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The Lakes South Morang College Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4
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The Lakes South Morang College respectfully acknowledges that beneath the significant River Red Gums that feature across our school's landscape lay the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri-Willam people of the Kulin Nation.

PRINCIPAL WELCOME

BONNIE LEE

SECONDARY CAMPUS PRINCIPAL



Hello to all members of the College Community,

Can you believe that we are almost halfway through Term 3! We welcome Bill back from his Long Service Leave and are grateful that he seems to have brought some of the European sunshine along with him!

PRIDE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: NAPLAN RESULTS

We take immense pride in the academic achievements of our students, and we are thrilled to share the fantastic results of the latest NAPLAN assessments. With NAPLAN being altered in 2023, there is no direct way for schools across the country to compare their results to previous years, however what we do know is that the results from Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 show that the majority of students show a **Strong** understanding of the curriculum. According to NAPLAN, this means that 'student results met challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing'.

Of particular note, the Year 9 results across the board (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, and Numeracy) are the strongest we've had in years, with The Lakes having higher percentages of students in the **Strong** and **Exceeding** bands than both similar and network school in every assessable area!

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who received NAPLAN awards for their achievements and growth over the testing period:

Mason M – Reading Award

Harmony O – Reading Award

Taylor V – Reading Award

Marta S – Reading Award

Hasti K – Reading Award

Benjamin M – Reading and Numeracy Award

Our students' performance demonstrates their dedication to learning, the support they receive from our incredible teachers, and the positive learning environment here at The Lakes South Morang College. These results reflect the hard work put forth by both students and staff and reinforce our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for all. We celebrate these achievements and look forward to continuing to empower our students to reach new heights academically and beyond.

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- Bringing it on: Whole School Production triumph!
- Online Safety
- Attendance Policy at The Lakes
- What's on in August
- Parent/carer opinion survey information

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: "BRING IT ON THE MUSICAL"

We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to all the talented students and dedicated staff members who brought sheer energy and spirit to the whole-school production of "Bring It On The Musical." The performances were nothing short of outstanding, showcasing the remarkable talents and teamwork within our school community. From the exhilarating dance routines to the soulful melodies, the production was a true testament to the commitment and passion of our students. A special thanks to everyone involved in making this production a resounding success and for creating unforgettable memories on the stage.

On Wednesday we had the opportunity to invite both Mill Park Heights Primary School and Meadowglen Primary School to our Matinee performance, broadening our reach and exposure with our local primary schools and solidifying our place as a College committed to excellence in The Arts.

BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE: RECRUITMENT OF LEADING TEACHER AND LEARNING SPECIALIST ROLES

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence in education, The Lakes South Morang College is excited to announce our engagement in the recruitment process for Leading Teacher and Learning Specialist roles across the College. These positions are integral to the realisation of our strategic visions and aspirations for the future. As we progress through the recruitment process, we will seek to align with talented and passionate educators who will play a crucial role in driving innovation, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, and nurturing the academic and personal growth of our students.

By investing in these new roles, we are demonstrating our commitment to staying at the forefront of educational advancements and providing our students with a supportive and enriching learning experience. As we move forward, we are excited to welcome team members who will contribute their expertise and passion to further elevate the educational journey at The Lakes South Morang College.

UPCOMING PARENT OPINION SURVEY: YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

The Department of Education will soon distribute the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey to a random selection of parents and carers in our school community. We value your feedback and believe that open communication between the school and families is essential for fostering a thriving educational environment. This survey provides an opportunity for parents and carers to share their thoughts, ideas, and suggestions about various aspects of our College.

Your input is invaluable in helping us identify areas of strength and areas that may require improvement. By hearing directly from you, we gain valuable insights into how we can better support our students and families. We are committed to continuous improvement, and your feedback plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our school.

We encourage all randomly selected parents and carers to participate in the survey. Your feedback will contribute to our ongoing efforts to enhance our educational programs, facilities, and overall school experience. Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community that nurtures the growth and success of our students.

TIMETABLE: CHANGES AHEAD IN WEEK 5

Commencing in Week 5 of this term there will be some adjustments made to the Secondary Timetable. We appreciate the input and support of our school community in embracing this change, and we are committed to fostering an environment that continually evolves to meet the needs of our students and prepares them for a successful future. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to The Lakes South Morang College. We look forward to working together to ensure a bright future for every member of our school community.

OPINION SURVEY INFORMATION



PARENT / CARER OPINION SURVEY:

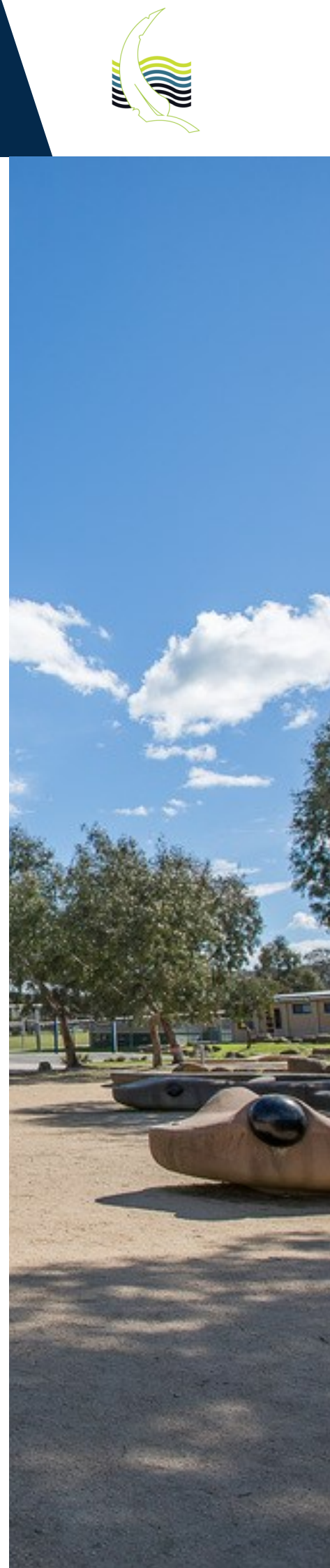
WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our College is conducting the annual Parent/Carer Opinion Survey to find out what parents / carers of our school. The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all of the randomly selected families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

More information will be sent to randomly selected families from both campuses in regards to login details for participation.



PRIMARY CAMPUS AWARDS



LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Prep A Kuhan V	Prep B Emily K	Prep C Hannah T
1A Daniela C	1B Rylee G	
2A Ethan F	2B Sofia T	
3A Emma D	3B Ajay T	
4A Bella M	4B Anthem W	
5A Jacob D	5B Nathan E	5C Jackson C
6A Noah G	6B Jacob L	6C Bertrand N



LIFESTYLE AWARDS



	Sport	Art	STEM
Prep	Jihoo P	Ivy L	Luke D
Year 1	Makayla Q	Stella V	Chelsea J
Year 2	Ella A	Dream S	Erica D
Year 3	Rhys D	Jackson W	Mason G
Year 4	Leon O	Eve T	Steven N
Year 5	Nathan E	Tri Thanh L	Miriam M
Year 6	Millie R	Tijana M	Lachlan H



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



PRIMARY REFLECTION

PHOENIX & ASHA YEAR 5 SRC

Wooahoo we're halfway through the school year! How exciting! We've had a great start to the term. We've bought bean bags for the classrooms which students can use as a reward or spend time on them using their dojo points. The Primary Campus have been very busy with production rehearsals for our "Bring It On" production which we are a bit nervous about but also excited about! This term the SRC students will also be organising a footy colours day, so we're excited to see what everyone dresses up in.

SECONDARY REFLECTION

TORI & CARMEL YEAR 8 SRC

We are Tori and Carmel, your 2023 Year 8 SRC Representatives.

We are here to tell you about what the Year 8 Cohort have been up to and what we are looking forward to for the rest of the term.

The Year 8's have spent the first few weeks of this term settling in to their new timetable and new lifestyles classes. Many of us have also been busy attending Production Rehearsals after school. While there hasn't been anything too exciting to report on so far, we are all really looking forward to some events coming up this term.

We are all looking forward to our Production of 'Bring It On' taking place this Tuesday and Wednesday at Plenty Ranges Convention Centre. The last few days have been really exciting as students from across the Primary and Secondary Campus completed final rehearsals and finished up the last few props.

We are also looking forward to attending the World Skills Expo later in August to see what career and training opportunities are out there for us when we finish school.



BRINGING IT ON!

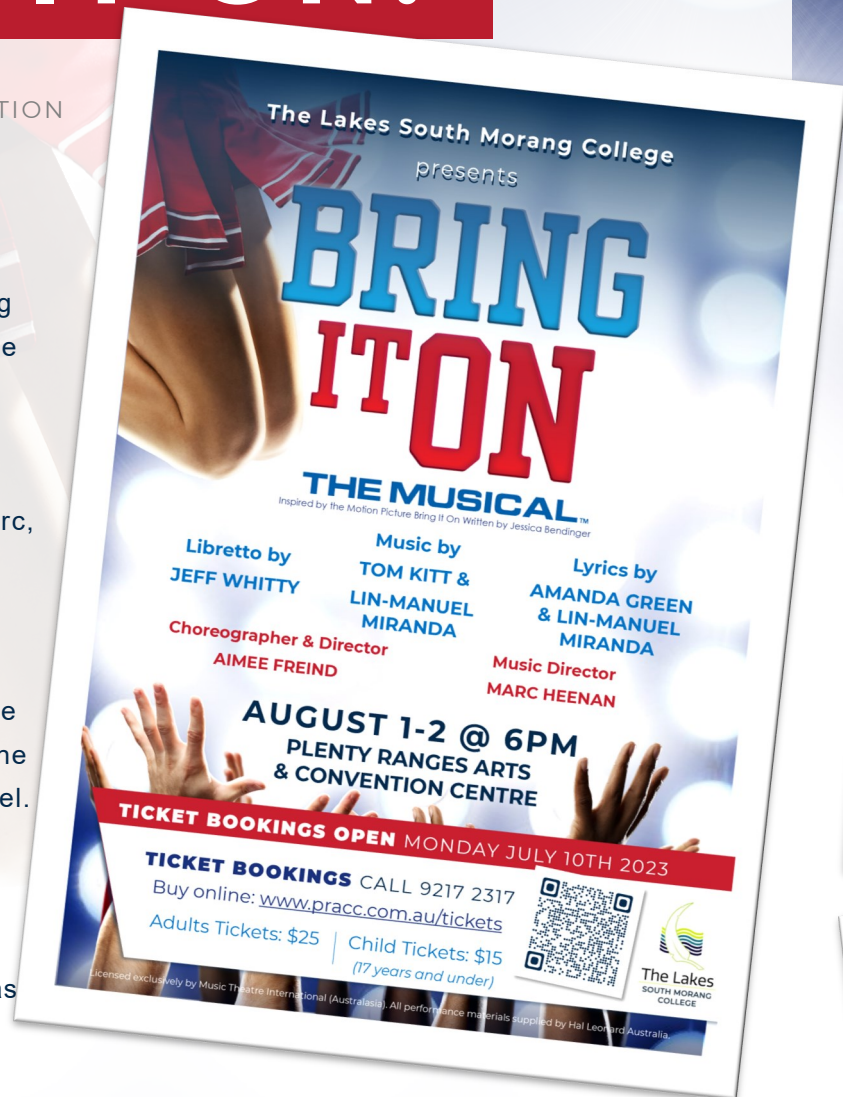
THE JOURNEY OF A WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
BY DIRECTOR AIMEE FREIND

In late 2019 I was asked by friend and former colleague, Jayne Barker to go with her to see 'Bring It On the Musical'. She raved about the show as she had seen it before and mentioned it was one of her all-time favourites. So I went, along with Marc Heenan and we were blown away. During intermission, I posed the question to Jayne and Marc, 'Could we do this musical at The Lakes?' We all agreed that it would suit our students and we could put on an amazing performance.

All systems were go for our production hot the stage in 2020. However, with the circumstances around the world, we were left with no alternative than to cancel. We felt like we had unfinished business with this production and were led to finish what we had started.

We began auditions in the middle of 2022 and it was then that I knew this production was going to be outstanding. Our students at The Lakes have given their everything for this show. Their energy and enthusiasm have been inspirational. They have grown as a little family and have supported and encouraged each other throughout the entire experience.

We have been so fortunate to have Mischa Wright working with us on the choreography for the show. Mischa is a part of The Lakes Alumni and has given so much of her time to create and teach some of the incredible dances on display. We have also had students take on leadership roles with choreography as well, which we are so grateful for.



'Bring It On the Musical' is filled with the complexities of friendship, jealousy, betrayal and forgiveness. It teaches us to love the skin we are in and to accept each other, despite our differences.

It has been an incredibly rewarding journey to direct this production of 'Bring It On the Musical'. We wish to dedicate our performance to Jayne Barker and hope she enjoys watching it from heaven.

We hope that you too will enjoy the show and can celebrate with us the achievements of our Lakes Legends.



**SCAN CODE
TO VIEW
PRODUCTION
PROGRAM**



School productions at The Lakes are meaningful for those involved because they offer a unique opportunity for students to showcase their talents and creativity in front of their peers, family and community. I have been very lucky to experience and be a part of many productions at The Lakes. Whether it be a class dance number, a role in the ensemble or a character in the main cast, it was the supportive and endlessly fun environment that brought me back every time to kindle my passion for entertaining. Being a part of so many stage shows has really been a highlight of my school life. It's quite bittersweet that it is all coming to an end this year after so many great memories and experiences, but also very rewarding to be able to present a highly anticipated production like no other one last time. It has been one long process that came with a lot of setbacks, but we are back and better than ever! BRING. IT. ON. – **Laura L**

ONLINE SAFETY

JUSTIN & TINKU TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Password Management

Instead of using the same password for different websites and services, maintaining a notepad document full of passwords, fumbling with sticky notes hidden under your keyboard and wracking your brain trying to remember what variation of password you've chosen, consider using a password manager to keep your secrets safe.

A password manager is a service which can protect all of your passwords behind a master password and potentially a second factor (like an SMS or email code), generate secure random passwords and automatically fill out online forms for you if you choose to install a browser extension or service on your phone. Bitwarden is a good free solution although there are paid

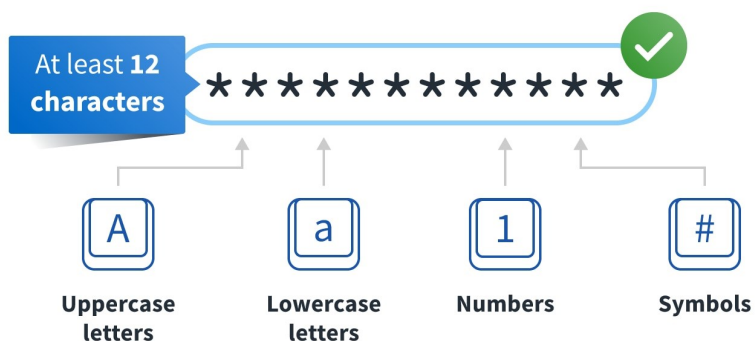
solutions available like Lastpass. Even most browsers including Microsoft's Edge, Google's Chrome and Mozilla's Firefox include a built-in password manager which can be linked to an online account.

Multifactor Authentication

Microsoft has stated that 90% of all account breaches could have been prevented if they were protected by multifactor authentication (also called 2FA). If you have the option to use phone/text/email or app based authentication it's a good way to protect your accounts and services; the baddies will need something you own as well as something you know.

Image Source: Norton

How to Create a Strong Password



POLICY SPOTLIGHT



ATTENDANCE

http://www.thelakes.edu.au/uploads/8/3/9/0/83901006/attendance_policy_2022.pdf

Schooling is compulsory for people aged 6 to 17 years (unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted). Daily attendance is important for all students to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind - socially or developmentally.

The Lakes believes all students should attend school all day, every day when the school is open for instruction and is committed to working in partnership with the College community to encourage and support full school attendance.

Senior school students are required to have a 90% attendance record at school in each subject to successfully pass any Year 10, 11 or 12 subject. This includes any approved absence. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be asked to attend either break time or after school redemption classes.

Families are asked to notify The Lakes South Morang College of absences by recording the absence on Sentral or alternatively contacting the Administration Office on either campus. If a student is absent, and the College has not been notified by a parent/carer, the College will contact families via a Sentral notification to the Parent Portal.



Policies are available to all families via the the Sentral Portal (under Resources) or via our website <http://www.thelakes.edu.au/policies--reports.html>

SOCIAL SCENE



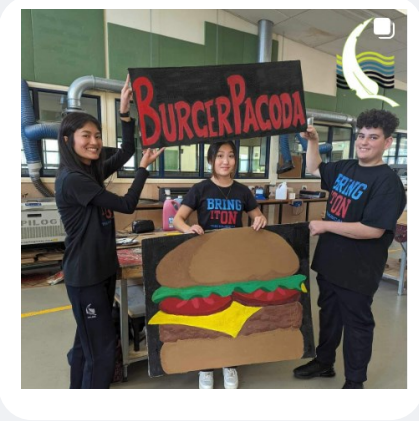
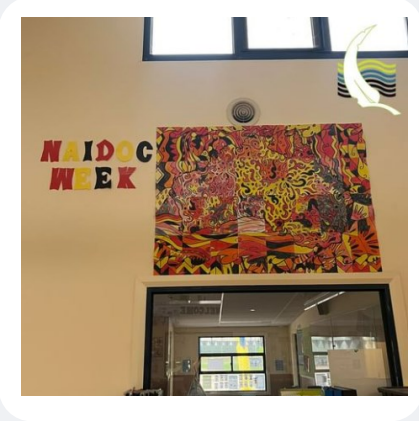
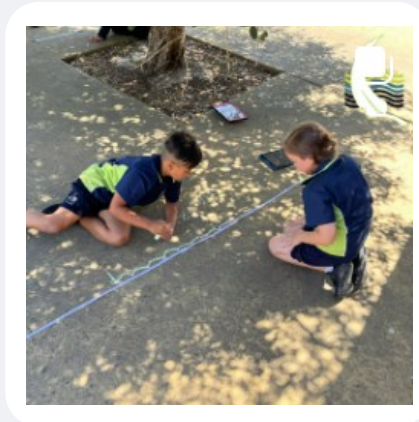
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WHAT'S ON @ THE LAKES



Breakfast Club on Both Campuses Every Wednesday - 8.15am-8.45am

(Except for the first week and last week of the term)

AUGUST:

Wednesday 9th	100 days of Prep celebrations
	Year 3 Democracy and Me Incursion
	Year 7 Basketball
Friday 11th	Year 4 Museum Excursion
Tuesday 15th	Year 10 La Trobe Uni Excursion
Wednesday 16th	Science Week Activities
Thursday 17th	Year 10 Love Bites Program
	Year 7, 8, VCAL World Skills Expo
Friday 18th	Year 5/6 Volleyball Gala Day
	Year 9/10 Basketball
	Year 9, 10 & VM World Skills Expo
Wednesday 23rd	Secondary Parent/Carer Interviews No school on Secondary
	Primary Book Week Parade
Monday 28th	Primary District Athletics
	Year 1 Minibeast Incursion
Wednesday 30th	Year 7 Production Students Art Centre Excursion
Wednesday 30th - Friday 1st September	Year 3/4 Gundiwindi Camp



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National Science Week 2023



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LEARNING IN ACTION!

Wednesday 16th August
9:00am - 10:00am

**School community and prospective parents
welcome to see our programs in action!**

PRIMARY - **Science Fair** in each year level

Coffee & Chat in staff room to follow

SECONDARY - See **STEM learning** in action!

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CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK®



READ
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Inspire

Book Week Dress Up Day
Wednesday 23rd August

More information to come

Book Fair on Primary
22nd - 29th August

THE LAKES COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

PRIMARY & SECONDARY CAMPUSES

Your feedback is valued.
Please use the following
link to provide our College
Council and Leadership
Team with feedback to help
make The Lakes a positive
learning community for all.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you are aware that your child will not be attending school due to illness or other circumstances, please ensure that you contact either office to ensure our attendance records are accurate. Ways of communicating absences include:

- Placing a future Absence Request through the Parent SENCENTRAL Portal;
- Calling the office;
- Sending an SMS on 0427 226 537.

As required by the Department of Education, all schools must notify parents/carer informing that their child is absent. Please inform the office of absences before 10:00 am each morning.

STAY CONNECTED

The Sencentral Parent Portal is the primary method for home-school communications at The Lakes.

We are excited to say that most families have access to the Parent Portal. The portal allows students and parents\carers to keep up to date with important information and communication. This includes student academic reports, parent-teacher interview bookings and permission for students to attend camps, sport and excursions.

The Student and Parent Portal can be accessed at school, from home and from mobile devices.

If you are experiencing any issues with Sencentral, please contact either office to assist you.



BELONGINGS, AMBULANCE & INSURANCE

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Parents and carers are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and carers of students who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

CURRICULUM CHARGES

We can see that many parents/carers have begun to make financial contributions towards the 2023 Curriculum Contributions through QKR Payments. The College is most appreciative of the continued support and commitment shown by families through their contributions.

Your financial contributions are what enables our College to operate and deliver the best possible education and support for our students. With exciting upgrades happening throughout both campuses this year including new carpets, sporting facilities, fencing, lockers and upgrades of toilet facilities, it is important that we work together to provide the best facilities for our wonderful students.

Thank you for your support and partnering with us in 2023.



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Training sessions are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after school at Plenty Parklands Primary School

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Our Titans Community







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'My Father's Portrait' Art Competition



It's a perfect time to make this Father's Day more memorable. Mill Park Village invites all artists to participate in the competition.

- Artwork in 2D (drawing, painting) no larger than A3
- Best 3 submissions will receive a prize:
a \$140 voucher for Frankie's Café (first place),
a \$30 digital gift card (second place x 2)
- Selected submissions be displayed at Mill Park Village
- Submissions close on Friday 18th August, 2023
- Winner announced on Wednesday 23rd August, 2023

For more information contact the school office at lakes.south.morang.co@education.vic.gov.au.

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We are always looking to build new or foster current connections within our community!

Please call Karen on 9404 900 to discuss further, if you have a service or upcoming event you would like to promote through our Newsletter.

To thrive, children need a safe and supportive environment at school, at home and in the broader community; no exceptions. At The Lakes South Morang College, we believe meeting the physical and emotional needs of our students is paramount in laying the foundations for a fulfilling future. We pledge to provide an environment that has zero tolerance to child abuse and will strive to work in partnership with our parents and community members to keep our students safe every day, in every way.

The Lakes South Morang College Child Safety Statement

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