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Father's Day

We would like to wish all of our dads, grandfathers and special people a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday. We hope you enjoy a wonderful day together and have the chance to celebrate the important role you play in the lives of our students.

Hope and Action Day Excursion Wednesday 9 September

Our students will be attending the Hope and Action Sustainability Education for Schools Day at the Garden for the Future in White Hills. The bus will leave at 8.30 am sharp and will return at 3.30pm. Students will take part in activities presented by a range of environmental and community organisations, making this a valuable extension of our sustainability learning at school.

Newshounds

Our Newshounds page for this year has now been published! We are very proud of all of the students who contributed their writing and ideas. A special congratulations to those students whose work was selected by the editors for publication. You can see our school's page in the newsletter

Reminders

**Wed Sept 9 - Hope and Action
Sustainability Excursion**

**Mon Sept 14 - Footy Colours
(or Any Sport) Dress U Day**

Calendar Dates - 2026

Wed Sept 9 - Hope and Action
Sustainability Excursion

Mon Sept 14 - Footy Colours
Dress up Day

Fri Sept 18 - Last Day of Term 3

Mon Oct 5 - First Day of Term 4

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Footy Teams Dress-Up Day – Monday 14 September

To celebrate footy finals season, we will be holding a Footy Teams Dress-Up Day on Monday 14 September. Students are invited to come dressed in the colours of their favourite AFL team, local football team or another sporting team they support. Scarves, jumpers, beanies and team colours are all welcome. We look forward to seeing plenty of team spirit!

Parent Opinion Survey

The annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey provides families with an important opportunity to share feedback about our school. Your responses help us understand what we are doing well and identify areas where we can continue to improve. In a small school, every response is particularly valuable in giving us a clear picture of our families' experiences and priorities. Login details and instructions for completing the survey will be sent to families via email. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to complete the survey and have their voice heard.

Hats at School- Tuesday 1 September

From September 1st, students will once again need to wear a hat whenever they are outside during play times and outdoor activities. The school provides each student with a school hat, which is kept in their individual tub at school. Keeping hats at school means they are always available when needed and reduces the chance of them being forgotten at home.

Bushfire Preparedness and Fire Drill

Last week we completed a fire evacuation drill as part of our ongoing emergency management and bushfire preparedness procedures. These drills are an important opportunity for students and staff to practise responding calmly and safely in the event of an emergency.

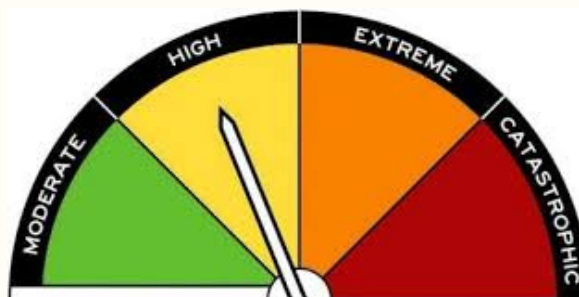
As we head towards the warmer months, the school will continue to review our bushfire preparedness procedures and ensure students understand what to do in an emergency. Families will also receive relevant bushfire and emergency information as required throughout the season.

Victorian Government Schools Agreement (VGSA)

Families may have heard about the proposed Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2026 (VGSA). A proposed new agreement has now been developed and all school employees are being given the opportunity to vote on whether to approve it over the next few weeks. For families, there is no action required.

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.





Seeds

As part of Science Week, students explored this year's theme of Seeds through a hands-on design challenge. They investigated how plants and seeds can be used as part of sustainable building design before creating their own model houses with living, sustainable roofs. Students considered how green roofs can support plant growth, provide habitat, help manage water and contribute to more environmentally friendly buildings. It was a great opportunity to combine science, sustainability, creativity and problem-solving in a practical way.

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Book Week



During Book Week, students brought stories to life through a range of fun, hands-on activities. They used puppets to retell familiar stories, developing their sequencing, oral language and storytelling skills. Students also took part in a STEM challenge inspired by *The Three Little Pigs*, designing and building houses from different materials and then testing whether their constructions could withstand some serious huffing and puffing! It was a wonderful way to combine literacy, creativity, problem-solving and teamwork while celebrating our love of books.



Gaga Ball at Langley

By Dusty

It was down to the last few players. One more hit and we'd have a winner! Everyone was watching and waiting to see who would be the last person left in the Gaga pit.

Gaga Ball is one of the most popular games at Langley Primary School. We are really lucky to have our own Gaga pit and kids of all ages can play together. The rules are pretty simple. You hit the ball with your hand and try to get the other players out by hitting them below the knee.

It gets even better when the teachers join in because everyone wants to be the person who gets a teacher out! Sometimes we have a huge game with lots of kids in the pit at once. It can get pretty fast and competitive, especially when there are only a few players left.

Mace said, "It is especially fun on Mondays because there are lots of kids and the games last longer and are fierce."

Gaga Ball is a great game because everyone can have a go. You don't have to be the fastest or the best at sport to play. You just jump in, try not to get hit and hope you can be the last one standing. And if you get out? There's always the next game!



GAGA Ball Rules

It is important that everyone knows and understands the rules before we start playing so the game is safe, fair and fun for everyone.

1. Everyone starts inside the pit, touching the wall.
2. A player throws the ball into the middle. After it bounces three times, the game begins.
3. Players hit the ball with an open hand. You cannot pick up, hold or throw the ball.
4. You are out if the ball hits you below the knee.
5. If the ball hits you above the knee, you are not out.
6. If you hit the ball out of the pit, you are out.
7. You cannot deliberately kick the ball.
8. No pushing, grabbing or rough play.
9. When you are out, leave the pit straight away and wait for the next game.
10. The last player left in the pit wins!

Most important rule: Play fairly, look after each other and have fun!

Our Trip to the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show

By Annabelle

Earlier this year, the students at Langley Primary School made a lizard scarecrow called 'Lizzie the Habitat Goodness' to enter in the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show.

We made Lizzie out of lots of different things, including cardboard, brown paint, leaves, old plant pots and netting. We even used an old sock painted blue to make her long lizard tongue! When she was finished, we thought she looked pretty good and we were excited to see how she would go in the competition.

On March 27, we caught the train to Melbourne to visit the Flower and Garden Show and see Lizzie on display. There was heaps to look at.

Some of my favourite things were the amazing flower displays, looking at all the other scarecrows and walking through the different garden displays. There were lots of interesting and creative ideas everywhere.

Dusty said, "The train was packed going to Melbourne and back, but my favourite part of the day was seeing our scarecrow on display with all the others."

Unfortunately, Lizzie didn't win a prize, but we were still really proud of her. It was pretty cool seeing something we had made at school on display at such a big event. We had a fantastic day and I hope we get to go again next year!



Cooking at the End of Term



By Madeleine

Every Monday we do cooking at school, but at the end of each term we get to choose something special that we want to make. It is always fun deciding what we are going to cook.

At the end of Term 1, we made Easter cupcakes. Before we started, we watched some videos to get ideas for different cupcake designs. We had marshmallows, fondant and lots of sprinkles to decorate them with. One group also made rocky road cupcakes, which looked really good.

My favourite part was decorating the cupcakes because we could make our own designs. My favourite cupcake that I made was the bunny one. It looked really cute and tasted yummy too!

At the end of Term 2, we made lamingtons. I had never made lamingtons before and they were really fun to make. We also learnt a cooking tip - adding a little bit of soda to the mixture helps make the lamingtons nice and light.

The best part was dipping the lamingtons into the chocolate coating and then covering them in coconut. My group came up with a good system. One person dipped a lamington in the chocolate, then moved on to the coconut while the next person started dipping another one. It was a bit messy, but that made it even more fun!

I really enjoy our cooking Mondays, especially when we get to make something special at the end of term. I wonder what we will choose to make at the end of Term 3?

Jokes

By Dusty and Mason and Jono

Q: Why did the golfer get a new pair of pants?
A: Because he got a hole in one.

Q: Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?
A: Great food, no atmosphere.

Q: When does a joke become a dad joke?
A: When the punchline becomes apparent.

Q: What do you call a pig that does karate?
A: A pork chop.

Q: Why couldn't the bike stand on its own?
A: Because it was too tired.

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?
A: An impasta.

The Best of Both Worlds

By Reuben

My school week is a bit different to most kids because I am dual enrolled. I homeschool for most of the week, but every Monday I come to Langley Primary School.

The other four days of the week I do my schoolwork at home as well as other activities. I like homeschooling because I can work at my own pace and spend time learning about things that interest me. But I also really look forward to Mondays because I get to put on my school uniform, come to school, see everyone and learn as part of a group.

One of my favourite things about Mondays is our Kitchen Garden program. We grow vegetables and herbs in the school garden, look after the plants and use some of the things we grow in our cooking. I like cooking because we get to make lots of different foods and, of course, we get to eat and take home what we make!

On Monday afternoons we learn about things like recycling, looking after the environment, reducing waste and how we can make better choices for the planet. I like all of the teachers and I enjoy catching up with the other students. Because I only come to school once a week, Mondays feel a bit special. I get to work with other people, join in with school activities and spend time with my friends.

I think dual enrolment works really well for me because I get to learn at home, but I also get to be part of a school community. I always look forward to Monday!

National Simultaneous Storytime

For National Simultaneous Storytime, we joined children all around Australia to read Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson, Adrian Lyod Jake A Minton.

After listening to the story, we talked about the characters and created our own colourful animal drawings inspired by the book. It was fun knowing that thousands of other students were enjoying the same story at the same time!

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KEY DATES

Late August (date TBC) - Registration opens

10th October - Season starts

12th December - Last competition day for the year / Xmas celebration

13th February - First competition day for 2027

13th March - Last competition day for the season

20th March - End of season presentation

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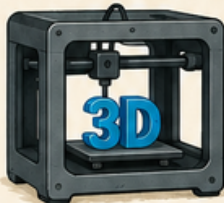
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