

Issue 12 – Term 3 – Week 6 – Friday 21st August 2026

LIBRARY NEWS: BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY

This year's theme is "Symphony of Stories"

Date: **Friday 28th of August 2026**

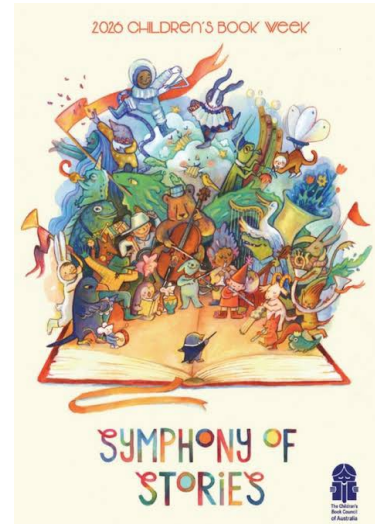
Whole School Parade – 9.15am

Parents are welcome to attend and watch the whole school parade.

Students are invited to come dressed as a character from a book, sportsperson etc.
Time to start thinking about your costume!

FOUNDATION / PREP ENROLMENT 2026

Thank you to the existing school families that have completed and returned enrolments forms to the Office. Enrolment acceptance letters have been emailed out.



FATHERS' DAY STALL

We will be holding a Fathers' Day Stall on **Friday, 4th September 2026**. Children will be able to purchase a lovely gift for Dad or a special person from a large variety of items ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Selling will begin at approximately 9:00am in the Multipurpose Room and students will visit the stall in the classroom groups. There will be an opportunity during snack time for children to revisit the stall for extra purchases once all classes have attended.

We would love some volunteer helpers for the stall. Please call into the school office and let us know if you can help!

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are accepting donations of clean, unwanted school uniforms for our second-hand uniform stall. Donations can be handed in at the school office.

CANTEEN HELPERS

Our school canteen is always looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday's. If you have a few hours to spare, please contact the school office for further details. Please note that all volunteers will require a Working with Children's check.

YEAR 4 CAMP – ROSES GAP

The Year 4 camp will take place from **Monday, 14th September to Wednesday 16th September**. The cost of the camp is \$560.00, and parents have had the option to pay in full or by instalments. Final payment is due by **Friday 28th August**.

YEAR 3 CAMP – LAKE CULLULLERAINE

The Year 3 camp will take place in **Week 10 from Thursday, 17th September to Friday, 17th September**. The cost of the camp is 265.00, and parents will have had option to pay in full or by instalments through Compass. Remaining instalment dates are:

1. Friday 21st August 2026;
2. Friday 4th September 2026. – Final payment required

THE BEAT PERFORMANCE – CHOIR STUDENTS

We are very excited to participate in this year's 'The Beat' to be held on **Tuesday, the 25th and Wednesday the 26th of August 2026** at the Mildura Arts Centre. The choir students will perform in both evening performances. There is a rehearsal during the school day of Tuesday, 25th of August and students will travel by bus to the Arts Centre. Consent is available on Compass for the rehearsal.

Tickets are available for \$5 from the Mildura Arts Centre. Below is some information that has been passed on from MAC that they would like conveyed to school cohorts/parents, etc.

- Any child over the age of 12 months must purchase a ticket.
- Students who have performed and then want to go into the audience with their family must have a ticket.
- If parents are planning on leaving at interval, could you please get them to hand their tickets in to the front counter so that people who were not able to purchase a ticket can enter for the second half.



Some other important information that we need to make clear to schools, is as follows:

- **Acts must stay in their dressing rooms until either interval (if you're in the first act) or the end of the show (second half).** We had so many parents just up and leave the audience once their child had finished performing and sometimes during another school's performance. There was no care for the fact that another act was coming on the stage and that it was disruptive and disrespectful to students performing.
- From MAC, it is also their 'Duty of Care' that students must remain in the dressing rooms until the end of each half (Act 1/Act 2).

There will be no parent pick up until interval or the end of the show. We are hoping that this will enhance the performance experience for all involved in the shows.



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2026 Parent / Carer Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026.**

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Today we are holding our Athletics Day. Students can wear their house colours to school.

Please see below for a timetable of events.

Students will compete in age groups from 9 years old and above (age is as of 31st December 2025).

Students will receive placings in each event and only students placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their respective event and age group will receive ribbons. Age group champions will be presented at the school assembly on Thursday, 27th August. Students will then be notified as soon as possible if they qualify for the Mini Olympics to be held on 1 September (week 8).

AGE	9.10-9.35	9.40-10.05	10.10-10.35	10.40-11.05	11.10-11.45	11.50-12.15	12.20-12.45	12.50-1:15	1:20-1:25	1:25-1:30	1:30-1:35	1:35-1:40	1:45
P	Sprints 50m	Shot Put	High Jump	LD 200m	<u>LUNCH</u>	Long Jump	Discus	Break	Prep Relay	1/2 Relay	9/10 YO Relay	11/12 +YO Relay	<u>RECESS</u>
Yr 1	Break	Sprints 50m	Shot Put	High Jump		LD 200m	Long Jump	Discus					
Yr 2	Discus	Break	Sprints 50m	Shot Put		High Jump	LD 200m	Long Jump					
9YO	Long Jump	Discus	Break	Sprints 100m		Shot Put	High Jump	LD 800m					
10YO	LD 800m	Long Jump	Discus	Break		Sprints 100m	Shot Put	High Jump					
11YO	High Jump	LD 800m	Long Jump	Discus		Break	Sprints 100m	Shot Put					
12+YO	Shot Put	High Jump	LD 800m	Long Jump		Discus	Break	Sprints 100m					

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge – The Home Stretch! 📖☀️

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 4th September! 🎉

We are encouraging all students to make the most of the final weeks of the challenge and keep reading, reading, reading! 📖🌟

Have you added all your books?

Please remember to add every book you have read to your Reading Challenge page. Every book counts towards your challenge!

If your child has been reading books at home, at school or during their library visits, please encourage them to check their Challenge page and make sure their reading record is up to date.

📖 Keep reading!

💻 Add your books online!

★ Finish the challenge strong!

Thank you to all our families for supporting our students and helping them develop a love of reading. We are incredibly proud of our amazing readers!

The countdown is on – 4th September! 🚀📖

REGIONAL INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Last Thursday some of our Grade 5/6 girls competed in the regional AFL 9's interschool sport in Swan Hill. The girls played well and were triumphant in one of the three games they played. Thank you to parents for transporting their children to Swan Hill to allow them to compete.





Values Awards

Paige Ginn
Sage Mallinson
Chase Boehm
Bodhi Stephens
Grace Honeysett
Cleo Andriotis
Elsie Thomas
Maria Fangaloka
Braith Stevens
Annaliese Young
Indiana Brown
Bodhi Pearce
Johnpeter Torquati
Marleigh Nicholl
Ilario Primarano

Subject Awards

Axel Heywood
Ava King
Nathan Shaw
Maree Ghidinelli
Xavier Urquhart-Singh
Isabel Scott
Hugo Freckleton
Sonny Parker
Massimo Pardo
Aleah Rogers
Charlotte Butler
Rylee Gornalle
Korie Chapman
Asher McKenzie
Ari Matulick

Specialist Awards

Anna Picken
Teddy Reynolds
Chase Boehm
Atlas Katis
Lucas Grembecki
Harrison McClure
Henry Thompson
Izzy Brown
Hayley Leersen
Francesco Rizzica
Daisy Dalla Santa
Saverah Franco
Lachlan McGregor
Angelina Beh
Aubree Ross
Blake King
Athena Baker
Maisy Tuifao
Sailor Keam
Anna Tsai
Sophia Menegaldo
Ella Ryan
Izzy Brown
Amber Kennedy
Frankie Torquati
Octavia Collins
Abel Dempsey



Amira Michalski

Frankie Heppell

Avalon Baker

Misty Choi

Riley Poole

Nate McGlashan

Lachlan McGregor

George Paongo

Scarlett Dowsley

Damon Catalano

Roxy Weight

Kixten Boundy

Braith Stevens

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3 2026

Week 3 July/Aug	27	28	29	30	31 Prep Enrolments Due	01	02
Week 4 Aug	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Week 5 Aug	10	11 Year 7 Acceptance Slips Due	12	13	14	15	16
Week 6 Aug	17	18	19 Alpha Show	20	21 IPS Athletics Day	22	23
Week 7 Aug	24	25	26	27 Assembly P-2 2.20pm 3-6 2.45pm	28 Book Day Dress Up Parade	29	30
Week 8 Aug/Sep	31	01 Division Athletics	02	03	04 Fathers Day Stall	05	06
Week 9 Sep	07	08	09	10 Assembly P-2 2.20pm 3-6 2.45pm	11	12	13
Week 10 Sep	14 Year 4 Camp	15	16	17 Year 1 Dinner Year 3 Camp	18 Last Day of Term 3	19	20



Ticket registrations are now open. You can now register for your tickets for the evening event via this link [MASP Fostering Friday Panel Tickets](#). The panel will bring together an outstanding group of speakers, including:

- Josh Jenkins, a former AFL footballer who grew up in foster care in Swan Hill
- Jade Benham MP, Member for Mildura and Victorian Shadow Minister for Disability, Ageing, Carers and Volunteers
- Victoria's Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Manager – Kinship and Foster Care Sheree Gee
- A local former foster carer sharing their lived experience

