



Longwood Primary School

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School commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.30pm.

Morning recess is from 11.00-11.30am. Lunch is from 1.30-2.15pm.

NEWSLETTER 7/24

Monday 20th May 2024

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For your information – Term dates 2024

Term 1 30th January – 28th March

Term 2 15th April – 28th June

Term 3 15th July – 20th September

Term 4 7th October – 20th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 th PE	21 st Japanese Art	22 nd Breakfast Club 8.30am	23 rd	24 th
27 th Library	28 th Japanese Drama PE	29 th Breakfast Club 8.30am	30 th	31 st Comedy for a Cause fund raising evening

Upcoming Events

The following events are planned subject, of course, to Covid restrictions.

- 31st May – Comedy for a Cause – fundraising effort
- 6th June – Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 7th June – Curriculum Day for report writing – Pupil Free Day ****Please Note OSHC will not be available.**
- 10th June – Public Holiday
- 12th June – School Council meeting
- 17th June – NGV Pharaoh Exhibition – Gr 5-6 students
- 26th July – Applications for 2025 Foundations need to be lodged with the school.

GR 5-6 Canberra Camp - Our grade 5/6's student have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students participated in a variety of educational programs which a focused-on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding to our school in the amount of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. (See photos further on in this Newsletter).

OSHC – Holiday Program – Expression of Interest – We are seeking expression of interest for an OSHC holiday program from Monday 1st July to Thursday 4th July. Activities which we are envisaging are:

- Rockery visit
- Kyabram Fauna Park
- Activity day/footy-sports colours day
- PJ and movie day.

If you are interested in having your child take part in all activities, or only certain days of the program, please notify Kristy as soon as possible so that planning can commence to make these days happen. Thank you.



To the Euroa Friends of the Library for donating \$5,000.00 to our school for the purchase of library books. We really appreciate your generous donation and support of Longwood Primary School students.

School Saving Bonus - You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support. This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025. It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

Existing supports - The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for [camps, sports, excursions](#) and uniforms. The application-based [Affordable School Uniform program](#), through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed. There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

National Volunteers Week – As part of National Volunteers Week we would like to express our appreciation to all who volunteer their services throughout our, and the wider community, to make a difference for all.

Student Free Day – School Council have given permission for Friday 7th June to be a pupil free day so that teachers can write student reports. Please note that OSHC will not be operating on this day.

Parent Payment – Thank you to those who have paid their parent contribution for this year. We appreciate your prompt attention to this as it greatly helps our finances at the beginning of the year when we have made big outlay for our back-to-school supplies. School Council set the voluntary parent payment at \$250.00 per student for 2024. This payment covers the cost of all materials and books that students use at school. Payment can be made in cash/cheque to the office or by direct deposit to our bank account – 063-682 10025842. This amount can be paid in full or by instalment.

School Council Meeting – the next School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 6.00pm at Longwood Primary School.

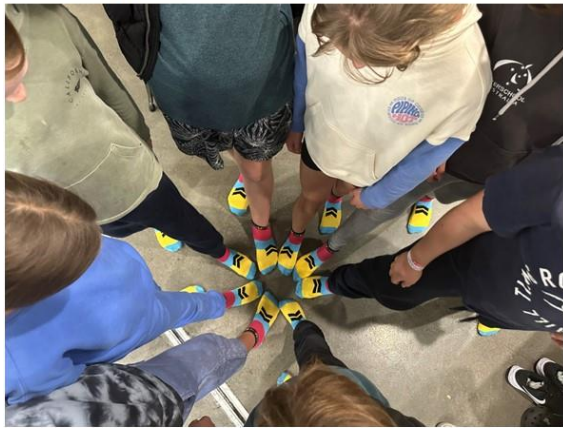
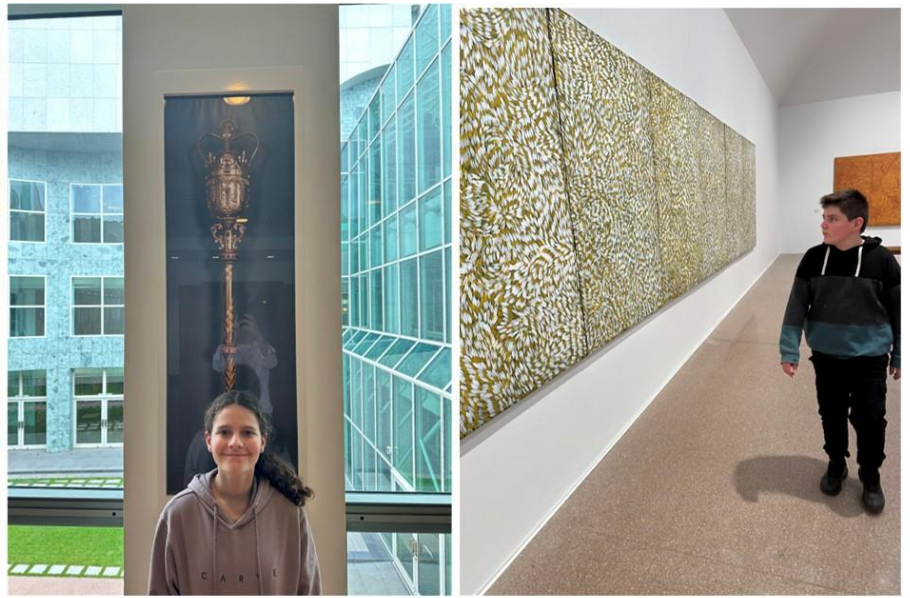
Enrolling your child in Foundation (prep) 2025 (Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be looking to enrol a Foundation student in 2025).

Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year

- To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.
- If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024).

What you need to do:

- Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
- Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Obtain a copy of the Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers from the office or our website.
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 26 July 2024.
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024.
- Take part in information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
- Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from Wednesday 29 January 2025.
- Enrolment applications submitted after 26 July 2024 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.
- Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school.



**Gr 4-6
Canberra Camp
2024**



Pub Raffle – Dates remaining for the year are:

- 28 June
- 23 August
- 18 October
- 13 December

We need 2 volunteers for each raffle. Arrive 6pm and collect raffle book from the counter, sell for an hour before the raffle is drawn. Pair up with a nice meal & bevvy to make an evening out! Please let the school know if you or a group of you can help on one of these dates.

Landcare Grant – Last year we were successful in obtaining a Landcare grant for the revegetation on our oval area. You may have noticed numerous white tree guards pop up over the last week. These are the new trees that were planted by students in conjunction with the Euroa Arboretum. We look forward to seeing lots of colour burst from our oval in the near future.

Sovereign Hill Excursion - A whole-of-school excursion to Sovereign Hill is set for **Thursday 6 June 2024**. Students will have the opportunity to step back in time and immerse themselves in the gold-rush era. Activities on the day will include a tour of Red Hill mine, a gold pour demonstration and an education session about what it was like to live in that time.

Students will be accompanied by all teaching and support staff. Please drop-off students at school by **6.45am for 7am departure - sharp**. Everyone will depart Sovereign Hill at 3pm, arriving back at school for **pick-up by 6pm (we know it's late but Friday 7th is a pupil free day)** - staff will provide updates on pick-up time via uEducateUs as needed.



Students will need to bring snacks, water and lunch only in school bags and be conscious of packing weight as bags may need to be carried around. Extra snacks will be needed given for the trip home! The cost of the excursion is **\$30** per student to cover entry fee and coach travel and school will cover the remaining cost of **\$38** per student.

Consent for this excursion can be provided via uEducateUs, or alternatively print, sign and return the attached permission slip by **Friday 31 May 2024** to enable your child to attend the event.

Gr 5-6 NGV visit to see the Pharaohs Exhibition - Thanks to the **MACC Art Program** our Gr 5-6 students will be travelling to Melbourne to see the Pharaoh Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria on the 17th June. The NGV has partnered with the British Museum to present Pharaoh, a landmark exhibition that celebrates three thousand years of ancient Egyptian art and culture. Through more than 500 works, including monumental sculpture, architecture, temple statuary, exquisite jewellery, papyri, coffins and a rich array of funerary objects, the exhibition unpacks the phenomenon of pharaoh, those all-powerful kings claiming a divine origin.

The exhibition comprises seven thematic sections that explore the pharaoh's roles and duties, including as the high priest officiating in temples, the head of the country's administration, the leader of the army and the head of the royal family. The pharaohs were responsible for protecting Egypt against its enemies and ensuring universal order; they ruled the Two Lands – Upper and Lower Egypt – from the 1st Dynasty (c. 3000 BCE) until the Roman conquest in 30 BCE.

From imagery on rings, bracelets and personal treasures, to statues and monuments of colossal scale, the pharaohs presented an idealised image of themselves as invincible warriors and fervent worshippers of the gods, who held a unique position as intermediaries between these divine beings and the rest of humanity. Nevertheless, behind these idealised representations the reality of kingship was much more complex. Not all the pharaohs were male, or even Egyptian. Despite the king's supreme status as ruler over all, Egypt was periodically wracked by civil war, conquered by foreign powers and even ruled by competing kings. Through a carefully curated selection of exceptional works, Pharaoh explores the realities, mythologies and iconographies of kingship in ancient Egypt.

Please, Please, Please,

Get on Board our Fund Raising Effort -

Ask your friends, neighbours, relatives, etc

to come and join us for this

fun evening.

With only a week left we are geared up for our upcoming event and we wanted to reach out to you all with a **heartfelt plea for your support and participation**. Your involvement is crucial to the success of this event, and there are several ways you can help us make it a memorable and impactful occasion.

Share and Invite: First and foremost, we need your help in spreading the word! Please keep sharing the event details with your friends, family, and colleagues. Tickets link: [Longwood Primary School: Room for More Fun! – Comedy For A Cause](https://www.comedyforacause.net/LPS)

The more, the merrier! Your personal invitation can make a significant difference in attracting attendees who might not have heard about it otherwise. Let's come together as a community and make this event a grand success by reaching out to as many people as possible.



Comedy for a Cause

In support of:
LONGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
"Our School - Our Community"
ROOM FOR MORE FUN!

Bart Freebairn
- Brisbane & Melbourne Int. Comedy Festival
- Edinburgh & Adelaide Fringe Festival
- Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour
- ABC TV, Live on Bowen
- 'Something for the Drive Home with Nick Cody' - Podcast
"A joy to watch. ****" - The Age

Billy Stiles
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Chrissie, Sam and Brownie - NovaFM
"Billy is an amazing joke writer"
- Dave Hughes
"A killer on stage" - Dave O'Neil

Matt Stewart
- Triple J RAW Comedy National Champion
- Perth, Canberra & Melbourne Int. Comedy festivals
"Matt Stewart amplified, proving himself an even more off-kilter thinker, with a thoroughly engaging way of presenting his distinctive ideas" - Chortle

Friday 31 May 2024
Doors: 6.30pm / Show: 7pm (15+ Only)
Tickets: \$40 at [comedyforacause.net/LPS](https://www.comedyforacause.net/LPS)
Euroa Memorial Oval Function Centre - 2 Dunn Street, Euroa



- Donations of Refreshments:** We are also seeking donations of **soft drink cans, beers, and snack items** such as chocolates, crackers, biscuits, popcorn, cheese, nuts, and chips. These contributions will help us ensure that everyone attending has a delightful experience. Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in creating a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all our guests.
- Auction Items and Services:** Lastly, we are calling out for **donations of items or services to auction off**. This can include nice bottles of wine, interesting household items, or unique services like horse rides, personal chef experiences, or massage vouchers. These donations will not only add excitement to our event but will also help us raise funds for a worthy cause. Your generosity in contributing auction items or services will make a significant impact.

Please let us know if you can contribute in any of these ways or if you have any questions about how you can get involved.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to seeing you at the event and having a laugh together!