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## LINDENOW PRIMARY SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025

### EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

##### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 1-6  
Swimming  
Carnival

##### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome BBQ  
Evening event all  
school  
community

#### MARCH

##### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Labour Day  
Public Holiday

##### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Staff Professional  
Development  
Student Free Days

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an awesome start it has been to the school year. Students have settled in extremely well to their new classrooms and have been busy getting set up and getting into their learning routine.

#### HATS, HATS, HATS!

A reminder that all students must be wearing a wide-brimmed hat at recess, lunch, and during all excursions. We also have sunscreen at school, but it is also a good idea to put some on before you get to school. These are important parts of our Sun Smart policy.

#### WELCOME BARBECUE – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Our annual barbecue is not far away. This is a chance to visit your child's classroom and hear more about the year ahead. There will be sausages available and the presentation of leadership badges.

#### SCHOOL FUNDING

We are extremely excited to hear that Victorian government schools will now be fully funded. Previously we only received 94-96% of our total amount each year. Now, with a 2.5 billion investment across the state means we will be fully funded from the beginning of 2026.

#### RAMPS & BUILDING WORKS

There has been a slight hold-up in the construction of our refurbished access ramps. We are still waiting for the permit to be confirmed, then hopefully work will begin before the end of term 1. Our student toilet block is also due to be refurbished, so this year will mainly be the planning and tender stage. Then work will begin in early 2026.

#### LUNCH ORDERS

It will be great to have lunch orders available from the Lindenow General Store again from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a menu sent home with students early next week and all orders need to be written on a brown paper bag with money inside. Students are responsible for dropping their lunch order into the box outside the front of the Wy Yung building.

**\*\*Assembly is led by our school captains every Monday at 2.50pm\*\***

Remember to slip, slop, slap this weekend!

Mr Cairns

# **OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE CHANGING...**

Everyone at Lindenow PS is familiar with our school values - the 3 Rs (Respect, Responsibility and Resilience).

We are now adding a FOURTH 'R' – RELATIONSHIPS.

Our school views this as the perfect addition to our existing values. Positive relationships are extremely important at school, at home, and out in our community. We want to teach our students and have our families model how we build positive relationships with each other, in all environments.

This is an exciting addition to our school community and you will see some changes to our student certificates and displays around the school. We consider the Relationship value an important life skill that we want all students to possess by the time they leave our school.



## **Art Room News**



**Welcome** to the Art Room for 2025!

To start the year Art will be on Wednesdays for 3/4 and 5/6,  
and Thursdays for 1/2 and Preps.

**Preps, Grade 1 and 2** will be learning and revising their knowledge of the Art Elements of Line, Colour and Shape through 2D artworks inspired by self-portraiture, families, communities and First Nations artist Naomi Hobson. Students will have the opportunity to experiment and create with a range of art mediums.

**Grade 5/6 and 3/4** will be starting a new program for the Art Room – Teaching for Artistic Behaviours (TAB). The TAB approach uses the idea of **the student is the artist** and **the art room is their studio space**. This gives students a lot more opportunity for **choice and ownership** over what ideas they explore and how they wish to create.

Each week specific **creative centers** will be available (open) to encourage diverse creative experiences, experimentation and meaningful artwork. We will also be engaging in '**workshops**' where we learn new skills.

Some creative centers will be 'open' at different times, for example 3D design, whilst others will always be 'open', for example drawing. There will be expectations explained to the students about creating **WOW, Wonderful Original Works of art**, and these will be presented to audiences in the school and the community, with the Lindenow Art Exhibition in May being our first major display.

**Folios:** As with last year, students will each have a folio where their 2D art will be safely stored. If there are any at home, please help to have them returned. New students will receive their own folio. Students will be able to take their folios home to share at the end of each semester and then they are returned to school empty and ready for the next semester.

**Art smocks** are provided and worn each art session to help protect school uniforms.

I am looking forward to another year of being creative with the students at Lindenow PS.

*Pauline Crunden*

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### *Help Us Keep Our Breakfast Program Running - Volunteers Needed!*

Our school's Breakfast Program is a vital initiative that ensures every child starts the day with a full stomach and a strong sense of community. We want to extend a huge thank you to the parents who generously volunteered last year, your support made such a difference!

As we begin a new year, we urgently need parent and community volunteers to keep this program running smoothly. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 AM to 9:10 AM, helping to set up, serve, and pack away breakfast. Your presence not only provides meals but also creates a warm and welcoming environment where students feel supported and connected.

Even if you can only spare one morning a week, your help would be greatly appreciated! Volunteering is a fantastic way to be involved in the school community and make a direct impact on our student's wellbeing.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email: [sharon.byrne@education.vic.gov](mailto:sharon.byrne@education.vic.gov) or message me on Class Dojo.

Thank you for your support, we can make sure every child starts the day ready to learn!

*Sharon Byrne*

**Student Wellbeing & Mental Health Leader**

