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Term 2

- **Thursday 26th June**
JSC Pyjama Day
- **Friday 27th June**
ISS Finals
- **Thursday 3rd July**
Prep Milo's Birthday Party Day
- **Friday 4th July**
Last Day of Term 2
Assembly at 2pm and 2:30pm dismissal from classrooms

Term Dates 2025

Term 1: January 30 -April 4
Term 2: April 22 -July 4
Term 3: July 21 -September 19
Term 4: October 6 -December 19

Across the Acting Principal's Desk:

Tony Ryan

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. Time is marching on and the school has been a busy place with a variety of powerful learning activities and co-curricular activities taking place around the school.

Concert Dance Lessons:

Our concert preparations are underway with classes beginning their dance lessons with the Kinect2dance team. This has caused much excitement around the school. Students have also been developing props for the concert as part of their art program.

Camp:

Our Year 3 students returned from their Lady Northcote camp experience on Wednesday. This was a fantastic experience for our students to explore a range of adventure related activities and having a great time with their friends and teachers. The reports from the teachers were that the behaviour and manners of our students was outstanding, which is great to hear. I also want to thank and acknowledge Megan Symons who attended the camp as a parent volunteer. We are so lucky at our school to receive volunteering support for a range of activities from our parents and carers. It is truly appreciated, and we know that camp is a rewarding but exhaustive experience where you are always on the go and never really 'off duty'. A big thank you to our staff team Miss Massa, Mrs Mclean, Mrs Trethowan, Ms Burn, Mr De Jarlais, Kay and Kylie for coordinating and providing such a rich experience for our students.

Cross Country Legends:

We also had a number of students make it through to the regional level of cross country during the week on Wednesday. Congratulations to the following students for qualifying for such a high level of running performance Madelyn Abdallah, Ellie Elms, Easton Hay, Hendrix Liddle, Lily Makhlin and Kayla Stabb.

A special mention to Ellie Elms who performed amazingly on the day and has made it all the way through to the State Cross Country! This is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Ellie and all our runners.

Mid-year Reports:

Our teachers have been very busy in recent weeks as they are completing our mid-year report writing. These reports are an important opportunity to measure student growth and performance across the first semester. A reminder to our parents/carers from our last newsletter that this report writing cycle will present a few challenges in comparing previous periods of performance. There have been changes to Victorian Curriculum which have come into effect this year. This has resulted in some content and skills shifting year levels in terms of when it is taught and assessed. It has also resulted in Mathematics judgements being consolidated and made on a single progression point rather across three progression points previously. This will make comparison of student performance relating to mid-last year less accurate. To provide our parents/carers with as much specific performance information as possible, our reports include performance data against a range of 'I can' statements. We expect that reading the mid-year report will build upon the information presented at our recent parent teacher interviews that were conducted to share the progress of our students.

Farewell's:

We farewell a couple of our wonderful teaching team at the end of this term with Ms Davidson starting maternity leave last Friday and Ms Ellie Kilkenny finishing at the end of term. Both teachers are embarking on an exciting new chapter as they eagerly await the arrival of a new child. I'd like to thank both ladies for their contribution to our school. We wish both Amy and Ellie all the best for this exciting time and look forward to meeting the new arrivals in the months ahead.

Important Dates:

A reminder that our last day of term is **Friday 4th of July**, with our 2pm assembly and 2:30pm dismissal from classrooms. Term 3 starts again on **Monday 21st of July**.

Other dates to mark in calendars for next term are our **School Concert performances** that are occurring on the **9th and 10th of September**.

We also have a **Curriculum Day scheduled on Monday 15th September**. Our staff will be participating in First Aid and CPR training on this day, and this is a student free day.

Have a great weekend everyone

Tony



Success Teamwork Respect Individuality Visionary Effort!!

Grade 3 Campers!

The Grade 3s had a fantastic time at Lady Northcote Discovery Camp! . Our campers had the opportunity to ride the flying fox, drop on the giant swing, make some delicious pizza and so much more! Many fears were conquered and so much resilience was displayed. Congratulations to all the Grade 3s for their spectacular effort and enthusiasm!



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ALL ABOUT Prep

Yarning Circle

This Term, the Prep students were introduced to 'Yarning Circle'. They had the opportunity to share information about who is in their family, what traditions they celebrate and what countries their families are from.

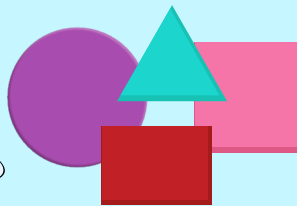


NUMERACY

Our Prep students are well on their way to becoming confident mathematicians! They've been exploring how numbers can be made in different ways using the part-part-whole strategy, helping them build strong number sense and deepen their understanding of addition. With lots of fun and hands-on activities, they've been practising counting to 20 and recognising numbers in everyday contexts. Our young learners have also been discovering 2D shapes all around them, identifying circles, squares, triangles, and more in their classroom and environment. It's been exciting to see their enthusiasm grow as they connect maths to the world around them!



BUDDIES



Our Prep students have been thoroughly enjoying their time with their Year 5 Buddies, forming special connections through a range of fun and meaningful activities. Together, we've been on bug hunts, linking their discoveries to our Literacy learning, and have explored shapes in the environment as part of our Maths focus. Whether we're playing games, reading together, or simply enjoying each other's company, these moments are helping to build confidence, curiosity, and a strong sense of belonging.



Regional Cross Country

On Wednesday the 18th of June we had some amazing runners head to Kilmore to take part in the Regional Cross Country Carnival. What an unreal effort it was by them all. We are so proud. A HUGE congratulations to Ellie Elms, who is onto State on Thursday 24th July at Yarra Valley Racing Club.



Miss Massa



A FIGHTMND EVENT

Big Freeze Beanie Day

On Thursday the 5th of June, WHPS turned blue again for the 2nd year in a row!

Thank you to everyone who donated their time any money.

We raised a total of \$530 for the FightMND Foundation!

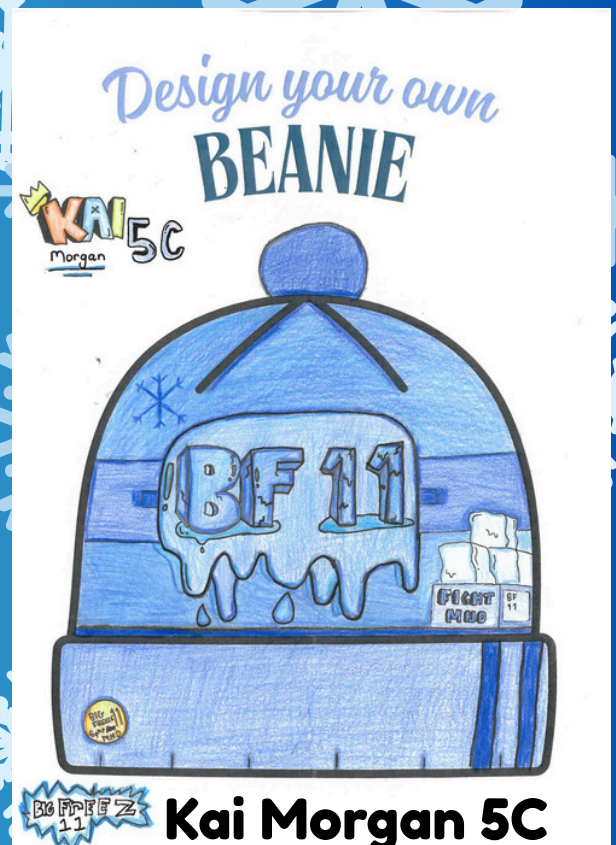
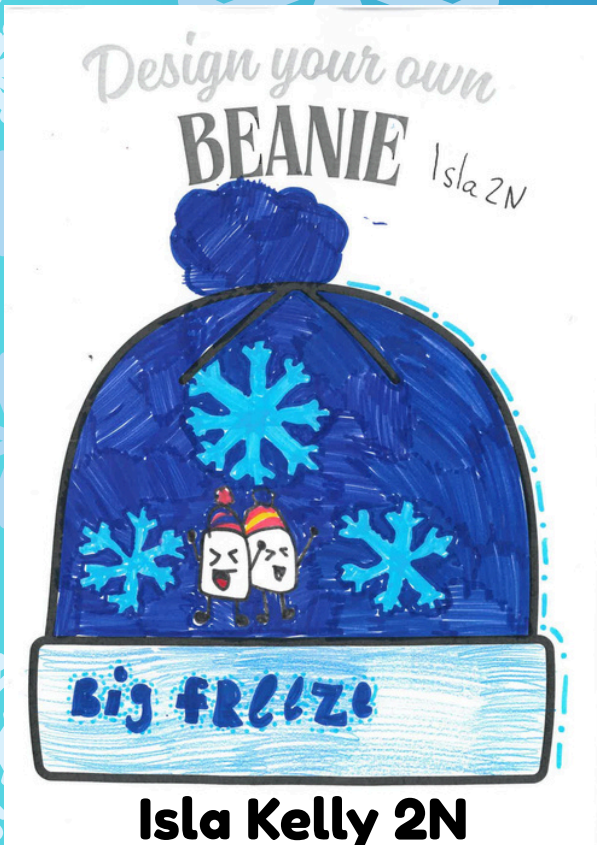


Big Freeze Beanie Design Competition

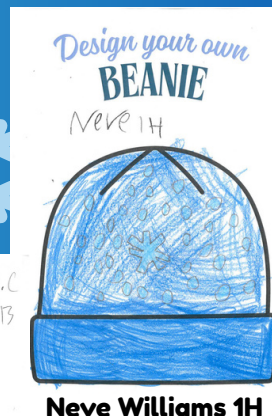
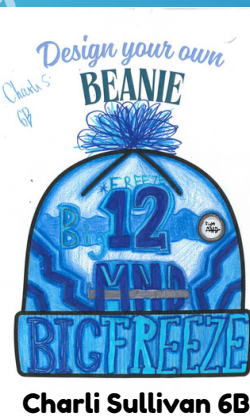
Students designed their own Big Freeze Beanie to win a FREE Big Freeze 11 beanie


Prep-2 Winner!

3-6 Winner!



Honourable Mentions!





WATSONIA HEIGHTS PS

Pyjama Day

Thursday, 26th June

Gold Coin Donation - raising money for
WHPS

News from your Library

*Congratulations
to our
2025 BrickMasters Champions*



A huge **THANK YOU** to the **146** very creative Lego loving kiddos (in their **59** teams), who wowed us with their fabulous creations during this year's BrickMasters championship.

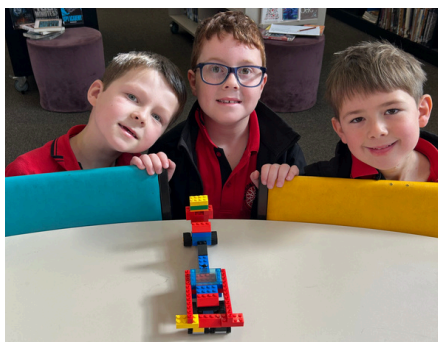
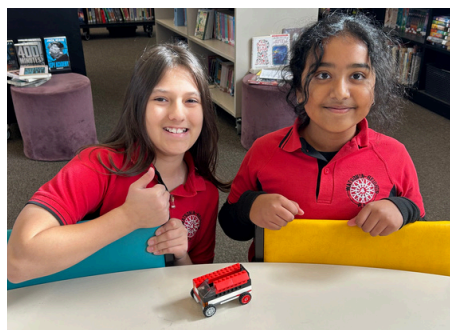
After **6** sensational heats, an action packed **Elimination final** and an extremely **Grand Final**, we can now introduce our **2025 BrickMasters Champions!**

Congratulations to **Girl Power Team** members **Amelia, Eden, Matisse and Mika!**

Great work superstars! Your fantastic car building skills well and truly got you over the line to take out the BrickMasters trophy and Scholastic Book Club voucher.

Here is a little highlight reel from this years championship and i'm sure you'll agree we have lots of very talented Lego lovers at W.H.P.S!

Congratulations must also go to all of our Grand Final teams! Great work Lego lovers!



Student of The Week

Week 8

CONGRATULATIONS



Emmett, Cleo, Olive, Erin, Florence, Koa, Lauren, Paige, Alfie, Ella, Toby, Zoe, Charlotte, Sienna, Samuel, Emily, Edith, Sienna, Rashed, Isaac, Grace, Kaden, Ilai.



Week 9

CONGRATULATIONS

Alma, Amelia, Lachlan, Tommy, Benji, Remi, Neve, Arjun, Abtin, Ruby, Lachlan, Nakshatra, Yule, Jacob, April, Olivia, Bailey, Charli, Daniel.



Chloe

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our Principal
Stephanie Evans



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It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants



THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!

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- Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury
- HA Smith Reserve, Hawthorn
- Box Hill High School, Box Hill
- Trinity Grammar, Marles Playing Fields, Bulleen
- M.L.C, Kew
- Camberwell Hockey Club, Canterbury
- Doncaster Secondary College, Doncaster
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