



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 1/22

Monday 7th February 2022

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For your information – Term dates 2022

Term 1 31st January – 8th April

Term 2 26th April – 24th June

Term 3 11th July – 16th September

Term 4 3rd October – 20th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 th	8 th Library Japanese	9 th Breakfast Club 8.30am	10 th	11 th
14 th Art Parent Information Session 3.30pm	15 th Japanese	16 th Breakfast Club 8.30am	17 th	18 th

Upcoming Events

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

- 14th February – Parent Information Session 3.30pm to explain our new parent communication platform COMPASS
- 23rd February – School Council Meeting – 6.00pm
- 10th March - School Photos
- 21st May - Fundraising event – Euroa Market.

Welcome back to the new school year – We hope that everyone enjoyed some special family time and managed to get at least some time to recharge their batteries over the summer break. It was wonderful to see happy, excited faces when our students arrived last Monday morning. We look forward to another great year of learning and social connection at Longwood Primary. The new school year certainly got off to a positive start with lots of enthusiasm and positive attitudes emerging in the classrooms and our prep students easily settling into school life, as have our other new students.

A few reminders ...

- Home reading - all students have received a home reading folder. This is to be filled out whenever your child reads at home.
We remind you that 4-5 nights of reading a week is highly advised. Try to make each session approximately 10 minutes. Use the back of the reading folder for a list of good hints and tips.
- Could we also ask that you take the time to label all your child's clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes and anything else that comes to school this will help us distribute any lost property.
- As always, if you ever have any problems, concerns, questions or queries, drop in or call us - we are here to help!
- Foundation students are not required at school on Wednesday for the month of February.

New Staff for 2022 - Welcome to Cassidy Payne who is our Gr 2-3 teacher and Bec Lurati who will be undertaking our tutor role 2 hours each morning four days a week.



1st day Assembly. Wow can't believe how big we have grown since the beginning of last year!!!!

Information session – We invite all parents to attend our ‘meet and greet’ information session on next Monday 14th, straight after school. At this session we will be explaining our new parent communication platform “COMPASS” to you and handing out your access details. So please make every effort to attend this session.



Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club will commence on Wednesday 9th February at 8.30am, and we held each Wednesday of the term. This is a great opportunity for our students to come together before school to share breakfast in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Students can partake in cereals, fruit, toast, eggs, spaghetti/baked beans, just to name a few of the dishes on offer.

All students welcome!

Fundraising event – We have been offered the BBQ at the Euroa Market on Saturday 21st May. As they have changed the format for this fundraiser, we require someone with a current food handling certificate to be present the entire time. If you have this qualification and would be available to assist on the day even for a period of time, please let Yvonne know. A roster for helpers will be circulated closer to the date. Thank you.

School Council Meeting – the 1st School council meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 6.00pm at Longwood Primary School.

Uniform Price List – School shirts \$20.00 and Hoodies \$25.00. Payment can be made via direct debit to our bank – Longwood Primary School Official Account – 063 682 1002 5842.

Camps, Excursions & Sports funding for 2022 – **New families** holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for CES funding. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. This money is used specifically to cover expenditure on camps, excursions and sporting activities throughout the year. Application forms are available from the school office. Please return these applications asap to ensure you receive your entitlement. Please also provide a copy of your concession card. If you received CSEF funding last year your application is automatically rolled over for this year.

Conveyance Allowance - Students may be eligible for a conveyance allowance when they:

- reside 4.8km or more from their nearest school/campus attended and there is no school bus service provided

If you think, you may qualify for this travel allowance please call into the office on a Monday to pick up an application form.

School Council Elections – Nominations for 2022 School council elections will be called for in the next few weeks. To be a part of the council you don't need any particular qualifications or experience – schools look for enthusiastic parents who want to help improve the learning outcomes for all students. Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging, so please consider putting your hand up to fill one of these vacancies.

Book club - The latest Book Club forms, with an order coupon on the back page, have been sent home today. Simply select any books you would like and return the order and money by the closing date or place your order online. The current issue is due back at school on Monday 21st February. There are often great buys to be found and of course, books are ideal presents for those special occasions.

Personal property/goods at own risk - Personal property or goods brought to school are at the owners own risk. The Department of Education does not have an insurance policy covering these items and does not accept responsibility for anything that may happen to them. My advice is not to bring or allow anything of personal value to come to school.

Student accident insurance arrangements -The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs involved. Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.



It appears our student population isn't the only thing that has grown over the holidays!!

Annual privacy reminder - Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website www.longwoodps.vic.edu.au. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

Parents Club – Unfortunately our Parents Club has been inoperative for the last few years. With an increase in families at the school we are looking to getting it up and running again. Parents' clubs promote the welfare of, and provide support to, the school and its community. Parents are key partners in their child's learning. By interacting with the school and other parents, parents' club members can use their skills and experience to work collaboratively with others in supporting the school and its students, and build a sense of community within the school.

The role of a parents' club is threefold:

- to provide support, in various forms, for the school, its students and community, including raising funds for the benefit of the school
- to work in cooperation with the principal, staff and school council in building effective partnerships between home and school
- to encourage diversity by getting to know the parents of other children at the school, and to support the operation of the school

If you are interested in being involved in Parents Club please let your child's teacher know, thank you.



New Portable – Our portable building had a major makeover during the holidays and is now ready for our Gr 2-3 class. Our Outside School Hour Care program will also operate out of this building. See below for more details regarding the care program.



Playgroup. Will begin again on Tuesday the 8th of February at 9:30am. Songs, play and morning tea are provided. We are so looking forward to seeing how much everyone has grown and welcoming our new members! In the meantime you can like our Facebook page linked here for all further updates:
<https://www.facebook.com/.../permalink/1331121897405615/>.

Out of School Hours Care - Starting on the 7th of February, Longwood Primary School will proudly offer out of school hours care! Enrolment forms are now available from the office.

The Longwood Wine, Beer and Cider Festival will be held on Saturday 26th February at the Longwood Recreation centre commencing at 2.00pm until 8.00pm.



This is a market-style outdoor event that showcases local and regional craft beer, local wine and ciders, served by the producer. Plus quality food vendors from the area, live music and children's activities.

Proceeds from the Festival go to the Longwood Football Netball Club, plus benefits other local community groups and business.

As per Victorian Government Regulations for gated events, all Vendors and Patrons 18 years and over are required to QR Code scan on entry and **SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION**.

Tickets are on sale via their ticket links for \$25 presale. Tickets are available at the gate for \$30. All patrons must QR Code on way in. **Under 18s are FREE!** We encourage all ages to come along and will be catering for the young ones also. Under 18's do need to purchase a free ticket this year, for recording purposes. As this is a licensed event, Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times and will not be served at our bars - ID will be checked.

On this day also, the Longwood Football/Netball Club will be hosting a preseason match against the Coburg Football/Netball Club, so make a real day out of it by coming along to support our local teams. Games will commence at 12.00 noon.

**LONGWOOD
PRIMARY SCHOOL
OSHC**

WE OFFER:

- Before and after school care hours for children aged 5 years and above.
- A safe and caring environment
- Student lead learning
- Healthy snacks
- Low cost

Before School Hours:
Monday to Friday, 7 am - 8:45 am

After School Hours:
Monday to Friday, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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