



Newsletter #20
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Junior Room Structure Update for 2026

We would like to let our school community know about an important update to our class structure for 2026. After careful review and consultation with our SEIL, our Junior Room will operate as an F–3 learning space rather than F–2.

This change reflects the current learning needs of our students. Many of our younger learners require additional time to strengthen their foundational skills in literacy, numeracy and independent work habits. By supporting Year 3 students within the Junior Room for an extra year, we can ensure they receive the explicit teaching, targeted practice and consolidation they need before transitioning to the Senior Room.

In the Senior Room, students are expected to engage with more complex tasks and work with a higher level of independence. We want all students to feel confident and ready for this step. Adjusting the Junior Room to include Year 3 will allow us to better prepare students academically, socially and emotionally, setting them up for success as they move forward in their learning.

This decision has been made thoughtfully and collaboratively, with student wellbeing and learning at the centre. If you have any questions or would like to discuss what this change may mean for your child, please reach out at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

A Note to Our New Families: Understanding Our School Reports

As we welcome new families into our school community, we'd like to share a little about our approach to student reports.

At many schools, reports are written using highly positive phrasing or "teacher speak," which can sometimes make it difficult for parents to clearly understand where their child is truly sitting. At our school, we take a different approach. We believe that honest, clear and direct communication is one of the greatest supports we can offer both students and their families.

Our reports aim to give you a genuine picture of your child's learning. They will celebrate what your child *can* do and recognise the growth they have made. They will also openly outline areas where your child needs further development. This isn't about criticism—it's about ensuring you have the information you need to understand your child's progress and how we can work together to support them.

We know that every child learns at their own pace, and honest reporting helps us tailor our teaching, set realistic goals and provide targeted support. It also helps parents feel confident that they're receiving an accurate snapshot of their child's strengths and learning needs.

We value the partnerships we have with our families, and transparent communication is central to that. If you ever have questions about your child's report or would like to discuss their learning, please know that our door is always open.

We look forward to working with you and supporting your child's education.

Benalla Aquatic Centre and Funfields Excursions

Thank you to all the families who have already returned the permission forms for our upcoming excursions to the Benalla Aquatic Centre and Funfields. We appreciate your prompt response in helping us finalise arrangements.

If you have not yet returned your forms, please ensure they are completed and handed in by **Monday, 8th December**, so that all students are included in our planning and can participate on the day.

The Flying Doctor Dental Van

We are pleased to share that the Flying Doctor Dental Van will be visiting our school early next year, in **February**. This program provides students with access to free, high-quality dental checks.

Families will receive notices and permission forms at the beginning of **Term 1**. Please keep an eye out for these forms so you can take advantage of this valuable service.



UEducateUs

From next year, Jamieson Primary School will be transitioning to **UEducateUs**, our new communication and administration platform. This means we will be moving away from Compass and introducing a more streamlined system for families.

Parents and carers will be asked to download the UEducateUs app, and each family will receive a login and password in the new year to get started.

This platform will enable us to share permission forms and newsletters electronically, allowing you to schedule appointments with staff, notify the school of absences or late arrivals, and stay up-to-date with important school information — all in one place.

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

The film crew was in Jamieson this week, and our students were given a wonderful opportunity to see behind the scenes of how a movie is made. They enjoyed watching the process unfold and learning more about what goes into creating a film.



Lauriston students visited the school to say hello and goodbye to the junior class, whom they had enjoyed teaching music to earlier in the year.

