



Churchill North Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 2025, Issue 1

Dates to Remember

Friday 4th APRIL	Last day Term 1 2:30 finish
Tuesday 22nd APRIL	First day Term 2
Friday 25th APRIL	ANZAC DAY NO SCHOOL
Friday 9th MAY	Mothers Day stall
Monday 9th JUNE	Kings Birthday NO SCHOOL
Friday 4th JULY	Last Day Term 2



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Means family and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten

Term Dates 2025

Term 1	29th Jan	-	4th April
Term 2	22nd April	-	7th July
Term 3	21st July	-	19th September
Term 4	6th October	-	19th December

Don't forget to reference daily updates on Facebook and Compass

A message from the Principal

Principal Message Term 1 2025

Term 1 has been hectic with both NAPLAN and Camp being fitted in. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all staff during what can be a very stressful time for students in ensuring that all students received the necessary support and encouragement to do their best with the testing. Equally the time and effort that has to go into organising a school camp is enormous, but at Churchill North we believe that that's worth it in order to provide every child with such a unique experience.

During the Easter break the rooves on the schools original four buildings will be replaced by the VSBAs ongoing maintenance team. We have organised this to ensure minimum disruption to the operation of the school. This will complete the capital works project that was commenced in 2020. This project has not been without its problems but has provided fully refurbished classroom spaces that provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for all of our students.

We are now into our second year of running Compass as our whole school information management and communication system and appreciate the effort that parents and carers have gone to downloading the Compass app and familiarising themselves with it. I would like to reach out to those families that are currently not using it to let us know how we can support them to start engaging with Compass. If you contact the school, we will be able to assist you in accessing Compass and its basic functions.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter holiday period and look forward to working with you all in Term 2.

Kind regards

Colin Price
Principal

Community News



Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Dax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.



**All Ability Footy
(AFL)
Term 2 & 3, 2025**



Footy training for school aged kids with additional needs, Siblings welcome to join in too!

*At West End Sporting Complex, Douglas Parade,
Traralgon*

Wednesdays, 4.30pm - 5.15pm with Coach Greg

Cost: \$10 for the season

Starting on Wednesday 23rd April, 2025

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

*Any further queries phone, Team Manager Meg 0421763525, Coach Greg 0428018877,
West End President Belinda Bull 0417345195 or message via the facebook group:
All ability sports, Latrobe Valley*



GIPPSLAND YOUTH THEATRE'S
production of

Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID
JR

Music by
ALAN MENKEN
Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER
Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Music Adapted and Arranged by
David Weinstein

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)

SATURDAY 3rd May 2025

1PM, 4PM & 7PM

Morwell Central Primary School Performing Arts Centre

McDonald Street, Morwell

All Tickets \$25.00

Purchase ONLINE <https://www.trybooking.com/CZJVG>



Year 7 Information Evening

Thursday May 1st 2025 from 6pm

**We extend an invitation to all parents and grade 6 students to
attend our information evening**



School Tours available 9:15am - Tuesdays & Thursdays

MIRBOO NORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE

Phone (03) 5667 9000, mirboo.north.sc@education.vic.gov.au, Castle Street Mirboo North 3871

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At ParentZone we facilitate free parenting groups like Tweens and their screens, and Talking Teens... A common issue parents want to talk about in our groups is..... **Toxic Tech!**



Children are very sensitive to the hormone dopamine.

Dopamine is a hormone associated with reward, pleasure and novelty seeking. One way our children and teens can experience a dopamine hit is through the use of technology!

Technology is not all good or all bad

Pros - Connecting with friends, building skills for future jobs, chill out time, connecting with people overseas, research - improving knowledge of the world and finding out how to learn new skills & accessing a diverse range of information

Cons - Exposure to inappropriate violent or sexualised content, poor mental health, risk of obesity, addiction and social isolation, cyber bullying and predators
How we support our kids to have healthy boundaries and be safe on technology is key!

Some ideas include:

- Always use technology in high traffic rooms, where adults are able to supervise usage and what content is being accessed
- Never use tech in bedrooms or bathrooms
- Talk to your kids about how to be safe online - e.g. not sharing personal details, not communicating with people they do not know, which apps are suitable for their age
- Create phone free zones, like at the dinner table
- Set a healthy limit - this usually works best when you make an agreement with your child about what they think is fair and reasonable too
- Role model what you want to see!
- Use parental controls and sites like Common Sense Media to guide what's appropriate for your child/teen
- Learn about what your child/teen is doing online - be curious!
- Talk to your child about cyber bullying
- Check out the [E-Safety Commissioner Website](#) and [Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship](#) for more!

What does Easter mean in your family?



Families celebrate in different ways!

How will you celebrate this year?

PARENTZONE

Anglicare Victoria

MOE SHRED FEST

S.K.A.T.E FOR CASH

Brought to you by Sump Skate Store - Moe

SATURDAY
12 APRIL
5PM - 9PM

VICTORIAN RUMBLE ROADSHOW

Brought to you by The Rumble Roadshow and sponsored by Latrobe City Council

SUNDAY
13 APRIL
ALL DAY

JAM WITH SONGLINE & AIMEE MASSIE!

Songline and Aimee Massie to come along for the day who will hold some demos and run some skate jams.

TUESDAY
15 APRIL
11AM - 5PM

SHRED FEST

VISIT
LATROBE CITY
LATROBECITY.COM.AU

GS GippSport

AGES 5-12

JOIN THE FUN

APRIL 16 & 17

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

GippSport brings you a fun-filled program where kids learn new skills, make friends, and stay active these holidays!

AT GIPPSLAND REGIONAL INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM 9AM TO 4PM

\$75 A DAY \$67.50 SIBLING DISCOUNT

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