

Guthrie Street Gazette

4th December 2025



Message from Mrs Grumley!

Hello Families,

Routine and Rigour

As we build toward the end of the year and we have lots of activities in the last week, we are aiming to keep classroom rigor and routine consistent for as long as possible. This will help keep our students on track and not lose motivation. We ask that parents try to do the same at home over the next few weeks.

We have finalised the teaching line up for 2026 and I happily provide the following information for parents:

Foundation Teachers: Jacinta Propsting, Mikaela Grimes/Emily Meagher, Lauren Creed

Year 1: Emalea Pruden, Josie Caruso, Paula Hanlon/Emma Masterson

Year 2: Carlyn Giles/Jenni Pugh, Prue Pfhalert, Amelia Perkins/Deb Robinson

Year 3: Kara Thomas, Heid Deane/Leanna Kremor, Naomi Wright, Jade Newey

Year 4: Christine James, Claire Ratten/ Tamara McLarty, Peta Hinchliffe

Year 5 Joel Hildebrand, Connor Hayes, Beth MacCurrach

Year 6 Natalie Ralph, Jarrod Minogue, Olivia Kirby

Jenni Pugh is also working in our Koorie and Intervention space.

Our Wellbeing Team remain the same with Suzy Turton and Alicia Fox being the key contacts.

Placing Students into Classes

We are well into the process of placing students into classes for 2026 and will announce these on Orientation Day on Tuesday 9th December. Information regarding students' classes for 2026 will also be sent out on Tuesday.

Orientation Day Tuesday 9th December

We look forward to welcoming our 2026 Foundation students from 9:00am-12:00pm where they will meet their teacher and classmates. There will also be a Big/Little Buddy Barbecue where Foundation 2026 parents can meet their child's Big Buddy.

Our Year 6 students will spend the day at their respective chosen secondary schools. They will have a great day even if it does seem a little daunting. I wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about what the best part of their day was.

Christmas Barbecue

Next week we will have our annual Christmas Barbecue. Which is a chance to come together as a school community and celebrate another successful year of achievements.

We will have sausages, ham burgers, chicken steaks, and cold soft drinks for purchase. Fast Brew will have hot and cold drinks for purchase. There will be jumping castles and a special visit from Santa on the night.

Year 6 Graduation

It is getting to that time of year again when we must think about farewelling our Year 6s. Year 6 Graduation will be held at the Shepparton Football Clubrooms on Monday 15th December starting at 6:00pm. We look forward to a wonderful night of celebrating the culmination of their primary school years.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives!

Take care,

Angela Grumley



WELLBEING NEWS

Social Media Changes

This week the Year 5 students took part in a Victoria Police Education Initiative 'Think You Know'. Senior Constable Mitchell Bull came to present information and answer questions for the students. One topic that the students asked a lot of questions about was the new Social Media Bans in Australia as of 10th December 2025.

Senior Constable Bull explained to the students their rights as online citizens and also their responsibilities. This included sharing information, continually adding others into group chats, posting and inappropriate images.

With the change in Social Media parents may see behaviours that reflect the change in their child's demeanour, and it is expected they will feel frustrated and disappointed in the ban.

Expect an Adjustment Period

Many children go through a short withdrawal-like phase.

Common patterns:

- **Days 1–3:** frustration, increased device-seeking
- **Week 1:** boredom, irritability, emotional ups and downs
- **Week 2+:** improved mood; increased imaginative play; less device-focus

Keeping the conversation open and curious with some empathy for your child is suggested.

Get support if you need it

This is a big change, and it's okay to feel worried. You can talk to someone anytime:

- [Kids Helpline](#) (ages 5–25)
- [ehedspace](#) (ages 12–25)
- [Beyond Blue](#) (all ages)
- [counselling or support service link](#)

EQ AWARD WINNERS

Friday 28th November





JNF	Camryn Facer	Empathy
NWF	Zarli Marr	Self Awareness
JPF	Aria Durso	Building Relationships
1EP	Beau Facer	All Pillars
1LC	Asher Men	All Pillars
1JC	Chloe Boyce	Self Motivation
2LK	Kaitlyn Futter	All Pillars
2PP	Marli Dixon	All 5 Pillars
2GP	Emerson Don & Syrus Keenan	All 5 Pillars
2MN	Arlo Whittaker	Self Awareness
3HD	Seth Coghlan	Self Awareness, Self Control, Self Motivation
3GL	Conor Looby	Self Control & Self Awareness
4RM	Heath Lancaster	Self Motivation
4CJ	Saagan Kommidi	Self Control
4KT	Whole Class	All Pillars
5CH	Jamason Avramopoulos	Building Relationships
5JH	Liam Gleeson	All Pillars
5JM	Cooper Smith	Self Motivation
6GN	Jason Borysiewicz	Self Motivation
6AP	Imogen Oak	All Pillars
6NR	Emmasyn McMellon	All Pillars

ART: Aidyn Boag 1LC and Ruby Kennedy 2MN

Creative Arts: Brooklyn McGill 6NR, Harvey Cresswell 1LC, 1JC (whole class)



CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS



**GSPS CHRISTMAS ★
FAMILY BBQ**

Please join us to celebrate
Christmas with our school
community

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

5:00pm - 7:00pm

**BYO chairs, drinks, picnic rugs,
hats, sunscreen & Aeroguard.**

**Our school will run a BBQ on
the night with a variety of
food, water & soft drinks to
purchase.**





OUTRINE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
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GSPPS Parents
Association
CHRISTMAS
raffle

Please help support our amazing school community by purchasing a Christmas Raffle ticket. All money raised will be going towards updating our Foundation & Year 2 & 3 school playgrounds.

1st Prize: \$1000 Big 4 Voucher

2ND Prize: \$500 Fun Fields Voucher
which covers entry, cabana hire & food/drink

3rd Prize: Ninja Slushy Machine
valued at \$499 kindly donated by
Harvey Norman Shepparton

4th Prize: Klipsch Speaker valued at
\$399 kindly donated by Harvey
Norman Shepparton

5th Prize: \$250 Rebel Voucher kindly
donated by Blake Campbell Solar

\$15 a ticket

<https://www.trybooking.com/DHQTE>

The raffle will be drawn at our last assembly for the
year on Friday 12th of December.

Raffle closes Friday 12th December at 1pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER



- 2nd December - Year 5 Police Talk
- 3rd December - Year 6 girls; Big Sister Experience Excursion | Year 5 School Nurse Program
- 4th December - Year 5/6 GSSC Band Performance
- 8th December - 2026 Foundation Parent Information Session
- 9th December - Orientation Day | 2026 Foundation/Year 6 Buddies BBQ Lunch 12pm
- 11th December - GSPS Christmas BBQ
- 12th December - Final Assembly 2:30pm
- 15th December - Student Reports on COMPASS at 4pm | Year 6 Graduation
- 16th December - Foundation Graduation 9am | Year 5/6 Bike Ride
- 17th December - Foundation Aquamoves | Year 5/6 Fun Planet | Year 3 Victoria Lake
- 17th December - Year 4 SAM Museum | Year 2 Rebound
- 18th December - Year 1 All Abilities Playground | Year 3 & 4 Cinemas | Year 6 Class Party
- 18th December - Year 1 Class Party
- 19th December - Year 3 Class Party | Last day of Term 4 - School finishes at 1:30pm

Read More On

**OUR COMPASS NEWSFEED AND IN OUR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER AS MORE ACTIVITIES WILL BE
ADDED DUE TO END OF YEAR FESTIVITIES**



**LAST DAY OF TERM 4
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:30PM**





Parents Association Volunteers Wanted!

Our Parent Association plays a huge role in creating fun, memorable experiences for our school community.

They help organise:

- Mother's Day & Father's Day stalls & raffles
- Easter & Christmas raffles & colouring competitions
- Milo & Treat Days
- Year 6 Graduation gifts
- Icy pole days

We are seeking new parent volunteers, and roles renew every two years, so fresh faces are always appreciated!

You don't need to commit to a big job just come along, share your ideas, and be part of something that truly benefits our students and school.

Please contact our school office for more information.

All volunteers must have a valid Working with Children's Check for any interactions with students.

Children whose parents volunteer at school often create a sense of belonging and connectedness that is conducive to positive behaviours, effective engagement and higher self-esteem

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🏆 2025 Grade 6 vs Staff – Sports Trilogy Cup! 🏆

It's back again! Our annual Grade 6's vs Staff Sports Trilogy Cup is kicking off soon, and we're gearing up for three huge Friday showdowns. Who will take home this year's bragging rights? Bring your energy, your cheer voices, and come support your team across Netball, Football and Basketball!

📅 Event Dates

Friday 5th December – Basketball

🕒 1:45pm – 2:15pm (Lunchtime)

📍 Stadium

👥 Who can watch?

Students, teachers, parents & families – everyone is welcome to come along and cheer!

🔥 Let the friendly rivalry begin – will the Staff defend the Cup, or will the Grade 6's rise to glory this year?

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for 2026

A recent Victorian Government announcement regarding BYOD states that school must no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own devices to school in Years F-6. Guthrie Street Primary School has chosen to cease our BYOD program starting next year, 2026.

This news item is being sent to families who have a child in Grade 2 or 3 in 2026 to inform families that we do not require you to provide a BYOD iPad for the commencement of 2026 school year.

Note for families who have students currently in Grade 2,3,4 and 5. Students who already own a device and bring this to school can continue to do so until they finish primary school.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Donovan

via email at Michael.Donovan@education.vic.gov.au or phone 58211944



GUITAR TUTORING

Nick Teague offers Guitar lessons during school time on a Tuesday.

Nick has a Bachelor of Visual Arts Degree. He received honours for his AMEB 4th Grade Classical Guitar Exam and has been teaching the guitar in Shepparton Schools for 30 years.

Nick teaches a range of styles, from Metal, Rock and Pop through to Classical guitar.

2026 Term Fees—\$212 (New students—plus \$48 for 1st of 4 instalments for books). Yrs 2-6 students eligible, or younger at Nick's discretion.

Please email Nick

nick.d.teague@gmail.com

to enrol your child with the following information:-

Child's Name

2026 Yr Level

Parent Contact Details



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2026 SEASON

Open Girls & U15s



Simply scan the QR code to
register your interest or visit
<https://bit.ly/SCSC2026>

SHEPPARTON CITY SC

Shepparton City Soccer Club is an all inclusive schools based club that accepts players from all schools in the GV area from Under 6's all the way through to Under 15's and Open Girls



SCHOOL'S OUT POOL PARTY

**SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER
11AM - 4PM**

- Rapid River
- Water Slide
- Splash Park
- Giant Outdoor Games
- Pool Inflatables
- Photo Wall

Stepfamilies - through your children's eyes



"Through the eyes of children: - being part of a stepfamily"

This workshop covers:

- Stepfamily myths
- Stepfamilies through the eyes of children - the good and the tricky bits
- Supporting children with adjusting to new family relationships
- Transitioning between homes
- Ways to support and strengthen your relationship with your child/ren
- Parenting approach
- Common difficulties for couples

This free 3 hour workshop aims to assist parents in developing a greater understanding of what their children need and how they can best support them.

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au/workshops



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BOOK *sale*



4 BOOKS FOR \$2

Children's Books 10 for \$2

**Monday 8th of
December until
Friday 12th of December**

**Last chance to get your books prior to
Christmas!**

94 Wyndham Street, Shepparton

Opening Times:

Monday to Thursday

10am to 4pm and Friday 10am to 1pm

Book Inn will then close and reopen on Monday 02/02/26






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THE QR
CODE
to support
child cancer
research

*BIG HEARTS
FOR
BRAVE KIDS*



The month of December
**Where: Wanderers Lane &
99 Gordon Dr. Kialla.**
**Santa's special visit at
2 Wanderers Lane**
Dec 20th & 24th from 8pm-late

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**THE KIDS'
CANCER
PROJECT**
SURVIVAL STARTS WITH SCIENCE.



BIG HEARTS
FOR
BRAVE KIDS

Christmas Raffle

24

Dec

9.30 Pm

27 Prizes to be WON totalling
\$6,000

Remaining Prizes include:

- Custom Portrait
- TJM Driving lights
- Family Photo shoot
- JBL Speaker
- x3 cases wine
- Family Butcher Vouchers
- Harvey Norman Voucher
- Parklake vouchers
- Smart watches
- Belle Fever gift card
- D'Lux nail voucher
- Bluebell bathhouse package
- Scented Serenity

& much more.

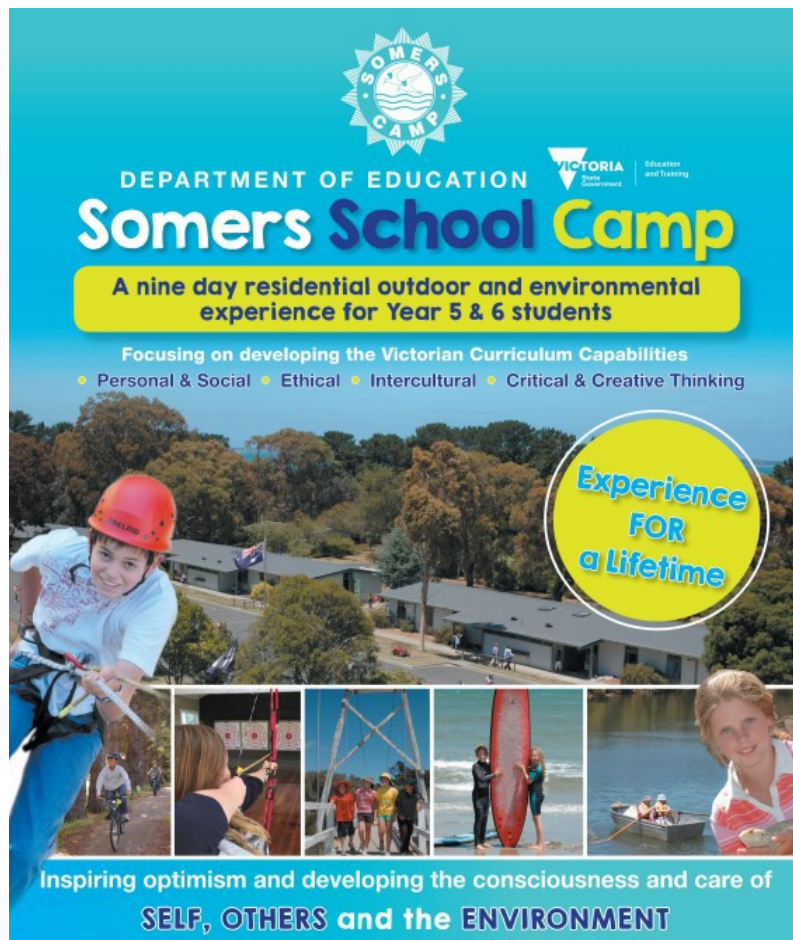
1st Prize 3 nights in a 4
bedroom cabin @ Wakiti
Creek Resort



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SOMERS CAMP

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **VICTORIA** State Government Education and Training

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Experience FOR a Lifetime

Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of **SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT**

Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: Tuesday 12th May 2026 To: Wednesday 20th May 2026

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au

E-Scooter and Recreational Vehicle Safety

Students and families are reminded about the safe and legal use of e-scooters and other recreational vehicles.

While riding to school is a great option for many students, please be aware that riding e-scooters (or similar recreational vehicles) on footpaths is not allowed under Council's Local Law.

Instead, students should dismount and walk their recreational vehicle through these areas.

These rules apply to all recreational vehicles including:

- E-scooters
- Bikes
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades
- Monkey bikes
- Motorised go-karts
- Other petrol or battery-powered recreational vehicles

Victoria Police will be working with Council to monitor these areas – their focus is on keeping everyone safe and ensuring riders know the rules.



More info is available at shepp.city/recvehicles

Thanks for helping to look out for everyone's safety!

School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are not permitted in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ✗ Rudeness
- ✗ Intimidation
- ✗ Insults or offensive communication
- ✗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ✗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ✗ Threatening gestures
- ✗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ✗ Threats
- ✗ Harassment
- ✗ Violence

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.



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Become a Berry Street foster carer

In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.

Become a foster carer and support a local child at a crucial moment in their life.

Enquire today
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Ph. 1800 816 037



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please contact Michael Wilson on 0497 781 120

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Qualified, caring & engaged staff

Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs

Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket, fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	6:30 AM to 8:45 AM	\$22.95	\$2.29
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:00 PM	\$27.54	\$2.75
Pupil Free Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$80.33	\$8.03
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$74.60	\$7.46

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy / **Standard fee costs after applicable Child Care Subsidy / ***Standard fee costs including non-meals/non-uniforms

Cancellation Fees
(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program within **5 days** of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within **48 hours** of session start time: **\$5.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

Service Phone number:
0413 781 110

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy!

To register visit theircare.com.au

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)
on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

Guthrie Street Second Hand Uniform Shop

If you would like any pre-loved Guthrie St uniforms, please ring Ronika on 0458 281 833.

Guthrie St IRON ON TRANSFERS

Iron on transfers are now available from the School Office.

Red for Polo Shirts and Blue for windcheaters - \$2.50 each



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Please contact the office if you have any queries. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @guthriestreetps

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Guthrie Street

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