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A message from the Principal

Dear parents,

Term 2 is motoring along. We have had our Alpha Theatre performances and cross country this week.

Cold Weather

I would like to remind everyone that the weather is becoming colder. Please remember to wear a jumper and stay warm. We have been sending a significant amount of children home with cold and flu symptoms as of late.

Fight MND

Our next casual clothes day will raise money to help fight MND. I think this is a terrific cause and Neale Daniher who led the charge for this charity was a worthy recipient of the Australian of the Year Award. We might do something special to promote this cause which involves a big bucket of icy water!

Cross Country

Our students represented our school well in the recent cross country event. Everyone tried their absolute hardest and did not give up. We even had a couple of younger students who ran the event and did remarkably well.

Additional Soccer Goals

Our school has purchased additional soccer goals to place on our oval. We will have 3 sets of goals on the oval.



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School Tours

I am amazed at how many school tours for 2026 I am already completing. If you are an existing parent at our school all you need is to come to the office and pick up an enrolment form for a younger sibling to be enrolled. For all new prospective parents, we ask that you call the school on 9390 3388 and book a time for a school tour.

Martial Arts School

Our martial arts school– Taylors Lakes Kempo Karate has started. Please find a full page brochure in this newsletter. Sensei Dane welcomes all of our children to come and give martial arts a go. Parents are welcome to come to our school hall from 4.45pm on Tuesday to ask Dane any questions about the program.

School Uniform

I have noticed a lot of our older students not wearing their full school uniforms. Can I please ask parents to ensure that their child is dressed in school uniform every day?

Christmas Stalls

Our school is investigating have a Christmas fete this year. We are looking for interested stall owners. If you or you know anyone who may want to run a stall at our fete please email our school at taylors.lakes.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Our fete would be on a Friday afternoon and would run predominantly out of school hall and basketball area.

Regards Chris.



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Term Dates 2025	
Term 1	29/1—4/4
Term 2	22/4—4/7
Term 3	21/7—19/9
Term 4	6/10—19/12



T.L.P.S 2025 Calendar

May		September	
27 th	Grade 4-6 Athletics Day	4 th - 5 th	Father's Day Stall
June		18 th	Casual Clothes Day
9 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday - Pupil Free Day	19 th	Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish
10 th	Grade 3 – iMax and Aquarium Excursion	October	
18 th	Grade 2 – Toy Making Incursion	6 th	Term 4 Begins
19 th	Casual Clothes Day	15 th	Casual Clothes Day
July		November	
4 th	Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish	3 rd	Whole School PPD Day - Pupil Free Day
21 st	Term 3 Begins	4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday- Pupil Free Day
August		7 th	Casual Clothes Day
1 st	Parent/Teacher Interviews - No classes - Children attend interview	24 th	Grade 6 Swimming Program Begins - Week Program
14 th	Casual Clothes Day	December	
27 th	District Athletics Carnival	11 th	Grade 6 Big Day Out
September		12 th	Casual Clothes Day
4 th - 5 th	Father's Day Stall	17 th	Grade 6 Graduation
11 th	Grade 1 – Werribee Zoo Excursion	18 th	Last Day of Term 4- 2.30pm finish
18 th	Casual Clothes Day	19 th	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
19 th	Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish		

Sydenham District Cross Country

On Tuesday 20th of May, the Taylors Lakes P.S. Cross Country Team competed at the Sydenham District Cross Country Championships held at Keilor Athletics Track. I would like to thank and congratulate our students who competed for all their efforts and achievements. Our school finished 4th out of the 11 schools in our district which is an amazing effort.

Congratulations to the following students -

10yr Boys

Walker 4AA 12th
Archer 4AA
Riley 4AG
Cameron 3KT
Oscar 4CD
Thomas 4AG
Alexander 4CD
Elijah 4AG
Marshal 4CD

10yr Girls

Scarlett 4AA 2nd
Vivienne 4AA
Jana 5BE
Milla 3VM
Amina 5AD
Adele 4CD

11yr Boys

Mason 5BE
Alex 5MM
Jeremy 5AD
Abdal 5RA
Jayden 5AD
Koby 5BE
Mitchell 5AD
Cruz 5AD

11yr Girls

Luella 5RA 8th
Leah 5AD
Ava 5AD 5th
Elena 5AD
Lucy 6TM 9th
Lilly 6JS
Madeline 5BE
Milena 6TM

12yr Girls

Evie 6TM
Nina 6KK
Gurnoor 5RA
Abigail 6TM

12yr Boys

Eren 6JS 12th
Lucas 6JS
Robert 6SV
Hayden 6KK
Taylor 5AD
Kaan 6TM
Maxwell 6KK
Marco 6TM

Scarlett 4AA, Luella 5RA, Ava 5AD and Lucy 6TM will now go on to represent the Sydenham District Cross Country Team at the Keilor Division Cross Country Championships which will be held at Keilor Athletics Track on Wednesday 28th of May. We wish the girls all the very best of luck!!

Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



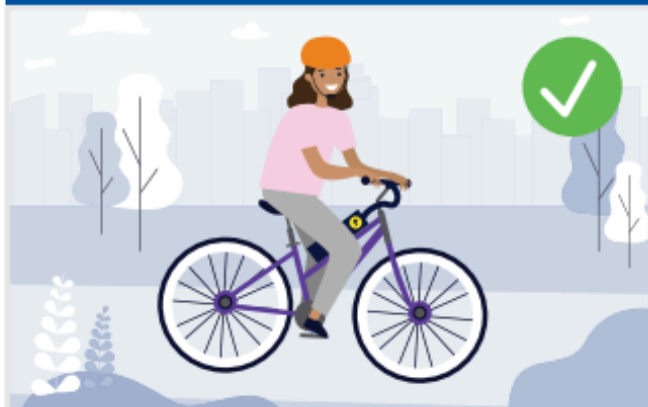
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.





THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2025



Our Commonwealth Journey

Journeys are a fundamental aspect of our lives, helping us to explore, to learn, and to grow. Throughout history, nations, communities and individuals have undertaken their own journeys, navigating the tides of an ever-changing world.

Since its founding in 1949, the Commonwealth has undertaken many journeys to evolve into its current form, with 56 member countries, and recently celebrating its 75th anniversary. There are also many great journeys to be had within the Commonwealth, which spans five continents, is responsible for a third of the world's oceans and has a hugely diverse population of 2.7 billion people.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025, therefore, asks entrants to consider the relevance of journeys in a Commonwealth context, whether geographical, historical or personal. What journeys the Commonwealth has taken or may take in the future, as well as to reflect on their own individual journeys.

TOP PRIZE

The two winners from each age category will be awarded with a **trip to London** for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special **Awards Ceremony** at a Royal Palace.

AWARDS

All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation and a number of entries will receive **Gold**, **Silver** and **Bronze** Awards for excellence in writing.



ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY



THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2025

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 56 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition. The competition is open to nationals or residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories, as well as residents of Hong Kong, Ireland, and Zimbabwe. Please see our **Terms and Conditions** for more details.

HOW TO ENTER

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is open for entries between 14 March and 23 May 2025. For more information on how to enter the competition please visit, www.royalcwsociety.org

Follow @RoyalCWSociety on Facebook, X and Instagram for writing tips! Email: competitions@royalcwsociety.org with any questions.

SENIOR CATEGORY - (14-18 YEARS OF AGE)

Word Count: maximum of 1500 words

1. Equal access to education is enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter as one of the key values and aspirations that unite the Commonwealth. While the Commonwealth has come a long way on the journey towards this, there is still progress to be made. Imagine a Commonwealth in which everyone has the same access to education.
2. National legends and folklore can take us on a journey through history and culture. Retell a famous folklore from your own or another Commonwealth country in a surprising way.
3. "Human beings have always needed the connection of literature – its wisdom as well as its sheer escapism." - Her Majesty Queen Camilla. Books can take us on journeys to the wildest and most unexpected places! Write about a time a book took you on a journey; how did it affect you?
4. From tiny seeds to large redwoods, trees and plants experience changes and growth throughout their life cycles. Write a story about the life journey of a plant growing in the centre of your community; what does it experience?

JUNIOR CATEGORY - (UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

Word Count: maximum of 750 words

1. Together, we represent a third of humanity, with all the splendidly diverse complexity that this entails." - His Majesty King Charles. Learning new information can take us on journeys to new places. Write about a time you learned something interesting about a different Commonwealth country from your own.
2. Commonwealth states range from small island nations like Nauru to larger countries like India. Write an account of a sea voyage from one Commonwealth country to a small island Commonwealth nation. What do you see, who do you meet?
3. You embark on a very special journey when you discover a secret door that takes you into your favourite book! What happens next?
4. October 2024 saw Commonwealth leaders travel to Samoa for the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Imagine what an animal CHOGM would look like! Which animals travel there? What do they discuss?



ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

The Hidden Door

The eucalyptus leaves fell in front of my face and landed on top of my book. I looked up, only to see Michael swinging on top of the branch that was over my head.

"Sorry Luna, I am building a treehouse!" he said.

I rolled my eyes and kept reading.

A stick bounced off my head and my book slipped out of my hands. It fell into the bushes and disappeared.

I hopped down from the tree and went to the bushes.

Strangely, a small doorway shifted in the tree trunk. I, being the curious girl I was, opened the door with a creak. It revealed a dark forest filled with rocks and trees in my path.

Distant neighs of unicorns and hooting owls were heard. I knew where I was. I was in the dark forest at Hogwarts. I couldn't believe it, it's been a dream of mine to be able to enter this wizardry world, and now I'm actually here!

A giant man with a brown bushy beard, emerged from the shadows.

"What are ya doin?", he questioned.

Startled and not knowing how to respond, I sprinted into dark trees and dirt. I ran all the way to the giant castle and Filch greeted me, or shall I say 'scolded'.

"Get back to bed or you'll get in trouble!" he exclaimed.

I knew the whole grounds of Hogwarts off by heart just from reading the books and knew perfectly well what the Gryffindor password was. I walked into the Gryffindor common room and rested on the old armchair by the fire. The warmth of the open flames comforted me and being in the common room of the best house at Hogwarts was thrilling in itself.

What will the students say when they see a muggle in their common room? Oooh, the terror on their faces!

"There is a muggle in here!" someone exclaimed.

"How did they even get here!" said another.

I ran all the way to The Great Hall, where there were at least 1000 children. My shadow molded into the tables.

I took a few pumpkin pasties on my way out, trying to find the exit.

The school gates were wide open and Filch was nowhere to be seen! I sneaked past the gates and entered the courtyard.

My luck got worse from there. The fifth years were having Quidditch practice and I was right nearby. I crept past the game, but suddenly, a bludger came flying at me, and hit me in the eye. It was the most excruciating pain I have ever felt. Some students and teachers saw me, and rushed me to the hospital.

My vision was very blurry, I could only make out me getting carried on a stretcher, but my hearing was perfectly fine. I heard lots of worried and surprised sounds, particularly coming from the professors.

A few hours later, my vision improved and I saw Madame Pomfrey pouring a potion into a glass.

She handed it to me and I took a sip. It tasted a lot like cabbage!

Dumbledore came in with a smile on his face. It must have stretched from ear to ear.

"Why didn't you tell us the truth?" he asked.

My face split into a confused expression.

"How do you know how I got here?" I said.

Dumbledore's face turned into an even wider grin.

"Wizard's have magical ways of knowing!" he replied.

I was about to ask him how, but he strutted off. His dark cloak swayed from side to side.

Michael was going to pay for this.....

A few days later, Dumbledore showed me how to use a port key.

"They're easy enough. You wait for a specific time and you can teleport wherever you want to go" Dumbledore explained.

He pulled out his watch, asked me to hold onto it and he counted down, 3, 2, 1.....

A few seconds later, I stood right at the door where I'd entered the dark forest.

Dumbledore was nowhere to be seen.

"There you are!" screeched Michael.

"It's been hours!" he cried.

I couldn't believe it, it had felt like days.

"Has it really been that short?" I asked.

Michael was confused.

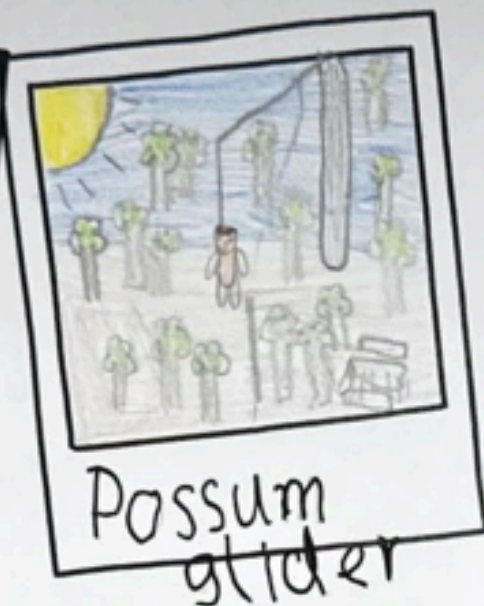
"Anyway, sorry for hurting you with that stick, is there anyway I can make it up to you?" Michael asked.

I rubbed my hands together. This was going to be a fun time.

Well done Rosie in 5BE!

The Day Camp Adventure

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



On May the 12th all the grade threes students came to PGL camps. We were at the Day Camp so we could be prepared for grade 4 camp.

First, we met Blaine, he did a tour of the camp. After the tour was finished we walked to the possum glider. For the possum glider there were three options. Their was the swing the rocket and the tornado I pick the tornado. Secoldly, after the possum glider

we walked to aeroball I was on the Yellow team. My highest score was 235 Points. The Yellow team won by 20 point. The score was 955 to 935.

Thirday, we did Archery it was fun because I hit a bullsie. Blaine taught us how to hit the target I hit it 5 times out of 6.

After camp I was so so tired. I walk strat to bed after camp.

BY Jack Harrington

Grade 3 camp!

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



rock climbing



Snack / lunch



bus

On May 12th all of the grade 3's went on a day camp at PGL camp. We did this to get ready for real camp!

Firstly we were getting on the bus. I sat next to my friends Elise, Vivienne and Liora. I was so excited! It took FOREVER! It was a 1 hour drive!

When we arrived we went into our groups. We did a big tour of the PGL camp site! Then we started the activities.

First I went to the Aeroball area.
the rules were simple, shoot in the hole
you get a point and I only got 1
point! And after I was starving!

Next, we had our snack, I had popcorn,
gummies and fruit it was very
delicious!

After snack, we did the possum
glider, there were 2 types,
tornado or swing, I did the
tornado it was so fun!

After possum glider we had lunch. I
had a burger & some corn yummy!

After lunch, I did rock climbing
and I reached the very top.
It was so high when I
jumped down!

By Ella Scott

Klara

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



On Monday 12th of May all the grade 3's went to Pal Campagne Downs for our first day camp.

When we arrived at Aero Ball we did hitting into a net to get ponits. We did teams my team was called the goats and we got 880 ponits but the lakers got 1180m. 120

Then we did possum glider and everyone had a go. Tornado was everyone's favorite one.

After that we did rock climbing it was really fun. Me^{and} Harry went to the top of the rock climbing.

To end the day we did archery and my first shooting I didn't land the arrow on the target but my 3rd go I made it on blue.

My favourite was rock climbing because I got to throw a bean bag in a bucket and I didn't land it in the bucket I was very close to the bucket.

Ava's

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



On Monday the 12th of May all of the grade 3s went to PGL Campaspe Downs for our grade 3 day camp.

When we arrived at day camp we did aéro ball first. Four people went into one of the trampolines. We had to try and throw the ball into a hoop. I scored forty points on my first go and sixty on my second go.

Then we went on the possum glider. We

had to put on a harness and we got clipped to a rope, to be pulled up. There was three types of things for possum glider that we could do. There was rocket ship where you go straight up into the air. Tornado is where you go in a circle. Lastly there was one where we go up and down. The rest of us had to pull the rope so we could get up.

After lunch we did rock climbing. We had to wear harness again. We had to try to climb to the top. It was really hard! When we went down we floated because of the harness.

To end the day we did archery. We had to try to hit the target, which was yellow. We played a game where you had to try and hit higher then the other person.

My favourite activity was possum
glider because I've never done it
before and it felt like I was flying.
Over all it was a amazing experience.
I can't wait for grade 4 so we
can sleep over night!

Miss. T says

Beautiful work!
13/5.

Erie's ♥

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



On Monday, 12th of May, we went to Campaspe Downs for a grade three day camp which was fun, but I was a bit nervous to go!

Firstly, my favourite was the possum glider, which is where your group pulls a rope that makes you go high and get lifted off the ground! Good thing you can't fall down because you have a harness around you!

Secondly, my second favourite was Aeroball

which is a fun game that you play in groups of two on a trampoline! You need one partner and you go on one side of the trampoline and throw the ball across for the ball to go in the hole and ^{point} get!

Lastly, my last favourite was archery and we learnt how to play archery and how to hold the archery bow! There was a circle board which you have to try and hit with the bow and arrow! There was one more game which was rock climbing but I didn't like it as much as I liked the rest of the activities!

It was a tiring day but I made it through the day! At first I was nervous, but I got good by the end, even though I was tired!

By Erie's ♥

✓ 15/5



Ryan's

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



On Monday the 12th of May, the whole of the grade 3, travelled to Campaspe Downs. Everyone wanted to have tons of fun.

The first activity we did was called the possum glider. Lots of people had to tug a rope backwards to lift up a person with a harness. It was very tiring pulling the rope backwards. When it was my turn, I was very scared at first, but it was

super fun and awesome!!

Next, we had archery, the instructor showed us how to use a bow and an arrow, the first time I shot it, I just casually shot. The next time, we were pretending to make pizzas, I didn't get a great pizza myself.

Lastly, we had rock climbing, it was very time consuming. When it was my turn, I climbed to the top, after a few attempts. There were so many pieces that didn't have as much grip as I needed.

I had a wonderful time and I hope I can come again!!! My favourite activity was Possum Glider!!

✓ 15/5



Allegra's

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



Possum glider



Archery



Rock climbing

On Monday I went to the grade 3 day camp. I got ready, ate breakfast and brushed my teeth. Then I drove to school and hopped on the bus and got a tour.

It was an hour ride to get there but when we got there we did rock climbing and then we had snack. We had really yummy food.

After all of that, we did archery

and when I shot an arrow it went and hit the white bit. Also I got to have another turn and it was so much fun!

Then we did aeroball. Me and Zion were in a team and our team was called the Glitter dragons. We were too short to reach the hoops. But we scored 60 points in total.

The last activity was possum glider. There was three options tornado, swing, rocket and that's all. On the possum glider I did the rocket and the swing.

My favorite activity was possum glider and aeroball then archery and then rock climbing. It was so fun at camp pal!!

14/05/2025

Jake's

Grade 3 Adventure Day Camp



Aeroball



Possum glider



Rock climbing

On Monday I woke up early to go to grade 3 day camp. I got dressed, had breakfast, brushed my teeth and walked to school. When I got to school everyone was lining up at the basketball court. When we got to the camp there was an instructor showing us around the camp. Then each group went to do their activities.

The first activity we did was possum glider. I needed to pull the rope to pull the person up. Someone

had three turns but everyone else had one turn I didn't think that was fair.

Next we did aeroball. We did a practice first, then we did the real game. It was fun. My favourite thing about aeroball was that my team won.

After that we did archery and the instructor said the target was like pizza. Wherever we shot was a topping. Unfortunately I got mushroom anchovies.

Lastly we did rock climbing. In rock climbing I almost made it to the top of the wall and someone actually did make it to the top. The wall was really hard to climb up but I made it past the yellow level. I couldn't get much higher so I went down. I was really tired after rock climbing.

The End

14/05/2025

Grade 3 Day Camp



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