Beachport Primary & Preschool Newsletter

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Diary Dates

2026 Term Dates

Term 3
20th July - 25th Sept
Term 4
12th Oct - 11th Dec

Term 3 Key Dates

Week Ten
Mon 21st September
Year 3 / 4 Learning Expedition Excursion
Thurs 24th September
Campfire Cookout
Fri 25th September
2:15pm Early Dismissal

Term 4 Key Dates

Thursday 15th October
School Photos

Monday 2nd November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 10th November
Governing Council

Thursday 19th November
Parent Session - Intro to Student Anxiety

Friday 27th November
Pupil Free Day

Thursday 3rd December
Preschool Graduation

Thursday 10th December
Concert

Dear Families,

Our staff and children continue to blow me away. Being able to share the videos of our Acknowledgement of Country and our book “Lake George” has been a real ‘pinch me’ moment, and the feedback that we have had from families, community members and other school leaders from across our region has been overwhelmingly positive. Even watching the children at our assembly yesterday morning, and the pride on their faces as their video was shared shows the deep connections we foster within our school and preschool as well as our community and environment. I want to shout out a special thank you to Miss Leah, Miss Smith, Miss Rachel, Mrs Pegler, Miss Giulia and Miss Vicki for their collaboration and preparation throughout this Learning Expedition. Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers who have been able to attend scrub excursions each week - without you our children wouldn’t be able to spend so much time out on country learning and exploring. We are truly fortunate to have such a special community!

A reminder that Mrs Pegler and Miss Rachel will be organising an order for the “Lake George” book that was written and illustrated by our Year 1/ 2 children. Please get in touch with either of these two ladies or call the Front Office to confirm your order - we would appreciate if all orders could be placed by Friday 25th September so that we can organise the books to arrive early in term 4.

A highlight of term 3 is always our Campfire Cook Up which is scheduled for next Thursday. This is sure to be an afternoon of food, connection and community as we come together in our community garden to enjoy some delicious campfire food (and yes, Joe, Ellie and Keg Campbell are on cooking duties!) and some outdoor activities for families to join in too. We look forward to welcoming everyone in from 12:30pm onwards - let’s hope this beautiful sunshine hangs around!

Our Parent Club have been busy again this term with our recent Quiz Night and Snitty Drive fundraisers both raising funds for Sports Tops and purchasing new outdoor and nature play equipment. Early next term we will be sharing some potential designs for sports tops, so please keep your eye out as we will be collecting community feedback before the design is finalised.

Term 4 is always a busy time with concert, transitions, reports and graduations. We have included some of the upcoming dates in this newsletter to support families planning, and our term calendar will be sent out early also.

As we head into our holiday break I encourage families to spend time connecting, relaxing and refreshing. The Resilience Project reading logs all have activities and prompts to continue to embed Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy into our daily routines; plus the Parent Hub has additional videos and resources - please see the notice pages for information on how to access this.

Enjoy the two week break, good luck to those that are involved in the Blessing of the Fleet over the Long Weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4!

Take care,
Jessica Herrewyn
Principal

Upper Primary

One of our class's favourite parts of each week is our buddy time with the preschoolers! Our Year 5/6 students love supporting their younger buddies with borrowing, reading, games and all sorts of activities and tasks. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to practice leadership, patience and care while building special connections with our youngest learners.

This week, we had the chance to switch roles as our preschool buddies became the teachers! We ventured into the scrub, where they showed us how they play, create and explore in their environment. Together, we built shelters, experimented with ochre, created swings and discovered new ways to play and learn, and we even got to enjoy some marshmallows!

It was a fantastic reminder that learning goes both ways—and that our littlest learners have plenty to teach us too!











Assembly

Yesterday, we held our Term 3 Assembly where students shared their learning with families and revisited our 'Lake George' presentation. It was another fantastic Assembly and we are so proud of our children and all that they have achieved throughout the year so far!









Congratulations class award winners!







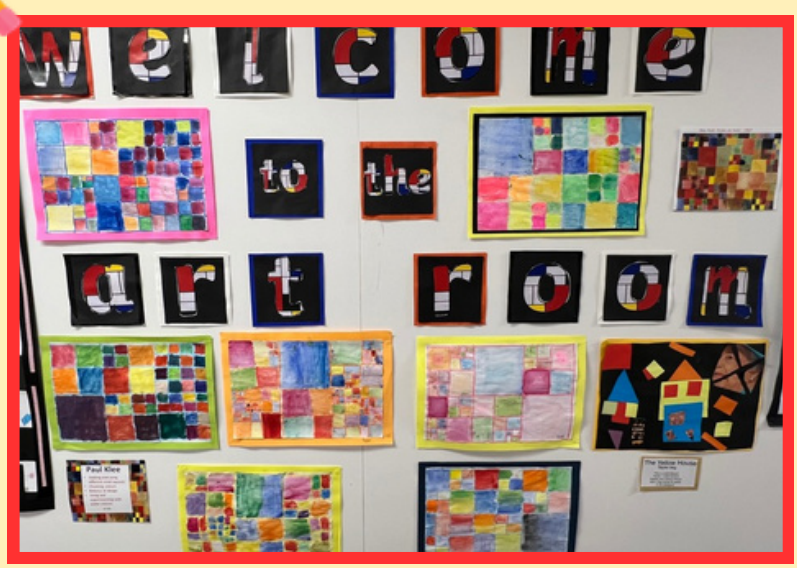


Art with Mrs Mac

Our students have been busy creating an abundance of special artwork with Mrs Mac this year!

Throughout each Term, children have learnt about different artists and genres of art, mainly focusing on organic shapes and optical illusions using different art mediums. Mrs Macs classes are always packed full of fun and it is amazing to see how quickly children pick up new skills and the creations that they come up with!

Recently, they made all of our Book Day bits and pieces and have also begun making 'stages' for their very own pop up puppet shows! This is part of their exploration of drama. We can't wait to watch them in action soon.











Art with Mrs Mac













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Art with Mrs Mac

What do you like about Mrs Mac's classes?

'We get to do lots of fun art and drama and science.'

'Mrs Mac makes us feel happy. We do fun things that she plans for us to do.'

'They're always exciting and fun and funny. She always makes funny voices and makes us laugh all the time.'

'She's really funny and she always comes up with new ideas. She's really kind. Nothing has to be perfect.'

'I like that she has fun and exciting classes when we get to do heaps of drama and have fun playing games. We also get to make plays of our choice and listen to different stories. We get to muck around when we're doing our plays in drama.'

'We always do fun and creative things. She always has a smile on her face.'

'She's very crafty and she is creative with what she chooses to do with us and it's really fun with her.'

'Her classes are fun and my favourite is drama because we get to do little plays and it's really fun. She's funny and she makes me feel happy.'

'I like that she always makes the classes fun and is always there to help and problem solve, she helps you when you need support if something isn't going the right way and she works through it together. She always gives us a challenge and a goal to work towards.'

'She lets us do what we want and we do plays and stuff and she lets us make up our own characters.'

'She is creative and the lessons are always fun.'

'You get to be creative and have lots of fun. She is fun, she's funny and has good jokes.'

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Pre/R/1/2 Learning Expedition

Our Preschool, R/1 and 1/2 Classes have recently shared their learning expedition with our community through a special presentation for their 'Lake George' book and Acknowledgement of Country at the Beachport Visitor Information Centre.

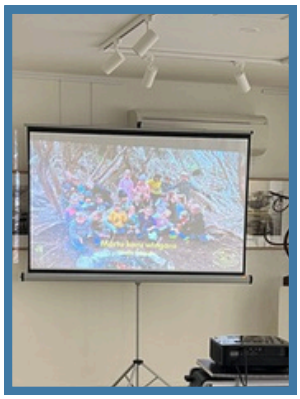
Throughout the expedition, students have been learning about the importance of Lake George, the many ways people enjoy and use the lake, and how we all play a part in caring for and protecting this special place through connection to Country.

A big congratulations to all of our students and staff for their hard work, determination and thoughtful ideas. It was a wonderful celebration of learning, community and our shared ideas between the school and experts.













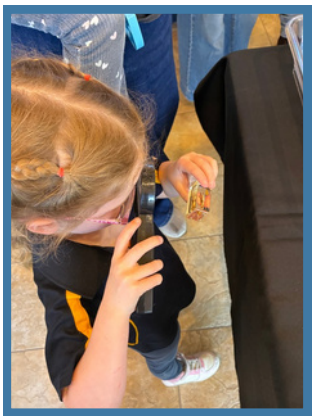


Pre/R/1/2 Learning Expedition

















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GEM Chat

What is a fun memory you have with your friends or family?

GEM CHAT

When I had a play date with my BFF and we went swimming.

When it was Christmas and we went to our cousins house and stayed there for a night.

One time my cousin thought he lost his teddy and he went to sleep and found it under his pillow.



MINDFULNESS



EMPATHY

When me and my family went to Port Douglas and there was a big tree playground inside the tree and I got to play in it.

I was with Xavier and Charlie on the tennis courts and we were playing a fun game.

My dad took us to Adelaide to the chocolate factory.

We went to Bali and we got to go with all of our family and friends and it was super fun.

We go to Nonnas every Sunday and get to have dinner with all of our family.

When it was my birthday and all of my friends came over.



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SPRING FULL THROTTLE IN WATTLE
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2026

SCAN HERE TO BOOK
Follow the links on the Wattle Range Council website

ALL HOLIDAYS

COME AND EXPLORE
Free Range in Wattle Range with a scavenger hunt!
Beachport, Millicent and Penola
Join the great Wattle Range Scavenger Hunt.
Pick up a question sheet from Beachport, Millicent or Penola Visitor Centres and start your adventure.
Return your completed sheet to tourism staff to receive a prize and go into the draw for a voucher, drawn on 9/10/2026.
Each location has a different hunt--complete one or all three.

COME AND KAYAK
Lake Leake, 949 Glencoe West Road, Kooringe
Paddle your way across the waters of an extinct volcano and experience Lake Leake from a whole new perspective. Whether you're a first-time kayaker or a seasoned paddler, this unique adventure is suitable for all skill levels. Bookings are essential, hire charges apply - call/text Kathryn on 0409 339 264.

ALL HOLIDAYS - MILLICENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesdays - Explore our range of activities at our STEM table **Explore and Have Fun at the Craft Tables -** Maker tables will be set up all holidays during Library hours for you to unleash all your crafty creativity!!

TUES 29TH SEPT

COME AND GARDEN
11:00am - 3:00pm Tussie Mussies, Petticoat Lane, Penola
Head over to the Herb Garden behind Sharams Cottage to discover the simple joy of picking fresh herbs and creating your own charming tussie mussie (small posy) to take home. No bookings required.

COME AND MAKE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Foam Bees & Bubble Wrap Beehive
Create your own foam beehive and bubble wrap behive.
2:30pm - 3:30pm Putty Pan Flowers Rosettes, Unicorn Card
Create putty pan flowers and make a unique card for family and friends.

WED 30TH SEPT

WACKY WEDNESDAY
Join our fabulous tourism team for a crafty hour with multiple activities to choose from.
Beachport Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm
Penola Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm

COME AND RE-A-RANGE
Millicent Public Library 10am - 12pm
Join local artist Selena Smith in creating paper flowers for the 2027 Millicent Met Gala table centre pieces. You will also be able to take home your own flower.

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Wooden Bunnies, Bubble Wrap Sheep & Flower Trees with Selena
Decorate a wooden bunny, create a bubble wrap sheep and flower tree.
2:30pm - 3:30pm Handprint Duck
Design your own duck using a handprint.
2pm - 4pm Mario Kart Switch Competition
To enter the comp contact library staff.

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THURS 1ST OCT

COME AND COOK
The Post and Rail, Penola
10am - 1pm Family Baking Cooking Class
Spend a morning together creating, laughing, and making delicious treats in this hands-on, fun-filled class. Bookings essential. $165 adult and child.
https://thepostandrail.com.au/onsite/in/baking-with-kids-01-10-26

COME AND CRAFT
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Painted Rocks, Cardboard Sunflowers
Decorate rocks to take home or hide for others to find and enjoy.
Create a sunny flower to brighten your day.
2:30pm - 3:30pm Wooden Bird Feeders, Lilypad frog
Decorate your own wooden bird feeders and take home a plate frog in a pond and lily flower.

FRI 2ND OCT

COME AND KICK
Location to be announced $55pp
9:30am - 2pm Futsal Gndoor soccer! Coaching Clinic provided by Football SA
Join a fun and active Futsal Coaching Clinic these school holidays! Designed for young people aged 9-13 years, this exciting clinic is a great opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, play games and make new friends in a fun and supportive environment. Please bring a packed lunch, snacks and a drink bottle.

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Ladybug Head Piece, Ladybird Fans
Make your own card ladybug headband and paper fan.
3pm - 4pm Elio the Magician!
Discover why Melbourne Magician Elio Simonetti is recognised as Australia's most artistic conjuror.

COME AND LEARN
Rendelsham Hall
10am - 12:30am Crafty Turtles
Discover the fascinating world of our local turtles with Nature Glenelg Trust's ecologist, Jess Kourchien! Learn about the turtles that call our waterways home while crafting your very own turtle to take home. Free.

SAT 3RD OCT

COME AND WATCH
3pm Blessing of the Fleet
After the street market, come and wish the Beachport fishermen all the best for the upcoming season. Blessing of the Fleet Service and swim for the cross.

COME AND GOLF IN THE DARK
Beachport Golf Club
From 6pm Beachport Night Golf. FREE mini golf. Open to adults and children.

SUN 4TH OCT

COME AND EXPLORE
10am - 4pm Millicent Museum Open Day
Check out the Millicent museum for FREE all day! Discover fascinating stories, historic artefacts, photographs and displays. Food and drinks available to purchase. No bookings required.

COME AND GLAM
11am - 1pm Makeup Masterclass with Angela Packer, Millicent
A fun and hands on make up class designed for teens to learn, create and feel amazing. Ages 10-17.
Cost $65 includes all make up, brushes, shopping list.
SPOTS ARE LIMITED. Text 0438 469 975 to secure you spot or book online.

COME AND BE AMAZED
10am - Beachport Recreational Centre
Come one come all! Join Elio the Magician for a fun-filled show featuring incredible magic, comedy and audience participation. A fantastic family-friendly performance guaranteed to entertain all ages. Bookings essential through QR code.

MON 5TH OCT

COME AND SWING
Penola Golf Club
Junior MyGolf Clinic - 5-7 year olds. Details TBA. Contact Claire on 0427 372 628 or penolaladiesgolf@gmail.com

TUES 6TH OCT

COME AND RE-A-RANGE
Millicent Public Library
10am - 12pm
Join local artist Selena Smith in creating paper flowers for the 2027 Millicent Met Gala table centre pieces. You will also be able to take home your own flower.

COME AND MAKE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Cardboard Sprout Houses, Wooden Robin
Decorate and grow your own sprout house. Decorate a wooden robin bird and make flower trees with Selena.
2:30pm - 3:30pm Plaster Flower, Butterfly Craft
Paint a plaster flower magnet to go on your fridge.
Create your own card butterfly.

WED 7TH OCT

WACKY WEDNESDAY
Join our fabulous tourism staff for a crafty morning with multiple activities to choose from.
Beachport Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm
Penola Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm

WACKY WEDNESDAY
10am - 1pm Millicent Public Library
Come make Halloween Decorations with the Wattle Range Youth Advisory Council.

COME AND CREATE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Handprint Witch, Pete the Cat Scarecrow
Use your hand to make a Halloween green witch face and create a Pete the Cat picture based off the book.
2:30pm Movie
Join us for a new release movie on the Civic & Arts Centre big screen. Contact Library staff for more information.
2pm - 4pm Mario Smash Bros Switch Comp
To enter the comp contact Library staff.

COME AND EXPLORE
9:30am - 3pm Generations explore, various locations around Beachport
A series of guided tours throughout the day encouraging seniors and young people to connect, learn and enjoy time together.
Meet at - **9:30am -** Art Gallery Beachport
11am - Beachport Museum
1pm - YourSelf Guided Beachport Sculptures and Mosiac Pick up your brochure from the Beachport Visitor Information Centre!
2pm - Beachport Jetty

THURS 8TH OCT

COME AND SWING
10am Beachport Golf Course
A free coaching clinic run by local golf instructors offering fun and interactive golf experiences for all skill levels. All equipment provided. Ages 5 - 12 years.
https://golf.com.au/mygolf

At WRC, our events are accessible and inclusive for all.
If you have specific mobility or accessibility needs, please contact 1061 8733 0900

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THURS 8TH OCT

COME AND MAKE
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Cellophane Butterflies, Stand up Frames
Make a suncatcher cellophane butterfly and decorate a cardboard stand up frame.
2:30pm - 3:30pm Pasta Animal, Card Caterpillars
Create a picture using colourful pasta and make a wiggle hungry cardboard caterpillar.

THURS 8TH OCT

COME AND CUDDLE
Australian Bush Buddies at the Rymill Hall, Penola
Two Sessions: 11am & 12:30pm
Come hang out with Louise, Al and all their furry, scaly and feathery friends.
Bookings essential Book via QR Code.

FRI 9TH OCT

COME AND CRAFT
Millicent Public Library
10:30am - 11:30am Wooden Baskets, Bat Gnome Craft
Put together and decorate a wooden basket, create a bat gnome picture.
2:30pm Assorted spring craft!
Missed out on a craft activity these holidays? Don't worry you can do it in this session.

COME AND GAME
Millicent Public Library
9:30am - 11am Mini Mammoth collaboration with the Childrens University
See WRC website for further info released closer to the date.

COME AND PLAY
Millicent Farm Supplies
9:30am - 11:30am Family Fun Morning
Kids craft and activities, petting zoo, snacks and a wide range of pet and produce supplies!

SUN 11TH OCT

COME AND CAPTURE
1:30pm - 3:30pm Youth Photography Training Courses Beachport with Steve Chapple. Ages 12-18. Limited to 12 per course. Phones or camera welcome. There will be interactive activities to photograph.
To book a spot register at the Millicent Library
Phone 1061 87 380 903 or in person.

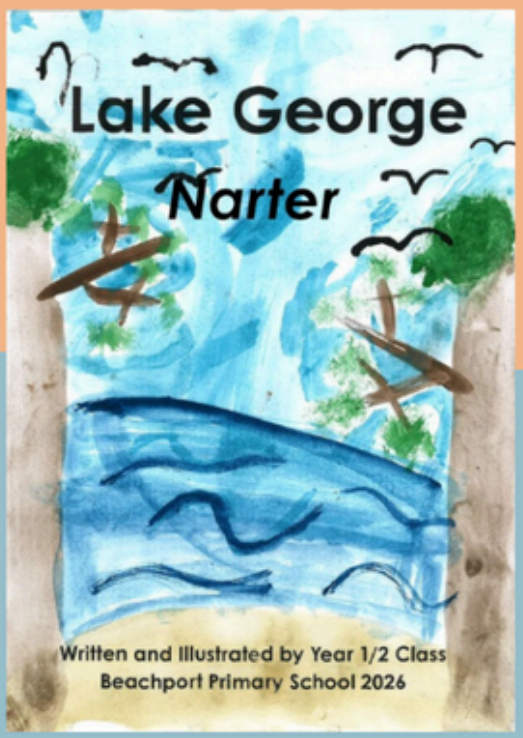
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE TOO?!
Sat 26th Sept - Kalangadoo Spring Fair
Sun 27th Sept - Mutherleigh Makers and Growers Market
Sat 3rd Oct - Beachport Street Market
Sun 4th Oct - Coonawarra Community Market
EVERYDAY - The Millicent Road Safety Centre tracks are FREE to use

COME AND GET STAMPED
Don't forget to bring your **Children's University passport** to get stamped across many of the council events. For further information, please speak to library staff.

ALL WRC EVENTS ARE FREE!
For library events, please call 8733 0900. For enquiries about other events, please email events@wattlerange.sa.gov.au. Participants must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

"Lake George"

written & illustrated by
our Year 1 /2 students



Available to order now!!

Please message Miss Rachel or Mrs Pegler or contact the Front Office on 87358124 by Friday 25th September

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School Holiday Junior MyGolf Clinic
Beachport Golf Club

This School Holiday MyGolf Junior Clinic will be delivered by PGA Professional Gavin Fontaine offering a fun and interactive golf experience for all skill levels.

The clinics will be provided free, with thanks to sponsorship from the Community Bank Robe & Districts - Bendigo Bank.

Parents must accompany children. All equipment provided.

Date & Time: Thursday 8 October 2026 - 10.00am-11.30am
Who: Ages 5-12 Years
Cost: FREE. Participants MUST register online
Where: Beachport Golf Club

Scan to find the program

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Beachport Golf Club

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BEACHPORT GOLF CLUB
OCT LONG WEEKEND
NIGHT GOLF
SAVE the DATE
OCT 3rd
7PM
3 PERSON AMBROSE
9 HOLES
SHORT COURSE
$30 PER TEAM OR $10 PER PERSON
FREE mini-golf for the kids & whole family
BYO irons, putter & torch for night golf
Some golf clubs available on the night

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Helping everyone to be mentally healthy.
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FAMILY HUB
When schools and families speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.
Our Family Hub is designed to keep you in the loop, inspire everyday wellbeing practices at home, and help strengthen the connection between what your child is learning in the classroom and how you support them in life.
Scan this QR code to access practical strategies to help build healthy habits as a family.
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Millicent Show
Entries for Children's Section

Show Dates: 6th, 7th & 8th November

We invite children to begin thinking about their creations during the school holidays.

Sections include:

- Art
- Craft
- Photography
- Handcrafts (sewing)
- Cooking
- Produce
- Pot plants
- Cut flowers
- Junk yard art

More information to follow next Term!