



# Snippets

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## Moe South Street Primary School



## News from the Principal

Welcome to the second last edition of **Snippets** for Term 1, 2023!

This time of year is exciting and energising, and there are certainly many opportunities for our school community to come together, celebrate and connect.

The first of which is our **Parent Teacher Student Meetings**. These three-way conversations provide an excellent opportunity for your child to reflect on their growth and achievement and refocus their energy and efforts into areas where they can continue to grow or improve. All bookings can be made through **COMPASS**, and we would love for all families to book a time that suits them.

**COMPASS** provides a user-friendly and convenient platform to make a time that suits you, and remember, if you are having any troubles with **COMPASS**, please pick up the phone and speak with our friendly team in the office. At this stage, we have had 40% of households make a booking. We would love to see this number higher.

Time has gone fast this term, and it is hard to believe **EASTER** is almost here.

I want to thank the **Office team** and our **School Council fundraising sub-committee**, who have supported the organisation of our annual **EASTER RAFFLE**.

**Tomorrow**, students are invited to come along in their casual clothes and either make a donation of **EASTER EGGS** or **chocolate** or bring a **gold coin**. The donations will then be put together into hampers and drawn next **Wednesday**.

For your chance to win, please also Remember to return your raffle tickets.

Next week, I look forward to sharing our staff's Term 1 highlights with you and celebrating our **EASTER RAFFLE** winners.

Take Care,  
Brendan Dawson, Acting Principal



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

### Entering an Attendance Note

- 1 From the Compass home screen (or from your student's profile), click the **Add Attendance Note** item.
- 2 From the pop-up window
  - Select the reason
  - Enter a brief description of the absence
  - Select the start and finish time
  - Click the 'Save' button

Our office team have set up a '**COMPASS Support Station**,' where you can pop in and access the internet and **COMPASS**.

**At South Street Primary School we grow people who:**

Are creative, curious and independent learners. Are resilient and problem solve when faced with challenges. Respect and care about themselves, each other and the world in which we live.



We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

# Parent teacher interviews



Our **Student Parent Teacher Meetings** are happening on:

**Wednesday 5th April, from 3:30pm – 6:00pm**

**Thursday, 6th April, from 8:30am – 1:30pm**

Students are expected to attend for their meeting time only to be part of the conversations.

*There will be no classes running.*

If you haven't already done so, please make a booking in **Compass**. **Parent Teacher Meetings** are an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development, meet and get to know your child's teachers and help your child's teachers understand more about your child. Your child **must attend** for their time with you.

*Book Now*

## how to

make a booking  
on **Compass**  
for  
parent/teacher  
interviews

1. Click Conferences (in menu).
2. From the list of parent- teacher conference cycles.

- Select the relevant cycle you wish to book for.
- Select the student you wish to place a booking for.
- Select the class or interview group.
- Click on a time slot to make a booking and confirm.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Term 1

**Fri 31st March**

"Casual Clothes Day"

Easter Egg or gold  
coin Donation for  
**Easter Raffle**

**Wed 5th April**

Last day of  
school for  
students

**Tue 4th April**

"Fun Food Day"  
Hot Cross  
Buns

**Thur 6th April**

Parent Teacher  
Interviews  
8.30am - 1.20pm

**Wed 5th April**

Parent Teacher  
Interviews  
3pm - 6pm

**Tues 4th April**

Return Raffle Books

**Wed 5th April**

Easter Raffle Drawn

## Term 2

**Mon 24th April - First day of Term 2**

**Fri 19th May - Student Free Day** Professional Practice Day all Staff



# Out of Uniform Day

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**



**Easter egg or gold coin  
donation to go  
towards our Easter Raffle.**

# Easter Raffle

**Friday 31st March**

**Raffle Tickets to be returned by Tuesday 4th April**

*Thank You*

## News from the School Nurse

If families require any **health support** from a school nurse over the school holidays **please phone 1800 242 696** and asked to be put through to the **Paediatric & Youth Hub**.



Our admin staff will email the **Community Nurse** in Schools on call for that day who will respond to the query.



All the best for the school holidays, stay safe,  
rest up, and see you in **Term 2** ☺

*From The School Nurses,  
Ainsley & Katelyn*

# News from the School Nurse

## Ways a child can be impacted by hearing loss in the classroom



The student may not be able to hear and follow instructions



They may not be able to work collaboratively to the best of their ability



The student may not be able to understand the teacher



The student may feel isolated in the playground and the classroom



They may get tired and frustrated, impacting their ability to learn



#ScreenwithSoundScouts

www.soundscouts.com



## Sound Scouts hearing tests!

### What is Sound Scout?

Sound Scouts is a fun App where children play a game (while having their hearing checked) on an iPad/tablet using a set of headphones while we supervise.

A report will be automatically generated following the test which can be sent to parents/carers via email if required

### When will tests take place?

Hearing tests will begin within the first couple of weeks of Term 2 and continue until screening is completed.

### Who can have this done?

Grade 2 and Grade 4 children only.

### Why do I need to have a test?

Any hearing test results where a concern is identified, may indicate a referral to Gippsland Audiology for further testing. Parents/carers will be contacted if a referral is required.

Hearing tests are encouraged due to the importance of early intervention of hearing issues.

Optimal educational outcomes are dependent on good hearing!

If you have any concerns or questions, or do not wish your child to have their hearing checked please contact the school.

For more info on Sound Scouts please click the link

[Free Online Hearing Test App For Kids | Supported by Department of Health \(soundscouts.com\)](https://www.soundscouts.com)



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*From The School Nurses,  
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# News from the School Chaplain



As parent /teacher interviews are coming up I thought it may be a good time to have the uniform from lost property out on display when you visit school on

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

It has rapidly accumulated and needs to go home for the holidays.

Please check the table out and see what belongs to your child.

Every good wish for a safe and enjoyable Easter Break.

Go easy on the Chocolate !!!!

**Val Hemmings**  
**School Chaplain**



## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club will be closed on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** and will reopen on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at **8am**

# School News

SCHOOL BUS



## NO SCHOOL BUSES

Below is a list of dates when the school bus will not be running .

If this impacts your household, please not it on your calendar

**Monday 24th April**  
**Friday 9th June**  
**Friday 23rd June**  
**Monday 10th July**  
**Monday 7th August**  
**Monday 6th November**

## STUDENT FREE DAYS

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Thursday**  
**6th April**



**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Friday**  
**19th May**



**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Friday**  
**25th August**



**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**Friday**  
**8th September**



Our school Canteen (Snack Attack)  
is currently seeking volunteers.

Currently we have lunch orders  
on Fridays.

Hours for volunteering are  
10am until 2pm approx.



# Community News



## 2023 KEY TRANSITION DATES

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 3RD**

Open Day- Grade 5 & 6 students attend with their primary school.

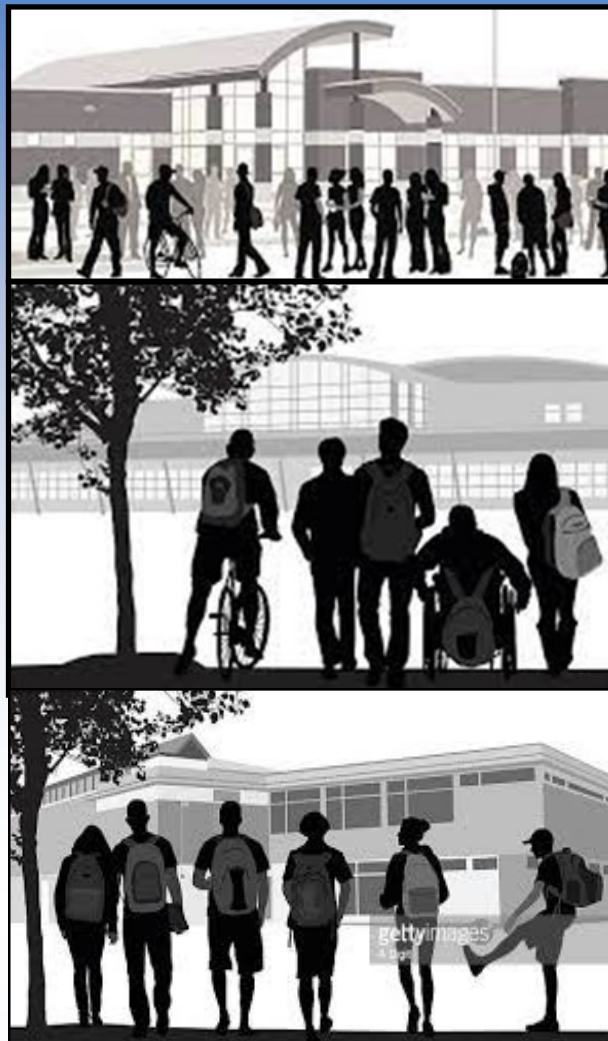
Information Evening - 7pm in the Lowanna College Auditorium.

**WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 16TH**

Transition Day- Grade 6 students attend with their primary school.

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER  
12TH**

Statewide Transition- Grade 6 students who are enrolled at Lowanna for 2024 attend.



## easter FREE FUN FOR ALL!



### Meet the Easter Bunny

Wednesday 5th,  
Thursday 6th & Saturday 8th April  
10am-1pm daily

### Easter Rhyme Time

Wednesday 5th & Saturday 8th April  
10.30am-11.30am

Easter story time, dancing, music  
making and so much more!  
Plus... a visit from the Easter Bunny  
with a special Easter treat!  
No bookings required.

### Easter Garden

Wednesday 5th,  
Thursday 6th & Saturday 8th April

Visit the Easter Garden for some  
FREE Easter activities!  
Plus... Snap a photo and share  
your pic on social media  
#midvalleymorwell  
for a chance to WIN 1 of 3  
Easter prize packs!

\*Free activities and giveaways available while stocks last.  
Refer to website for terms and conditions.



### SPIN TO WIN

Wednesday 5th  
to Saturday 8th April  
12pm to 1pm  
(Excluding Good Friday)  
Make a purchase at  
specialty stores for a  
chance to SPIN TO WIN  
exciting prizes!  
\*See promo stand for Ts & Cs.

### EASTER MARKET

Thursday 6th April  
from 9am  
Showcasing the finest  
local produce, crafts and  
more from Gippsland  
and surrounds.

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SHOPPING CENTRE

All activities located in Centre Court near Cotton On.

Mid V FREE holiday fun!

WEEK ONE

KAISERCRAFT

## Canvas Painting

Tuesday 11th  
to Friday 14th April

45 min Workshops: 10am 11am, & 12pm  
Located in Centre Court, near Cotton On  
BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED.

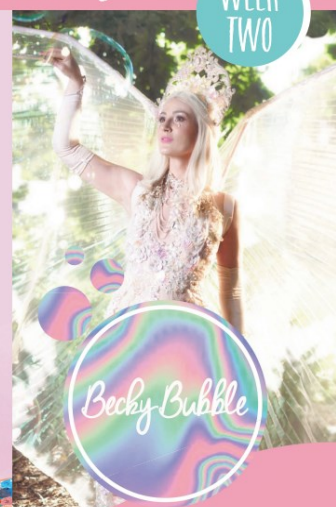


Kids can get  
creative and paint  
their own work of art  
to take home!



SCAN THE QR CODE to book or visit:  
[www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.eventbrite.com](http://www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.eventbrite.com)  
Recommended for Ages 3+  
Parental supervision required

WEEK TWO



Becky Bubble

Monday 17th  
to Friday 21st April

Shows at 11am & 1pm each day  
Located in Centre Court, near Cotton On  
Immerse yourself in the  
incredibly world of Becky Bubble.  
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

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SHOPPING CENTRE  
Celebrating 40 years



# Community News



## Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.



### **All Ability Footy (AFL)** **Term 2 & 3, 2023**

Footy training for school aged kids with additional needs. Siblings welcome to join in too!

At West End Sporting Complex,  
Douglas Pde, Traralgon



Wednesdays, 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
With Coach Travis



Starting on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Meg 0421763525 or via the facebook group;  
All ability sports, Latrobe Valley

## PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION

### CYBERCRIME AND BEING SAFE ONLINE

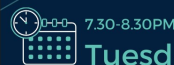


**MARNIE LYON**

Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police

**ALISHA GILLILAND**

Community Liaison Education Coordinator, CCASA



7.30-8.30PM

**Tuesday  
2 May**

### DISCUSSIONS AND INSIGHTS

- The cybercrime squad and what they do
- Cybercrime current trends
- Social media and online spaces that young people access
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support young people to stay safe online
- How you/young people can report online cyber issues
- Top tips for adults/parents/carers

#### Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-centre-against-sexual-assault-prevention-education-calendar-tickets-518243017817>

Access via link provided to registered participants 2 days ahead of session



## SuppAUT

### Latrobe Region Parent/Family Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

SuppAUT is a parent-run group that aims to support one another as parents /families of a child/children with Autism. The group is open for all, whether your child is a baby, pre-schooler, school aged – specialist school, mainstream school, home-schooled or is an adult – we all need support and can support each other. We share our own experiences, problems, joys, successes and support each other with a listening ear and understanding.

It is a very informal gathering, sometimes a guest speaker is invited. All parents/carers/family members are welcome and children/siblings are welcome too.

We meet every **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month – except during  
School/Public Holidays

#### 2023 MEETING DATES



**TERM 2 – 5 MAY 2 JUNE**

**TERM 3 – 4 AUG 1 SEPT**

**TERM 4 – 6 Oct 3 Nov 1 DEC (CHRISTMAS**

LUNCH TIME TBC)

Meet at Daily Living Disability Services

7 Rocla Road, Traralgon

From 10am – 11.30am



ALL WELCOME TO COME FOR A CUPPA, MORNING TEA AND A CHAT IN A RELAXED  
SETTING

For more info or enquiries about the group phone Louise Varsaci 0414540296 or  
email [varsaci@aussieabb.com.au](mailto:varsaci@aussieabb.com.au)

Join our group on Facebook – SuppAUT Autism support group for families in  
Latrobe Valley, Victoria



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL  
POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS



**FRI.  
MARCH  
31<sup>ST</sup>**

## LATROBE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

**6-8PM | \$8 ENTRY**  
**YEAR 4, 5 & 6**

GREY STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL  
30-34 GREY STREET, TRARALGON

CONTACT  
[KELLY.HICKS@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:kelly.hicks@police.vic.gov.au)



LATROBE BLUE LIGHT



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# School Holiday Program

## Latrobe Leisure

Latrobe Leisure Churchill  
Cnr Northways Road and  
McDonald Way

☎ 5120 3888

Latrobe Leisure Morwell  
McDonald Street

☎ 5128 6144

Latrobe Leisure  
Moe Newborough  
Cnr Old Sale Road and  
Southwell Avenue

☎ 5135 8580

Gippsland Regional Indoor  
Sports Stadium, Traralgon  
Catterick Crescent

☎ 5176 3000

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure)

## Latrobe Regional Gallery

138 Commercial Road Morwell

☎ 5128 5700

[www.latroberegionalgallery.com](http://www.latroberegionalgallery.com)

## Latrobe City Libraries

Churchill Library

9-11 Philip Parade Churchill

Morwell Library

63-65 Elgin Street

Moe Library

1-29 George Street

Traralgon Library

34-38 Kay Street

☎ 1300 367 700

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library)

## Gippsland Performing Arts Centre

32 Kay Street, Traralgon

☎ 5176 3333

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac)

# Stay Local

*but let your imagination wander...*

Hang out these holidays with our low-cost/no-cost activities for all the family. With music, arts and crafts, you don't have to travel far to enjoy all the fun!

Autumn  
2023  
PROGRAM

To obtain this information in languages other than English, or in other formats, please contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.  
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Living  
WELL

LRG  
LATROBE  
REGIONAL  
GALLERY

LATROBE  
LEISURE

GIPPSLAND  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTRE

Latrobe City  
a new energy

## Autumn 2023 PROGRAM

### Bookings and full program:

Library - Visit your local branch or go to [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library)

Gippsland Performing Arts - Visit the box office or go to [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/gpac)

Latrobe Leisure - Visit your local centre or go to [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/leisure)

Scan to find out more:



### FREE LRG WORKSHOPS

**Delve into Drawing** with Elisabeth Scott  
Saturday 8 April, 11am to 1.30pm. Age 15+.

**Pysanky: Ukrainian decorated eggs** with Erica Kurec

Saturday 15 April, 10am to 12.30pm. Age 7+.

**Motanki: Ukrainian Folk Dolls** with Erica Kurec  
Saturday 15 April, 1.30pm to 4pm. Age 7+.

Bookings advised.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### GPAC

#### Mr Stink

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre,  
Traralgon

Tuesday 4 April 12noon

David Walliams' award-winning book comes to life on stage. For 6 to 12 year olds and their adults! "Mr Stink stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well..." Tickets from \$20. Bookings required.

### LATROBE CITY LIBRARIES

#### Y2K Game Day

Love the 90s? Time to put on your lowest-slung, widest-flared jeans and join us for an old-school hang out with the board and card games that kept millennials busy before Netflix. Age 12 to 17.

#### Wednesday 12 April

Traralgon Library 1pm to 3pm

#### Wednesday 19 April

Moe Library 1pm to 3pm

Free. Bookings required.

#### Wacky Wombats

Learn how to conquer your 'impossible' at this incredible and interactive 90 minute workshop for primary school aged children.

#### Friday 14 April

Traralgon Library 10.30am to 12noon

Moe Library 2pm to 3.30pm

Free. Bookings required.

### LATROBE LEISURE

#### Otto the Inflatable

Latrobe Leisure Morwell

Fridays, 14 and 21 April  
1pm to 3pm. \$5. Includes casual swim.

#### Kids Zumba

Latrobe Leisure Moe  
Newborough

Wednesdays, 12 and 19 April  
11.15am to 12noon. Age 8 to 16.  
\$5. Bookings required.

#### Water Moves

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Friday 14 April 10.15am. For parents and bubs. Free. Bookings required.

#### Ninja Warriors

Gippsland Regional Indoor  
Sports Stadium

Tuesdays, 11 and 18 April  
10am to 11am (age 5 to 8).  
11am to 12noon (age 9 to 12).  
\$8. Bookings required.

#### All Leisure Centres

\$2 stadium access (not including scheduled training).



## AND LOOK OUT FOR THESE OTHER EVENTS!

Enjoy Music Undercover, at GPAC:  
Saturday 22 April, 9am to 12noon.

Heaps of fun for everyone at  
Latrobe City Libraries!

- Easter egg hunt
- Free movies
- Lego Lab

Ever wanted to try a different sport or physical activity? Latrobe Leisure's action-packed program will appeal.

Feeling creative? Visit Latrobe Regional Gallery for The Lane art and inspiration.

### FIND THE FULL STAY LOCAL PROGRAM

[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/staylocal](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/staylocal)





# School Holiday Fun!

## STAY LOCAL

Free school holiday activities  
for the entire family.



### Kubo Coding

Ages 6 to 10.

**Tuesday 11 April**

Churchill Library: 10am to 11am

Traralgon Library: 3pm to 4pm

**Tuesday 18 April**

Moe Library 10am to 11am

Morwell Library: 3pm to 4pm

### Easter Egg Hunt

Families.

**Wednesday 5 April**

All libraries: 4pm to 5pm

### Y2K Game Day

Ages 12 to 17.

**Wednesday 12 April**

Traralgon Library 1pm to 3pm

**Wednesday 19 April**

Moe Library 1pm to 3pm

### Lego Lab

Ages 6+.

**Thursday 13 April**

Traralgon Library: 9.30am to 11.30am

Churchill Library: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

**Thursday 20 April**

Moe Library: 9.30am to 11.30am

Morwell Library: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

### Wacky Wombats

Primary school aged children.

**Friday 14 April**

Traralgon Library: 10.30am to 12noon

Moe Library: 2pm to 3.30pm

### Family Movies

Ages 8+.

**Monday 17 April**

Moe Library 10am to 12noon

**Friday 21 April**

Morwell Library 10am to 12noon

### Pot & Paint Workshop

All ages.

**Friday 21 April**

Traralgon Centre Plaza: 11am to 1pm



Bookings required.  
Book at Eventbrite or  
your local library.



# Feature Article

## Why sleep is so important

Getting enough sleep is one of the most important things you can do for your health and wellbeing. Find out why and what you can do to improve your sleep.



### Sleep is like food for your brain

Getting enough sleep is important for your physical and mental wellbeing

Sleep lets your mind recharge and process information. It's the only part of the day that your body gets to rest and repair.

Sleep can help you feel better, think more clearly and concentrate better. It gives you energy to complete tasks and can make you more alert.

Without enough sleep you may have problems with thinking, concentrating, memory, reaction times and mood.

Teens need between 9 and 10 hours of sleep each night to function best, although for some, 8 hours is enough!

## The power of sleep

It may feel like nothing much goes on when you're asleep, but the mind and body are working hard. This hard work means benefits like:

- ✓ Improved memory
- ✓ Lower stress
- ✓ Repaired muscles
- ✓ Improved creativity
- ✓ Improved physical health
- ✓ Boost in brain power
- ✓ Sharper attention
- ✓ Increased energy
- ✓ Improved mood
- ✓ Better decision-making
- ✓ Stronger immune system
- ✓ Better mental health







# Award Winners



**BE SAFE**

**BE A LEARNER**

**BE RESPECTFUL**



**Nico 12A**



**Nate 56C**



**Braxton 34A**



**Clea 34A**



**William 34C**



**Patrick 56A**



**P/IB**



**Luna P1A**



**River P1B**



**Tay 34B**



**Jacob 56B**



**Billy 12A**



**Deagan 56B**



**Avaya P1A**



**Hayley 34C**



**David 34C**

