

LOCKWOOD

Primary School

Newsletter #19
7th November 2025

DIARY DATES

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TERM 4

November 2025

Tue 11 th	2026 Foundation Orientation – Session 1 REMEMBERANCE DAY
Wed 12 th	Year 6 Crusoe Transition/ Big Day Out
Tue 18 th	2026 Foundation Orientation – Session 2
Tue 18 th	School Council Meeting
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st	Energy Breakthrough
Tue 25 th	2026 Foundation Orientation – Session 3
Fri 28 th	Student Free Day – Professional Practice Day

December 2025

Tue 2 nd	School Council Meeting
Tue 9 th	Statewide Orientation Day
Wed 10 th	Awards Assembly & Concert
Wed 17 th	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Thur 18 th	Year 6 Big Day Out
Fri 19 th	Last day of School 2025 – 1.30pm finish



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

Another week down, the days are going so quickly and week 5 is already finished!

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

From December 10 this year, new legislation will come into effect that is relevant to many in our school community.

This legislation will restrict children under the age of 16 from creating or maintaining social media accounts — including popular platforms like Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter).

If you would like to read more about this, please use this [link](#)!

There is also a free webinar for families to learn about this change before it comes into effect. There is a link here to register:

[Bit.ly/SMDelay](https://bit.ly/SMDelay)

Social Media

Platforms to be age-restricted for U16s starting 10 December, 2025.

RESTRICTED FOR U16

- ✗ Facebook
- ✗ Instagram
- ✗ Kick
- ✗ Reddit
- ✗ Snapchat
- ✗ Threads
- ✗ TikTok
- ✗ X (formerly Twitter)
- ✗ YouTube

NOT RESTRICTED FOR U16

- ✓ YouTube Kids
- ✓ Google Classroom
- ✓ WhatsApp
- ✓ Messenger
- ✓ Discord
- ✓ GitHub
- ✓ LEGO Play
- ✓ Roblox
- ✓ Steam



FREE FAMILY WORKSHOP

SOCIAL MEDIA DELAY

WHAT'S CHANGING

WHY IT MATTERS

MYTH BUSTING

START THE CHAT

READINESS

NEXT STEPS

Join Cyber Safety Project for a **free family event** for **parents and kids under 16!** Learn the facts, bust myths, and start the conversations that matter before the new social media changes take effect.

DATE: Wednesday 19 November
TIME: 7.00pm AEDT

REGISTER NOW
bit.ly/SMDelay

LIVE
ONLINE



'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

OUR 'SHARING' VALUE – IN FOCUS

At LPS we believe that we all have a 'shared responsibility' for making our school great. Responsibility is an important value that helps students grow into dependable and caring members of our community. At school, students can show responsibility by being prepared for learning, completing tasks on time, caring for their belongings, and following through on commitments. It also means taking ownership of our actions, celebrating our successes and learning from our mistakes.

At home, responsibility can look like helping with chores, managing time wisely, and showing respect for family routines. When students practise responsibility, they build trust, independence, and confidence in themselves and others.

2026 STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to share that Mr. Mitchell will be finishing at LPS at the end of this school year as he and his family are moving interstate, where he will continue his teaching career in New South Wales. Since joining us in 2022, Robert has been a valued member of our school community. We will greatly miss his sense of humour, his technological expertise, and his warm friendship. We thank him for his wonderful contributions to our school and wish him and his family all the very best for their next chapter.

I appreciate the wonderful support, kindness, and involvement of our families - your contributions make our school community such a special and vibrant place for our students to learn and grow.

Carmen Huszar ☺



REAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP - a different way of working

PARENT ARTICLE: Restorative practices and adversarial methods represent distinct approaches to addressing conflicts, disputes, and wrongdoing. The decision has been made by LPS to adopt a restorative approach, viewing conflict resolution through the lens of Restorative Practice 2.0. This approach is characterised by a holistic working method centred around building a robust relational culture.

So, what sets this approach apart? The key distinctions can be summarised in the following categories:

Language

Restorative Practice involves open communication and dialogue among all parties involved in the conflict or harm. It employs informal approaches such as affective language and more structured processes such as restorative circles or conferences, where participants can share their perspectives, express emotions, and work towards mutually agreed-upon solutions. In contrast, adversarial methods typically follow a formal legal process involving courtroom proceedings, lawyers, judges, and prescribed rules. The process is more adversarial, with each party presenting their case and a third party (judge or jury) making decisions based on presented evidence.

Mindset

In Restorative Practice, the primary focus is on repairing harm and restoring relationships. Restorative Practice engages in conversations where all parties have a say in the resolution process, with decisions made with a focus on Restorative practices prioritise repairing harm and restoring relationships through inclusive processes. The objective is to bring individuals impacted by a conflict or wrongdoing together, fostering communication, empathy, and understanding. The emphasis lies in resolving issues collaboratively and instilling a sense of responsibility and accountability. On the other hand, adversarial methods, often associated with traditional legal systems, concentrate on determining guilt or innocence, applying punishment, and upholding societal norms with a primary focus on establishing a winner and a loser through litigation.

Conduct

Restorative Practice engages in conversations where all parties have a say in the resolution process, with decisions made with a focus on repairing harm. Adversarial methods, in contrast, place decision-making in the hands of the authoritarian person, such as a teacher, parent or coach. The process is more formalised and may not prioritise the active involvement of individuals affected by the conflict.

Role of Authority

Restorative Practice serves as a transformative approach, empowering individuals entangled in conflicts to embrace responsibility for their actions and actively contribute to collaborative problem-solving. The role of the authoritative figure in this context is more akin to a facilitator, guiding the process with the intent of fostering open communication and understanding, rather than imposing decisions. In contrast, adversarial methods lean on an authority figure, be it a teacher, parent, or coach, who assumes a disciplinarian role, dispensing punishments in an attempt to elicit behavioural change. This stark contrast highlights the restorative approach's emphasis on shared responsibility and constructive dialogue, while adversarial methods often rely on a top-down enforcement model.

In summary, restorative practices prioritise repairing harm and restoring relationships through inclusive processes, while adversarial methods prioritise legal outcomes, punishment, and a more formalised decision-making process.

Quick tips

1. Restorative practice is an alternative to adversarial methods
2. Focuses on repairing harm and restoring relationships.
3. All parties have input.
4. Encourages students to take responsibility for their actions.

OTHER INFORMATION

GRADE 6 TRANSITION

We are busy getting ready to welcome our new year 7 students in 2026, with a busy term ahead!

BIG DAY OUT 2025

TUE 11TH NOV:
SPRING GULLY PS
SPECIMEN HILL PS
GOLDEN SQUARE PS
KANGAROO FLAT PS
LOCKWOOD STH PS
AND OTHER SCHOOLS

WED 12TH NOV:
LOCKWOOD PS
MARONG PS
MAIDEN GULLY PS
BIG HILL PS

TIME: 9.20AM - 11.30AM

STUDENTS WILL TRAVEL BY BUS.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM!

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

WHEN: 9TH OF DECEMBER
TIME: 9 - 3.10PM
WHERE: MEET IN THE JBQ AT CRUSOE COLLEGE

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND TEACHERS FROM YOUR 2026 CLASS, ALSO EXPERIENCE SOME OF YOUR FUTURE CLASSES!

OUR CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM!



YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO CRUSOE COLLEGE

Next **Wednesday 12th November** will be our Year 6 students first transition session to Crusoe College with the Crusoe Big Day Out. More information has been sent with Consent forms in Compass. Please ensure your child is at school by **8.45am** on that morning to catch the bus from school.

Students will then have a full day at Crusoe for the **Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday 9th December**. More information will be set out if your child requires to catch the school bus to and from Crusoe College on Statewide Transition Day.

NINJA PLAYGROUND

Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of our school community and the input from our students, we're excited to announce that our brand-new Ninja Course is almost complete - and it looks fantastic! The soft-fall will be installed over the weekend, ready for students to enjoy when it officially opens on Monday morning. We can't wait to see our students climbing, balancing, and having a great time on this exciting new addition to our playground!



(image for illustration purposes only)

RSL POPPY APPEAL - REMEMBRANCE DAY



On behalf of the Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch, we currently have Poppys and other items for sale, leading up to Remembrance Day.

All money raised during the Poppy Appeal directly supports those veterans in need through the RSL welfare & wellbeing programmes.

Fabric Poppy	\$2 & \$5
Wristband	\$3
Rosemary and Poppies	\$5
Pen	\$5

Canteen volunteer needed for this Wednesday. If you can help, please contact Patty in the office.

Volunteer Roster

Thursday Canteen

(8.30 - 11.30am)

Week 6 (13/11/25) Rachel W Sam B Volunteer Needed	Week 7 (20/11/25) Rachel W Lauren B Shaz	Week 8 (27/11/25) Sam B Lauren B Shaz	Week 9 (04/12/25) Rachel W Sam B Patty M
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YEAR 2 BIG DAY OUT & SLEEPOVER

Last Thursday the Grade 2 students enjoyed their Big Day Out. The day started with a trip to the Discovery Centre where students got to enjoy lots of different science experiments, the vertical slide and a trip around the Milky Way Galaxy. They also used paper and wind tunnels to explore how different objects fly, sink and hover. After a quick trip to the park for lunch, students headed to Jumpz to use up the rest of their energy. A big thank you to Jumpz for their generosity! The night ended with dinner and a sleepover. Well done to all of the students and a big thank you to Mrs. Owen and Freyja for running the day and the sleepover.

Mr Mitchell





BUS TRAVEL 2026 - APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

The School Travel Assistance Program (STAP) provides transport assistance for families in rural and regional Victoria.

Country Bus travel applications are processed through the [School Travel Assistance Portal](#) (STAP).

To access the STAP portal and submit applications for bus travel you need to go to the [STAP portal](#), register as the account holder and then apply for your child to be the designated bus traveller and submit the application. A Quick Reference Guide for families to follow the simple start up procedures is available. Please contact Patty if you would like it emailed to you.

STAP will auto renew all **active** 2025 applications (except for travellers currently in year 6 or year 12 and any applications with a status of lapsed/cancelled/removed/declined). Families should submit a **new** application if there has been a change (new school, new address, new traveller) and/or require travel in 2026.

The main renewal process for Term 1, 2026 has been scheduled to run during the week of 10 November 2025. Applications will be processed, and travel offers will be emailed to families by 17 November 2025.

New travellers or current travellers with a change:

If you are a new traveller or a current traveller changing school (including students starting High School 2026), campus, or address, you can submit your 2026 travel application anytime during Term 4 2025. Initial rounds of offers will

If you have misplaced your STAP login details, please contact the STAP Help Desk on 1800 338 663

For information on the School Travel Assistance Program, please visit [LINK](#):

In some circumstances student's ineligible for transport assistance may be able to access a seat on a school bus upon payment of a fare each term. *(Please note from 1 January 2026, **FREE** public transport will be introduced for all Victorians aged 17 and under. As a result, ineligible travellers approved for the School Bus Program will no longer be required to pay a term fare. Please disregard any references to fare payment when submitting your application. The application process, assessment and all existing eligibility criteria for priority seating will remain in place.)* Please view this [link](#) about the 2026 Victorian Government statement for free public transport for students across Victoria.

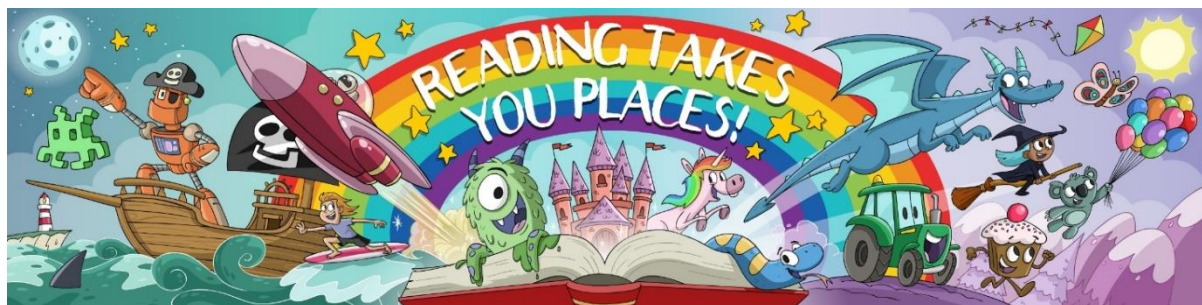


Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthday over the next two weeks;



🚩 Patrick GB
🚩 Carter B
🚩 Sienna C
🚩 Jordan W

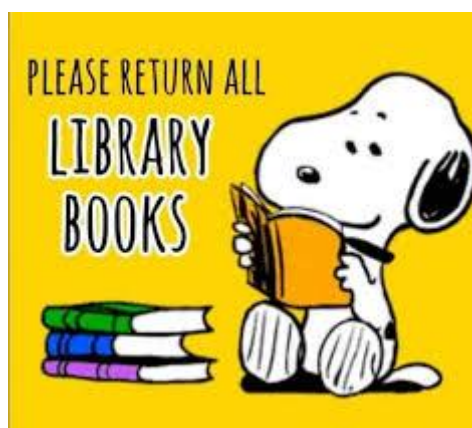
🚩 Mckenzie M
🚩 Eden T
🚩 Kieran K
🚩 Jake M



It's been a fabulous MARC year, with lots of books read, borrowed and enjoyed. So that the end of year stocktake can be completed our last borrowing day at **Lockwood** will be;

Monday 17th November

This gives students 2 more visits to make sure all books are returned for the year. I will have a little thank you prize for students who return all books.



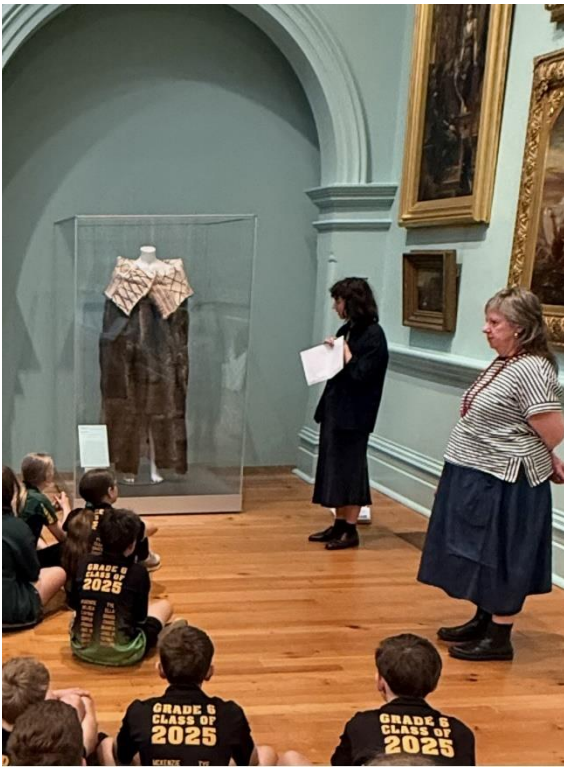
COUNTRY & BELONGING EXCURSION TO BENDIGO GALLERY



As part of the Country and Belonging Program, today our Year 3 to 6 students visited the Bendigo Art Gallery. Whilst at the gallery, they viewed indigenous artworks and participated in a workshop to create their own acknowledgement of country.







REPEAT ITEMS & INFORMATION

LOCKWOOD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



We are still chasing prizes for our annual Christmas Raffle is happening again and will be drawn at the 2025 Awards Ceremony & Concert night – Wednesday December 10th!

This year, we are asking EVERY FAMILY to donate or approach a business for a donation of a new item for our Christmas Raffle. Some suggestions for donations that could make up hampers include: *wine, chocolates, gourmet food items, toiletry or beauty products, stationery items – notebooks, pens, artist's supplies, new children's books or toys, Travel/holiday goods, Vouchers, crockery and giftware, car products/vouchers, household items or Christmas decorations /items.*

If you know of any local businesses that you would like to approach for donations of product, services or vouchers, please see Patty and we can arrange a letter for you to provide them. Donations can be handed in at any time in the office. Thanks to those families who have already donated items for the hampers.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Fresh Fruit Friday returned today, thanks to the Mckern Steel Foundation and their foundation partners.

Thank you to the volunteers last term her came in on Friday mornings to cut up the fruit and have ready to be delivered to classrooms for morning fruit snack at 10.am.

If you can volunteer on a Friday morning (8.45am – 9.30am approx.) and go onto the Fresh Fruit Friday roster, please let Patty know.

Fresh Fruit Friday Volunteers (8.45 - 9.30am)

Week 6
(14/11/25)
Jenny O

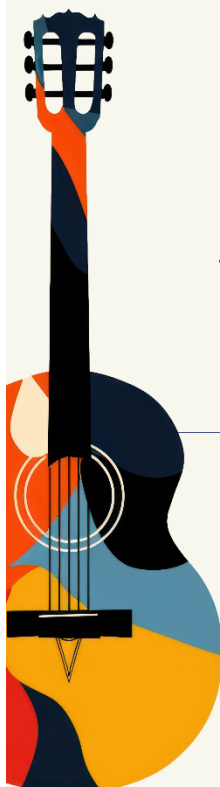
Week 7
(21/11/25)
Suzie R

GUITAR OR KEYBOARD LESSONS

Does your child want to learn Guitar or the Keyboard? Every Tuesday Darren from Hamber Music Classes comes to Lockwood Primary School and delivers 30-minute music instrument lessons.

The lessons are at parent cost (\$20 per lesson, which is invoiced to parents directly by Darren), and are delivered during the school day.

Please reach out to Darren on 0415 243 432 or hamber.music.concepts@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like your child to have a free trial lesson.



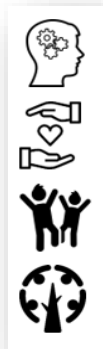
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presents

Guitar Classes
for Beginnners
Term 4 Special
offer !!

Get your first guitar
lesson free when you
sign up this Term !!

Enquire Now
0415243432
hamber.music.concepts@gmail.com

STUDENT AWARDS (TERM 4 – WEEK 4 & 5)



Foundation/1

Ellie D – (*Sharing Award*) for being a responsible learner who thoughtfully shares her ideas and helps others in their learning.

1/2

Mason C – (*Sharing Award*) for being a responsible and accountable member of 1/2 class.

3/4

Harry A – (*Sharing Award*) for always including people and showing respect.

4/5

Ryan H – (*Sharing Award*) for using a big improvement with his manners and listening to others.

6

Joshua O – (*Sharing Award*) for always using his time effectively, to be organised and complete his work.



Raf G – **Art Award** - for taking his time painting his sculpture.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT G.E.M AWARDS

Mental wellbeing is so important, and incorporating our GEM principles (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) into our daily routine is a great way to stay mentally healthy. At Lockwood PS we recognised and acknowledge students who demonstrate the GEM principles at school.



Lucas R
Lily J



Jett H
Chelsea L



Autumn E



TheirCare
For your Kids, for you

THEIRCARE NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

This week, we had our 'mad science' pupil free day! We made slime, volcanoes, jelly, and played lots of group games! We also introduced TC TUCKER ON THURSDAYS, which is the TheirCare Cooking Program! This week, we made guacamole for our chips and dip.



UPCOMING

BIG HILL HOLIDAY PROGRAM will be open for the christmas holidays! Enrol and book in through fullybooked when bookings open. if there are any questions come and let us know!

contact us: lockwood@theircare.com.au
- 0499 387 311

COMMUNITY NEWS

If you are involved in a local community group and would like to have information of an upcoming event included in our newsletter, please email the information to Lockwood.ps@education.vic.gov.au



The poster features a dark green background with festive illustrations. At the top, there are strings of warm white lights and several Christmas ornaments in red, green, and gold. The logos for the City of Greater Bendigo and Birchgrove Property are in the top corners. The main title 'CHRISTMAS Carols' is centered in a large, elegant font. Below it, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. A yellow box highlights the entry information. The date and time are prominently displayed in the center. The bottom section thanks the sponsors and features a colorful illustration of Santa Claus, a snowman, a reindeer, a bear, a penguin, and a gingerbread man standing in front of two decorated Christmas trees and wrapped gifts.

CHRISTMAS *Carols*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU AT THE MARONG
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP CAROLS
AT MALONE PARK, MARONG

ENJOY VARIOUS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- LIVE MUSIC & CAROL SINGING
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE & FOOD VANS
- A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!

ENTRY: VOLUNTARY
CHARITABLE GOLD
COIN DONATION

14 DECEMBER 2025
FROM 5.00PM

COME AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT.

THANKYOU TO OUR PROUD SPONSORS
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
BIRCHGROVE PROPERTY

MINGLE AND SHARE

Hosted by
Lockwood District Community Hub Inc.

This association grew out of the Friday ALT gathering. We are a bunch of volunteers keen to see locals connect and thrive.

COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER TO:

- meet and mingle with your neighbours
- suggest initiatives that we can facilitate ...events such as mower maintenance? outdoor music or movie nights? chainsaw safety? choir? theatre group? lending/swapping resources? community garden?... the list is endless.
- highlight any skills or expertise you have that potentially could be of benefit to others.
- see inside our new local venue, the Lockwood South Community Centre, which is now available for hire (including a large meeting hall, kitchen, bar and toilets, as well as the outdoor space which is no longer for bowling).

We'd love to hear your thoughts

This is a free event and food and drinks are provided.

For catering purposes please RSVP to ldchinc@gmail.com by Thursday 6 November.

5:45- 7:30PM
FRIDAY
14
NOVEMBER

LOCKWOOD SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

FORMERLY BOWLING CLUB
782 CALDER ALT HWY



Maldon Shopping Spree

AN EVENING OF SHOPPING AND FUN IN
THE STREETS OF MALDON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27th, 2025
5.15pm to 8.00pm

FORGET MELBOURNE
FORGET BENDIGO
SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS IN MALDON!



Exclusive discounts
from
participating
traders and a huge
raffle on the night

Ticket price includes
a Maldon shopping bag,
discount vouchers,
refreshments and music
whilst
shopping and a free ticket
in the raffle on the night

Tickets \$20

Tickets available
from Maldon Newsagency, Beatons
Store, Maldon Primary School ph
5475 1484 or online

<https://www.trybooking.com/D6ICQ>



Fundraiser Supporting

MALDON
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Calling all Swifties!

29 November, 2025
1 - 3.30pm

★ 📍 Axedale Hall, 94 High Street. ★

ARE YOU READY TO SHAKE IT OFF?!

ADULTS \$60
CHILD 8-13YR \$30

What's included:

- 🍰 Decorate your own mini cake
- 🎵 Great vibes, photo ops & singalongs!
- 💖 Dress in your Era-inspired outfit
- 👉 All proceeds go to help disadvantaged kids!

Get your tickets here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DGIWR>





KIDS GO FREE

MEMBERSHIPS & TICKETS

ALL KIDS AGED 14 & UNDER

THANKS TO POWERCOR




THE SOUNDS OF Shelbourne

A NIGHT WITH -
AshB. Music

Nov 8th
7:00-9:30 pm



East Shelbourne Recreation Reserve

*Come and enjoy a relaxed community night.
Money donation on entry.
BBQ tea from 6pm.
Supper served at 8pm.
BYO Drinks and chair*