



**Our School
Our Community**

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 11/23

Monday 9th October 2023

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 th	10 th Japanese	11 th	12 th Breakfast Club 8.30am	13 th Student led interviews 11.00am-6.00pm
15 th Library	16 th	17 th	18 th Breakfast Club 8.30am	19 th Art

Upcoming Events

- 11th, 17th, 24th and 31st October - 2024 foundation student transition day – 2.15-3.15pm
- **13th October – Student led interview – 11am – 6pm – Pupil Free Day but OSHC will be on**
- 18th October – School Council meeting 6.00pm
- 28th October – Euroa Show
- 31st October – Halloween
- 3rd November – Curriculum Day – Pupil Free
- 7th November – Melbourne Cup public holiday
- 11th November – Science Works excursion
- 14th & 21st November - 2024 foundation student transition day – half day
- 28th November - 2024 foundation student transition day – Full day
- 29th November – Ditto visit – 10.00am
- 5th December - 2024 foundation student transition day – Full day
- 6th December – Gr 6 graduation
- 11th December – Swimming program
- 12th December – State Wide transition
- 15th December – End of Year Awards night
- 20th December – **Last day Term 4**

Euroa Show and Shine – Thank you to those who assisted at the Euroa Show and Shine. Between our cake/produce stall and manning of the two gates we should raise approximately \$1650.



BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

- As our school is on the BARR (bushfire at-risk register) we provide parents with the following information -



School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in the community and for school and household level fire plans.

Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at some

lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) / a category 4 school.

Our school will enact its pre-emptive action plan for closure on a day forecasted as **Extreme fire danger rating** in our **local government area (LGA), Strathbogie shire.**

Our school will also close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in Strathbogie shire fire district.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day.**

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter and SMS message/phone. Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and practised preparedness actions with the children. We have prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
- You can access current information about school and early childhood services closures, including those due to elevated fire danger, on the Department of Education and Training's website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Transition dates for 2024 foundation students – Our transition program for 2024 foundation students will commence on Tuesday 29th August – 2.15pm-3.15pm and then continue the following Tuesday – September 5th, 12th. In Term 4 sessions will be at the same time on October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. Sessions on the 14th and 21st November will be half day sessions and then the 28th November and 5th December will be full day sessions leading up to the State Wide transition day on Tuesday 12th December.

Parent Payment – School Council has set the voluntary parent payment at \$230.00 per student for 2023. 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. Thank you to those parents who have already made this payment your support is greatly appreciated.

Division Athletics – We have 3 students – Ella, Jethro and Zoe – representing Longwood Primary School at Division Athletics at Epping today following their great performance at District Athletics in Shepparton last term.

Pub Raffle – Thank you to our volunteers who sold raffle tickets at the Whitehart hotel in September. We raised \$245.00. Our last date is the 17th November and we are looking for helpers to sell raffle tickets for the meat tray. Proceeds from these raffles go towards educational programs that benefit all students during the year. If you can help on any of these dates, please contact Rose or Travis.

Science Works Excursion – Students are heading off to Science Works on Wednesday 11th November for a fun day as they explore the interactive exhibitions and other experiences Science Works offer to extend curious minds of all ages.



This little sugar glider was spotted in our gum trees over the holidays.

ESC Writers Competition – Several of our students submitted entries to the ESC Writers Competition last term. All these students received a certificate to acknowledge their writing efforts at a special presentation at our end of term assembly.

Congratulations to Harriet Trembath who was a prize winner in the Primary School section for her story “Goodbye”. Well done, Harriet. Keep up the good writing.



RUOK DAY – Thank you to all who joined us for our RUOK morning tea. We hope that you enjoyed this day and had the opportunity to ask someone the question Are you OK? Don't forget that this question can be asked at any time, not just on RUOK day.



Gr 3-4 Outdoor Camp – Despite the wet weather our Gr 3-4 student has a great time on their Outdoor Camp at 15 Mile Creek. Our students were exceptionally behaved, worked well in teams to complete activities and undertook many challenges which took them beyond their normal confidence level.





Euroa Arb and Friends Wildflower Day



Activities for Kids
& Adults

Saturday 28th
October
10am - 4.30pm

- Welcome to Country
- Grassland Tours
- Stories for kids in the nest
- Zumba & Qi Gong
- Building a Bee hotel
- Minibeasts Wander
- Bandicoots and Bilbies
- Making a flower press
- Coffee Van, Lunch included
- Partner Stalls

• \$10 adults
• \$5 kids
• \$25 families



Children's Week 2023 21-29 October



Fun in the Park with Start Outdoors

Jubilee Park, Avenel | 21 Oct, 10am - noon

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/fun-in-the-park-at-jubilee-park>



Come and Play with GV Libraries

Avenel Library | 21 Oct, 10am - noon

More information: 1300 374 765 or avenel@gvlibraries.com.au



Nature Art with Euroa Arboretum

Euroa Arboretum | 22 Oct, 10am - noon

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/nature-art-at-the-arboretum>



THE EUROA SHOW IS RETURNING IN 2023!



In the past our students have loved entering in some of the craft and other competitions at the Show. It might be a fun way to keep kids entertained over the holidays.

Check out the Schedule of Activities they can enter to at <https://www.euroashow.org.au/schedules>

The Euroa Agricultural Society Inc. is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of the Euroa Show, now in its remarkable 131st year.

Join us for the spectacular two-day event, starting on Saturday, October 28th, and featuring horse and yard dog only events on Sunday, October 29th.

Immerse yourself in the heart of agriculture as we showcase your favourite array of farm animals, livestock exhibitions, insightful demonstrations, and engaging agricultural competitions. From prize-winning cattle, poultry, goats, sheep, talented shearers and wool exhibits, to magnificent horses and sheep dog trials, witness the beauty and diversity of our rich agricultural roots.

But that's not all! Discover our much loved annual pavilion exhibits, where masterful craftsmanship and creative talent come to life. Explore the displays of local produce, intricate handcrafts, delectable baked goods, stunning floral arrangements and artwork. Marvel at the dedication and skill of our community members as they showcase the best of what our region has to offer.

Of course, we're also bringing you the classic highlights you've come to love – exhilarating side shows, rides, show bags, trade stalls, and sensational entertainment. This year, we are proud to introduce some exciting new additions that will take your experience to the next level!

Stay connected with us for the latest updates by following our [facebook page](#). This is an event you won't want to miss!

Don't forget to save the date and spread the word! See you at the #EuroaShow2023!

wellways

Unlock mental wellness at our 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' workshop. Explore mindfulness, stress management, and tackle unhelpful thoughts. Gain practical tools to enhance your mental health and thrive. Join us on this transformative journey towards wellbeing.



Mental Health and Well-Being Workshop

JOIN FREE

Contact Suma to RSVP on
0468657066

20, Oct, 2023 | 1:30 pm
Nagambie Lakes Community House
363 High St, Nagambie

Bendigo Bank

The Nagambie Branch of the Bendigo Bank has opened its [Community Grants](#) program, with applications due by Friday 27 October. (You can find the link to the application form by entering 'Nagambie' into the search bar on the linked page, or scroll down the webpage to the second last grant opportunity on the list).

The key information for an application is:

- make sure your project proposal demonstrates community need and is broadly benefiting the community, not only your organisation
- break down your budget into as much detail as possible
- grants for purely sporting activities cannot be funded due to tax rules around sport not being a charitable activity but if your sporting club is proposing a project that benefits the community more broadly, particularly by meeting the needs of disadvantaged communities, it may still be able to be funded.
- talk to the grants contact before making your application is strongly recommended. The contact is Charleen Warburton, marketing@heathcotenagambie.community Mobile: 0408 572 808

The grants program can fund projects from under \$10k in value to potentially larger projects or feasibility studies in the order of \$100-150k. The key is demonstrating community need and benefit.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

TUESDAY, 31 OCT

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FUN | MUSIC | GAMES

Mechanics Hall, Nagambie

6pm- 8pm

Entry: \$5 per child or \$10 max for a family (supervising adult/s free)

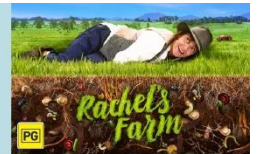
Photo opportunity: \$2 per child or \$5 per family. Images will be edited as below.



All ages welcome

RACHEL'S FARM - Community Choice movie

Saturday 30 September, 7:30pm | Sunday 1 October, 4pm
Film director and actress Rachel Ward is not the first person you'd expect to join a farming revolution. In this triumphant film, Rachel voyages from wilful ignorance about the ecological impacts of conventional agriculture on her own rural property, to embracing a movement to restore the health of Australia's farmland, food and climate.
PG | Documentary | 88 minutes



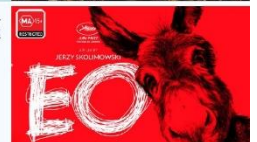
EO - Subtitled

Friday 6 October, 8pm

The world is a mysterious place when seen through the eyes of an animal. EO, a grey donkey with melancholic eyes, meets good and bad people on his life's path.

Cast: Isabelle Huppert, Mateusz Kosciukiewicz, Sandra Drzymalska
MA 15+ | Drama | Foreign film | 87 minutes

Please note 8pm Fri./Sat. start time starting October 6th



PAST LIVES -

Some subtitles

Saturday 7 October, 8pm | Sunday 8 October, 4pm

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrest apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. 20 years later, they are reunited...

Cast: John Magaro, Teo Yoo, Jojo T. Gibbs, Greta Lee
M | Drama, Romance | 106 minutes



MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3

Saturday 14 October, 8pm | Sunday 15 October, 4pm

Join the Portokalos family as they travel to a family reunion in Greece for a heart-warming and hilarious trip full of love, twists and turns.

Cast: Elena Kampouris, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor, Lainie Kazan, Nia Vardalos, Andrea Martin
PG | Comedy, Drama, Romance | 92 minutes



RETRIBUTION

Saturday 21 October, 8pm | Sunday 22 October, 4pm

A bank executive receives a bomb threat while driving his children to school that his car will explode if they stop and get out. A remake of the film "El Desconocido."

Cast: Liam Neeson, Norma Dumezweni, Lilly Aspell, Jack Champion, Arian Moayed, Embeth Davidtz and Matthew Modine.
M | Action | 90 minutes



TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM

Community Choice movie

Saturday 28 October, 8pm | Sunday 29 October, 4pm

In Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem, after years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers.

Cast: Micah Abbey, Shamon Brown Jr., Nicolas Cantu, Brady Noon
PG | Action, Adventure | 99 minutes



The Euroa Community Cinema is supported by Strathbogie Shire Council and is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you have a suggestion for a movie, please let us know by email at - euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au
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