

DRAGON TALES

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SCHOOL MISSION

Provide high quality education in a positive, supportive environment, enabling all students to achieve their potential.

Thursday August 13th Term 3 Week 5

Co-operation Accepting Respectful Excellence



Term 3					
Week 6	17th Art Year 5/6 BioCATS excursion – 8am - 4.30pm	18th	19th Breakfast Club	20th	21st
Week 7	24th Library Book week Parade – 10.45am	25th School Council @ 6.30pm	26th Breakfast Club	27th	28th B'Ball 3/4 Rookies – C'Down
Week 8	31st Art	1st Sept	2nd Breakfast Club	3rd	4th Assembly – 2.45pm - Yr 2/3
Week 9 Newsletter	7th Library Wellbeing Week	8th Wellbeing Week	9th Breakfast Club Wellbeing Week	10th R U OK? Day Wellbeing Week	11th Wellbeing Week
Week 10	14th Art	15th Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – no formal classes –	16th Breakfast Club	17th	18th Footy Colours Day Last day of term – 2.15pm finish

Principal News

Literacy Conference

Last week our teaching staff and education support staff attended the Literacy Learning Community Professional Learning Day alongside more than 300 educators from across the region. The day provided valuable opportunities to hear from keynote speakers, learn from Department representatives and collaborate with colleagues and school leaders. Continuing to invest in high-quality professional learning strengthens our teaching practice and ultimately benefits every student in our classrooms.

One of the greatest benefits of days like these is the opportunity to learn together as a staff. Stepping away from the busy pace of school allows us to reflect on our teaching, discuss new strategies, and refine the approaches we use in our classrooms. These conversations are an important part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring every student receives high-quality literacy instruction.

Professional learning is most powerful when it is translated into classroom practice. Following the day, our staff have continued to work collaboratively, discussing key takeaways and considering how we can strengthen our teaching to support all learners. This shared commitment to learning helps us build consistency across the school while ensuring we continue to meet the diverse needs of our students.

I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and professionalism our staff bring to every learning opportunity. Their willingness to continually develop their knowledge and hone their skills reflects the high expectations they have for themselves and for the success of every child. It is this dedication to lifelong learning that enables us to provide the best possible education for our students, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this professional learning in classrooms throughout the term.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

We look forward to welcoming families for our Parent–Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 15th September. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child’s achievements, discuss their progress, and plan the next steps in their learning journey.

This term we have allocated Classroom teachers: 20-minute appointments and through feedback have allocated Specialist teachers: 10-minute appointments, allowing more families to speak with the teachers.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled meeting, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to discuss their progress. We want all families to be actively involved in their child’s learning and school life.

Book Week

On Monday 24th we look forward the school coming alive with colour, creativity, and a love of reading as students, staff, Kinder children and staff joining for our parade dressed as their favourite book characters.

The 2026 theme, ‘*Symphony of Stories*’ encourages children to imagine what stepping into a symphony of stories might be like. A huge colourful collection of characters bursting out of a book representing their different stories.

Wellbeing Week – Week 9

In Week 9, we will celebrate **Wellbeing Week**, a special time to focus on our SWPBS practices and overall wellbeing as a school community. Further information will be shared soon, highlighting activities and opportunities for students to engage positively leading into Term 4.

Important Dates

Staff Professional Practice Day 2026:

- Friday 27th November – Assessment & Reporting focus

Swimming 2026:

- Week 5 – Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th Nov @ 1 – 2pm
- Week 7 – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Nov @ 1 – 2pm
- Week 8 – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th Nov @ 1 – 2pm
- Week 9 – Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Dec @ 1 – 2pm

Prep/1 News

What an exciting and busy few weeks we have had in Prep/One! Our students have been showing **amazing effort, enthusiasm and pride** in everything they do. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they learn, play and work together.

We are also very excited to welcome back **Edwina Lumsden** for her final teaching placement with us before she begins her teaching career. It has been wonderful having Edwina back in our classroom, and the students have enjoyed learning and working with her. We wish her every success as she takes this exciting next step in her teaching journey!

Literacy

We have been having lots of fun exploring the book *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. After learning about the different reasons the crayons decided to quit, our students discovered that their **chairs had quit too!** They had to use their persuasive writing skills to write a letter convincing their chairs to come back to the classroom. Students thought carefully about reasons, used persuasive language and added lots of creative ideas to make their letters convincing. We certainly hope

100 Days of School

What a fantastic celebration our **100th day of school** was! We were amazed by the incredible costumes and creativity shown by our students. We celebrated with a party and enjoyed lots of fun 100 Days activities, including counting collections, creating 100-day crowns and much more. It was a wonderful day filled with smiles, laughter and plenty of excitement!

Principal Day

We also celebrated **Principal Day** and took the opportunity to show our appreciation for Mrs Berry. The students worked together to create a special book filled with messages and drawings to let her know how much we appreciate everything she does for our school. It was lovely to see the thought and care that went into each page.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been busy developing our understanding of **multiplication**. We have explored multiplication through **equal groups, repeated addition and skip counting**, using practical materials and pictures to help us understand what multiplication means.

We are now moving into **Shape**, where we will be exploring both **2D and 3D shapes**. Students will be learning to name different shapes and identify their properties, including sides, corners, edges. We will be looking for shapes in our classroom and around our everyday environment.

It has been a fantastic time in Prep/One, and we are so proud of the **amazing effort our students continue to show every day**. Keep up the wonderful work, Prep/Ones!

Kind regards, Robyn Anderson



2/3 News

It has been wonderful to return to our Grade 2/3 classroom this week after four weeks of medical leave. While Term 3 is already at Week 5, this is technically my first week back for the term, and I have been so grateful for the warm welcome I have received from our students, families and staff.

A very special thank you to Mrs Lucas, Mrs Jones and Ms Marr-Vogels for stepping in and running the classroom during my absence. I really appreciate the care, support and consistency they provided for the students while I was away. Knowing that our Grade 2/3 students were in such capable and caring hands made my time away much easier.

I have certainly missed our students and the staff, and it has been lovely to be back at school. I was greeted by plenty of beautiful smiles, get-well cards and welcome-back cards, which made my return even more special. It was wonderful to see everyone again and reconnect with the students.

Now that I am back at work, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to discuss regarding your child.

Thank you once again to our school community for your understanding, patience and support during my absence. It is lovely to be back with our Grade 2/3 class, and I am looking forward to a positive and productive remainder of Term 3!

Cheers,

Jannique Hanegraaf

4/5/6 News

Wow! Who could believe that we are halfway through the term already! It's true what they say, *'time flies when you're having fun'!*

It has been a busy term so far and continues to be busy for the remaining 5 weeks.

Coming up:

- *Rookies Hoop Time Basketball Camperdown on Friday 14th*
- *Bio Cats (Geelong) Monday 17th*



Literacy



We are well and truly getting into our Term3 class novel '*The Grandest Bookshop in the World*'. We are thoroughly enjoying the mystery, intrigue magic surrounding the story so far.

Students have been working hard in spelling and are developing strong spelling skills, and vocabulary applying these skills to their writing to create more complex, accurate sentences and increasingly engaging texts.



Numeracy



In Numeracy, students have been developing their understanding of division and applying a range of strategies to solve division problems at a Year 4/5/6 level. Students have been exploring partitioning, using known multiplication facts, repeated subtraction, partial quotients and the standard written algorithm, while also learning to estimate and check whether their answers are reasonable. A key focus has been recognising that division is the inverse of multiplication, with students using their understanding of multiplication to help solve and check division problems. As a result, their times tables knowledge is coming in very handy, particularly when identifying related multiplication facts, multiples and factors and working with larger numbers. Students are becoming increasingly confident in selecting an efficient strategy and explaining the mathematical thinking behind their solutions.

Kind regards, Wes Hollick

JSC

The Junior School Council is raising money to purchase new sports equipment for students to enjoy at recess and lunchtime. To support this, we're selling colourful funky socks for just **\$5 a pair**! With sizes available for everyone, from 4-year-olds right up to 100-year-old, there's a pair for the whole family. Be quick and grab yours before they sell out! A small display of the socks is available at the front office, so pop in and have a look. Payment can be made by cash, bank transfer, or card using our new EFTPOS machine.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



Thank you to all the families who supported PJ Day and Genes for Genes Day. We raised \$77.50 for PJ Day and \$80 for Genes for Jeans Day.

On the last day of term 3, it will be footy colours day! We are lucky enough to have the local footballers and netballers from the Simpson Football Club to come and run a small clinic for us all. We are looking forward to this and can't wait to see every dressed up in their favourite footy team.

Thanks, Henry and Isaac JSC Representatives



Wellbeing

Bullying No Way Week – Small Acts, Big Impact

Next week, our school will be proudly taking part in **Bullying No Way Week**, with this year's theme being **"Small Acts, Big Impact."** The theme reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness, inclusion and courage can make a big difference to someone's day. A friendly smile, inviting someone to join a game, standing up for a friend, or simply saying something kind can help everyone feel safe, valued and included.

Throughout the week, students will take part in a range of classroom activities, discussions and talks focused on building positive relationships, recognising bullying behaviour and exploring ways we can all make a difference.

To finish the week, we are inviting all students and staff to **wear purple on Friday 21 August**. Purple is the Bullying No Way hero colour. It represents peace, strength and empowerment to take a stand against bullying behaviour. We encourage everyone to get involved and show their support by wearing a splash of purple, whether it's a purple shirt, socks, hair accessory, hat or something else!

Together, we can show that small acts really can have a big impact and that every one of us has a role to play in creating a kind, safe and inclusive school community.

Let's stand together and make kindness count! 💜



This fortnight in Big Life, we've been exploring the qualities of a healthy friendship and how our words and actions can either strengthen or weaken those connections.

Students have learnt that strong friendships are built on trust, kindness, and respect, and that helpful behaviours, like: including others, sharing, listening, and solving problems calmly, help friendships grow. On the other hand, hurtful actions, like: excluding, teasing, hands on, or breaking promises may weaken our friendships.

Supporting Healthy Friendships at home

Share stories about your own friendships and examples of kindness, trust and respect.

Notice and praise your child when they show kindness, respect or empathy.

Role-play tricky friendship moments and brainstorm kind responses together.

Notice and celebrate healthy friendship qualities in stories and movies.

By talking about friendships at home, we're helping our children practise the skills that make relationships positive and lasting.



Parents Club

Our next Simpson Primary School & Community event

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 6th November





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SIMPSON



Live Music | Free Parking | Food trucks

Friday 6 November, 2026

Simpson Primary School
2 Cockayne st

🏠 Happy Birthday 🏠

August: 6th Bryson & Miguel, 17th Rome, 23rd Miles, 25th Thomas V, 28th Eva & Eden 29th Tom R, 31st Adeline



Notes & Annual Reminders

BOOKFAIR – Simpson PS 17th August – 31st August



We are excited to announce that our Book Fair will run from Monday, 17th August until Monday, 31st August. The Book Fair will be displayed in the school foyer, and parents, carers, and students are welcome to browse the books at any time throughout the fair. All stationery items will be on display in Tab's office. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please see Tabatha or Mrs Lucas.

Each class will also create a Book Fair Wish List, which will be sent home. This will give families the opportunity to see which books your child is interested in and may like to purchase. Payment can be made by cash, bank transfer, or card using our new EFTPOS machine. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!



Working With Children Check – Parent & Community Volunteers:

As part of requirements for schools, all parents, carers and community members who volunteer at Simpson Primary School—including helping in classrooms, supporting Breakfast Club, attending excursions, or assisting with BBQs and events—must hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or VIT registration.

To ensure we meet these requirements, we ask all volunteers to provide the school with a copy of their WWCC or VIT registration before participating in any 2026 activities.

If you need to apply for or renew your WWCC, you can do so online using Working with Children Check Victoria – Apply or Update: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe and welcoming for all students.

Policies:

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice (see school website).

Privacy reminder for our school community

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The Child Safety Standards policies can also be found on the school's website. [Simpson Primary School](#)

Bus Notes:

Please send in a note, email simpson.ps@education.com.au, text the school mobile on 0458 943 298 or ring the front office on 5594 3298 by 10am with any daily, weekly, or termly bus changes.

Parent/Visitor Sign In:

All parents or visitors who are coming into the school for more than 10 minutes are required to sign in. You will need to sign in and out of the visitor register at the office. This allows us to account for you in the event of an emergency.

Uniform:

We ask that you ensure your child is in uniform each day to continue the high standards we set for ourselves. Hats are to be worn until the end of Term 1, and again in Term 4, so please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat (named) available every day. Those students without a hat must remain under cover, for the duration of recess and lunchtime. If your child requires a new hat, they can be purchased through the front office. Uniform orders can also be purchased from the office.

Named Clothing:

Parents are asked to check that clothing is clearly named. **If you have second-hand clothes, please check that the name has been changed.** If clothes are correctly named, we have some hope of returning items to the correct owners. All lost property of students will be stored at the front office where there are currently quite a few items. Please check to see if you are missing any items so they can be returned.

Communication:

If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office for an appointment or alternatively send your teacher an email. Please note: Staff are often busy in the mornings prior to instruction time, preparing for the day ahead. Staff also have meeting commitments after school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3.30pm onwards and therefore it is not always possible to meet after school on these days. If you have an urgent concern about your child regarding any start of year questions or concerns, please make contact through the office.

Daily Routine:

School commences at 8.55am and ends at 3.15pm. Students should not arrive at school before 8.45am. Students should leave promptly at 3.15pm at the end of the day. At 8:53am, the music is played; this signifies to the students that they should move into their classroom and prepare themselves for the daily learning. Recess: 10.55am – 11.25am. Lunch: 1.25pm – 1.35pm (supervised eating) and 1:35pm – 2.15pm (lunch play). 3:15pm is the end of the school day. Staff members are on duty until buses leave, and town students collected.

Late Arrivals:

Students arriving after 8:55am should report to the office. Office staff will record their attendance as a late arrival and students will then go to class. Parents will be contacted by the principal if lateness is becoming a problem.

Early Departure:

If you wish to collect your child from school before dismissal time, they must be signed out at the office. This ensures all students can be accounted for in the case of an emergency. To assist, please phone the office prior to collecting your child so they can be ready for collection.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club is on Wednesdays from 8.45am. If you would like to help with Breakfast Club, please contact the office.

Lunch Orders:

Lunch orders are available every day from the Settlement Supermarket and are collected first thing in the morning.

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To book an appointment:

Ph 0355943448 -hosted at Camperdown Library or Simpson Community Centre



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Australian Taxation Office

Do you need to speak to a lawyer?

**Victoria Legal Aid offers a free
monthly civil justice legal clinic**

We accept referrals and help people with civil justice issues including:

- Disability Support Pension and other Centrelink entitlement disputes
- Centrelink overpayment debts and prosecutions
- Dealing with unpaid infringements including warrants, reviews and Family Violence Scheme applications
- Guardianship and Administration orders
- Mental health treatment orders
- Working with Children's Check and NDIS clearance assessments
- National Disability Insurance Scheme access or support decisions
- Eviction notices and VCAT hearings

If you have other legal issues we can make referrals to who can help.



Call Simpson and District Community Centre on
(03) 5594 3448 to make an appointment

Legal clinics will run between 10:00am and 1:00pm
at 11 Jayarra Street, Simpson on:

- 16 June 2026
- 21 July 2026
- 18 August 2026
- 15 September 2026
- 20 October 2026
- 17 November 2026

Victoria Legal Aid
South Coast Office
185 Fairy Street, Warrnambool
(03) 5559 7222 or 1800 651 022

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE SIMPSON PLAYGROUP

At the Early Childhood Center, Barramul Street
10.30-12.30 every Tuesday during school term

BRING A PIECE OF
FRUIT TO SHARE

THINGS TO NOTE:

It's all about friendship!
Enjoy a range of fun activities
BYO Water bottle
Children must be accompanied
by a parent/guardian

MEMBERSHIP TO PLAYGROUP
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community centre



WALKING NETBALL

is happening!

Let's HAVE SOME FUN!

SUBMIT A TEAM
or just yourself!

This is a welcoming and inclusive environment with **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE** required!

THURSDAY EVENINGS
TERM 4

We want you!

COBDEN FNC
OUTDOOR COURTS

FROM 6PM
THURSDAY EVENINGS
TERM 4

STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION LINK AND FINAL DETAILS!



SENIOR MIXED Netball

Term 4

WHERE?
COBDEN TECH STADIUM

WHEN?
MONDAY NIGHTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 MALE
- TAKING BOTH TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL NAMES

ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 UMPIRE.

Teams and other enquires sent to ;
GEORGIA ARNDELL
0488707265



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With Music and Lyrics
by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
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Vocals
Dance and Vocal
Arrangements
by Peter Howard
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Larry Wilcox
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Royal
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YOUTH EDITION

Sep 3rd 7pm - Opening Night
Sep 4th 11am - Matinee
Sep 4th 7pm - Final Performance

Adults \$15
Students \$10

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timboon.p12@education.vic.gov.au
or call Timboon P-12 School: (03) 5598 3381



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Ambassador

Jess Fishburn
Pelvic Floor
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Sarah Porter
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Casey Teselaar
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MC: Christie Berry

2nd September, 2026
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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