

Newsletter No 9, 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 27th March 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

Friday	28 th March	Parents & Friends Group - Bulb Fundraiser, orders close online
Monday	31 st March	CHPS Athletics Day – Gr 3-6 at Flora Hill Athletics track 9:05
Friday	4 th April	LAST DAY TERM 1 – Early Dismissal 2:30pm
Monday	21 st April	Easter Monday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	22 nd April	Term 2 commences School Council meeting 5:30pm
Thursday	24 th April	Cross Country – Grades 3-6
Friday	25 th April	Anzac Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Early Dismissal

Next Friday 4th April is the end of Term 1, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm, if parents could please make arrangements to have their children picked up at that time. The OSHC - after school care program will run per normal, students in care will access the program after the 2.30pm dismissal.

NAPLAN

Last week saw the conclusion of the NAPLAN testing for our Grade 3 and 5 students. I would like to recognise the positive attitude the students brought to the test and how hard they tried to do their best. Results will be available to parents and the school in Term 2

School Council Meeting

A reminder to school councillors that the next meeting will be the first week of Term 2, commencing at 5.30pm in the staffroom

Farewell

Next Wednesday we will farewell Miss Chen our Chinese language teacher who is taking up a teaching position in Melbourne. We wish Miss Chen all the best in her new school.

Values Drawing Competition

This week students have been voting on the values drawings they believe best fit our school values. Once the voting is complete the votes will be tallied and the new school values drawings will be shared.

Dad Joke of the Week

- I only know 25 letters of the alphabet — I just don't know y.

Chris Barker
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Be an Attendance HERO...
HERE EVERYDAY READY FOR LEARNING ON TIME
Student absence data for TERM 1

WEEK 9

Early Bird Awards

The early bird award goes to the grade each week who has no late arrivals to school. That means all students arrive by 9am ready for learning. No early bird certificates this week. 😞

100% attendance for the week

A student is selected weekly to recognise their attendance at school every day for the week. We regularly have over half the students achieving 100% attendance each week. This week 167 students had 100% attendance for the week.

Our Attendance Heroes this week are **Jed** from **Grade 1/2 A**. Awesome effort Jed. Great to see you here at school every day!

Total yearly number of student absence days Term 1	366 days
Current school year absence rate Term 1	1.7 days per student
School absence rate target for 2025	10.00 days per student (2.5 days per term)
Number of times students arriving late to school this week	57



Trish Johnstone
Assistant Principal

WELLBEING MATTERS

National eSmart Week is an annual event run by eSmart, Australia's trusted provider of online safety education and an initiative of the Alannah & Madeline Foundation.

It is a celebration of all the great work of schools and libraries nationwide to help students stay safe, smart and responsible online. The theme for 2025 is Be Heard. Be eSmart.

This theme is all about empowering children and young people to use their voices to shape the online spaces they want and deserve.

Our teachers use the eSmart resources to support students to understand the online environments they are part of and know what a 'safe digital citizen' is.

The 4Cs of Online Safety Risk

National
eSmart Week
2025
Monday 31 March to Sunday 6 April.



Content

Understanding the media and information encountered online through media literacy, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making skills.



Contact

Navigating online interactions safely by setting boundaries, adjusting privacy settings, and practising safe and respectful communication.



Conduct

Making responsible choices by behaving and communicating respectfully and understanding the impact online behaviours have on others.



Compulsion

Balancing digital technology use by fostering healthy habits, managing screen time and developing self-regulation skills.

Explore the eSmart online safety hubs for parents. The Alannah & Madeline Foundation offers a range of resources to support Australian families in reducing the risk of exposure to online harm and empower children to navigate the digital world safely.

[DigiTalk | Alannah & Madeline Foundation](#)

[Dolly's Dream: Parent Hub](#)

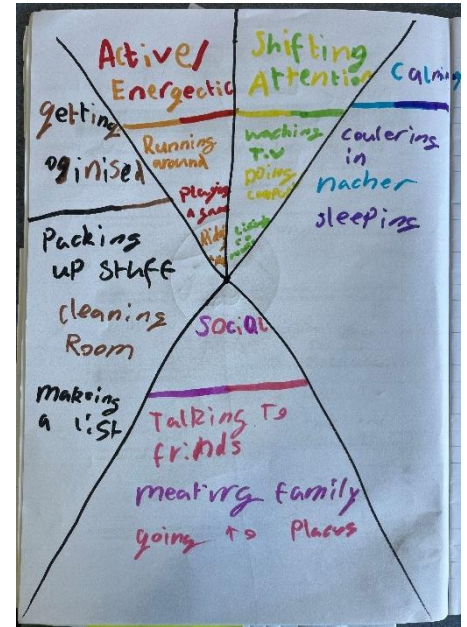
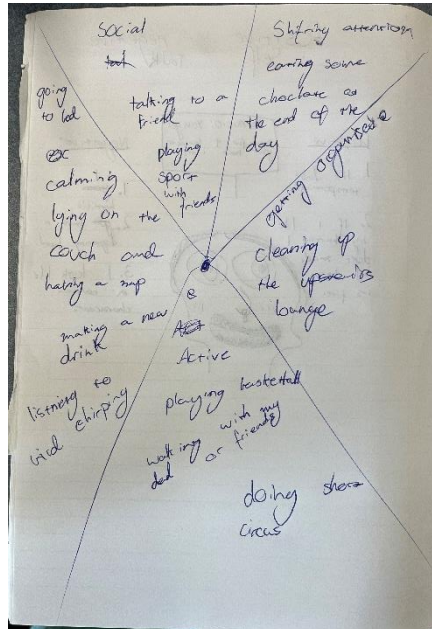
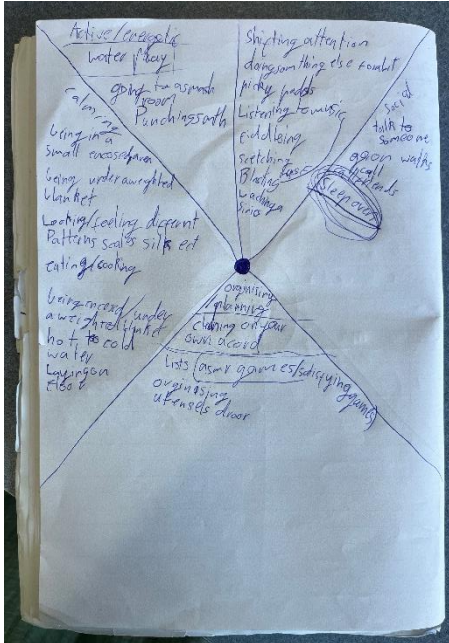
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Assistant Principal

RIGHTS, RESILIENCE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (RRRR)

Topic 3: Positive Coping

In this unit, students explored the concept of positive coping by developing a shared language to describe coping strategies, reflecting on their own responses to challenges, and identifying ways to improve or broaden their approach. As part of this learning, students created a personal Positive Coping Strategies Profile, which helped them to recognise the strategies they currently use and discover new, healthy ways to manage stress. This unit directly supports their ongoing inquiry project, where they are developing a website designed to promote positive health outcomes.

The coping strategies identified and explored will form a key part of the content they share on their websites.



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



Mark Lees
Dogs Connect Coordinator

FROM THE GARDEN

School Holiday Helpers

We are seeking helpers to share the care of our chooks and garden during these upcoming school holidays, last day Term 1, Friday 4th April to the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 22nd April.

Please contact Camp Hill PS gardeners for more details:
Greg Butler: C/- Camphill PS Ph: 54433367 or 0497763880
Gregory.Butler@education.vic.gov.au



BREAKFAST CLUB



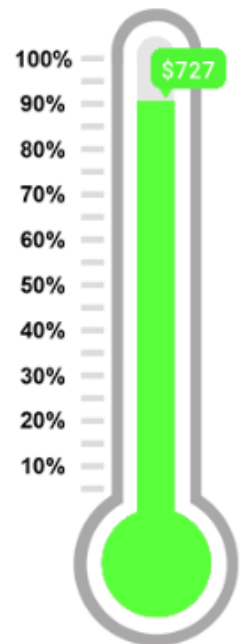
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Bulb Fundraiser



Online orders close this
FRIDAY 28th March

Goal: \$800



Our current fundraiser is **Tesselaar bulbs!**

Camp Hill Primary School receives 40% of the fundraising profits, and the best part is when you purchase the bulbs, you will receive your bulbs promptly, without waiting for the end of the fundraising period.

Bulbs can be purchased from:

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/CAMPHILL>

Please share this link with family and friends!

Orders close FRIDAY 28th March 2025.

Easter Raffle



The annual Easter Hamper Raffle is here again. In order to fill several hampers, we are seeking donations from all Camp Hill families. For example: good quality chocolate (Easter eggs or rabbits), as well as Easter novelties such as soft toys, baskets, Easter cards, stickers etc.

Please send your donation to school by Friday 28th March, so the hampers can be put together.

Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home this week to each family. Additional books are available from the office. Money can be paid on QKR or in cash to the office. ALL sold tickets must be returned.

Thank you for your supporting this fundraiser.

Raffle will be drawn at 10am on Tuesday 1st April.



Jess Ritchie

On behalf of the Parents & Friends Group

OSHC

Accounts

Just a reminder to our families, although there is 2 weeks remaining of Term 1 - these fortnightly bookings have been charged to all accounts and are due by tomorrow - Friday 28th March. Please make sure your accounts are at zero by the end of this term otherwise your child's bookings will not be confirmed for term 2 until all paid.

Thank you.

Jamie, Simon & the OSHC Team

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Harmony Day Last Week

What a Colourful day! We had a sea of wonderful dress, interesting family heirlooms or souvenirs as well as lots of orange. As a school community, we raised **\$230.70** for the Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services. We should be VERY proud!!

The Junior School Councillors will meet in the coming weeks to decide on our Term 2 fundraiser!

Jacinta Kellow & Sally Saunders

JSC Coordinators

FOUNDATION LEARNING TEAM

School Nurse Visits

This week Debbie Hughes, our visiting school nurse has been in to visit our Foundation students who were provided permission. Debbie may be in contact with families over the next week to discuss any concerns or follow up with questions from parent forms.

Last Week of School

Next week marks the final week of Term One! It's hard to believe that we're already wrapping up our first term together. As we approach the end of the term, we're seeing an increase in illnesses and many tired students. We kindly encourage families to consider slowing down on extracurricular activities if your child is feeling weary, to help them come to school refreshed and ready to learn. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home so we can all enjoy a healthy, illness-free holiday break. School Dismissal on the last day of term will be at **2.30pm**.

Foundation Learning Team

1/2 LEARNING TEAM

At a Glance

Reading: We are learning to sequence the events of a story in order.

Writing: We are learning to identify, define and use adjectives in our writing.

Maths: We are learning to compare and order numbers to 99.

VCC – Voluntary Curriculum Contributions

This is just a reminder for our 1/2 Dept families, you can still make payments on our **QKR app** – Please note: the VCC items – Voluntary Curriculum Consumables, can be paid separately each week, fortnightly, monthly or each term if you wish. Special thanks to parents who have already made a contribution.

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you, for supporting our classrooms and our school.

1/2 Learning Team

3/4 LEARNING TEAM

Athletics Day

Camp Hill's annual Athletics day is on this Monday 31st April. We will travel by bus to the Ath's track for the day, leaving school at 9:05am. The students will need food and water for the entire day. Sunscreen and school hats will also be required. Students will compete in track and field events throughout the day and return to school at approximately 3pm. We are also looking for parent helpers to travel on the bus with us and assist at the track. If you wish to assist in this area, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to a fun-filled day.

Inquiry

Students in grades 3-4 are currently working on their Inquiry projects. These are either PowerPoint presentations or posters based on our learning this term. The Inquiry question 'How can we look after ourselves and each other?' is the focus for these projects. Students have been researching and compiling their projects this week.

3/4 Learning Team

5/6 LEARNING TEAM

Visiting Teacher: Ryan Pollard WCB

Ryan Pollard from Weeroona College Bendigo will be at our school for a Q&A tomorrow morning (Friday 28th March).

Ryan will be sharing information about the transition program offered by WCB and answering questions students may have about the school, and secondary school in general.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

While this may seem a long way off for parents, the secondary schools begin their enrolment process at the end of this term. Please ensure you have your **CORRECT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** registered with the office. This information is sent directly to all public secondary schools for zoning purposes. Your child will be offered an initial placement at their zoned public school.

5/6 Learning Team

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bendigo Easter Parade

Join the dragon challenge for the Easter Parade – Dai Gum Loong needs your legs. Ages 16+ men and women all welcome. Parade costume fittings - Aged 8 or older to be in the Easter Parade dressed in a costume. Go to 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4-6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2-5pm until Easter to register. Email: secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information.

Bendigo & District Table Tennis Assoc. Come & Try Day

On Monday 7th April – Ladies and Juniors to come along between 10am – 12noon. Limited places, to book – phone Gary 0425 792 933 <https://www.bendigotabletennis.org.au> for more information.

Dynamic Cheer Co. Bendigo

Enrol now - want to know more? Phone: 0481779860 Email: dynamiccheercobendigo@gmsil.com Address: 8 School Street, California Gully. Vic. 3556.

St Kilians/St Peters Junior Football Club

2025 registrations open for U9, U10, U12. More information contact Marc Cox 0419915273.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Well done to the Camp Hill students from Golden City Football Club who played in the Football Victoria Tournament last weekend.

They competed against representative teams from around the state, in some hot and tough conditions. The team demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and passion for the game. The team had 3 losses and one draw 2 -2. They are all looking forward to returning next year. Great job Jumbucks and their parents, who supported the games.

Camp Hill Athletics – Grades 3-6:

When: Monday 31st

Where: Flora Hill Athletics Track

Time: 9:30am-2:15pm

Students in Grades- 3-6 have been busy practising in PE for their school athletics carnival. Students must wear appropriate running shoes and our camp hill uniform. In the case of wet weather please provide dry warm clothes for student to change into. In the event of heavy rain/poor weather conditions, the event will be post-pone to a later date.

Helpers are always needed throughout the day to help assist classroom teachers run the field events smoothly. If you are happy to assist, please feel free to offer a helping hand for your child's group. Parents can assist with measuring, collecting equipment or recording results.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend the event to support their children!

Grade 3-6 Camp Hill Cross Country: (Thursday Term 2, week 1!)

All children from years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in our 3-6 Annual Cross Country, held in Rosalind Park. We would love to see as many parents/ guardians and supporters there as possible.

Date: Thursday 24th April

Time: Please see below

Start/End location: Down the bottom of the steep hill from the poppet head.

***Please remind your child/ren that they must go over the finish line to complete their run. Places are awarded as the children cross the finish line.**

Please note- In each year level, the boys will set off first and a few minutes later the girls will begin.

The event will be held in the **morning** with our first group of student's gathering at the park from 9:15am. The event is staggered into two age groups, students will run with other children who have their birthday in the same year.

The expected starting times are:

Event 1 9:25 am. Approx Start - **11-12/13 Years-** 3000 Metres (4 laps)

Event 2 9:50 am. Approx Start - **9-10 Years-** 2000 Metres (3 laps)

What to wear: Children will need to wear their sports school uniform and comfortable/appropriate footwear to school for the run. If your child is unable to participate a note is required. If children can please bring their own drinks in a named drink bottle with them. *In case of poor weather, please pack another set of clothes, including socks and shoes for your child to change into after their run.*

Helpers:

Parent helpers can assist on the day by spreading out along the outer walking track to direct students around the track and by encouraging all students who are participating. Some additional help may be needed on the day with marking and recording, if you are happy to assist, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

You can also assist your child outside of school and during the school holidays by providing your child opportunities to improve their running ability. It would be very beneficial to gradually increase their long distance running over the next few weeks and in the lead up to Division Cross Country.

Division Cross Country- (Friday 16th May)

All students in grades 3-6 are invited to the Division Cross Country at Bendigo Race Course to complete the race at the same distance as our school cross country.

Foundation-2 PMP in PE!

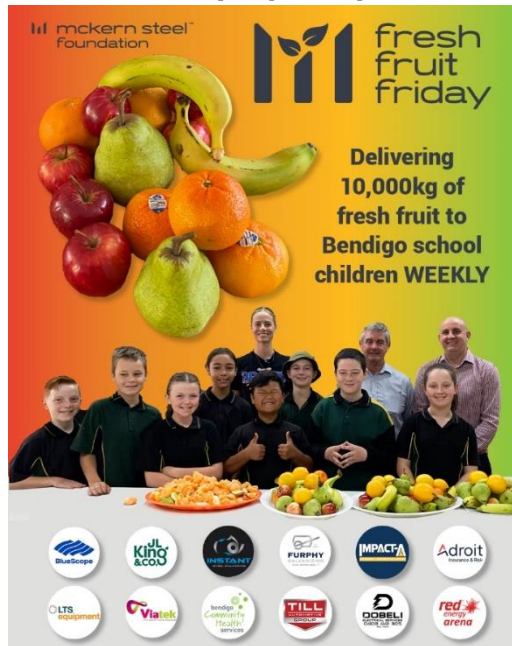
Everyone is working so hard in our PMP unit (Perceptual Motor Program). Students work with a partner to take turns whilst enhancing **their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion, memory, directional language and eye-tracking skills**. Students love using a range of equipment to develop important motor skills through moderate intensity movement and play.

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:



PERFORMING ARTS

Foundation

This week in Performing Arts the students demonstrated an understanding of high and low sounds. They used the words 'getting higher' and 'getting lower' when identifying different sounds. Students followed instructions to perform a specific task using a xylophone to create sounds that step up, step down, slide up or slide down. They finished the lesson playing a musical game of Snakes and Ladders.

Grade 1 and 2

This week the students have learnt about 'thick and thin' music. Thick music is when there more than one voice or instrument, thin music is just one voice or one instrument. The students worked in small groups with one student creating a solo move then the other students copying. They also listened to music and identified whether it was thick or thin.

Grade 3 and 4

Students will complete their music tasks next week as they had a different rotation due to planning week this week. They will complete their work on music notation with the introduction of a dotted minim. They students will revise their understanding of identifying music with 3 or 4 beats to the bar.

Grade 5 and 6

The students completed the presentation of their music genre projects. All groups did a wonderful job in their research and presentation. It was interesting to see the different slant taken when students may have picked the same genre. All students presented confidently, and their peers gave not only constructive feedback but lots of positive comments. Well done everyone.

Penny Peters

Performing Arts

LUNCH ORDER

PIZZA LUNCH ORDER FOR FRIDAY 4th April

ORDER VIA OUR QKR APP by 9.00am Thursday 3rd, 2025.

No late orders accepted.

Pizza (1 large slice) \$3.00 – Ham/Pineapple, Ham/Cheese, Cheese

Name..... Grade..... Ham/Pineapple..... Ham/Cheese..... Cheese.....

Name..... Grade..... Ham/Pineapple..... Ham/Cheese..... Cheese.....

Total enclosed \$.....

Signed.....