



**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 2/24

Monday 19th February 2024

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For your information – Term dates 2024

Term 1 30th January – 28th March

Term 2 15th April – 28th June

Term 3 15th July – 20th September

Term 4 7th October – 20th December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 th Library	20 th Japanese Drama PE	21 st No Preps Breakfast Club 8.30am	22 nd	23 rd
26 th PE & Health (Please wear appropriate footwear)	27 th Art Japanese PE	28 th No Preps Breakfast Club 8.30am	29 th	1 st

Upcoming Events

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

- 21st February – School Council Meeting – 6.00pm
- 26th February – 4.00pm close of nominations for School Council
- 11th March – Labour Day public holiday

Parent Payment – Thank you to those who have paid their Parent contribution for this year. We appreciate your prompt attention to this as it greatly helps our finances at the beginning of the year when we have made big outlay for our back-to-school supplies. School Council set the voluntary parent payment at \$250.00 per student for 2024. 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 attended our Information Session last Friday. We hope that you were able to go home knowing a little bit more about how we operate at Longwood Primary School and the programs we use to teach our students.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club has commenced on Wednesdays. 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. Any offers of assistance to help with cooking and washing up afterwards would be appreciated.

Camps, Excursions & Sports funding for 2024 – **New families** holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for CES funding. \$150 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.

National Young Leaders Day – Our Gr 6 leaders attended the NYLD in Melbourne on Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to hear from some outstanding individuals and learn how they have become who they are today. This year's speakers included -

Anastasia Woolmer who truly believes that the mind can be trained to perform remarkable feats without any exceptional abilities. She now trains athletes, performers, and others in memory techniques.

Bryson Klein is a multiple Australian ninja warrior grand finalist and has competed on the show since season 2.

Jane Bunn is a highly accomplished meteorologist with over eighteen years' experience forecasting the weather in Australia and the US.

Melissa Barbieri is one of Australia's most well-known female footballers, making 86 appearances over 13 years for the Matildas. Melissa represented Australia in an incredible four World Cups, one of only two Australian women to do so. She represented Australia in the Olympic Games in 2004 and had the great honour of captaining the Matildas when they won the 2010 AFC Women's Asian Cup. Considered a goal keeping legend, she is a Football Victoria Hall of Fame member and in the 2023-24 A-League Women's season has been with Melbourne City as a playing assistant coach. This is a record breaking 26th season as a professional footballer.



School Council Meeting – the 1st School council meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 21st 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.

School Council Elections – Nominations are currently open for 7 vacancies on School Council. Nominations close on 26th February @ 4.00pm. If nominations exceed vacancies council elections will take place closing on 12th March @ 4.00pm. If you are interested in standing for School Council please obtain a self-nomination form from the office.

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.

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.

General Reminder - Food allergies are becoming increasingly common among children. We wish to advise we currently have student/s in your child's classroom who have severe allergy to nuts and/or other allergens - any exposure to these items, even a tiny amount, could be potentially very serious and life threatening for these children.

We ask our students and families to help make the school environment safer for all students, by following these simple suggestions:

- Please, where possible, try and avoid sending any foods that contain nuts, such as peanut butter or nutella sandwiches, muesli or health bars with nuts, to school with your child.
- Please always contact the Classroom Teacher *before* sending any food for sharing with the class for special celebrations like birthdays, Easter or Christmas.
- Please remind your child never to share his/her food and drinks with other students.
- Please wash your child's face and hands thoroughly before they leave home, especially if your child has eaten nuts/allergens prior to coming to school.
- Please remind your child often to wash their hands before and after eating.

We greatly appreciate your support for children with food allergies. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for helping to support our school community.

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

LONGWOOD BEER WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL

Beer - Wine - Cider - Spirits
Food Vendors - Kid's Activities
Live Music

For the Love of Ale 2024

SATURDAY FEB 24 2024 2PM - 8PM
LONGWOOD - VICTORIA

BROOKE TAYLOR
IAIN ARCHIBALD BAND - SUNDAY LEMONADE
SWIM STATE - NEALE WILLIAMS

Tickets & Info: longwoodforthe loveofale.com.au

LONGWOOD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR INFORMATION NIGHT & SEASON LAUNCH
February 15th - 5.30pm

Event Program

- 5.30pm - All Junior Netball
- 5.30pm - U/10's kick around and games
- 5.30pm - U/15 Football training commences
- 6.45/7pm - Information and Registration
- 7pm - BBQ Dinner and Drinks @ JC Bar

Club Information

- ✓ BBQ Dinner
- ✓ Membership Info
- ✓ Active Kids Grants

Contact President Ricki Shiner
0411 152 536

Go Nagambie on water

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SAT 24TH FEB 2024, 10AM - 6PM
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WHY WE LIVE OUT HERE TOUR
KATHERINE OUTBACK EXPERIENCE,
CHRIS MATTHEWS, MELISSA FRASER & LAURA FRANK

Family friendly event:

- 1hr National award-winning Outback Horse & Dog Show
- 2hrs Live music

NAGAMBIE
SUN 24 MAR 2024

NAGAMBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATES OPEN 3:00PM | SHOW 3:30PM-6:30PM

ONLINE TICKETS: ADULT: \$40 | SENIOR: \$35 | STUDENTS (6-17YR): \$25 | KIDS (5YR&U): FREE | FAMILY: \$117
COMPANION CARD ACCEPTED | *SMALL ONLINE BOOKING FEE | DOOR TICKETS \$10 MORE | DOOR FAMILY: \$135
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAIL | BYO CHAIRS | OUTDOOR EVENT

TICKETS: WWW.TOMCURTAIN.COM.AU

