside their families.

It's a great way for little ones to play, learn, and connect — and for families to build friendships within our school community.

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact Erica on 0408 484 066 or email langley.ps@education.vic.gov.au for more information.

We'd love to see some new faces join the fun! Please help us spread the word within the community!

Homeschool Program – Term 1, 2026

Our Homeschool Program continue sin Term 1, 2026, offering students access to a rich range of learning experiences and specialist activities.

On Mondays, students will participate in gardening and music, building practical skills, creativity and confidence in a supportive group setting.

On Fridays, the program will include STEM activities (including 3D printing), library sessions, Physical Education, and fun, active Gaga Pit games.

This program provides homeschool students with valuable opportunities to engage in hands-on learning, social connection and a broad range of school-based experiences.

Partial enrolments are welcome. Please contact the school if you would like further information about joining our Homeschool Program.

If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact Erica on 0408 484 066. or email langley.ps@education.vic.gov.au for more information

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Wellbeing at Langley Primary School

This year, we are proud to be partnering with The Resilience Project to strengthen student wellbeing across our school community. The program focuses on building positive mental health through the evidence-based principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM), helping students develop lifelong wellbeing habits. We look forward to partnering with families to support this important work at school and at home.




More information about the program is provided in the graphic below. If you have further questions please talk to any of the staff.

WELCOME TO THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Families



Why wellbeing?

-  **1 in 4 primary students** experience high levels of depression or anxiety.¹
-  **1 in 3 secondary students** experience high levels of depression or anxiety.¹
-  **2 in 5 adults** experience a mental disorder in their lifetime.²

¹ State of the Nation Report 2024
² Australian Bureau of Statistics: National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2020-2022.

School wellbeing program


With staggering statistics among children, young people and adults in Australia, The Resilience Project is working to **drive change through a preventative approach by building a culture of wellbeing in schools.**

Based on the evidence-based principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM) and Emotional Literacy**, our program equips students with lifelong wellbeing habits and **empowers families to support wellbeing at home.**

The whole-school wellbeing program involves explicit teaching through our **evidence-based curriculum** alongside wellbeing habits being integrated in school routines.


Supporting wellbeing at home

We know that when schools, families and communities **speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.** Throughout the year, you'll receive resources to help you develop wellbeing and resilience at home.



Proven impact

Through multiple independent evaluations, students participating in our School Wellbeing Program have shown **measurable improvements** compared to students at schools that aren't involved.





Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to learn more.

the imperfects

The Imperfects podcast

On this podcast, founder of The Resilience Project **Hugh van Cuylenburg**, his good friend **Ryan Shelton**, and only one of their brothers, **Josh van Cuylenburg**, talk to a variety of interesting people who **vulnerably share their own struggles and imperfections, or expertly pass on their wisdom on the subject of imperfection.** Whether it's in The Vulnerabilitea House, The Academy of Imperfection, or with their resident psychologist, Dr Emily, The Imperfects are here to find some valuable takeaways we can all apply to our own imperfect lives.

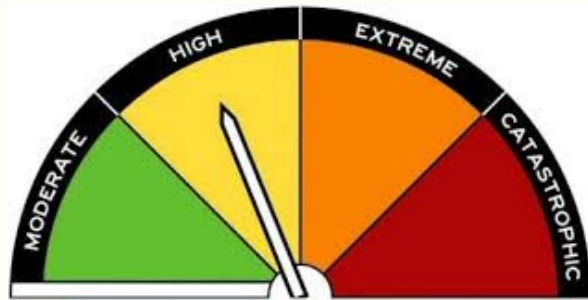


theresilienceproject.com.au

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

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 high 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.



CHILDREN

SOMEONE IN THE DARK

SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-6

★★★★
 'A FUN, IMMERSIVE, INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE!'
 BLACK HOLE THEATRE

ADMISSION: \$20
CASTLEMAINE GOODS SHED
 Saturday 21 March 10am, 12pm, 2pm / Sunday 22 March 10am, 12pm, 2pm

CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL
 castlemainefestival.com.au

CHILDREN & TEENAGERS

GLITTERBUG CLUB

SUITABLE FOR AGES 4-12

When the stars don't arrive, the waiters of The Glitterbug Club step into the spotlight.

ADMISSION: \$15
CASTLEMAINE GOODS SHED
 Saturday 21 March 11am & 3:30pm / Sunday 22 March 11am & 3:30pm / Saturday 28 March 1pm & 3pm

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CHILDREN

THE BOY AND THE BALL

SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-4

★★★★
 'CAPTIVATING, HOLDING BOTH MY SON'S AND MY ATTENTION FROM START TO FINISH.'
 KIDDO MAR

ADMISSION: \$20
CASTLEMAINE GOODS SHED
 Friday 27 March, 10am & 11:30am / Saturday 28 March, 10am & 11:30am

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Dancinladykady Dance Classes

Tuesdays at Norma Richardson Hall

6:15pm - 7:00pm
Boogie Burn
(Dance Fitness)

7:15 - 8:15
Flow and Let Go
(Stretch, Move, Strengthen)

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HARCOURT
APPLEFEST
2026

MARKET STALLS
 COMPETITIONS
 ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Saturday 7th March
10am to 4pm
James Park
& surrounds
HARCOURT

For more information - <https://applefest.harcourt.vic.au>

CHANGEMAKERS
 MACEDON RANGES

21 MARCH - 4 APRIL 2026

CELEBRATING THE SOLUTIONS
 BE PART OF THE SHIRE-WIDE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

There are over 60+ events to check out, ranging from nature journaling, bike swaps and bike maintenance workshops to sharing secondhand gems at the Reworn Market. Get involved and ignite a positive impact, locally!

YOUTH CLIMATE GROUP: CULTURE & CREATIVE HABITATS
 Learn painting and storytelling from Djaara artist, Maddy Connors whilst painting your own nestbox for our local wildlife.

Participants receive one **free** nestbox per household for their own backyards.
 Woodend - 28 March, 10-2pm

FILM SCREENINGS: FUTURE COUNCIL
 Eight kids exploring climate solutions and inspiring a brighter future.

Malmsbury - 22 March, 6-8pm
 Kyneton - 27 March, 7-8.30pm

Scan the QR or visit mrrsc.vic.gov.au/changemakers

Macedon Ranges SUSTAINABILITY Group | **Macedon Ranges Shire Council** | **Goldfields Libraries**

Langley Primary School

11 March 2026

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