

# Camperdown Contact

CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026



Today our Junior Campus proudly celebrated Purple Up! Day for Epilepsy. Students and staff dressed in purple to raise awareness and funds to support those who live with epilepsy. There was a fantastic buzz around the campus as our JSC members sold loom bands, badges, lolly bags and delicious cookies, all for a cause very close to our hearts! A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported this important day. Together, we're helping make a difference.

**Harriet Place and Grace Coker**  
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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

We are incredibly fortunate to enjoy such strong and generous support from our parent community. The number of Easter donations received this year has been overwhelming and the enthusiasm shown through raffle ticket sales has been equally impressive. Your support directly contributes to the important work of our Parents & Friends Association, whose efforts continue to enhance our school environment. Last year, funds raised supported the purchase of new furniture for our Junior Campus and the committee is now finalising plans to modernise the kitchen at the AG Daws Hall - an upgrade that will benefit both our students and the wider community by making the facility more appealing for hire.

The Parents & Friends Association held their Annual General Meeting in February and I am pleased to acknowledge the continued leadership of Sheree Horspole as President. She is ably supported by Vice President Caroline Christensen, Secretary Kellie Kempton, Treasurer Paula Regan, and Catering Coordinator Kylea Dickson. This dedicated team works tirelessly behind the scenes and their impact is felt across many aspects of school life. This term alone, they have been exceptionally busy providing catering at numerous school and interschool sporting events. I would also like to sincerely thank the many parents and our Senior Campus students who have generously volunteered their time to support these efforts. Together, these contributions have resulted in significant fundraising success, which will directly benefit our students in the future.

Our School Council elections were held last night and I thank all those who have committed to serving our school community in this important governance role. Luke Webb has taken on the role of President, supported by Paul Dunn as Vice President. I also acknowledge and thank returning members Jocelyn Clark, Kristy Clarke and Chrissy Baulch for their ongoing commitment to a further three years of service. School Council plays a vital role in shaping the school's vision, approving policies and ensuring that resources are aligned to support the best possible outcomes for our students. It is a meaningful way to be involved in the life of the school and to have a voice in its

continued growth and improvement. At present, we have one parent representative vacancy on School Council and I strongly encourage any interested members of our community to consider this opportunity.

Another wonderful way to support our school is by becoming a parent helper at the Junior Campus. These opportunities provide a valuable chance to be directly involved in your child's learning environment and to contribute to the vibrant culture of our school. Next term, parents will be invited to assist with a range of activities including classroom support, reading groups and literacy and numeracy programs. Even a small amount of time can make a significant difference and our staff greatly value the extra support in creating engaging and inclusive learning experiences for all students. Further information about how to get involved, including days, times and requirements, will be shared early next term. We warmly encourage anyone who can consider participating.

It has also been wonderful to see so many parents, carers and extended family members attending our recent sports days and weekly assemblies at the Junior Campus. This strong show of support creates a genuine sense of community and belonging for our students, who take great pride in sharing their achievements and milestones with those closest to them. Your presence not only celebrates their efforts, but also reinforces the importance of connection between home and school, helping to build confidence and a positive school experience for every child.

Once again, I extend my sincere gratitude to all members of our community who continue to give their time, energy, and support. It is this collective commitment that makes our school such a vibrant, connected and successful place for our young people to learn and thrive.

As we approach the end of term, I wish all families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

**Ms Vicki Angus, Principal**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day for Term 1 Prep-Year 12 students dismissed at 2.15pm</b>
	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>
<b>T2 W1</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First day for Term 2
	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Prep-Year 6 Cross Country <i>Camperdown College Sport Precinct</i>
	<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b>
<b>T2 W2</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 7-12 Cross Country
	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	HSSSD Boys Netball and Girls Football <i>Camperdown</i>
	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 11 Careers Camp <i>Melbourne</i>
	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3-6 Division Athletics Carnival <i>Warrnambool</i>
<b>T2 W3</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3-6 District Cross Country <i>Noorat</i>
	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 7 2027 Open Night from 7pm</b>
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	HSSSD Cross Country <i>Camperdown</i>
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Breakfast <i>Prep-Year 12, 7.30am-8.30am at the Junior Campus</i>
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall <i>Prep-Year 6 at the Junior Campus, all gifts \$3</i>
<b>T2 W4</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	HSSSD Senior Football and Intermediate/Senior Netball
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3-6 Division Cross Country <i>Warrnambool</i>
<b>T2 W5</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Education Week: Showcase Your School
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	GWR Boys Netball <i>Colac</i>

## Our Mission:

Camperdown College will provide exemplary teaching and learning programs within excellent facilities which foster school pride, aspiration and persistence to achieve high levels of learning for all students.



## Celebration of Learning Assembly – Term 1:

We concluded Term 1 today with our Celebration of Learning Assembly, a special opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge the many successes across the term. The assembly highlighted a range of achievements, celebrating both the rich learning taking place in classrooms and individual accomplishments that exemplify our school value of excellence. These end of term gatherings are always a joyful way for our community to recognise the effort, progress and dedication shown by our students and today's celebration was no exception. Congratulations to the following Student of the Term recipients, who will enjoy lunch with Ms Angus and myself next term: Lucy Marshall, Samuel Hillman, Evan Lafferty, Ollie Glennon, Kyron Hay, Phoebe Rethus, Lily Finlayson, Eamon Bredin, Skye Fleming, Sophia Brown, Oliver Eagle, Raymond Rankine, Van Duynhoven, Georgie Harrison, Eve Van Den Meiracker and Henry Wilkinson.

## Academic Progress Reports:

Our Term 1 Academic Progress Reports were sent home with students today. These reports are designed to give parents an overview of their child's learning and achievement throughout the term in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Phonics. They provide a brief snapshot of each student's engagement and progress in relation to the expected learning and development for their year level at this point in the year. This information offers a valuable mid-point update ahead of the more comprehensive Semester Reports that will be issued in Term 2. We hope families find this feedback helpful in understanding how their child is progressing in their learning.

## Epilepsy Action Australia's 2026 Purple Up! Day:

Our Junior School Council proudly led our Term 1 fundraiser, **Purple Up! Day**, in support of Epilepsy Action Australia today at the Junior Campus. This student-led initiative recognised and celebrated the resilience of those living with epilepsy while also helping to raise awareness of the challenges they face each day. The final day of term today saw students enthusiastically showing their support by wearing purple and contributing a gold coin donation as well as decorating cookies and enjoying a purple bag of lollies. In the lead-up to the day, our JSC representatives worked hard to prepare for the event, crafting purple ribbons that were sold to students for \$2 each. A special thank you to Jackson Horspole who made many purple loom bands that he donated to raise even more money. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved and supporting such a worthwhile cause, making it a fantastic day for our school community. Overall, our JSC led our campus in raising a total of \$631.50.

## District Athletics Carnival

On Monday, 34 of our Year 3-6 students proudly represented Camperdown College at the District Athletics Carnival, held at the Camperdown College Sport Precinct. Our students gave their best efforts throughout the day, demonstrating our school values while embracing the excitement of competing against talented peers from neighbouring schools. The team achieved an impressive third place overall, with eight students earning the opportunity to advance to the next level of competition. Special congratulations go to Callen McLachlan, who was recognised as the age group champion for the 12/13-year-old boys, a fantastic achievement!

## Staffing Changes:

Next term, Mrs Robertson will be enjoying a term of long service leave travelling and we wish her all the best. Mrs Hislop will be teaching Prep R for the duration of the term in Kim's absence. Tanya has been involved in many sessions within the Prep classroom supporting a smooth transition to this arrangement next term. With Mrs Hislop in the Prep classroom, Mr Harkin will be taking Prep – Year 6 Art for Term 2 alongside PE and Sport. We also welcome Mrs Currie across four days, rather than two, for the first six weeks of the term taking Prep – Year 6 intervention whilst Miss Kerr is on leave. Sheryl will also be teaching in Year 1/2CW on a Tuesday to release Miss Carrigan-Walsh for coaching sessions; a role we have seen Mrs Hislop in this term. We are excited to welcome Mrs Simone Gellie to the Junior Campus from week 6 with Simone to take over the teaching of Performing Arts when Mrs Hinkley begins her family leave. Nick Hose will also be joining our staff team from Term 2 in the wellbeing space providing small group and individual sessions of wellness support to complement our current approaches.

We say a big thank you to Tayla Kavenagh who has been a friendly and competent Education Support staff member this term and across the last few years at Camperdown College. Tayla has juggled a variety of ES roles during her time with us, with this term seeing her support our Prep students as they embarked on their schooling journey, all while studying her teaching degree. We hope this is a 'see you soon' rather than a goodbye!

## Prep – Year 6 Incursion: *It's a Mad World*

Our Monday morning started in such an energetic, entertaining and engaging manner, as we enjoyed a performance by Per Westman with his show *It's a Mad World*. Per delighted students with two very distinct characters throughout the show, exploring nerves, fears, confidence and talent. Our students were attentive as Per showed many tricks including impressive juggling and balancing, with laughter and anticipation filling the BER throughout the performance. Some of his tricks and abilities were truly impressive and left our students wondering how someone could perform something so impressive. It was a wonderful way to start our last week of Term 1.



## Welcome Evie!

This week, we were delighted to welcome Evie Mahony for a week of work experience at the Junior Campus. As a Year 10 student, Evie spent time across all year levels, gaining firsthand insight into a primary school setting from a staff member's perspective. We wish her every success as she approaches the final years of her schooling and begins exploring future career opportunities.

## ANZAC Day:

ANZAC Day this year falls on the first Saturday back after the holidays. Our Junior School Captains, Kaylee Brebner and Magnus Van Den Meiracker, will play a role in the service at the Soldier's Memorial in The Avenue on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We welcome students

who would like to join us in the march and service, to please meet us at the corner of Pike and Manifold Street outside the Lifeline Opportunity Shop at 9.45am on the day.

### Camperdown Police Colouring Competition:

At last week's assembly, Natalie and Ben from the Camperdown Police Station presented the winners of last year's colouring competition with their prizes: a police teddy bear complete with its own police vest. Congratulations to Charlotte Kent, Anne McKinnon, Emily Menzies and Evelyn Palmer for taking home this very special prize. Thank you to the Camperdown Police for organising this competition and for their generous prizes.



### Cooking Group:

On Friday, our cooking group students had their second visit to the Uniting Church, where they prepared and cooked pizzas as well as chocolate and raspberry pinwheels. This small group of Year 3/4 students developed a range of new skills over the two sessions and are eagerly anticipating two more visits in Term 2. We sincerely thank the Uniting Church for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Happy holidays to all our students and families. Have a lovely two-week break.

**Mrs Jacinta Tolland, Junior Campus Assistant Principal**

## SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS



The fortnight started with an excursion to the Warrnambool Law Courts by our Year 11 Legal Studies crew. Accompanied by Tania Bruckner and Vicki Angus, the students got to see the principles of justice in action in the courtroom. The group were especially lucky to be given personalised attention by Magistrate Rosyln Porter, the bench clerk and the police prosecutor. They could ask questions and some of the intricacies of the legal process were explained. It was a meaningful connection for Mrs Bruckner as she was old school mates with the Magistrate – a wonderful example to our students of the professional possibilities in their own area.

Last Wednesday, when most students were enjoying a pupil free day, 12 swimmers made their way to the Greater Western Region Swimming Championships in Horsham. Accompanied by families, Kate Wells and Ruby, the group had great success – despite the 6am start! We are proud of all our swimmers and special mention goes to Sicily Thun, who took out second place in both backstroke and butterfly events. Daniel Stringer-Donnelly came third in both the 100m Freestyle and 50m freestyle and went one better coming second in the butterfly and 200m individual medley. The U17 girls relay team also put in a wonderful effort.

It is amazing how fast the weather can turn, as the very next day, the Sport and Recreation students, along with Warren Attrill and Simon, braved the windy and wet conditions on the coast as they gave surfing a go. Some students, who the day before were enjoying a swim in excellent conditions in Horsham, were overcoming the elements to stand on surf boards in Warrnambool! All surfers showed excellent determination throughout the session, showing individual skill development and achieving success. The experience was well worth it and the heater in the minibus on the way home quickly restored balance. Heading in another direction – Ararat, 19 students and Kathryn Robertson and Tim, were off to the Greater Western Region Lawn Bowls competition. It is also fantastic to send a group, so varied in age to an event. Reports of their day can be found on page 9.

Throughout the week, our Year 8 students were also out and about, enjoying the scrumptious delights of local eateries. Having written and enacted role plays debating the best places to eat out the best food to eat, students were accompanied by Bu Jenna down the street, enjoying the fruits of their labour. It is learning experiences such as this that help to bring the learning to life and enrich our students' understanding and engagement.

Our SRC hosted their first fundraiser for the year last Friday through the Crazy Hair Day. Students were encouraged to style their hair in weird and whacky ways, with winners from each year level awarded prizes at lunch. There were googly eyes, skittles and even bulldog clips seen in hair on Friday – thank you to all who got involved. The event was in support of SRC member Isla Spokes, who for the second time, had grown her hair to raise money for the Hair for Heart cause; an initiative of the Variety Foundation. The day culminated in students congregating to watch as Isla had 45cm of locks lopped from her hair! To date, Isla has raised over \$1000 for the charity. We are incredibly proud of Isla, her hair will be used to make wigs for children who, for medical reasons, need them. The shorter cut will come in handy for Isla as she heads to the Alpine Campus of SSL in Term 2 along with Amber, Ollie and Sam.

Today, our SSL students from 2026 enacted their Community Learning Project. We look forward to sharing pictures of the colour run next term. Also this week, we farewelled out Year 7 group who all travelled to Roses Gap to the new Year 7 Camp. The beautiful late autumnal weather was kind, the food delicious and the company great as the cohort worked to strengthen the connections that have been growing over the term.

Thank you to all students, staff and families for your contributions to a jam-packed term; it is hard to believe we are at the holidays already. I know lots of great memories were made, complementing the strong learning growth in the classroom. I wish everyone a happy and a safe Easter break and look forward to the adventures Term 2 will bring. It will start off with a bang with Year 8 campers off on the first Monday back and Year 11 students off on their Melbourne Camp in week 2.

Ms Katie Taylor, Senior Campus Assistant Principal

# END OF TERM ONE

today, thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> april @ 2.15pm



**Hair with Heart**



The Senior Campus went a little 'crazy' last Friday! Students rocked some crazy hair dos in support of Isla Spokes, who had her long locks chopped off for charity!

Isla has been growing her hair and raising funds for the Variety charity, 'Hair with Heart' challenge. This cause supports kids who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with disability. All funds raised went towards supporting Australian kids in need. In particular, kids who are experiencing permanent hair loss from medical conditions such as alopecia and cancer. It was a fantastic, fun day at school that saw the craziest hair dos rewarded with some delicious prizes. We thank all those who participated and donated. We are so proud of Isla who had 45cm of hair cut off, ready to send off to make wigs for those in need. If you wish to make your own contribution to this most worthy cause, it's not too late!

Follow the link to Isla's fundraising page:

<https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/islaspokes17409/hair-with-heart>

Lucy Jubb, SRC Coordinator

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COMMUNITY FOCUS



SPORT



EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
OPPORTUNITIES



LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT



CREATIVITY



PERSONAL GROWTH

# OPEN NIGHT!

YEAR 7 | 2027



TUESDAY 5TH MAY

— SENIOR CAMPUS —



7:00 PM • Enter via Errey Street

— FOR MORE INFORMATION: —

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Violin students, Ava Loving-Williams and Savannah Brooks and cello student, Kaylee Brooks have had a great term learning their instruments!



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# Parents & Friends EASTER EGG RAFFLE

1. Tyne Van Dijk
2. Mercedes Love
3. Ekaterina Gunina
4. Holly Brooks
5. Rocky Elsum
6. Jack Merrett
7. Elodie Wilde
8. Ciaran Corrigan
9. Charlie, Zoe & Luca Unwin
10. Ted Hogan
11. Amy Rantall
12. Leo Ibrahim
13. Hanna Fleming
14. Jack Kempton
15. Lawson Clark
16. Kurt Wilson
17. Onaya & Jayavi Senarath
18. Oaklie Hinkley Frith
19. Daisy Glennon
20. Deb Mitchell
21. Marcus Delgado
22. Kayla Loving
23. Ava & Maximino Stace
24. Axel Duynhoven
25. Clara Tune
26. Harvey Walsh
27. Wendy Wason
28. Sam Tolland
29. Bailey Fox
30. Kylea Dickson
31. Skye Hargreaves
32. Georg French
33. Kaaisha Arora
34. Heidi Hogan
35. Quinn Croker
36. Bailey & Carter Merrett
37. Hudson & Jewel Whitewood
38. Georgie Perkins
39. Sam & Grace Bateman
40. Sheryl Currie
41. Ryder Jones
42. Goldie Elsum
43. Izaak Wilson
44. Kate Boyd
45. Jordy Kempton
46. Evelyn Tucker

47. Beau Smith
48. Christine Esh
49. Phoebe Rethus
50. Heather Robb
51. Zoe Collins
52. Lachie Horspole
53. Olive Attrill
54. Henrietta Walker
55. Olympia Spauil
56. Kaimana Karaitiana
57. Tanya Hilsop
58. Sage Collins
59. Lauren Murphy
60. Jack Hinkley
61. Tahlia Sargent
62. Paul Wilson
63. Layla Turner
64. Billie & Jude Martin
65. Tyne Van Dijk
66. Hope Beck
67. Matilda Stephenson
68. Crawford Dunn
69. Flynn Bell
70. The Loaf & Lounge
71. Greg McNamara
72. Sylvia Kuyper
73. Hamish Christensen
74. Eli Searle
75. Fletcher Tolland
76. Evie Smith
77. Van Duynhoven
78. Mr Osborne
79. Hailey Wilson
80. Nicole Ross
81. Skye Fleming
82. Finn Danby
83. Jocelyn Clark
84. Sam Weir
85. Paula Larenza
86. Ruby McLaughlin
87. Maddi Lyne
88. Ivy MacKinnon
89. Rocco & Bear Brooks
90. Jess Baker

91. Campbell Horspole
92. Sicily Thun
93. Zoe Morrison
94. Onyx Meade
95. Indie Rethus
96. Michael Koroneos
97. Maggie Finlayson
98. David Regan
99. Lila Horspole
100. Riley Stephenson
101. Marks Family
102. Kathryn Harriage
103. Mason & Lexie Lucas
104. Pippy Clarke
105. Alaska Hargreaves
106. Brian Boyd
107. Savannah Brooks
108. Ellie Finlayson
109. Donna Wilkinson
110. Wilbur Spokes
111. Amy Morris
112. Pat Spokes
113. Charlotte Walsh
114. Fiona Crowle
115. Hyedi Cook
116. Andrew Benallack
117. Ivy Gardiner
118. Claire Kempton
119. Megan Lucas
120. McAdam Family
121. Zachariah Conway
122. Penny O'Connor
123. Grace Hinkley





# SERIOUSLY SPORT

## @ Camperdown College



Glorious sunshine greeted our students at the Camperdown College Sport Precinct for our annual Prep-Year 6 Athletics Carnival on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Our students strived to achieve their best and demonstrated fantastic support for each other and it was pleasing to see so many families and friends come to witness the brilliant efforts on display and support our students.

Purrumbete were victors on the day - making it two from two so far this year. Age group champions for the day were Octavia Spaul & Van Duynhoven (5/6 yo), Evie Smith & Jude Martin (7 yo), Lucy Christensen & Axel Duynhoven (8 yo), Natalie Corrigan & Billy Hillman (9 yo), Georgie Harrison & Spencer Marshall (10 yo), Emily Menzies & Jack Hillman (11 yo), Kensie Austin-Ruff & Callen McLachlan (12/13 yo).

**Matt Harkin, Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator**



### Prep-Year 6 House Athletics

Sixteen students proudly represented Camperdown College at the Greater Western Region Swimming Carnival in Horsham on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, demonstrating outstanding effort, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Despite the early morning start, Senior Campus students Quinn Clark, Sicily Thun, Daniel Stringer-Donnelly, Miller Murphy, Taj Woodmason, Sophie Halliday, Breeana Daffy, Hannah Robertson, Olivia Halliday, Maya Smith, Amber Wallis and Katie Hansford all arrived with positive attitudes and a readiness to compete. All students swam exceptionally well, giving their best in every event and supporting one another as a team. A special congratulations to Sicily, who achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both butterfly and backstroke events. Daniel also had an outstanding day in the pool, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m Individual Medley. A great team effort was then shown in the U17 Freestyle relay with Hannah, Sophie, Bree and Katie putting in a fantastic performance.



### GWR Swimming

Hot on the tails of our Senior Campus swimmers were our four Junior Campus competitors who took to the pool in the afternoon. Special mention to our 9/10 year old relay team, consisting of Lily Finlayson, Georgie Harrison, Sage Collins and Natalie Corrigan who swam their little hearts out to place third overall, an excellent achievement at such a high level of competition. Sage also swam in the 50m freestyle to finish 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of our swimmers on a fantastic performance. You should be very proud of your efforts!





# SERIOUSLY SPORT @ Camperdown College

Our Year 3-6 students delivered an outstanding performance at the District Athletics Carnival held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Camperdown College Sport Precinct. Competing in excellent conditions, all students performed exceptionally well and demonstrated a commendable level of sportsmanship throughout the day.

Camperdown College achieved an impressive third-place overall finish, with Callen earning the 12/13-year-old boys' age group champion title. In addition, eight students have qualified for the division level competition, which will take place early next term. This represents a fantastic achievement by all competitors.

**Matt Harkin, Prep-Year 6 Sport Coordinator**



Year 3-6 District Athletics



On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, three junior and two senior teams travelled to Ararat to compete in the Greater Western Region Lawn Bowls Competition. Schools from across the region, including Hopetoun, Phoenix College, Mount Clear, Ararat, Trinity Colac, Cobden and Derrinallum, came together for a fantastic day of competition. All matches were played in great spirit, with a high level of skill on display. The standard of competition continues to improve each year, with many students regularly competing in weekend bowls.

Our junior teams competed across four sections. A standout performance came from Syd Walsh, Bailey Fox and Ella Riches, who finished on top of their section with two wins, progressing through to the semi-finals. They secured a narrow 6-4 victory over Mount Clear to advance to the preliminary final against host school Ararat. In a closely fought match that went down to the final end, Ararat claimed a narrow 5-4 win. It was a fantastic team effort, with all players contributing when it mattered most. In the senior competition, teams played across two sections. Our novice team of Fletcher Tolland, Bree Daffy and Noah Clarke showed great resilience, playing five consecutive games to finish with one win, one draw and three losses. The second senior team, consisting of Keira Johnston, Noah Riches and Chase Fleming, finished with one win and two very close losses.

Congratulations to all 16 students who represented Camperdown College so well. Their sportsmanship, determination and willingness to compete right to the final end of each game were outstanding. A special thank you to Chase and Keira for generously sharing their bowls with teammates, and to Tim Keane for being a great support throughout the day and ensuring everyone travelled home safely.

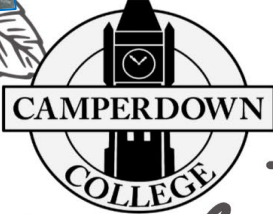
**Kathryn Robertson, Student Wellbeing Officer and Lawn Bowls Enthusiast**

A group of 12 Year 9/10 Sport & Recreation students took part in an exciting surfing experience in Warrnambool yesterday. Partnering with Go Surf Surf School, students enjoyed the opportunity to develop their surfing skills whilst challenging themselves in a real coastal environment.

Despite the windy and cold conditions, the group demonstrated outstanding resilience and enthusiasm. The less-than-ideal weather did not dampen their attitude, with students embracing the challenge and making the most of the experience. Many students successfully caught waves and showed significant improvement throughout the session.

The day was a fantastic example of students stepping outside their comfort zones, supporting one another and applying the skills developed in a real-world setting. Well done to all involved in a memorable and rewarding experience!

**Warren Attrill, Sport & Recreation Teacher**



# Save the Date

Camperdown College  
Debutante Ball:  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2026

# Mother's

## DAY BREAKFAST & STALL FRIDAY 8TH MAY

**Mother's Day Breakfast:** The Mother's Day Breakfast will be held in the BER Building at the Junior Campus and open to all families of students in Prep - Year 12 from 7.30am - 8.30am. All mothers/special people are invited to attend with their children. Bacon and egg sandwiches, cereal, juice, fruit, yoghurt, tea and coffee will be available for \$5 per head (payable on the day). For catering purposes, please email [amy.stephenson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:amy.stephenson@education.vic.gov.au) to RSVP. Please note that breakfast will not be served after 8.30am.

**Mother's Day Stall:** We ask that each student in Prep - Year 6 donate one gift for the Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall. If your child needs to purchase more than one gift, we ask that you donate accordingly. Could all donated gifts please be left at the Junior Campus Office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May so that they can be gift wrapped. All students are encouraged to bring \$3 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to purchase a gift for their mum/special person. Parent helpers will be required on the day. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Amy in the Junior Campus Office.



# VET & CAREERS WEEKLY Update



## Exciting Opportunities & Important Updates

Please keep an eye on the Events and Opportunities board!

- Lots of apprenticeships going – please see the board outside the careers office for more information.
- Corangamite Youth Shire have a lot of FREE events – please see emails or go directly to their website for chances to obtain more training opportunities.

### Important Dates:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Year 9 Morrisby Profiling

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 Careers Camp

## 🍰 Student Spotlight – Rising Star in Hospitality 🍰

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Sybella Gavin, who has recently been awarded the **VET Challenge Award** for her outstanding submission in a VET Hospitality Challenge! As part of the challenge, Sybella created a written response that gave a real insight into life working at **Camperdown Bakery**. She captured her experience through photos and reflections, showcasing everything from **servicing customers with a smile** to **preparing delicious desserts and fresh cabinet food**. Her work highlighted the fast-paced, hands-on nature of the hospitality industry and the importance of teamwork, organisation, and presentation.

Alongside this, Sybella is completing her **Certificate II in Hospitality**, where she continues to build on her skills and understanding of what it takes to succeed in the industry. From the kitchen to the front counter, she is embracing every opportunity to learn and grow. With her enthusiasm, strong work ethic and passion for all things food, Sybella **is cooking up a very bright future!** 🥰 ✨

*Well done — You have earned your hot chip lunch prize!!*

## 💡 VET & Careers Tip of the Week:

### Turn your placement into a reference.

While you're completing your **VET course or SWL placement**, don't just focus on getting through the day — focus on building relationships.

👉 At the end of your placement, ask your supervisor: **“Would you be happy to be a referee for me?”** A strong reference can:

- Help you get a job
- Strengthen your résumé
- Open doors to future opportunities

💡 **Pro Tip:** Follow up with a quick thank you (in person or email). It leaves a lasting impression and shows professionalism. Small actions now can lead to big opportunities later.



# ANZAC DAY 25 April

JUNIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

J11

VHAP @ Junior Campus Term 2

J12

Prep Parent Information

SENIOR CAMPUS COMMUNICATION SENT HOME TO PARENTS THIS FORTNIGHT:

No communication was sent home at the Senior Campus this fortnight.

# Happy Birthday!



## APRIL

2 <sup>ND</sup> JOSH	19 <sup>TH</sup> ELLA
6 <sup>TH</sup> ELAINA & MAX	20 <sup>TH</sup> ZAXON
7 <sup>TH</sup> TAYLAH & MICHAEL	23 <sup>RD</sup> QUINN & KAAISHA
11 <sup>TH</sup> JACKSON	24 <sup>TH</sup> HARVEY & JAY
13 <sup>TH</sup> BILLY & MADDISON	26 <sup>TH</sup> WILBUR
14 <sup>TH</sup> JACK	28 <sup>TH</sup> HARLEN, LAYLA TAJ & MILLER
15 <sup>TH</sup> ARCHIE & MASON	
17 <sup>TH</sup> EAMON	
18 <sup>TH</sup> CAMPBELL & JAYAVI	



## 2026 STUDENT WELLBEING BAROMETER SURVEY

The Wellbeing Barometer has evolved into an essential, evidence-informed resource that provides schools with a clear and timely snapshot of student mental health and wellbeing. By capturing the experiences, concerns and perspectives of young people, the survey supports a deeper understanding of the needs within a school community and enables more confident, informed responses. Importantly, it also supports meaningful dialogue between your school and families, strengthening trust and shared responsibility for student wellbeing. This year, the survey has been refreshed to further refine the information shared by parents and adult carers, helping provide a clearer and more meaningful overview of wellbeing across the school community. These updates support more accurate insights while maintaining the same strong commitment to privacy and confidentiality.

Participation in this year's survey will support us to identify areas of strength, developing concerns and opportunities for timely intervention. Designed to reflect the realities of young people's lives today, the survey enables a targeted, evidence-informed approach to enhancing mental and emotional wellbeing across your school community. To participate, please use the link below: [https://camperdowncoll.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-survey-2026-au](https://camperdowncoll.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-barometer-survey-2026-au)

We are committed to supporting every student's wellbeing and success. As part of this, our school is implementing the Berry Street Education Model to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment.

Alongside this, students are engaging in learning around Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR), helping all students to build positive connections, develop resilience, and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

If anything in this content raises concerns for you or your child, please feel welcome to reach out and speak with us, we're here to listen and support you. We also encourage you to connect with qualified health professionals if you feel that would be helpful. Open conversations and early support can make a meaningful difference.

The Wellbeing  
BAROMETER  
Survey 2026



Our Year 11 VCE Legal Studies class visited the Warrnambool Law Courts on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and saw a wide range of cases and experienced the complexities of the legal system firsthand. Students enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of a round table chat with Magistrate Roslyn Porter, police prosecutor and bench clerk. They shared their career pathways and Her Honour spoke of her work for Victorian Legal Aid and the Assessment and Referral Court (ARC), designed to help address the overrepresentation of people with mental illness in the justice system.

**Tania Bruckner, Legal Studies Teacher**



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**SchoolTV**

Missed the SchoolTV webinar, *Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience*? The recording is available until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May via the link below or on the Webinar Series tile on our SchoolTV homepage (link available on the Camperdown College homepage). Don't forget to download the KEY points flyer to support conversations at home.

[Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience \(Part I\)](#)

We look forward to delivering **Part 2 of the Webinar Series** in Term 2, with further details to be shared in early Term 2.



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COLLEGE

LEARNING  
Legends

Determination,  
Friendly & Caring,  
Humble,  
Independence,  
Kindness,  
Maturity, Sense  
of Humour,  
Responsive,  
Storytelling,  
Thoughtfulness.

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# Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

## APPLICATION FORM

<b>CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE</b>
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School Name

<b>016259</b>
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School Ref ID

### Applicant details

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Town/Suburb</b>	
<b>State and Postcode</b>	
<b>Contact Number</b>	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

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**OR**  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\* **OR**  Special Consideration\*\*

\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

\*\*Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

### Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2026

**SUNDAY  
12 APRIL  
10AM - 3PM**

**FREE EVENT**

# CATCH A CARP FESTIVAL



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Department

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## JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FREE EVENT AT LAKE COLAC FORESHORE

- ✓ Family friendly fishing comp with lots of prizes
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- ✓ Cooking demos and tastings
- ✓ Fish anatomy dissections
- ✓ Commercial carp fishing demo catching carp in Lake Colac
- ✓ Knot tying demos, fishing and outdoor swap meet, free giveaways and lots more!



**SCAN  
ME!**

This is a Camperdown & District Community House Project supported by Gardiner Foundation and Corangamite Shire



# Plates & Paddocks

FREE Two-day short course for ages 15-25

Gain fantastic skills & experience!

You will learn menu & event planning, food prep & service AND be involved in running a community meal supporting our primary producers



Safe food handling  
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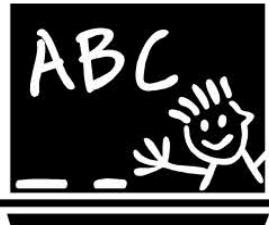


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culinary and event  
training



Professional references  
& experience

To express your interest please call 55931403 or email [office@camperdownch.com.au](mailto:office@camperdownch.com.au)



**Camperdown Preschool Association is seeking applications for a Business Manager at our kindergarten.**

### The role comprises of but is not limited to:

- General Administration and day-to-day running of the kindergarten;
- Financial reporting, budgeting and payroll;
- Staff recruitment and management;
- Directly Reporting to Committee of Management & Kindergarten Director
- 12 – 16 hours per week. This is a flexible role and can include a combination of working on site and at home as agreed upon with the Committee of Management.

This role is a probationary role ( 3 months).

Applications for this position close at **5.00pm on Friday 17th April 2026.**

**Starting date:** Monday 4th May 2026.

Applicants must hold a current Working with Children check and be willing to apply for a National Police check as well as current First Aid & CPR.

Applicants are asked to contact the President at Camperdown Preschool for key selection criteria and further information via the email below.

### The President

Camperdown Preschool

PO Box 146

Camperdown VIC 3260

[presidentcamperdownkinder@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcamperdownkinder@gmail.com)