

LOCKWOOD

Primary School

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4

December 2024

Tue 10 th	Statewide Orientation Day
Tue 10 th	School Council Meeting
Thu 12 th	Year 5 & 6 Production 6.30 – 8.00pm
Tue 17 th	Awards Assembly and class performances (5- 7:30)
Wed 18 th	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm – Ceremony 7 - 9pm – Student dinner and disco
Thu 19 th	Year 6 Big Day Out
Fri 20 th	Last day of the school year 1:30pm Finish

January 2025

Tue 28 th	1 st day back for Staff
Wed 29 th	1:1 Assessment interviews (students attend for their allocated time)
Thu 30 th	ALL students return 1 st full day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

Week 9 has been a very busy week here at LPS! On Monday eight of our Year 5 students gave their speeches to apply for School Captain role in 2025. They each did an excellent job, including one student who had recorded his speech because he was going to be away this week.

The teachers and I were so impressed with the quality of their speeches, and regardless of the outcome they should each be very proud of themselves.

The parents of the two successful applicants were notified today but the students will find out when they receive their badges at our Awards Assembly on December 17th.

STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

Next Tuesday (December 10) is the Statewide 2025 Orientation Day. Our Year 6 students will be off to their Secondary School for next year, our 2025 Foundation students will be here and our remaining students will have the first part of the day in their 2025 grades with next year's teachers and classmates.

Our 2025 class structures are:

1 x Foundation/1 class 1 x Grade 1/2 class
1 x Grade 3/4 class 1 x Grade 4/5 class 1 x Grade 6 class

Students have been allocated to classes based on many factors. All students are with at least one nominated friend. Grade information will be sent home with students on Monday afternoon.

2025 STUDENT STATIONARY PACKS

Information about ordering your child/children's 2024 book pack was distributed via Compass last week (& can also be found on the Compass portal under

'school documentation'. Your order must be completed online by

Friday December 20th to ensure it arrives for the start of next year.

To complete your order online go to: www.edplus.com.au



'Learning, Caring, Laughing, Sharing'

RETURNING OF BOOKS

This was the last week for book borrowing (the library and classroom libraries). We are asking all families to please return any/all library books by Monday next week. Also – if families could please have a good look around at home for any other school items that may have been borrowed. We are looking for classroom library books, take home books/readers and anything else you might happen to come across.

Be Well - Be Happy 😊 Carmen Huszar

OTHER NEWS & REMINDERS (some repeat items)

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

By now, all parents will have received by email their child's voucher code (note this email will only go to the parent listed as Parent A on students' enrolment, not both parents). If you have not received your email from the department, please check your spam or junk folders and contact Patty in the office if needed. (The email will be from school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au, with the subject **Your School Saving Bonus**.)

Unfortunately, the School Savings Bonus **cannot** be used for Stationary book packs. The main use that we see most of our Lockwood Students will be able to use if for are uniforms, camps and excursions. As all these items are managed internally in the school, we are still waiting on some clarification from the School Saving Bonus, but to use these funds in the school on the above items, you will need to allocate your funds to school activities and not the other options available. Further clarification will be sent out via compass when we receive confirmation.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the [Department of Education website](#), with key information now available in 14 different languages.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



For many years we have run a Christmas Hamper Raffle, and it is always one of our most successful fundraisers! Tickets went out to families this week, and there are still more books in the office if you need more.

Thank you to the families that have donated items to include in the hamper and offered to help pack the hampers closer to the date. **All donations are still welcome to add to the hampers.**

The raffle will be drawn at the Awards Assembly on Tuesday 17th of December.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Last week of Term we will be having a Domino's Pizza & Ice Cream menu for Canteen, . Limited other healthy items will be available on the menu.

Each serve of Pizza will be ¼ of Dominos standard pizza (equivalent to 2 slices), or ¼ of a XL Pizza if you order the XL serve. The menu is now available on QKR and will close off 7pm Monday 16th December.



10 11/12/2024	11 18/12/2024 PIZZA DAY
Louise C	Louise C
Nathan F	Lauren B
Caitlyn A	Caitlyn A



SUITABLE HEALTHY SNACKS (REPEAT ITEM)

We have noticed and increase in lollies, gum and sherbets (eg Wizz Fizz) coming to school in lunch boxes. Can we please remind families, as per our healthy eating policy, that these items are not suitable for school. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING SOON (REPEAT ITEM)

Tuesday 10th December—Whole School Orientation Day

The whole school will spend the morning in their 2025 classrooms. Our preps for 2025 will also be at school and they will be meeting their buddies on this day. Our grade 6 students will spend the day at their Secondary school for next year.

Thursday 12th December—Year 5/6 School production

Our 5/6s will perform the stage show 'Stanley'. More information will be provided next week but the show is at 6:30pm and ticket sales will be available on QKR.

Tuesday 17th December—Awards Assembly and class performances

Our annual Awards Assembly will be held in the Suncourt, and parents and carers are welcome to attend. Awards will be presented to those students who have demonstrated a high level of capability in a learning area (eg: English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Music, Art and Chinese). There are also scholarship awards from Crusoe College, Marong/Maiden Gully Lions Club Citizenship award and the Baily Stevens Scholarship award.

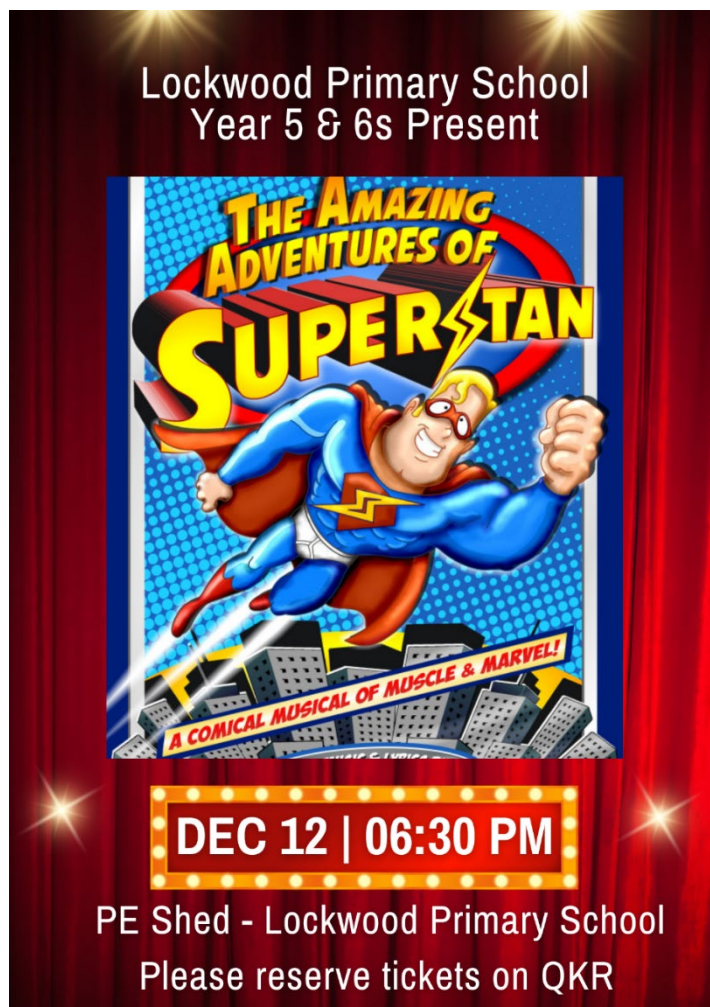
At this assembly we will also acknowledge those families will be leaving our school community at the end of 2024. School Council are providing a BBQ for any families that would like to purchase food prior to the event.

Wednesday 18th December—Grade 6 Graduation

Our grade 6 students and their families will attend a special ceremony to celebrate their time at Lockwood Primary School coming to an end. The evening will consist of a graduation ceremony, afterwards families will leave, and staff and students will share dinner and a disco together. Further information will be sent home to families very soon.

LOCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS.....'THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF SUPER STAN'

The Year 5 & 6's will be presenting our school production of 'The Adventures of Super Stan' in the PE Shed next Thursday the 12th December. All families are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you reserve a seat on QKR to ensure we have capacity.





Happy Birthday to the following students and staff who will celebrating their birthday in the coming week.

✚ Laylah B

In the spirit of Reconciliation, Theircare acknowledges the Traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend the respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Last day of Term 4 -
1:30pm pickup**



Happy Friday everyone.

Well, Week 9 of Term 4 for is done.

I have been off sick all week. I would like to thank Nikita, Poppy, Micheal and Storm for helping out. Much appreciated. Hopefully I'm back next week.

This week our theme was Summer. It's been a warm start to the season.

Lots of Summer crafts and activities have happened. Paper plate sun collages, paper plate beach scene, by the pool rice treat, surfboard art, sun dot painting and palm tree dot painting.

The children have enjoyed outdoor play, ranging from ball games, to playing in the sand pit, playing on the playground and looking for bugs.

New resources were brought into the service and the children haven't stopped playing with them. This included new boardgames like twister, connect 4, math games and word games. Along with new puzzles and hot wheel tracks.

A new play kitchen/café/shop area was also set up for the children to enjoy.

Carol-Ann



Program- Christmas

- Mon – Decorate room and tree
3D Santa in a chimney craft
- Tues – Gingerbread house paper bag craft
3D Christmas tree card
- Wed – Build a reindeer
3D paper ornaments
- Thurs – Christmas tree craft
Healthy white Christmas treat
- Fri - Pipe cleaner Christmas tree
Movie

Menu

- Mon – Crackers and Dip
 - Tues – Pancakes
 - Wed – Nachos
 - Thurs – Toasties
 - Fri – Popcorn
- A fruit platter is offered before 2nd snack Fruit platter is offered before 2nd Snack

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★ ELF ACADEMY ★



IT'S ELF-FICIAL

ELF ACADEMY IS RETURNING TO CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE, BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE!

19-23 DECEMBER 2024

THEY'RE CHEEKY, CREATIVE & FULL OF JOY...
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE
ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges, budding recruits will discover the skills required to become certified elves, gaining a Certificate IV in Elf Training and the qualifications required to be elf-icially inducted into Santa's renowned team!

19-23 December | 2 hour sessions | \$22 per person | \$88 per family
All activities included | Santa photography additional



**BOOK YOUR
TICKETS NOW!**

4444 2810 | central-deborah.com |



★ SANTA SNAPS ★

7-23 DECEMBER 2024

CAPTURE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS
WITH A TRADITIONAL FAMILY SANTA
PHOTO IN A CHARMING VINTAGE SETTING
AT THE BENDIGO TRAMWAYS DEPOT.

Afterwards, create timeless memories with a ride aboard a Vintage Talking Tram and refreshments from the Bendigo Tram Café.

Dates: 7-23 December 2024

Bookings: Recommended, but not essential

Location: Bendigo Tramways Depot & Workshop, 1 Tramways Avenue

Cost: Photo packages start from \$32

SPECIAL OFFER:

Book your Santa Snaps photo session and purchase a Vintage Talking Tram ticket for just \$7.50 per person!

For more information and full details please visit:

bendigotramways.com

bendigotramways.com | 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo | 4444 2810 |    



JOIN US

Christmas Art and Craft Session for Kids

**Wednesday 11th
December 2024
Start 4.00pm-5.30pm**

Process art based:

- Create a present Christmas card
- Paint a gingerbread man with spices.
- Transform a canvas into a Christmas decoration

Take home what you create on the day

Ages
6-15year
old.



**Location: Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
52-54 Derwent Drive Long Gully Vic 3550**

Contact:
embraceplayau@gmail.com to
enrol your child/children.
Maximum 10 children

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and co.

WAREHOUSE
SALE
4 DAYS ONLY

50% of profits to be used to purchase gifts for Sunshine Bendigo charity

With every purchase, you'll receive a random voucher worth up to \$30

Thursday December 5th until Sunday December 8th

154-156 HIGH STREET BENDIGO
(opposite the Beechworth Bakery)

OPENING HOURS:
Thurs - Fri: 9am - 5pm
Sat: 9am - 2pm
Sun: 10am - 2pm



COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
Carols

at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
cnr. Church & Camp Streets.
(combined with St Mary's Anglican Church)

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
6:30pm - free Sausage Sizzle
7:00pm - Christmas Carols

Outside weather permitting, otherwise inside.
BYO Chairs, Blankets & soft drinks.
Special Guest in Red Suit expected.
(an Alcohol-Free community event)



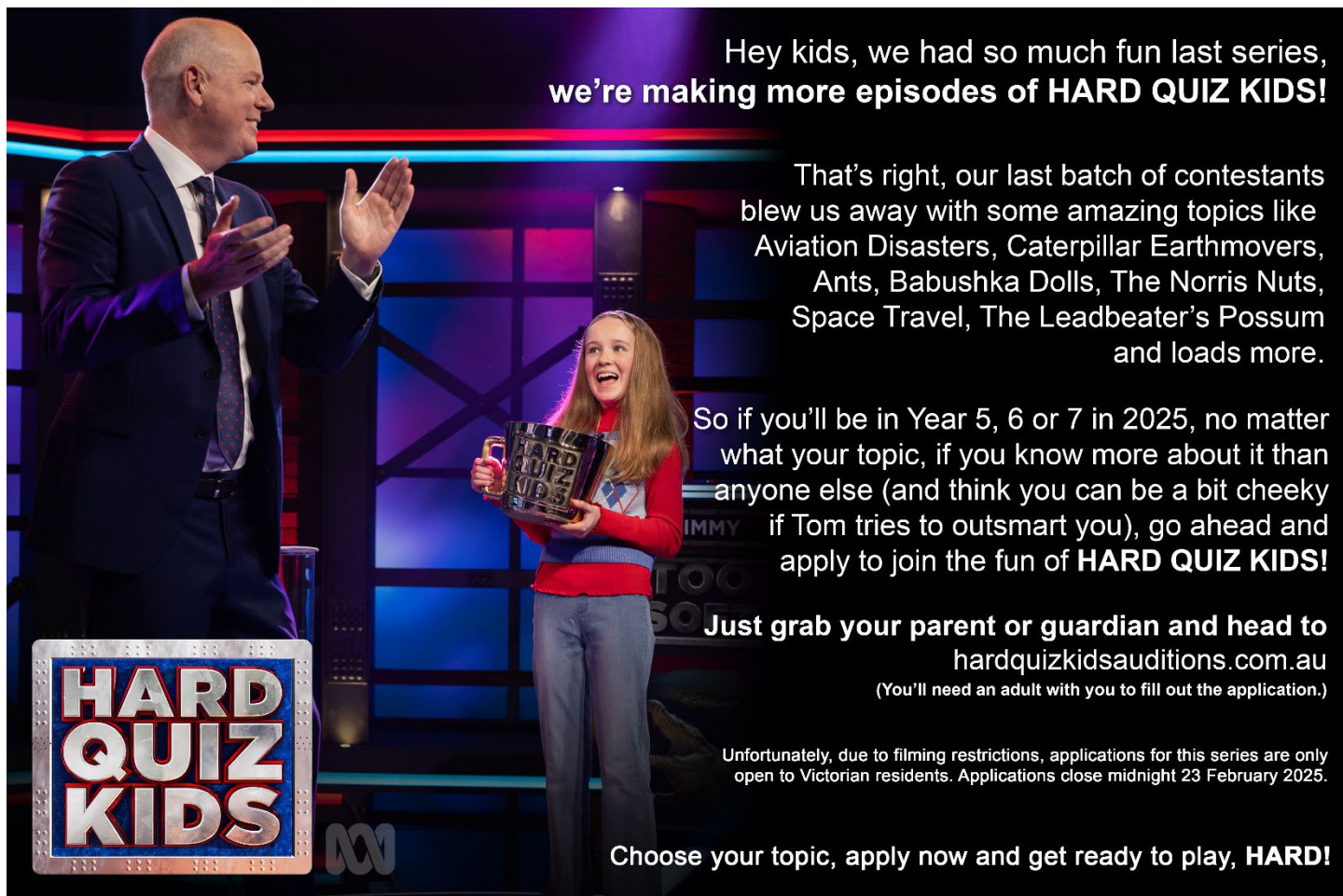
**McKenzie's
Bracelets**

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas

~Scrunchies
~Earrings
~Key Rings
~Fidgets and more...

Bendigo Showgrounds Market
Every Sunday 8:30am - 2pm

Twilight Christmas Market
Friday 6 Dec - 4-8pm



Hey kids, we had so much fun last series,
we're making more episodes of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

That's right, our last batch of contestants
blew us away with some amazing topics like
Aviation Disasters, Caterpillar Earthmovers,
Ants, Babushka Dolls, The Norris Nuts,
Space Travel, The Leadbeater's Possum
and loads more.

So if you'll be in Year 5, 6 or 7 in 2025, no matter
what your topic, if you know more about it than
anyone else (and think you can be a bit cheeky
if Tom tries to outsmart you), go ahead and
apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ KIDS!**

Just grab your parent or guardian and head to
hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
(You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application.)

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only
open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 23 February 2025.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, HARD!