

SCOOP

ISSUE 22 - JUNE 2026



IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK 7

- 4 Jun - Foundation 2027 Tour
- 5 Jun - Professional Practice Day
(Student Free Day)

WEEK 8

- 8 Jun - King's Birthday
- 9 Jun - Yr 5/6 SEA Program
- 10 Jun - Brainstorm Productions
- Yr 5/6 SSC Music
- 12 Jun - Community Reading
- Yr 3/4 Werribee Zoo

WEEK 9

- 16 Jun - Yr 5/6 SEA Program
- 19 Jun - Marvellous Maths
- Special Assembly

WEEK 10

- 22 Jun - Parent / Teacher Conf.
- 23 Jun - Parent / Teacher Conf.
- Yr 5/6 SEA Program
- Yr 3/4 Hoottime

LEADERSHIP REPORT

by Jason Vandy

As we move into June, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, learning experiences, and successes our students have enjoyed throughout the term. Our focus on purposeful learning continues to provide students with meaningful opportunities to grow, explore, and thrive.

Across the school, students have participated in a wide range of engaging excursions and incursions, including district cross country, the Ecolinc incursion, the Marvelous Maths program, and community reading sessions. These experiences enrich classroom learning, foster important connections with the wider community, and support the development of well-rounded learners.

Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 students are also eagerly preparing for their term 3 camps to the snow and Phillip Island. These experiences promise to be valuable opportunities for personal growth, teamwork, and memorable learning beyond the classroom.



School Security and Front Gates

The safety of our students remains our highest priority. To help maintain a secure school environment, all gates are locked at 9:00 am. After this time, access to the school is available only through the front gate on Lloyd Street.

We ask all families to ensure the front gate is securely closed after entering or leaving the school. Even when collecting children from TheirCare, it is important that the gate remains closed to prevent unauthorised access to the school grounds. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students safe.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Semester reports will be published to families on Friday 19 June. Parent-Teacher Conferences will then be held on Monday 22 June and Tuesday 23 June from 4:00 pm to 6:50 pm. These meetings provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements.

Professional Practice Day - Student Free Day

A reminder that Friday 5 June is a Professional Practice Day. There will be no students at school on this day as staff engage in professional learning and preparation activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Together, we continue to create a positive, safe, and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive.

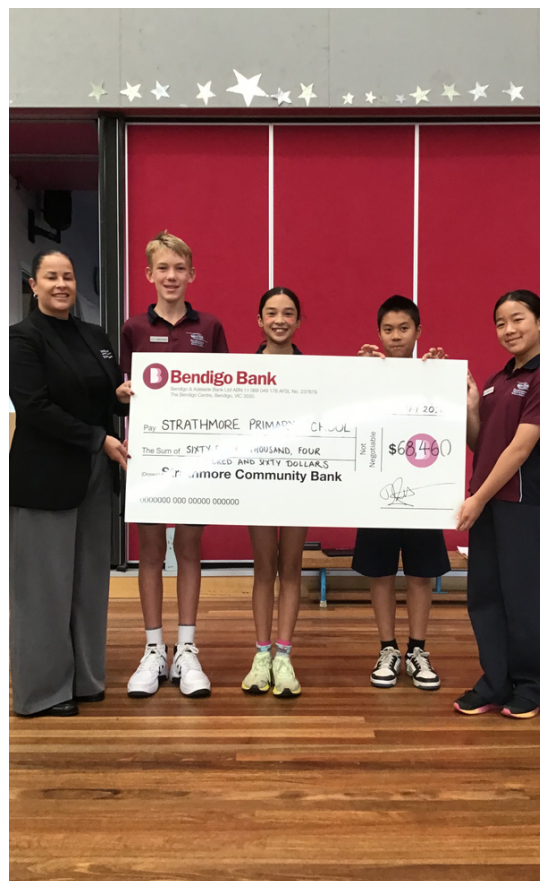
BENDIGO BANK COMMUNITY GRANT

In recent weeks, Strathmore Primary School has been fortunate to receive a generous Community Grant from Bendigo Bank.

At a recent assembly, we were delighted to welcome Julie from the bank, who presented our student leaders with a giant cheque on behalf of Bendigo Bank. This exciting funding will go towards the development of our new futsal court.

We are thrilled to announce that construction of our artificial futsal court will begin on Tuesday 19 June. During this time, the area outside the Year 1/2 classrooms will be temporarily closed. Access to these classrooms will be via the York Street ramp.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make this exciting improvement to our school environment and look forward to sharing the finished court with our community!



STUDENT ATTENDANCE NOTES

Cancel

Add Attendance Note

Details / Comments

Start Date

29/05/2026 - 08:00 AM

Tue 26 May	5	45
Wed 27 May	6	50
Thu 28 May	7	55
Today	8	00 am
Sat 30 May	9	05 pm

End Date

29/05/2026 - 05:00 PM

Attachments

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Potentially Affected Sessions

Activities >

As this Attendance Note is more than 0 day, it will be reviewed by the school prior to approval.

Add Attendance Note

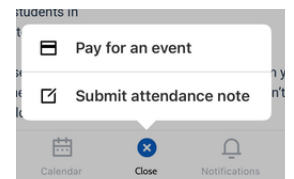
Regular attendance plays an important role in student learning and success. As we enter the colder months, I would like to remind families to keep children at home if they are unwell. This helps support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff within our school community.

A friendly reminder to ensure all student absences are entered into Compass.

Did you know you can add in attendance notes ahead of time, for example if you have a family holiday coming up.

To enter an attendance, note ahead of time or the morning if your student is away sick:

- Open up Compass App
- At the bottom of the app click on the blue cross
- Select Submit Attendance Note
- Select a Reason for the absence
- Enter supporting details
- Select date
- Click Add Attendance Note



VCES WRITING

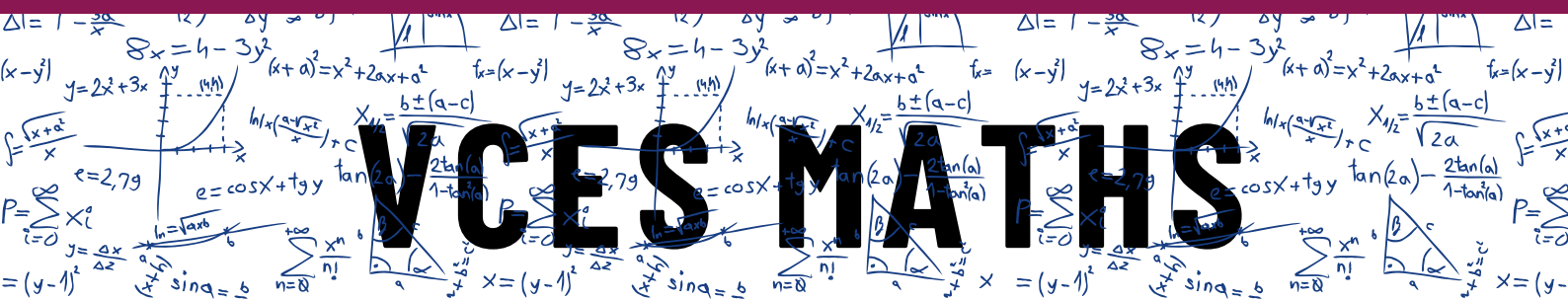
'DREAM, IMAGINE AND CREATE' WITH CORAL VASS

Last week we did the VCES writing incursion called 'Dream, Imagine and Create' hosted by popular Australian author Coral Vass. We spent most of our time planning but in the last 2 sessions, we started to write our story's. Finn's was about a dragon murder mystery and Theo's was about a time-travelling boy. Every now and then we would share our work with the other schools. We also learnt some strategies to help improve our writing. We learned that if you have 'writer's block' you should have a break from your writing piece. We also learnt that there is no limit to your imagination!

Overall, we had a great time, and we hope to do it again.

Written by Finn and Theo





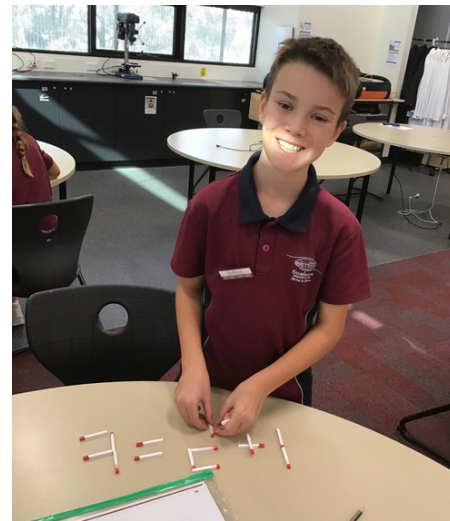
Last week, we were at Latrobe University for a Maths workshop. I was in the blue group and Hudson was in the yellow group.

There were three workshops one of the workshops was called Alien Crop Circles

Aliens had arrived at our planet, but they didn't speak our language so we had to decode their language with crop circles, an alien ruler, an alien map, and most importantly maths.

We had only had 35 minutes and 3 sets of codes until we could escape. For every wrong answer, minutes were deducted from the clock. If we didn't escape in time to prove we are worthy to communicate with the aliens, the aliens would take over the world! It was such a fun, yet challenging activity.

Written by Oliver J and Hudson



On Thursday 30th of April, 20 selected students went on a maths excursion to Quantum Victoria for VCES - or The Victorian challenge and enrichment series.

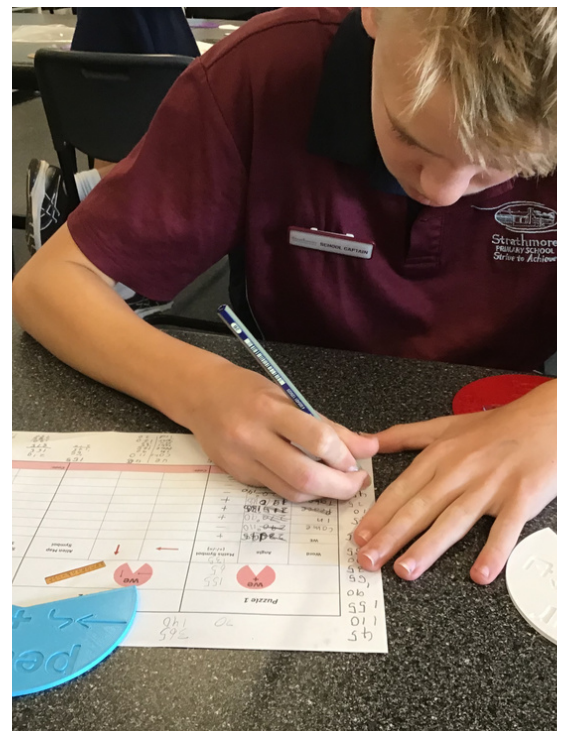
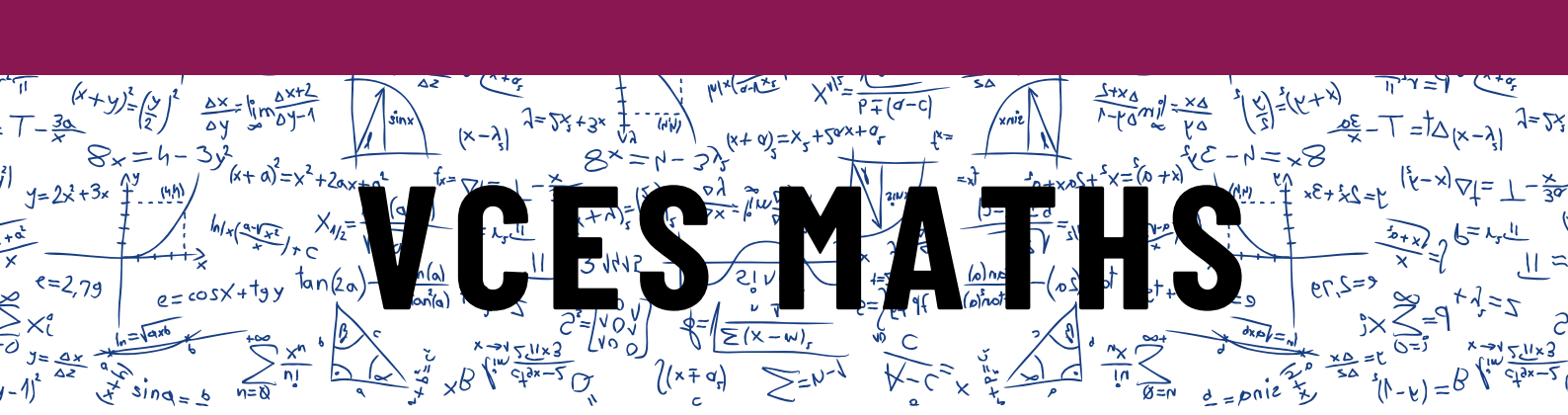
This wasn't just maths it was logical thinking, measuring and probability. Also meeting new people and making new friends. Our favourite was the logical thinking activity. We went into an upstairs room with 3 big tv screens and lots of tables and chairs. We were seated with our partners at tables and tried out the first Problem. There were 9 dots arranged into a square and we had to connect all the dots together with only 4 straight lines. Our clue was to think outside the box. We got it pretty quickly, but it took a few tries to get it right. We had to extend the lines outside the square to connect all the dots together. After we finished the task, we had to get a pouch that had all different puzzles inside them. There were the easy, medium and hard levels.

Everyone had to start with the easy then move on to the other ones. We had 30 minutes to complete as many as possible. We loved the shape ones where you had to fit the pieces together to make a 3d shape. There were some hard ones. The hardest was probably the boat one we had to use the boat to help the farmer get the chicken, the corn, and the fox to the other side. Unfortunately, there were only two spots in the boat, and one was for the farmer, but you have to make sure the chicken can't eat the corn and the fox can't eat the chicken. This one was very hard and even we couldn't even solve the puzzle.

This was the best maths excursion ever! Overall, it was an amazing learning experience. Who knew maths could be so much fun.

Maths is literally EVERYWHERE!

Written by Arabella and Eloise



WERRIBEE ZOO VISIT

Our year 1/2 students had a wonderful time at their Werribee Zoo excursion last week. How amazing are the perspectives from our students:

On Thursday I went to Werribee Zoo. I saw koalas and wallabies. They were the best. I went on the Werribee Zoo bus. I saw the animals. I loved it. The bus was so fun. I loved Werribee Zoo.

By Penny

On Thursday 28th May all the grade 1/2s went to Werribee Zoo. 1/2A saw all of the animals. We went on the safari bus. We loved the safari bus. When we were walking we saw an emu. Annabella's mum took a photo of the emu. The emu was right behind Ms Reilly. My favourite animal was the emu because it was the funniest, Werribee Zoo was the best.



On Thursday 28th May me and my class went to the Werribee Zoo. Next we went to the dinosaurs and saw the volcanoes. I even saw a dinosaur spraying water. Then we saw the emu and after we went in the safari bus.

By Asli 1/2C



WILDLIFE VISIT

IT WAS WILD IN FOUNDATION

The excitement was building in the Foundation room on Tuesday 26th May as the Foundation students prepared for a visit from Aussie Wildlife Displays.

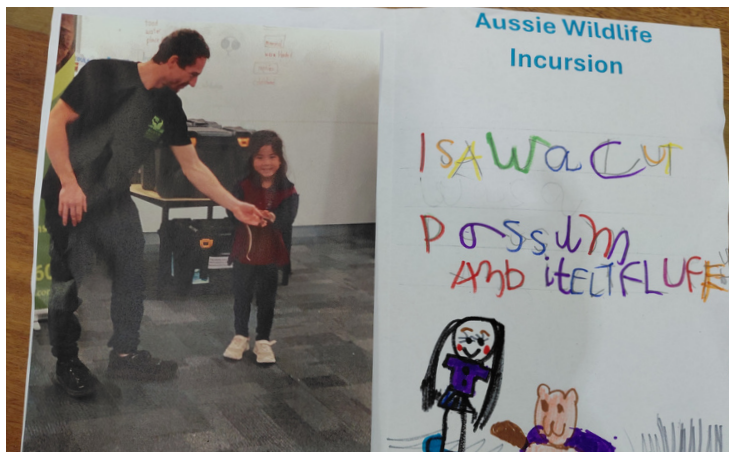
Vince arrived just after recess, bringing with him a variety of Australian animals for our Foundation students to meet up close.

As each animal made its appearance, the Foundation students sat quietly and patiently waited for their turn to get up close to our visitors and give them a gentle pat.

They met pythons, a huge wombat, a possum, several lizards, a red-tailed black cockatoo and to finish off Vince brought out a crocodile.

After the visit the room was buzzing as the Foundation students shared what they had learned about our amazing Aussie animals and talked about what they enjoyed most about the visit.

It was an amazing day for everyone, and I'm sure was the topic of conversation at the dinner table that night.



CREATIVE CORNER

IT'S NOT A CIRCLE . . .

Students have been showing off their creativity this term, thinking outside the circle to create a picture using a circle as a starting off point.

We have had lots of fabulous pictures brought to the office to put on display, everything from a lollipop to a Ladybug and an axolotle to a demigorgn.

Thanks to all of the students for making the office a colourful and creative space . . . what will be up next.





SPS SPORTS



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Last week was the final round of Interschool Sport for our Year 5/6s. It has been wonderful to see the sportsmanship and school values demonstrated by all of our teams. The development in skills has been great to see. The results for the last two week are below:

Friday 21st of May - final round of competition

Football 9's		TeeBall	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
119	7	18	18
Soccer - boys		Soccer - Girls	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
2	2	0	1
Netball - Mixed		Netball Girls	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
33	8	24	3

We are very excited that several of our team have made it through to the next round. Information will be forwarded to families when details have been confirmed.

Friday 29th of May - 'friendly' round

Football 9's		TeeBall	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
96	6	20	18
Soccer - boys		Soccer - Girls	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
2	3	0	1
Netball - Mixed		Netball Girls	
Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS	Strathmore PS	Aberfeldie PS
25	10	19	6

ALTERNATIVE SPORT

The Year 5/6 students who were part of the Alternative Program this year, participated in activities at local Strathmore sporting clubs. On the 21st of May, these students walked to Strathmore Bowls Club, where they were taught how to Lawn Bowl. On the 29th of May, these students headed to Strathmore Tennis Club. Students were taught how to play pickleball and played multiple games between themselves.



SPS SPORTS



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the SPS students who represented our school at district and divisional cross country over the past two weeks.



STUDENT STORY

By Spencer M



On Wednesday the 27th of May, I represented Strathmore Primary School at the divisional cross country.

I was feeling both nervous and excited. I set myself a goal of finishing in the top six so I could qualify for the regional championships on the fifteenth of June, which I did. I was very proud of achieving my goal.

I really want to go even further, so I am going to train hard and do my best to improve.

CHAMPIONING SPS VALUES

Each week we recognise students who display our School Values of Character, Inspiration, Connection and Endeavour.



WEEK 5

ART – Deniz Y

For demonstrating the school value of **'inspiration'** through his hard work and creativity in art sessions this week. Well done!

ITALIAN – Aileen D & Cleo L

For demonstrating **inspiration** with their weather role play performance. They were also respectful audience members and put on a great performance.

MUSIC – Felix M

For demonstrating the school value of **'inspiration'** through your great concentration and effort during our lesson on pitch. Well done!

PE – Luca P

For consistently demonstrating all of our school values during PE this term. Well done, Luca, on always being prepared for lessons, giving your best effort in activities, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship, helping care for our equipment and spaces, and encouraging others during games and activities. Keep up the fantastic work!

FA – Brianna N

For consistently demonstrating the school values of **character**, **inspiration** and **endeavour** in the way you learn, participate in all areas of learning and support others. An awesome effort Bri.

1/2A – Annabella J

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** in her attitudes to learning.

1/2B – Harper W

For demonstrating the school values of **'Character'** and **'Inspiration'** by working to the best of your ability in all learning areas and being a happy class member. Keep up the AWESOME effort Harper!

1/2C – Elke B

Elke demonstrated the school values of **'Character'** and **Inspiration'** for showing enthusiasm towards her writing during both Big Writes and for being a great helper in the classroom. Well done, Elke!

1/2D – Dinya I

For displaying all the school values (**'character'**, **'inspiration'**, **'connection'** and **'endeavour'**) through your fantastic approach to all your learning and contributing in such a positive way in our classroom on a daily basis.

3/4A – Genevieve F

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and **Endeavour** during literacy. Well done for your high level of effort and determination when researching facts about your animal for your information report. Also, well done for always being an outstanding role model by always being kind and respectful to everyone. Keep up the tremendous work Genevieve!

3/4B – Parker V

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and **Endeavour** through your 'never give up' and positive attitude. You are a great role model to your classmates, Parker!

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WEEK 5

3/4C – Elira D

For demonstrating the school values of **Endeavour** and **Inspiration** with the determination you have shown towards your learning goals. I am super proud of you!! Fantastic effort Elira!!!

5/6A – Eloise V

For demonstrating the school values of **Inspiration** and **Endeavour** when presenting your speech to the grade for the need to improve mental health support all students as part of your Inquiry rich task.

5/6A – Well Done!

Jasper J

For demonstrating the school values of **Inspiration** and **Endeavour** when presenting your speech to the grade for the need to improve mental health support all

5/6B – students as part of your Inquiry rich task. Well Done!

Max R

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **endeavour** by making the smart choice to focus and work hard on

5/6C – completing a writing task to the best of your ability. Ms Boyd

Ulac I

For demonstrating all of our school values in Maths flexible groups. I am so impressed

5/6C – with your work ethic and collaboration, Ulac! Keep it up! Mr M

Annie T

For demonstrating the school values of **connection** and **character** with your very thoughtful reflection of this semester and working so hard in all writing tasks. Well done Annie!

5/6C – Ollie C

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** for the way you are working hard to complete research for Inquiry and then confidently presenting this information to the class.

5/6D – Hugo V

For demonstrating the school value of **connection** with the way you engaged with a student in our class to assist them in feeling a part of our group and creating an environment that is welcoming and positive. Really impressive, Hugo, keep it up!

5/6D – Azra C

For demonstrating **character** and **endeavour** by focussing and working hard to demonstrate your knowledge in multiplication. Keep up the terrific work Azra.

All 3/4 Students

For demonstrating **ALL** the school values throughout the week during the swimming program.

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WEEK 6

ART – Hudson V

For demonstrating the school value of **'inspiration'** through his hard work and creativity in art sessions this week. Well done!

ITALIAN – Letty G

For demonstrating **inspiration** by always enthusiastically taking on all challenges in Italian, including her monster creation showing her knowledge of body parts and plural words.

MUSIC – Zaki H

For demonstrating the school value of **'inspiration'** through his great participation and effort during our lesson on rhythm and melody. Well done!

PE – Koumail M

For displaying your great soccer skills during the soccer clinics this week.

FA – Lev C

For demonstrating the school value of **'inspiration'** through his amazing Big Write which included extra information on little penguins. Well done Lev!

1/2 – All 1/2 Students

To all the students in Year 1/2 for demonstrating the school values of **'Character, Inspiration, Connection and Endeavour'** when they attended the excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. Well done everyone in Year 1/2!

1/2A – Eren C

For demonstrating the school value of **'Character'** with his responsible behaviour at our excursion

1/2B – Sebastian M

For demonstrating the school values of **'character'** and **'inspiration'** by always having a go when learning something new and always trying your best! Keep up the SUPERB effort Sebastian!

1/2C – Ahad A

Ahad demonstrated the school values of **'Character'** and **Connection'** for being brave when he spoke at Assembly last week. He also demonstrated great behaviour during our excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. Well done, Ahad!

1/2D – Anya S

For demonstrating the school values of **Character** and **Endeavour** through your 'never give up' and positive attitude.

3/4A – Luella K

For demonstrating the school value of **Endeavour** during Big Write. Well done for using your research and turning them into a well written information report that included subheadings and paragraphs. Keep up the terrific work Lulu!

3/4B – Owen P

For demonstrating the school values of **Connection** and **Inspiration** by the way you participate in classroom discussions and add on to other's ideas. It is great to see you making and sharing connections in your learning!

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WEEK 5

3/4C – Lottie E

Lottie consistently demonstrates the school values of '**Character** and **Inspiration**' during Literacy sessions. She shows enthusiasm towards her writing and inspires those around her. Amazing effort,

5/6A – Lottie!

Alisa H

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** at netball during Interschool Sport. It has been amazing to see you being able to transfer your basketball skills to the netball court. Well

5/6A – Done and keep up the amazing work

Menaal M

For demonstrating the school values of **Inspiration** and **Endeavour** when presenting your speech to the grade for the need to find alternatives to using fossil fuels

5/6B – as part of your Inquiry rich task. Well Done!

Alannah F

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** for creating an amazing poem about the life of indigenous leader Windradyne for Reconciliation Week.

5/6C – Well Done and keep up the amazing work.

Emir C

For demonstrating all school values consistently and trying his best to produce

5/6D – work to his best standard.

Vinny H

For demonstrating the school values of **endeavour** and **connection** with the way you are constantly trying your best no matter the task, and looking to collaborate effectively where possible. Keep it up, Vinnie!

5/6D – Lana G

For demonstrating the school values of **character** and **inspiration** with the way you are asking for help in maths flexible groups, showing a want to improve and get better even with challenging work. Keep up the great work, Lana!

LOCAL NEWS

This is where you will find information about activities or events that might be happening in the local community, and over the holidays.



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WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
camp #1 June 30th & July 1st Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm at Essendon Keller College Basketball Stadium, Essendon Campus (Enter at Thomson Street)	camp #2 July 2nd & 3rd Thursday and Friday 10:00am-2:00pm at Essendon Keller College Basketball Stadium, Essendon Campus (Enter at Thomson Street)	camp #3 July 7th & 8th Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm at Essendon Keller College Basketball Stadium, Essendon Campus (Enter at Thomson Street)	camp #4 July 9th & 10th Thursday and Friday 10:00am-2:00pm at Essendon Keller College Basketball Stadium, Essendon Campus (Enter at Thomson Street)

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- ✓ School Administration & Finance Processes
- ✓ Managing Receipts, Creditor & Debtor Payments
- ✓ Student Administration Skills
- ✓ Tax Insights
- ✓ Student First Aid Training & Certification

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Individuals interested in working in Education Support administration and finance roles
- ✓ Have **not previously worked** in a school office
- ✓ Are **not currently employed** by a school
- ✓ Are **interested in casual relief work** within a school office environment. The program is specifically for individuals interested in working **casual relief roles** within a school office
- ✓ Ideally have a referral from a current Victorian school employee



MORE INFO



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EDUCATION SUPPORT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian State Schools with Qualified Relief Staff

The Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program is an initiative run through the Department of Education and Business Managers Victoria, aimed at providing assistance and support within the education sector, particularly for office staff in administration and finance roles. This program offers opportunities for individuals to receive training and gain practical experience in educational office settings.

By the program's conclusion, participants will have the training required to provide relief support in school administrative systems, enabling them to assist at short notice in schools.

The program trains participants for school office relief roles, equipping them with essential skills to assist schools on a short-term, flexible basis.

Program Requirements

- Attend all compulsory program components, including face-to-face training, online sessions, at-home learning modules, graduation day and volunteer work experience
- Complete 60 hours of volunteer work experience within Victorian government schools
- Undergo an interview and complete a PC competency test prior to acceptance into the program
- Gain experience across various areas of school administration and finance
- Be available for short-term relief work at short notice
- Commit to 12 months of relief work following program completion

Program Details

- Program commencement:
Week beginning 27 July 2026
- Program duration:
Term 3 2026 through to Term 4 2026
- Program Orientation Session:
Week beginning 13 July 2026
- 12 hub training days delivered through a combination of face-to-face training, online sessions and at-home learning modules, plus first aid training day
- Training centres will be offered across Victoria (locations to be confirmed)
- Each training centre will accommodate a maximum of 10 participants
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed between 22-26 June 2026

APPLY NOW

To apply for the 2026 Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program, please complete the online application form and upload a current resume (maximum two pages).

Applicants may nominate two preferred training centre locations. Successful applicants will be allocated (if possible) to one of their selected training centres and must ensure they are able to travel to and attend their allocated location.

APPLICATION FORM LINK - APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026