



NEWSLETTER

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Bec Wrotny – Principal Report

Welcome back to Term 3! A short, 9 week term which is action packed. Keep an eye on the calendar and updates. We hope you all had a safe and restful holidays and managed to do something fun with your families.

Safe Around Schools

Our school crossing has been installed and is now functional. Jackie, is our new Crossing Guard Supervisor and has been settling in well. Please remember to not stop and block the crossing as you will be asked to move on and complete another lap. Casey Council will be out to visit at different times, on occasion with the Highway Patrol team and fines may be issued if you are breaking the road rules. They will also visit School Council, run parent sessions, student sessions and seek feedback along the way. They will continue to work with us on parking and pick up zones. The Department of Education has also been onsite with Paul and myself at the end of last term to look at the back carpark and will work with us about what we can do to upgrade that space.

SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

Getting children to school safely is everyone's job. Too many cars around schools at drop-off & pick-up times can make it more dangerous for children and hard to find a parking spot. We can all work together to get everyone to school safely and on time.

Reduce car trips – one of these options may work for you

- Walk or ride to school.
- If your school has a **Walk to School** map, get a copy from the office.
- **Park and walk.** Park a little further away from school and enjoy a short walk - avoiding traffic and parking pressure.
- **Carpool with a friend.** You can share the pick-up and drop-off with another parent.

Keep the Drop off Pick up Zone moving

- A **Drop off Pick up Zone** is a special place to quickly drop-off or pick-up your child when you use your car. You can only stay in the zone for **2 minutes** each time and you must stay with your car.
- **Move as far down the Drop off Pick up Zone as possible**, don't stop at the start, this blocks the traffic behind you.
- **Arrive at least three minutes after the school bell.** No children are ready before this time. Don't arrive early and park in the Pick up Zone – remember, you can only stop here for 2 minutes.
- **Change your pick-up or drop-off times to avoid the busiest peak times.** For example: In the afternoon, arrive 5 minutes after the bell to pick-up your child and avoid the busy time.
- **Child not there? Keep moving!** Drive out of the zone and come back, don't park and wait for them.

No Parking

This no parking sign means that the area is a Drop off Pick up Zone. You cannot leave your vehicle unattended and you cannot stop for more than two minutes. The times may be a little different at your school, but the rules are the same. Fines can apply if the signs are not followed.

DATES

3 2025

100 Days of Prep	July 30th
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Division Winter Sports 5/6	July 30th
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Step into Prep 2:30pm-3:20pm	Aug 1st
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Parent Teacher Conferences	Aug 5th
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1/2 Botanical Gardens Excursion	Aug 7th
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Book Club Due	Aug 11th
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Wakakirri Performance	Aug 14th
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Step into Prep 2:30pm-3:20pm	Aug 15th
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Book Week Parade & Book Swap	Aug 18th
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Prep Botanical Gardens Excursion	Aug 20th
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Science Day	Aug 21st
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Curriculum Day	Aug 25th
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Be courteous and aware

- Follow signs, road rules and parking signs. They are there to keep our children safe.
- No stopping signs mean "Do not stop your vehicle for any reason". These areas must be kept clear for pedestrians and motorists.
- Do not park on nature strips or in front of driveways. This is very dangerous for children and other road users.
- Do not drop your children on the other side of the road and tell them to run across. Use a Drop off Pick up Zone or the safest crossing point, like a School Crossing or Pedestrian Crossing.
- Be extra careful and patient around schools.
- Slow down and be alert! Children can be unpredictable. Remain careful, especially at the busy morning and afternoon school times.

Use school crossings

- Casey's School Crossing Supervisors are trained to help children to cross the road safely.
- Use the school crossing. It is the safest place for children to cross the road.
- Keep the school crossing clear. Do not stop your car on the crossing. It is dangerous and illegal to block the crossing.

GETTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY IS EVERYONE'S JOB. Think before you park, drive, drop off and pick up. All children deserve to get to school safely.

For more information about safety around schools visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools

This project is a joint partnership between City of Casey, Casey schools and Victorian Government.

Follow the signs And keep children safe

School Zone
The speed limit around schools is 40km on school days between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm. Slow down and keep children safe.

No Stopping
The no stopping sign means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purpose, no matter how short the time.

Bus Zone
A bus zone is an area only for buses. You cannot stop there at all.

Never double park, it is illegal and dangerous
Double parking is stopping next to parked cars to pick up or let out children.

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools
Email: safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5300
Post: PO Box 3000, Nare Warren VIC 3605
NRS: 133 6117 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Nare Warren: Sunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
ADN: 43 320 295 742

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running! We are now serving toast weekly on a Thursday and will be adding cereal along the way. Mid term we will increase to Tuesdays and Thursdays. We sent home 8 take home boxes to families prior to the holidays. Please reach out if your family would benefit from accessing a take home box.

Psychs in Schools

Nicole Lockhart has organised the application for Psychs in Schools who have commenced this term. Crissy Saab will be working with a number of students and families over Semester 2. If you see Crissy around on a Tuesday and Wednesday, please make her feel welcome.

Sport

Devon Meadows has been out excelling and achieving at all things Sport! We had the catch up day for Winter Lightning Premiership with all students once again representing DMPS with pride and respect. All participants did a fantastic job on the day with our Girls Footy and Boys Footy progressing to the Division level. A very big thank you to the Blok and Angus/Humphrey families for donating soccer socks and shin guards for all of our players. This is very much appreciated.

Hoop time was a huge success for the 5/6 teams today, always a fun day. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers for coaching on the day.

100 Days of Prep

I cannot believe we have already reached 100 Days of Prep. I am always blown away by how far our Foundation students have come since day 1. We wish them well in their day of celebrations tomorrow.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are coming up in Week 3. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher's and discuss their progress at school. Bookings will open via Compass. If you have any problems accessing the bookings, please reach out to our wonderful Admin staff.

Book Week and Parade

Our yearly Book Week Parade is approaching as part of Book Week. Our Parade will be held on Monday 18th August in the Hall. Parents are welcome to come along on the day from 9am and cheer and admire all the wonderful creations. This year's theme is 'Book an Adventure'.

Wakakirri

Our Wakakirri performance night is on Thursday 14th August at 7.15pm at Frankston Arts Centre. We understand there were some concerns with the ticketing processes through the Arts Centre and they have reached out to apologise and seek feedback to improve moving forward. The main issue was the sheer number of schools performing on the night, being 9 in total. We will continue to work with them. Hopefully all interested parties have since been able to obtain tickets.

A massive thank you to our hardworking staff – Kate O'Beirne, Staci Malberg, Beck Bird and Meg Meyers and all of our legendary performers. I know that we will be the loudest cheering group on the night as our strong Community shines on these occasions. I cannot wait to see the performance. Go Devon!

As always, if you have any questions, feedback or concerns throughout the year please do not hesitate to get in contact with either your child's teacher, Paul, or myself.

Bec Wrotny

Principal

Variety Children's Charity

Our wonderful Layla from year 3 is one of the faces of Variety Children's Charity.

Layla has been chosen to be a part of the inclusion project partnered with Hawthorn Football Club and spent the day at Waverley Stadium with the club, team and staff.

On August 15th for the Hawks VS Melbourne game Layla will be in the club rooms with the team. She will be decked out as a mini Hawthorn player and run on field with the team at the MCG. It will be live filmed and you are able to watch on Kayo Sports or Fox-tel.

Watch out for Layla!





Hub Brix Club

The Hub Brix Club is a **FREE 6-week neuro-inclusive social group for the whole family.**

Come with your family to build and connect through Lego® in an environment which is welcoming and inclusive of neurodiversity. Facilitated by final year students completing Degrees in Occupational Therapy and Social Work.

Dates: Thursdays - 24th, 31st July
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August
Time: 3:00 - 4:45pm
Where: ParentZone Hub
75 Army Road, Pakenham

ENQUIRIES:

✉ michelle.holmes@anglicarevic.org.au
☎ 0418 389 001

Click here to register or scan QR code



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YOUTH INFORMATION CENTRES TERM 3 2025

City of Casey
YOUTH
SERVICES

Young people are welcome to access our centres during scheduled opening times without an appointment. Each centre has a number of qualified youth workers available to provide information and support to young people. Our centres are safe spaces to hang out, study and have fun. We have a range of recreational equipment that young people can access such as PlayStations, Nintendo Switch, Table Tennis, Pool Tables, computers and free Wi-Fi.

NARRE WARREN YOUTH INFO CENTRE

52 Webb Street, Nare Warren
Monday—Friday 1:30pm—5:15pm
Ph: 9792 7330

MONDAY

EMBRACE
28 July - 8 September
3:30pm - 4:30pm

EMBRACE is a program for young women aged 15-17 years. Designed to foster connection, boost confidence, and encourage personal growth. Sign up is essential.

WEDNESDAY

Let's Talk Lego!
30 July - 10 September
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Have you got a awesome LEGO build to share? Bring it down to show off your creation! We talk about our builds and share tips/tricks on how we can enhance our skills in a safe environment. A great place to build connections.

FRIDAY

Girl Connect
1 August - 12 September
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Girl Connect is a great program for girls aged 10-12 years where you can connect with other girls in a safe space. Female Youth Workers will be there to provide fun activities, help you learn new skills, make new friends and of course, have fun! Bookings are essential.



HAMPTON PARK YOUTH INFO CENTRE

22 - 26 Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 1:30pm - 5:15pm
Thu 1:30pm - 8:15pm, Sat 11:00am - 3:45pm
Ph: 9702 9510

MONDAY

Dungeons & Dragons
28 July - 8 September
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Face some of the most thrilling monsters in Dungeons & Dragons! Bring to your friends about your exploits! Bring own die if able.

TUESDAY

Yoga and Meditation
28 July - 8 September
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Join us on a journey into Mindfulness, Yoga, and Meditation - designed for young people aged 12 to 18. Each session is a chance to slow down, stretch out, and feel more calm, focused, and in control.

THURSDAY

Chill Vibes
31 July - 11 September
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Discover the power of Mindfulness and take the first step towards a calmer, more balanced life! Reduce stress, and enhance emotional well-being through fun activities and interactive discussions.



CRANBOURNE YOUTH INFO CENTRE

Shop 156 Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
Monday—Friday 1:30pm—5:15pm
Ph: 9792 7350

THURSDAY

Tuesday Sweet Trivia
28 July - 8 September
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Have a sweet tooth and good general knowledge? Compete for a chance to win a Sweet Treat.

FRIDAY

Mario Kart Challenge
1 August - 12 September
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Test your skills in our Mario Kart Challenge! You have one hour to win as many races as you can. How many can you win?

Youth Information Centres:
Nare Warren: 52 Webb Street, Nare Warren
Hampton Park: 22-26 Stuart Ave, Hampton Park
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre

Contact the City of Casey:
Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseyyc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200

Casey Youth Services
City of Casey Youth Services

Tel: 131 430 (for deaf, hearing or speech impaired) 131 430 (for deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

DEVON MEADOWS AUSKICK CENTRE

Saturday: 2nd August - 30th August
8:30am - 9:30am
Booring Reserve

AFL PLAY

CASEY YOUTH SERVICES TERM 3 2025

City of Casey
YOUTH
SERVICES

All Youth Service events and spaces are fully supervised, drug, alcohol, smoke/vape-free. Programs are subject to change. For updates, please check our social media pages or call Youth Services on 9705 5153.

CASEY 360 BUS YOUTH INFO CENTRE

The Casey 360 Bus is a Mobile Youth Information Centre servicing the City of Casey via purposeful in-school information sessions along with visits to local facilities such as community events, skate parks, and reserves.

For more information, or to make a booking, please contact the Mobile Youth Information Centre Officer at casey360@casey.vic.gov.au

*The Casey 360 is not available for private events



YOUTH COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Monday - Friday

9am - 5:30pm

- Free and confidential support
- Weekly appointments offered
- School holiday appointments available
- Telehealth and In Person appointments
- Youth-friendly, non-clinical environment
- No Medicare Card/Mental Health Care Plan required



For more information or to request a service:

Call 9792 7279 to speak to an intake worker or Text 0417 347 909 with your name and number.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Youth Engagement Team run a variety of programs for young people aged 10 - 25 years who are interested in their community including Free2A, Schools on Stage, Casey Youth Action Committee and National Youth Week.

MAN CAVE

Thursday evenings
Nare Warren Youth Information Centre
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Man Cave is a fun and action packed program for young men 10 - 17 years. Chill out with the boys, meet new friends and discuss 'man' business. Bookings essential.

PRIDE SPACE

Tuesday afternoons
Location upon request
4:15pm - 5:30pm

Pride Space is a weekly program for young people aged 10 - 17 years from Casey's LGBTQIA+ community and allies.

Pride Space provides a fun, safe space where young people can socialise, strengthen connections with their community and meet like-minded individuals.



LATE NIGHT HOOPS

Friday evenings
Olive Rd Sporting Complex, Eumemmerring
9:00pm - 12:00am

Late Night Hoops is a partnered program that uses sport as a tool to connect community together. This is a space for young people across Casey to engage in basketball, netball and volleyball.

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SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS PROGRAM

**BREAKFAST,
LUNCH & HOME
FOOD PACKS
AVAILABLE AT
YOUR SCHOOL**



The School Breakfast Clubs Program

Provides breakfast foods to schools so students can learn with a full stomach and get the most out of their education.

All students are welcome at Breakfast Club!

Coming together for breakfast has a positive effect on social skills, learning, concentration and student behaviour. It has also been shown to improve student - teacher relationships.

The Lunch Program

Offers a variety of healthy and nutritious ready to eat meals for students who have come to school without lunch.

The Home Food Packs Program

Offers a variety of healthy and nutritious food in a home food pack to take home.

The packs are for students from households that need some extra support.

For more information about the program at your school and foods available, contact:



Department
of Education

SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



*Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School are excited to participate in
City of Casey - Safe Around Schools Program
to educate children and parents about road safety around schools.*



While there is no quick fix, schools, council, parents, and children can all work together to get everyone to school and work – safely and on time.

For more information: [Safe Around Schools | City of Casey](#)

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2026 Foundation Transition Program Commencing Term 2, 2025

Living For Today. Learning For Tomorrow

Devon Meadows Primary School is situated in an attractive rural setting with well-established playing areas and sports grounds. We provide a caring secure environment where each child is valued as a unique and important individual. Here at Devon Meadows Primary School, we are a smaller, caring and community focused school. Our curriculum is centred around developing each child to their full potential academically, physically and socially.

The learning experiences provided at Devon Meadows Primary School aim to support our students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers. Our facilities and programs provide students with an educational experience that is engaging, collaborative and challenging.

Come and discover our:

- Spacious, rural setting and natural school grounds
- Inclusive learning community
- Supportive and caring educators and wider school community
- Evidence-based curriculum programs
- Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) approach from Foundation-Grade 6
- Open-ended and investigative mathematics tasks that support differentiation
- Modern technologies including student iPads or laptops in every year level
- Specialist program teaching Physical Education, The Arts, AUSLAN and Science
- Extra curricular activities, clubs, incursions, excursions and camp program
- Before and after school care run by TheirCare

We understand that choosing a school for your child can be a challenging decision. We aim to support you and your child throughout their school journey.

Please turn over for details of our Transition Program commencing in Term 2, 2025.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Online enrolments open term 2 .

Children must turn 5 years old by 30th April 2026.

School tours can be organised by contacting the office on 5998 2304



2025 TRANSITION DATES:

TERM TWO

FRIDAY 2nd MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 16th MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 30st MAY	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 13th JUN	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 27th JUN	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

TERM THREE

FRIDAY 1st AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 15th AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 29th AUG	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 12th SEPT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

TERM FOUR

FRIDAY 17th OCT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 31st OCT	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 14th NOV	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm
FRIDAY 28th NOV	Pre-Prep Program	2:30pm to 3:20pm

State Wide Transition

TUESDAY 9th DEC	9:15am to 12:00pm
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Respect • Teamwork • Commitment to learning • Friendship