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Primary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Families,

At Lockwood Primary School, we're always looking for ways to help our students grow as kind, respectful citizens - both in and out of the classroom.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE – BUILDING OWNERSHIP

This term, we've been focusing on a simple but powerful approach called P-P-F (Past, Present, Future) to help guide affective interactions.

So, what's P-P-F? It's a way for students to reflect on their actions by thinking about what happened (Past), how it made people feel (Present), and what they can do next time (Future). Instead of just saying "sorry" and moving on, we encourage students to really consider the impact of their choices and how to make things right. It's a bit like rewinding, pausing, and then pressing play on a better version of themselves!

AT HOME – why not try having a P-P-F conversation with your child/ren when you need to! Let me know how you go?

Alongside this, our behaviour focus has been on being kind to ourselves, each other, and our things. Whether it's sharing a pencil, including someone in a game, or taking care of school equipment, we believe these small acts of kindness add up to a big difference.

YR 6s AT ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

A big congratulations to our Year 6 students who competed in the Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough over the last 3 days! Their teamwork, determination, and positive attitude made us all proud. They've shown that when we support each other and work together, we can achieve amazing things - on the track and in the classroom.

Thank you for another great fortnight here at LPS.

Carmen Huszar 😊

TERM 4	
November 2025	
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	
Mon 8 th	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

'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

A REAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP – what you might see?

A warm greeting to all our parents and carers. We're thrilled to share some really exciting news with you. Your school has made the important decision to partner with us at Real Schools and what we're doing in this article is sharing some of what this exciting journey is going to be about.

When we work with schools our job is to walk alongside staff, students and the parent/carer community to enhance all the great things

students and our parent/carer community. The way that we're going to do this work together is through what we call our partnership model. The partnership works over a three-year period and every year we'll be supporting your whole school community to be able to get the gains that you want and of course deserve.

In each year of partnership, we will facilitate a professional learning day with all your incredible staff. There will then be an in-class support day where we will be in your classrooms modelling, co-teaching and providing feedback to your amazing teachers. Additionally, we want parents on this journey as well, so each year we facilitate a parent information session, along with articles, newsletter inserts, short videos and social media posts to keep you up to date with the partnership journey. These are designed to

that are already happening in the school. And when we've been talking to your school leaders recently there's already so many amazing things that happen across your school community. What this partnership will do is further elevate that work. But there's also some things that we'll be focussing on that will help us develop the culture at your school.

And that's about how we work together with the key stakeholders in the school – our staff, our

build your understanding of the great work that your school will be doing to support and guide our most precious resource – your children – but also to provide practical tips for parents to utilise in the home environment.

Now, you may be asking what is the focus of this work? Well, it's around building a restorative school community through a framework our CEO and Founder Adam Voigt has designed which is called RP2.0. We're going to unpack this further in future articles, but just to give you a little taste, restorative practices are about explicitly focussing on building strong relationships with all our stakeholders (staff, students and parents) across our school and leveraging those relationships for amazing things to

happen in terms of not only the social-emotional development of your child, but also in terms of their learning outcomes.

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In addition to that, what we want to do through this partnership is help your child to be able to take responsibility for their actions. What we all want is for them to grow into great citizens who put back into their community. We do all of this by working restoratively which, when an incident occurs, allows a focus on the harm that may have been caused, the damage that may have resulted to the relationship to be repaired, and then, focusing on moving forward in a harmonious and supportive environment.

So it's an exciting journey that we've got in front of us.

If you'd like to find out a little more, we encourage you to go to our website – realschools.com.au to start to explore some of this work that we're embarking on together. You'll also receive full access to the membership section of the website through a username and password that your school will provide.

We look forward to working with you as this journey unfolds.

QUICK SUMMARY

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

STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

A reminder to families that our teachers are having a Professional Practice Day on Friday 28th November, and therefore there will be a Student Free Day. Please do not send your children to school on that day.

If you require care for your children, TheirCare are holding a Summer Party from 7am to 5.30pm.

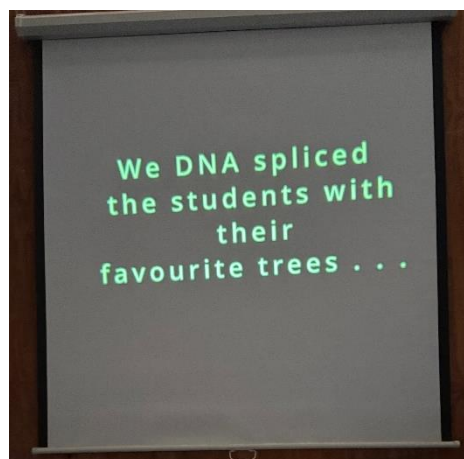
Bookings Essential via [TheirCare | Where Kids Love To Be.](#)



COUNTRY & BELONGING

Over the past four weeks, our students in Years 3-6 have participated in a collaborative project with Arena Theatre. In groups, they have experimented and created representations of what 'country' means to them.

All our students walked through the exhibition today to see what the different groups have made. It was a beautiful display of our student's individual 'Country & Belonging'.



REFRESH CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

This week we introduced into the classrooms some new books to refresh the classroom libraries.

We have been able to update the libraries thanks to the fundraising rewards received from our Scholastic Book Fair held earlier in the year.

Thank you to everyone who purchased something or helped run the fair. Your contribution has helped us ensure our classroom libraries remain relevant and engaging for our students.



Volunteer Roster			
Thursday Canteen			
(8.30 - 11.30am)			
Week 8 (27/11/25) Sam B Lauren B Shaz	Week 9 (04/12/25) Rachel W Sam B Patty M	Week 10 (11/12/25) Rachel W Sam B Lauren B	Week 11 (18/12/25) NO CANTEEN

Fresh Fruit Friday Volunteers	
(8.45 - 9.30am)	
Week 8 (28/11/25) Jenny O	Week 9 (05/12/25) Suzie R

REPEAT ITEMS & INFORMATION

LOCKWOOD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



We have been getting steady flow of prizes coming into the office for our Annual Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all the families that have donated.

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 have not yet donated it is not too late.

Our Annual Raffle is drawn at the 2025 Awards Ceremony & Concert night – Wednesday December 10th. Tickets will go home with students next week to start selling.

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.

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.

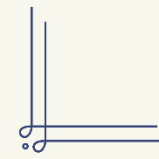
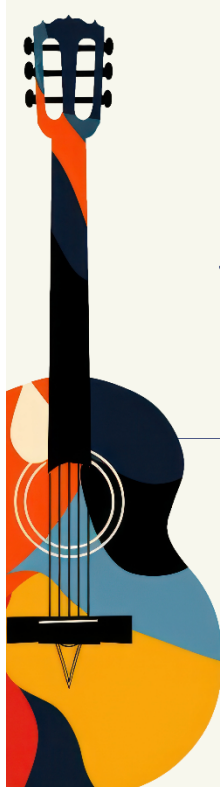


GUITAR OR KEYBOARD LESSONS

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.



Hamber Music Classes

presents

Guitar Classes for Beginners 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 6)



Foundation/1	Arie NC – (<i>Sharing Award</i>) for being a friendly classmate who shares, takes turns, and helps everyone enjoy learning together.
1/2	Gemma B – (<i>Caring Award</i>) for showing kindness towards others and being a good friend.
3/4	Recker B – (<i>Sharing Award</i>) for always including people and displaying enthusiasm for his learning.
4/5	Cohen W – (<i>Sharing Award</i>) for taking the time to entertain his little brother, while his mum packed up the canteen. Zaxson R – (<i>Sharing Award</i>) for being responsible member of the classroom and always keen to offer his help.
6	Chelsea L – (<i>Sharing Award</i>) for respecting rules and routines and always following instructions without needing a reminder. Jayda C – Art Award - for working well with her buddies to paper mache her sculpture Esme W – Art Award - for making bright colour choices on her bird 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.



Rival B
Vaida O



Riley R



Will B
Copper B

Congratulations to all our students for reaching the following reading night milestones.

	25 nights	50 nights	75 nights	100 nights
			Vaida O	Carter B
	125 nights	150 nights	175 nights	200 nights
	Olivia J Chloe O		Ethan H	
	225 nights	250 nights	275 nights	300 nights
		Lily J Lillia-Belle H	Joshua O Spencer S Ella W	



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



✚ Laylah B



November is almost over!!

this month, we have been working on our teamwork and resilience skills. so, we've had a 'games week' and a 'challenges week', incorporating group games and friendly competition into service! Next week, we look forward to 'storybook week', as well as national fairy bread day!



BIG HILL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

BIG HILL will be open for our summer holiday program! this will be added to Fully Booked soon for families to book in! if you need the care, we will be open from 6:30am to 6pm, and will go on excursions, have incursions, and in-house days!

other updates...

THEIRCARE AWARD: Amelia Daff

TC tucker on thursdays!

**PUPIL FREE DAY – 28TH
NOVEMBER – SUMMER FUN DAY!**



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ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who participated in the Energy Breakthrough competition over the last 3 days, and a huge shout out to all the parents involved, Mr D, Mrs Malone, Mrs Rees and Ash Stow.

We will be posting photos and a summary of the event over the next fortnight, so watch this space.

We would also like to extend a massive thank you to all our sponsors. It is expensive to enter our HPV carts in the Energy Breakthrough event, so without the financial support from these businesses our students would not get the experience they have.

Thank You!

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& GEORGE EGAN



ONGOING SPONSOR!
THANKS DAVE



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 City of Greater Bendigo logo is in the top left, and the Birchgrove Property logo is in the top right. The title 'CHRISTMAS Carols' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, the event details are listed. A yellow box highlights the entry information. The date and time are clearly stated. 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.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

birchgrove property

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.

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CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
BIRCHGROVE PROPERTY

Maldon Shopping Spree

AN EVENING OF SHOPPING AND FUN IN
THE STREETS OF MALDON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27th, 2025
5.15pm to 8.00pm

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FORGET BENDIGO
SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS IN MALDON!



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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/DGICQ>



Fundraiser Supporting



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!

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