

Newsletter No 1, 2025



We acknowledge the Jarra people of Dja Dja Wurrung country, the traditional owners on the land we live on, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present & emerging.



Thursday 30th January 2025

Purpose of Camp Hill Primary School is to develop and nurture lifelong learners within an engaging, global learning community, where the uniqueness and contributions of individuals are valued, shared and celebrated.

Following are the **core values** in which we strongly believe; they underpin our purpose and are the guiding principles of our school.

Caring: Being kind, helpful and sympathetic toward other people.

Honesty: To always tell the truth.

Confidence: Believing in yourself and others.

Respect: Recognising the rights, feelings, wishes and individual differences of others through our speech and manners.

Trust: Safely express opinions, beliefs, thoughts, and feelings in a secure environment.

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Calendar 2025

Wednesday – Friday	29 th – 31 st January	Foundation Assessments days: 40 minutes + 10 min parent interview ONLY for Foundation students
Monday	3 rd February	1 st Full Day for Foundation students Morning Tea for new families 9:00am – 9:30am in staff room.
Monday - Friday	3 rd – 28 th February	JETS Gym – Grades 1-6, weeks 2,3,4 & 5
Monday	17 th February	Scholastic Book Club orders due
Tuesday	18 th February	School Council Meeting 5:30pm in the staff room.
Thursday	6 th March	Whole school photo day
Monday	10 th March	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY
Tuesday	18 th March	School Council Meeting 5:30pm in the staff room.
Monday	31 st March	CHPS Athletics Day – Gr 3-6
Friday	4 th April	LAST DAY TERM 1 – Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Tuesday	22 nd April	Term 2 commences

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

It's hard to believe that we are about to start another school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing time over the holidays and are ready to start a new learning journey in 2025. Thank you to all of the families who made appointments to meet with their child/ren's teacher for the new year, it is such an important step in setting up a successful transition back to school. I look forward to catching up with families over coming days and to hear of the many adventures undertaken during the holidays.

Extreme Weather Policy

The weather forecast for next week is one of extreme heat, over most days. In accordance with our Extreme Weather Policy students will remain in their classrooms once the temperature reaches 35 degrees. On extreme weather days students are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids, to seek shade and to engage in more passive activities at recess and lunch.

Welcome Morning Tea

All new families and existing families are invited to attend a Meet & Greet morning tea in the school staff room from 9.00am – 9:30am Monday 3rd February. The Parents & Friends Group will be in attendance to highlight how families can support the school in 2025.

Student Mobile Phone/Device Policy

This policy requires that students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours, including recess and lunchtime. Parents of students bringing a mobile phone to school must complete the permission form **annually** which must have the endorsement of the Principal.

The school's mobile phone policy can be accessed on the school's website, permission forms are available from the office on request.

Protocols for the acceptable use of mobile phones/devices.

Guiding Principles

- The School Council and Staff acknowledge that the use of mobile phones/devices while children are at school, and in situations where they are cared for in the Out of School Hours Care program, is not necessary. In these circumstances both parents and students have access to each other through the normal communication channels at school.

- Parents are able to ring and get messages to children to alter plans or to ensure their safety in cases of family emergency. Children can be called to the phone if it is essential that the parents speak to the child directly. Similarly, children are able to use the school phone to contact parents if required.
- The School Council and Staff of Camp Hill Primary School acknowledge the importance parents place on the safety of their children. The ability for children to be able to contact parents in cases of emergency or danger is essential. Access to mobile phones/devices by children has become a useful tool for families to keep in contact with each other in such circumstances. Guidelines For Action Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones/devices to school.
- If for some extenuating circumstance, a student needs to occasionally bring a mobile phone/device to school, the following will apply:
 - Parents will complete a permission form, informing the Principal that their child will have a mobile phone/device while at school and provide an outline of the reasons for it. Failure to do so will result in confiscation by the teacher/Principal/Assistant Principal and, parents will be notified. Students will have to report to the Office for breach of the School Student Mobile Phone/Device Policy.
 - The school accepts no responsibility for the theft, breakage or loss of mobile phones/devices. Under no circumstances are the mobile phones/devices to be used while at school. Mobile phones/devices must remain at the office at all times. Any emergency contact with parents can be arranged through the class teacher or office.
 - The school accepts no responsibility for the exchange of contact details between students, however use of these details for prank calls, harassment or bullying will be dealt with through normal behaviour management procedures.
 - Students who attend camps or excursions will not be permitted to take phones with them. Teachers carry phones, which can be used in the case of emergency. In a camp situation, contact details will be made available to parents prior to departure.
 - DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students are therefore discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy For more information about privacy, see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages.

School Council

The first meeting for 2025 will be on Tuesday 18th February at 5:30pm in the staffroom.

Dad Joke of the Week

Why did the car take a nap? Because it was tired.

Chris Barker
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Be an Attendance HERO

HERE EVERYDAY READY FOR LEARNING ON TIME

Welcome back

to an exciting year ahead! It was wonderful to see students stream through the

gates on their first day of school with big smiles and lots of catch-up chatter with friends. Our start up interview day was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and I thank all families for the way they embraced our attendance process on the day.

We are committed to our duty of care for students and will continue to work hard to ensure we know where our students are every day. Any of our follow up absence notifications, phone calls, emails & letters have one purpose; to support you in any way we can to have your child at school every day.

Please contact your classroom teacher or me to discuss ways we can support you.

Why 'It's Not OK to Be Late to School'

Latecomers:

- miss out on talking to their class teacher before school.
- miss out on playing with other children before school.
- miss out on organisation time, for example getting their workbooks and pencil case from their tub and setting up their table for the day.
- miss out on roll marking and taking notices to the office – and their notices (eg, special day lunch orders) often stay in their school bag.
- miss out on learning time when they take their notices to the office.
- miss out on hearing what's happening for the day.
- are often unsure about what they have to do in the lesson.
- can arrive at their classroom to find that their class has gone to a specialist lesson, and they may not know where to go
- particularly miss out on reading and writing learning time
- find learning becomes disjointed and difficult.



Trish Johnstone
Assistant Principal



WELLBEING MATTERS

Tips to help your child get to school on time

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine. If you find yourself running late or missing school, try:

- Help your child get ready the night before e.g. uniform out ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your child's bedroom
- Packing your child's school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can meet at school together.



Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school and there is always help available.



Useful websites/contacts

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue -

www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au

or e-headspace

www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online

Reach Out - www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)

DOGS CONNECT

Polly is sponsored by Fur Life Vet.

Fur Life Vet have two clinics located in Bendigo:
167 Eaglehawk Road, Bendigo and 70-80 Midland Highway Epsom.
Please support this local business for your pet care needs.
www.furlifvet.com.au



We're so happy to have Polly with us again in 2025! She is excited to see all the familiar faces and welcome new students to Camp Hill.

Polly had fun and relaxing holidays going for lots of walks, swims, visiting friends, eating bones and sleeping under the air conditioner on those really hot days! She had her annual vet check and vaccination and is nice and healthy and had her summer groom so is fresh and ready to return to school. Polly is excited to be back at Camp Hill ready for another fabulous year!

Mark Lees

Dogs Connect Coordinator



FROM THE GARDEN

The Camp Hill Gardeners would like to thank the summer holiday volunteers: Cindy Clarkson, Meg Caffin, Greg Butler, Ellen Wotley, Caroline Mohr and Brenton Rittberger. What a top level effort tending to the chickens and garden care in all weather conditions. 🏠🌻🌻🌻

We commence 2025 with healthy young chickens and a thriving garden.

If you are able to help with the chickens and garden care during any school holidays, please contact Mr Greg Butler: Gregory.Butler@education.vic.gov.au or 0497763880 or leave a message at the school office: 54433367. Drop into the garden on Fridays 9.00am to 2.00pm – we would love to see you 😊

FROM THE OFFICE

SENTRAL

Please make sure all families are registered on our Sentral app as this is our main communication platform. If you are not on or having any difficulties, please contact the office asap as we are happy to assist. At the moment, there are a few items on there for families to authorise, eg: medical, local excursions and photographs.

The newsletter is also available on Sentral each Thursday, full of information. It is very important for families to read and keep up to date with what's going on at the school.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Funds)

If you hold a current Centrelink concession card and have not yet given a copy to the office, please do so asap as you may be eligible for \$150 payment for your child. This payment comes directly to the school and can only be used for any camps, sports or excursions.

QKR

A reminder to please make sure you update your child's 2025 class details on the app asap. This will assist with lunch orders and other payments.

2025 School Voluntary Curriculum Contributions (VCC)

Payments for all 2025 voluntary curriculum contributions are now available on our QKR app.



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
FOUNDATION to GRADE 6:	
<i>Booklist – classroom educational items Edplus</i>	<i>See booklist</i>
<i>Art - classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i>	\$18.00
<i>Mathematics - classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i>	\$23.00
<i>English - Reading texts</i>	\$23.00
<i>Inquiry (including Science & Sustainability) – project consumables, materials & equipment</i>	\$39.00
<i>ICT Devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets and online digital subscriptions</i>	\$55.00
<i>Essential Assessments – Online subscription: Numeracy & Literacy online program</i>	\$17.00
<i>Physical Education - materials & equipment</i>	\$17.00
TOTAL	\$192.00

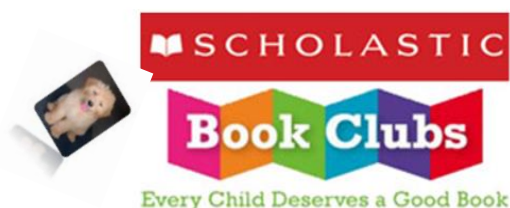
Other Contributions – for Non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Dogs Connect – Student wellbeing program	\$13.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities:	Amount
<i>Camp Hill Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.</i>	
<i>Foundation to Grade 6 – Major Excursions, Camps, Jets Gym, Athletics, Cross Country etc. (dates to be scheduled)</i>	\$ TBC

Tax deductible contributions:	Amount
<i>Building Fund: A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$ (enter contribution amount)

Sue Heider
Business Manager

LIBRARY



**BOOK
ORDER
DUE:**

17 / 2 / 25

PLEASE ORDER & PAY VIA THE LOOP

FOUNDATION LEARNING TEAM

Welcome to Foundation!

We're excited to have your child join us this year. Here are a few reminders to help everyone settle in:

Encouraging Independence

At school, we'll be working hard to build your child's independence. You can support this by encouraging them to take charge of their morning routine. When arriving at school, it's helpful for children to unpack their own lunch box and drink bottle and place their school bag into their bag locker. This fosters responsibility and helps them remember where to find their belongings later. Please name all items clearly. Quick and confident morning drop-offs work best to ease any student anxiety.

Afternoon Pick-Up

At the end of the day, we kindly ask parents and carers to wait outside the classroom for pick-up. Peeking through windows (as tempting as it is) to find your child can be distracting for both your child and their peers, which can delay a smooth and punctual dismissal.

Communicating With Us

If you'd like to discuss anything about your child, feel free to send us an email or message us via Sentral, and we can arrange a time to chat if needed. Rest assured, we'll be in touch if your child has any difficulty settling or if we have any concerns.

Thank you for your support as we work together to ensure a positive start to the year!

Foundation Learning Team

1/2 LEARNING TEAM

Welcome Back

It was so great to see so many excited faces yesterday at the Start Up Interviews. We welcome all our existing and new families to the 1/2 department.

Jets Gym

Next week we start Jets Gym. This is always such a great experience for the students. Please make sure you have approved the permission notice on Sentral so that your child can attend. Below are the session dates/times for each class:

1/2A (Miss Sherman) and 1/2B (Mrs Roth)

Dates: **TUESDAYS** - February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Time out of school: 9:10am-10:50am

1/2C (Ms Osborne and Ms Findlay)

Dates: **THURSDAYS** - February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Time out of school: 10:10am-11:50am

We look forward to getting to know you all and have a fun filled year!

1/2 Learning Team

3/4 LEARNING TEAM

Welcome Back!

Staff in the Middle Department welcome back students and families for the 2025 school year. We look forward to an exciting year of learning and fun in Grades 3 and 4.

Hats

Could families please ensure all hats, drink bottles, and other personal items are clearly labelled? This will ensure their safe and swift return should they be misplaced. All students will need a hat for play in the yard during term one.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A big thank you to all families who took the time to attend interviews this week. It is always lovely to meet families and discuss the year ahead. If you could not make a time this week, please see your child's teacher to arrange an alternate time to catch up if you wish.

3/4 Learning Team

5/6 LEARNING TEAM

Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break. The senior department teachers look forward to an exciting year ahead with the Grade 5 and 6 students.

Jets Gymnastics

We begin our gymnastics program next week. 5/6A and 5/6B will have their sessions each Monday afternoon for four weeks. 5/6C and 5/6D will be Thursday mornings. We require a parent helper to travel with us on the bus for each session. If you are able to attend one or more sessions and have a current Working With Children Check registered at the office, please contact your classroom teacher.

Grade 6 Tops

These have been ordered. We will provide more information as we receive it.

Times Tables Focus

Teachers will be sending home information regarding our focus on automatic recall of multiplication facts to 12 times. Expectations and activities will be outlined in this pack. We will also be supporting students with this by devoting 15 minutes to skills practise from 8.45am to 9am. If you have any questions about this, please contact your classroom teacher.

5/6 Learning Team

LOTE

Welcome Back

We are excited to welcome our students back for another fantastic year of learning Chinese!

Festival and Culture

This term, our focus is "Festival and Culture," and we are kicking off with one of the most important celebrations in Chinese culture – the Spring Festival. The Spring Festival, also known as Chinese New Year, is recognised as an intangible cultural heritage of the world and is celebrated with vibrant traditions, symbolic decorations, and special customs. In Mandarin classes, our students will explore: Festive decorations such as red lanterns and paper cuttings. The meanings behind traditional symbols and lucky sayings. Cultural customs like red envelopes, dragon dances, and family gatherings.

Fun and engaging celebration activities to experience the festive spirit. We look forward to an exciting term filled with learning, creativity, and cultural appreciation. Stay tuned for more updates as we celebrate together!

Yimin Chen

LOTE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Important PE Dates

Term 1

Jets Gymnastics Grades 1-6

Weeks 2, 3, 4 and 5. Please see below for session and bus times

Division Swimming Carnival

Bendigo, Friday 28th February (parents/careers to attend event)

Closing date for Division Swimming entries for Mrs Smalley: Monday 17th February

State Basketball Trials

Thursday 20th March - Students require nominations

State Football Trials

Wednesday 26th March - Students require nominations

Camp Hill Athletics Grades 3-6

Monday 31st March - Family and friends' welcome!

Term 2

State Netball Trials

Wednesday 23rd April

Grade 3-6 Cross Country

Thursday 24th April at Rosalind Park. Family and friends invited to cheer our runners!

9:25am Race Start – 11 and 12/13yr olds

9:50am Race Start – 8/9 and 10yr olds

(Back up Athletics Day Grades 3-6 for poor weather – Tuesday 6th May)

Division Cross Country

Bendigo Race Course – Friday 16th May

Regional Cross Country – St Arnaud, Tuesday 27th May

Grade 5/6 Division Soccer Championships – Wednesday 11th June

District Athletics – Tuesday 24th June

Term 3

Division Netball

Wednesday 6th August

Division Volleyball

Thursday 21st August 21

Division Basketball

Friday 5th September

Jets Gym

Foundation 4 week program. Friday morning week –

Intensive Swimming Program

Week 8 at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre, Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September.

Division Athletics

Monday 15th September

Term 4

Regional Athletics

Monday 13th October

Division Cricket Blast

Friday 24th October

F-2 Athletics Carnival

At Camp Hill, Tuesday 16th December (9:15am-11:00am). Family and friends welcome!

JETS Gymnastics 2025

Dates

Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th February - **5/6A and 5/6B** Out of school – 12:10pm - 1:50pm (session 12:30-1:30pm)

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February - **1/2B and 1/2C** Out of school – 9:10am - 10:50am (session 9:30-10:30am)

- **3/4B and 3/4C** - Out of school – 11:10am - 12:50pm (session – 11:30-12:30pm)

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February - **5/6C and 5/6D** Out of school – 9:10am - 10:50am (session 9:30-10:30am)

- **1/2 A and 3/4A** - Out of school - 10:10am – 11:50am (session 10:30-11:30am)

Division Swimming Carnival

Students in grades 3 to 6 may have the opportunity to represent Camp Hill Primary at the Division Swimming Carnival held at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool on **Friday 28th February 2025**.

This event is only for strong swimmers who are able to swim 50m using the correct stroke technique. If you believe your child is confident participating in competitive swimming/race environments, or they are currently involved in club sport swimming, they are encouraged to attend. A parent will be required to transport and supervise their child at the event, each school **MUST** have one parent helper to assist on the day.

As this competition is a timed event, students who excel may qualify for the Regional Swimming on Tuesday 11th March, in Swan Hill and then onto State Swimming at MSAC on Tuesday 29th April.

Please have your entries or inquiries to myself by Monday 17th February, as ENTRIES CLOSE end of week 4. Unfortunately, no late entries will be accepted. Each competitor may enter only two individual events, one relay and one medley relay. The students can compete in the following events: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.

Students' years 12 and over, 11 years, 10 and under (No younger than 9 years of age will be considered) Ages are calculated as at Wednesday 31st December 2025 eg. a child who turns 11 at any time during 2025 will compete in the 11 years event. Children must be turning 9 or 10 in 2025 to be eligible for the 9-10 years event. Children must be born in the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016 to be eligible to compete.

Qualifying Swimming Times for Individual Schools:

	Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke	Butterfly
9/10 Boys	50 seconds	1.00	1.10	1.00
9/10 Girls	50 seconds	1.00	1.10	1.00
11 yr Boys	48 seconds	1.00	1.10	1.00
11 yr Girls	48 seconds	1.00	1.10	1.00
12/13 Boys	45 seconds	55 seconds	1.00	1.00
12/13 Girls	45 seconds	55 seconds	1.00	1.00

Foundation – Grade 2

This term in PE our junior students are learning how they can demonstrate our school values in the Physical Education setting. Students develop awareness of their bodies, and how they can move safely inside a boundary. They are working as a whole class to respond appropriately to the whistle, tag, learn simple rules and discover new games.

In weeks 5-10 students will begin a P.M.P (Perceptual Motor Program) where students will work with a partner to enhance **their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion, memory, directional language and eye-tracking skills. Students will spend 2 minutes at each activity. There is a strong emphasis on turn taking and being a successful partner. Together they will compete gross motor movements; hop, skip, run, slide, jump, leap, balancing, soccer kick, dribbling, catching, rebounding, striking with paddles, passing to a partner, throwing and aiming). Students are also introduced to fine motor skills such as marbles, sorting with tongs, tracing, eye tracing and threading.**

Grade 3-6

To kick start 2025, Student in grades 3-6 will explore what it means to have exemplary communication and teamwork during collaborative game and initiatives. When students and teams meet high expectations, they set themselves and others up for a positive year ahead. Together we will practise demonstrating school values, rules and routines in PE. In week 6 we will begin preparing for the Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival.

Bendigo CC Pop Up Blast

With school returning, Cricket Victoria have Pop Up Blast programs starting across town over coming weeks! The Pop Up Blast programs are 4-5 weeks in length, and provide a perfect opportunity for participants 5-12 to join in the fun following an action packed summer of cricket on TV! Programs are at a discounted rate compared to regular Cricket Blast program, and includes a participant pack.

Pop Up Blast programs within your area include: (QR Code for easy access also on flyer below!)

Bendigo CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/bcdcce>

Bendigo United CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/9834a9>

Golden Square CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/697d8f>

Heathcote CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4ce0dc>

Huntly North CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/04d929>

Kangaroo Flat CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/42ed43>

Marong CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/09b12d>

Strathfieldsaye CC: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/1db86e>

Alicia Smalley

Physical Education

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

The free fresh fruit students receive on a Friday is proudly donated to the school by the following sponsor:



Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children



Proudly funded by:









  @mckernsteelfoundation

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STRATHDALE SOCCER CLUB

Junior Fun Day – Sunday 9th February at 10am at Mason Field, Strathdale Park.
Junior skills and games, merchandise, BBQ and lots of fun.

BENDIGO CALISTHENICS

Come and try month Ages 3+
Visit Bendigocalisthenics.com or contact Bendigocalisthenics@hotmail.com

LUNCH ORDER

BBQ LUNCH ORDER FOR FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2025

ORDER VIA OUR QKR APP!!!!

by 9.00am Thursday 6th February 2025.

No late orders accepted.

Hamburgers \$4.00, Vegie Burgers \$4.00, Sausage in bread \$2.60

Name..... Grade..... Hamburger..... Sausage..... Vegie Burger.....

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Total enclosed \$.....

Signed.....