

CLASS NEWS FROM TWO/THREE

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks in Grade 2/3, with students also looking forward to our camp at Allambee!

In Maths, we have been exploring multiplication and division. Students have been developing their understanding of equal groups, sharing and grouping, and using a range of strategies to solve problems. We have also revised measurement and using a ruler, as well as the language used when completing exercises about metres, centimetres and millimetres. Students have also been working at telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks.

In English, students have finalised and practised their speeches about a favourite place they would like to visit in Australia. They have been working on speaking clearly, using expression and confidence, and sharing interesting reasons for their choice. A special congratulations to Marley, who represented the Grade 3/4 students at the Zone-level Lions Club competition. Well done, Marley!

We have also been learning about procedural texts, focusing on how to write clear, well-ordered instructions. This learning has connected beautifully with our science investigations.

Our science unit has been all about forces. We have been investigating pushes and pulls, learning about gravity, and exploring how forces can make objects move, stop or change direction. A highlight has been using a toy car launcher to investigate forces and movement. Students made their own toy car launcher and used their learning to write a procedural text explaining how to make one. It has been wonderful to see students combining their scientific and writing skills!

In Phonics, we have been focusing on the sounds and spelling patterns /eer/, /ear/, /air/ and /are/. Students have been identifying these sounds in words and practising using the different spelling patterns when reading and writing.

We also had lots of fun celebrating Footy Colours Day! It was wonderful to see the students proudly wearing their favourite team colours and enjoying the opportunity to celebrate footy together while also raising funds to support kids fighting cancer.

Our camp at Allambee has been a great way to finish the term. Students enjoyed spending time together, trying new experiences, challenging themselves and building their independence. It was fantastic to see everyone got involved, supporting one another and making special memories along the way.



Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilson, and Mr Baker
Two/Three Team

CLASS NEWS FROM FOUR/FIVE & SIX

We welcome Mackai Holland who is currently undertaking his preservice teacher placement from Southern Cross University. Mackai will be with our school and classroom until early in Term 4. The students have enjoyed some different lessons that he has been delivering, including geography and maths.



Students have been calculating larger distances in the yard using trundle wheels and measuring tapes. They have discovered the difference between hectares, acres and square metres and have plotted out the school playground using grid paper for accurate scale. Students have been practising rounding off numbers to the nearest metre; looking at direction, alignment and their own place in space to adjust bearings and movement between structures.



Following recent Behind The News episodes, students have been writing opinion pieces about Australian Farms belonging to Australian farmers. They have also been creating 2-way and 3-way Venn diagrams based on changes to the world mapping system from Mercator (straight navigation angles that can distort) to Equal Earth which shows the true relative size of the world's landmasses.



Term 4 topics will include Government (local, state and federal), Economics (designing and running their own small business) and Safety (water safety, hazards, cycle safety).



Mr Kilpatrick, and Mr. Miller
Grade 4/5 & 6 Team



As we come to the end of another fantastic term at Ripplebrook OSHC, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful OSHC families for your continued support, encouragement and involvement throughout the term. It has been such a busy and exciting term, and it has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, build friendships and make so many special memories together. From creative activities and cooking to outdoor play, games, challenges and plenty of laughter, there has certainly never been a dull moment! A highlight has been watching the children take ownership of their experiences at OSHC, sharing their ideas, trying new things and supporting one another. It is this sense of community that makes our OSHC such a special place, and I am incredibly proud of the way our children continue to demonstrate kindness, respect, resilience and our Ripplebrook school values.

Important Payment Update Direct Debit Details

We would also like to remind families about an upcoming change to our direct debit payment arrangements. Due to the recent RBA ruling, we will no longer be able to facilitate the direct pass-through of card payment-related fees for payments made via Visa, Mastercard or American Express from the implementation date. Going forward, all families will need to have their direct debit details set up using a bank account BSB and account number. Visa, Mastercard/debit card and American Express details will no longer be accepted for direct debit payments. We kindly ask families to please update their payment details to BSB and Account Number as soon as convenient to ensure there is no disruption to future payments. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we make this change.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Ripplebrook families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break! I hope everyone enjoys some well deserved time together, whether you are heading away, enjoying some adventures or simply taking the opportunity to slow down and recharge.

Thank you for another wonderful term at Ripplebrook OSHC. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for more fun, friendships, adventures and memories!

Stay safe, enjoy the holidays and we'll see you next term!



Ms Scanlon, and Miss Miller
OSHC Team

MEAL DEAL



**Stickybeaks from the
School Office \$10**

**Meal Deal \$9 per student
Lunch \$ 6
Treat \$3**

Hot lunch is prepared by Ms Scanlon and a parent helper each Friday.

The cost is \$9 per student for lunch and a treat. All money and orders need to be in on a Wednesday morning (students normally bring these in their Stickybeaks reusable bags which are available for \$10 from the office) and put in their lunch order tub that will be in their classroom so it can be counted for catering purposes.

Please note from time to time the Hot Lunch menu can change from what is originally planned, but we will endeavour to let you know asap if this happens.

Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helper
9/10	Sticky beef noodles	Choc coated ice cream	
16/10	Gnocchi Bake	Lemon slice	
23/10	Chicken burger with chips	Chocolate chip cookie donut loaf	
30/10	Spaghetti and meatballs	Anzac caramel slice	
6/11	No hot lunch due to extra long weekend		

Ms. Scanlon is looking for parents to help with Hot Lunch this year, if you would like to help her with this, please let Paula know. You will need to make sure you have a valid WWCC and that we have a copy of it.

CHAPPY NEWS

Hello, I'm your School Chaplain Samantha Bond or 'Chappy'. I have been a School Chaplain for 15 years in Qld and Vic, primary and high school. School Chaplains work closely with Mental Health and Wellbeing support in the school and are here for students, families and staff. My role is to support the wellbeing program of the whole school in this community.

I am here every Tuesday and Wednesday. Chaplains run social skills and wellbeing groups, lunch programs, one to one mentoring and just support across the school generally. I can also arrange food hampers etc. If you feel your child would benefit from one to one mentoring, you can contact me through the school, MHIPs (Mrs. Smith), or via email

samantha.bond@education.vic.gov.au

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2026:

Last year we participated in Operation Christmas Child, as many schools do. We are collecting these gift filled shoeboxes again this year. Samaritans Purse are the organisation who facilitate this awesome program of sending shoeboxes filled with useful gifts to children in countries less fortunate than ours. For many years they have also been there supplying needs and help in many disasters across the globe and still do. You can be part of this again this year as a family or by joining with another family to fill the shoebox and pay the postage which is \$12.50. Last year we packed 2 shoeboxes in each class with our classmates and our 9 boxes went to children in Cambodia. We will do this again but we can send even more if families can join in too. There will be a collection point in the office from week 9 Term 3 until 21st October term 4. You can find more information online at <https://samaritanspurse.org.au/about-us/who-we-are/> or you can see 'Chappy' or call or email me samantha.bond@education.vic.gov.au Please contact me if you need a shoebox.

Recommended "Wow" Items

- Toys: Soccer balls with pumps, dolls, stuffed animals, or large toy trucks.
- Activities: Jump ropes, musical instruments, or dress-up items.
- Accessories: Small backpacks or purses.

Standard Gift Suggestions

- School Supplies: Pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, and index cards.
- Personal Care: Combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, washcloths, and fun band-aids.
- Clothing: Socks, t-shirts, or hats.

Items to Avoid

- Do Not Include: Toothpaste, soap, food, candy, gum, used or damaged items, breakable items, or war-related toys (like toy guns or knives).



CHAPPY NEWS

FUN WITH LUNCH TIME CLUBS!

COOKING CLUB-ALTERNATING WEDNESDAYS AT SNACK

Every second Wednesday. This month, the students have enjoyed Baked Sushi Squares and Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls



CHAPLAINCY GROUP WORK

Unlimited (Potential) Group 4,5,6.

Using the skills for resilience, thinking of others and using our values-thinking of how we might help others reach their full potential too, the group came up with some ideas to make a difference in our school community in a variety of ways. They designed some wellbeing posters and made some cookies and iced them with the letters to spell 'UNLIMITED POTENTIAL'. Then they went to all the classrooms and shared a little of what they had learned and shared the cookies with the students. Then at lunch time they ran a scavenger hunt they put together with the 'treasure' at the end being icecream in cones. Well done our 'Unlimited' group, you did an amazing job! The next day we had a small celebration and presented their certificates.

Next Term the rest of Grades 4,5 and 6 will take part in the 'Seasons for Growth' Program, so please bring your permission notes back as soon as possible!



REMEMBER THAT LAUGHTER IS GOOD MEDICINE :))

KIDS HELPLINE- PARENT HELP

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>



Kids Helpline is for everyone really. It's a safe site that children from 5 years-adults can access and get information on friendship issues to emotional guidance relevant to the age. Parents and children/youth can use the site for counselling via online webchat or a free call from mobile or landline on 1800 55 1800.

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS JUST LIKE YOU

There are also groups you can join for support online through their website. Parenting help and for children seeking some help.



Ms Sam Bond
Chappy
School Chaplain

COMMUNITY NEWS

Your Local Tree Nursery

Locally Grown

Our trees are grown right here in Gippsland, ready to enhance any setting, whether it's your garden, property, driveway, or outdoor space.

Quality You Can See

Our range of deciduous and climate-ready trees, grown in 40cm to 100L containers and reaching 2m to 4m tall, is ready to make an instant impact.

Experience & Friendly Service

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Speech Pathology Capacity

Little Fox Children's Therapy is excited to welcome Speech Pathologist Courtney Shears to the team.

In 2024, Courtney will be accepting new speech pathology referrals in the postcodes 3818 & 3821 for young children between the ages of 5 - 12 who need speech pathology support.

Please get in touch with us if your child or student requires support with any of the areas listed below.

Understanding
Spoken
Language

Verbally
Expressing
their Thoughts
& Ideas

Social
Communication
Skills

Clarity of
Speech

Phonological
Awareness

Learning to
Read & Spell

Little Fox Children's Therapy

Contact us now at: www.littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com
or via email: admin@littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com



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FRIDAY
2ND OCTOBER

START TIME
9:00AM

A, B, C & D GRADE
SINGLES

COST
\$30

- ✓ GREAT COMPETITION
- ✓ ALL GRADES WELCOME
- ✓ FUN, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

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STEM ZONE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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EMAIL: hello@stemzone.com.au

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DAY SESSION
New kids 15

September 28
Monday

9 am - 4 pm: Creative Crew!

This crafty session is imagination central! Children will be occupied all day long making a range of projects to take home with them. A wide range of activities using a different materials including clay, paper & paint and even small sewing projects!

September 29
Tuesday

9 am - 4 pm: Budding Scientists!

Calling all budding scientists! Come along for a full day of experiments and projects to explore the wonderful world of Science. From fast, dynamic experiments to using low boiling point polymer to design and create a figurine, your child's curiosity will be required for this fun, dynamic session!

September 30
Wednesday

9 am - 4 pm: Squishy Central

In this squishy session, children will be occupied all day long making different kinds of squishy! Kids can't get enough of these mushy, spongy, doughy creations!

October 1
Thursday

9 am - 4 pm: Robotics & Beginner Coding

In this technology session, children will be guided through two different types of robots & coding for beginners. The first with our Indi robots that use colours to direct the robot and then they build a robot and code it to perform some simple actions. The excitement is palpable in these sessions!

Get in the Zone!

Reminder: Children must bring a labelled drink bottle and lunch!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS

RUN BY GIPPSLAND TENNIS COACHING

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER - THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

9:00AM - 10:30AM

DROUIN TENNIS CLUB
New Members Welcome

DROUIN TENNIS CLUB

11:00AM - 12:30PM

St Paul's
ANGELIAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WARRAGUL ST PAUL'S

1:00PM - 2:30PM

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MOE TENNIS CLUB

3:00PM - 4:30PM

St Paul's
ANGELIAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

TRARALGON ST PAUL'S

OPEN DAYS

OPEN DAY!
WEDNESDAY
2ND SEPTEMBER
4:00PM

OPEN DAY!
THURSDAY
3RD SEPTEMBER
4:00PM

CONTACT JAMIE DUNN
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BOOK NOW!
SPACES ARE LIMITED



OUR SCHOOL VALUES Be Responsible
Be Safe

Be Respectful
Be an Active Learner

Be Resilient

COMMUNITY NEWS



GET FIRE READY WITH HALLORA AND DISTRICTS BRIGADE

CFA is calling on Victorians to 'Get Fire Ready' ahead of what's predicted to be a high-risk 2026-27 fire season.

As part of CFA's Get Fire Ready campaign, Hallora and Districts Fire Brigade is inviting residents in Drouin South, Lardner, Hallora and Ripplebrook to attend a Get Fire Ready event on 10 Oct between 1:30 pm – 3:30pm at Drouin South Fire Station, 509 Main South Road, Drouin South and learn practical steps to help protect their homes, families and properties.

Community members can speak directly with CFA volunteers about:

- their local fire risks
- creating or updating a fire plan
- preparing their property before summer
- setting up the VicEmergency app and watch zones.

Hallora Fire Brigade will have a range of information available for you to take home on the day.

Hallora Fire Brigade is encouraging the local community to come along, have a chat with local volunteers and learn how a few simple actions now can help them feel more prepared and confident ahead of summer.

"We want people to understand the fire risk that exists in our area and what they can do now to be better prepared before summer".

"This Get Fire Ready event is about helping local residents understand their risks and take action to become better prepared before summer.

"Having a plan and preparing early can make a significant difference during an emergency. We encourage everyone to take a few simple steps now rather than waiting until a day of high fire danger.

"We're always here to help and this Get Fire Ready event is a great way to have that open discussion with our local community."

Residents are encouraged to create or update their bushfire plan, prepare their property before summer, download the VicEmergency app and set up watch zones for locations important to them.

To find out more about your local Get Fire Ready event, please visit: cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready

Open Day details:

Hallora and Districts Fire Brigade
509 Main South Road
1:30 – 3:30 pm
10 Oct 2026

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For more information contact CFA Media on:
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