

LINK NEWS

THE LINK CENTRE COMMUNITY HUB PROVIDES FAMILIES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO LINK WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND AND FIND THEIR VOICE IN LEARNING AND CULTURE.

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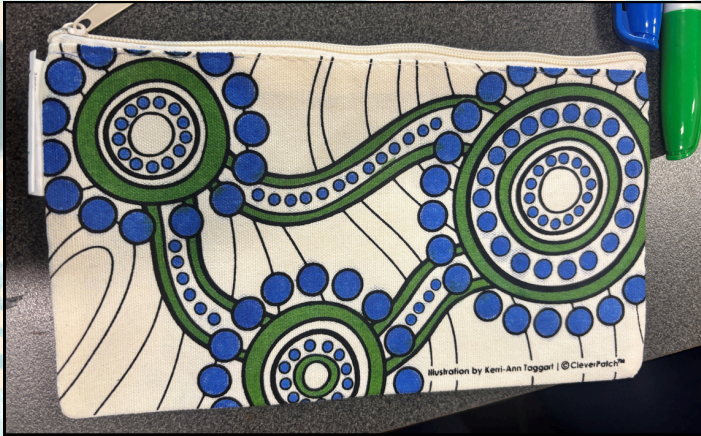
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FROM BUNURONG LAND

We respect, acknowledge, value, and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity, and multicultural strengths. We will provide an environment in which we aim to support every student to engage with truth, justice, and healing through reconciliation via the curriculum and listening to our elders and our family stories. An environment in which every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student has the opportunity to achieve their potential and feel strong and connected in their cultural identity.

Above- Young Mob students participated in cultural activities during Harmony Week which included sewing a Mangrrok which is a possum skin ball traditionally used to play sport, which influenced the Australian Football League as we know it today. Students also did painting, weaving and craft using traditional symbols.

ADULT LEARNING

CAKE DECORATING AND SEWING

Our families have been learning practical hands on experience this term with Cake Decorating.

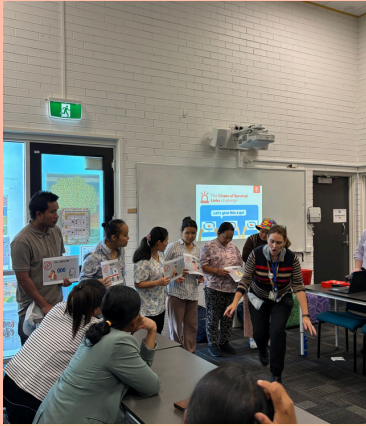
This initiative builds on our strong partnership with Wyndham Community Education Centre, which has supported families to participate in cake decorating classes at the school. Through this program, parents have developed practical skills in baking, design, and presentation, while also building confidence and connection within the school community.

A cake stall represents the next step in this learning journey, providing families with the opportunity to apply their skills in a real-world context. By planning, producing, and selling their products, participants will gain hands-on experience in entrepreneurship, including pricing, customer service, and small business operations. This authentic experience supports skill development, empowerment, and pathways for future learning and enterprise opportunities.

Some families have also been participating in the extension of their sewing journey, learning more technical skills with the machine.



ADULT LEARNING- CPR



We recently hosted a valuable CPR learning session for families, providing an opportunity to build practical skills that could one day save a life.

With the guidance of our wonderful school nurses, Kylie and Michelle, participants were taken through the key steps involved in responding to an emergency.

Families learned how to recognise when an incident has occurred, how to stay calm and assess the situation, and the importance of calling for help quickly. They also practised the critical steps of performing CPR, including chest compressions and giving breaths to someone who needs immediate assistance.

Thank you to our school nurses and Ambulance Australia for the resources.

COMPASS TRAINING

Through our engagement work, parents have also been supported to confidently use Compass School Manager.

This includes key functions such as marking attendance, booking Parent-Teacher interviews, and accessing student reports.

Building parent confidence in using Compass is important because it strengthens the connection between home and school. When families can easily access information and engage with school processes, they are better equipped to support their child's learning and wellbeing. It also ensures parents stay informed, can respond to school communication in a timely way, and feel more empowered and included in their child's education.

Ultimately, increasing parent capability with Compass helps remove barriers to engagement and creates a more connected, informed, and supportive school community.

Thank you to our MEA who speaks Karenni and Paw Ner Moo who speaks Karen supporting our families and Kristy for running the session.



HARMONY WEEK 2026

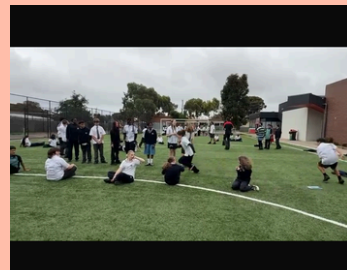
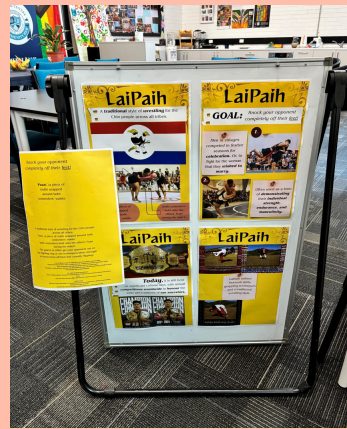
What a fantastic Harmony Week we've had!

Across the school, students engaged in a range of rich and meaningful activities during School Wide Time. These included exploring Indian culture through learning Kho Kho and dance, diving into the history of African empires, listening to and reflecting on Dreamtime stories, and participating in cultural talks that highlighted what harmony means to each of us as a school community.

Students also had the opportunity to experience henna art and enjoy an exciting Chin wrestling demonstration, celebrating cultural traditions through hands-on and interactive experiences.

It was wonderful to see so many students sharing their voices, learning from one another, and embracing the diversity that makes our school so special. We've also had great interest with sign-ups now underway for our upcoming Multicultural Week performances, we can't wait to see these come to life!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Harmony Week such a meaningful and engaging celebration.



CHAT AND CHAI



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Chat and Chai. It was wonderful to see families come together in such a warm and welcoming space.

The session highlighted the power of community connection. Families had the opportunity to share their experiences, learn from one another, and build meaningful relationships. These conversations are so valuable, they help strengthen understanding across cultures, build confidence in engaging with the school, and create a stronger sense of belonging for everyone.

It was especially powerful to see how much knowledge and support exists within our own community when we take the time to listen and share.

We truly appreciate your time and contribution, and we look forward to continuing these opportunities to connect.

HOLI

Our school came together to celebrate Holi, the Festival of Colours, recognising joy, renewal, and the beauty of diversity.

It was wonderful to see students and staff connecting through shared conversations, bright colours, and a spirit of inclusion. Moments like these strengthen our community and build a sense of belonging for all.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in the Social Staffroom to share food, music, and connection.
Happy Holi!



2026 CULTURAL LEADERS



The Cultural Leader selection process was fair, student-centred, and focused on recognising students ready to lead and make a difference. A panel of six staff reviewed applications to ensure all students were considered equally. Students were selected based on respect for culture, creativity, willingness to be involved, and ability to bring new ideas. Leadership and community involvement were also considered. The panel worked together to ensure decisions were balanced and thoughtful, resulting in a diverse group of students ready to lead and contribute to the school community.

Congratulations to Max, Bella, Alicia and Abigail!

A cultural leader plays a really important role in strengthening connection, inclusion, and understanding across a school community. Beyond supporting day-to-day engagement, they help shape how culture is valued and embedded.

Some of the key things a cultural leader can do include:

- Build relationships with families and community, acting as a bridge between school and home, especially for culturally diverse communities
- Support student voice and identity, creating safe spaces (like groups or programs) where students feel proud of who they are
- Lead cultural initiatives and events, coordinating things like Harmony Week, cultural celebrations, guest speakers, and performances
- Advise staff on cultural responsiveness, helping teachers better understand cultural backgrounds, needs, and respectful practices
- Support wellbeing and belonging, working alongside wellbeing teams to support students who may feel disconnected or underrepresented
- Connect with external organisations, linking in community groups, services, and programs that can support students and families
- Advocate for equity and inclusion, ensuring diverse perspectives are represented in school decisions, policies, and programs

At its core, the role is about creating a school where culture is not just acknowledged but celebrated, respected, and embedded in everyday practice.

2026 MULTICULTURAL ACTION GROUP



We're so proud to recognise this group of students who have stepped forward to help make our school a more inclusive, welcoming, and vibrant place for everyone. Their willingness to be involved, support others, and bring energy to school events shows real leadership in action.

As part of the Multicultural Action Group, these will be the people who help turn ideas into reality. They will support the planning and running of important events such as Harmony Week, NAIDOC Week, Multicultural Week and Refugee Week, helping create activities that celebrate culture and identity, and work alongside the leadership group to bring their ideas to life.

Their role is about teamwork, creativity, and being hands-on, setting up, supporting, promoting and helping make sure every event feels meaningful and welcoming for all students. We can't wait to see the pride, innovation and positivity you bring to the school this year.

Congratulations to Shiloh, Evalyn, Hana, Udisha, Siham, Esther, Rheej and Leen

RAINBOW GROUP

Rainbow Group is back and it's bigger than ever. We've had a fantastic number of students getting involved, connecting through creative, craft-based activities and building a strong sense of community.

It's a safe, inclusive environment where students can be themselves, feel seen, and find connection with others. It supports wellbeing, belonging, and student voice especially for those who may not always feel represented elsewhere.

Seeing so many students engage, collaborate, and support one another has been incredibly powerful. Rainbow Group continues to be an important part of creating a school where everyone feels valued, respected, and proud of who they are.

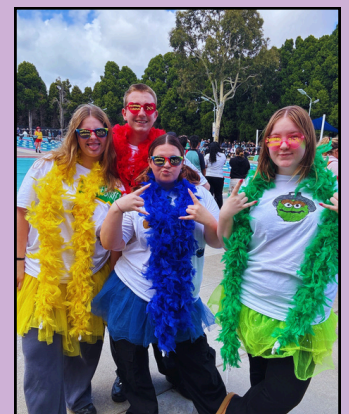


SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Spirit Booth is a key part of our swimming carnival, bringing energy, colour, and connection to the day. It's a space where students can come together to show pride in their house, get creative, and build a strong sense of belonging.

Representing your house colour is about more than just competition—it's about teamwork, identity, and school spirit. Whether it's face paint, accessories, or cheering on teammates, the Spirit Booth helps students feel part of something bigger and encourages participation from everyone, not just those in the pool.

This year, the Community Hub and Student Services teamed up to run the booth, creating a welcoming and inclusive space for all students to get involved. It was fantastic to see so many students proudly wearing their colours and supporting one another throughout the day.



STAFF NEWS

We're so excited to share that Malaan is expecting!

Malaan will be heading on leave from Week 3, Term 3 as she prepares to welcome her little one. While we will certainly miss her, we couldn't be happier for her as she begins this very special new chapter.

Malaan has brought so much warmth, care, and positivity to our community, and we know she'll bring all of that (and more!) into motherhood. Wishing her all the very best for a safe and joyful journey ahead we can't wait to meet the newest little addition to our Hub



MEET FRAZER

We're excited to welcome Frazer Bekele, Senior School Community Liaison Officer at DET, to our school community.

Funded through the Victorian African Communities Action Plan, Frazer will be onsite every Tuesday and Thursday, working closely with Malaan to support students and strengthen connections with our community.

We're looking forward to the positive impact this partnership will bring.



WHAT'S ON IN THE HUB FOR TERM 2?

Date / Frequency	Event / Activity	Time / Details
Every Tuesday	The Smith Family – Drop-in Service	10:15 AM – 11:00 AM at the Community Hub
Every Tuesday (Break 2)	Rainbow Group	Lunchtime safe space & activities
Every Monday	Sewing Classes with WCEC	12:30 PM -3:00 PM
Fortnightly Wednesdays (Week 1 start)	Interact Club Meetings	Break 1
Every Tuesday (Break 1)	Auslan Club	Lunchtime session
Apr 24, 2026	Parent teacher interviews	All Day
May 12 and May 19	Baking Class for adults	9am-11am
Every Friday	Gardening Club for Adults	9am-11am
May 4, 2026	Compass Training	9am-11am
May 7, 2026	Understanding School Reports	9am-11am
21 May 2026	School Tour- Freeza Youth Services	All Day
27 May 2026- 3 June	Reconciliation Week	All Week
15 Jun 2026-June 19	Refugee Week	All Week
18 Jun 2026	Adult Excursion to the zoo	All Day
23 Jun 2026	Resume Writing for Adults-Alumni	All Day