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**Skipton Mechanic's Hall**  
**Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025**



**Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Enjoy a night out with a meal at the Skipton Football**  
**Netball club, Smythe St. Skipton, meals at 6:00pm**  
**then come to the movie, screening 8:00pm**  
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Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 5 Anderson St. Skipton

## Public Notices

### Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

#### Usual Service times:

9.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
of each month.



### Christmas Services.

Christ Church Skipton : 24th December Christmas Eve 9pm

St Johns Beaufort: 24th December Christmas Eve 6pm.

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquiries.

#### Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation

##### Skipton / Lismore

- \* Week One 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Two 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Three 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Four 10 am Skipton
- \* Week Five 11am Lismore.



### St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

- \* Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- \* Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- \* Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- \* Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- \* Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am .



### The Annual Combined Christmas Carol Service.

This year it is to be held at:  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6.00pm

And could everyone bring a plate of food to share for supper.

Thanks,  
Belle McKerrow

### St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.

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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

### Bible Thought

To the women at the well drawing water for him, Jesus said the water I shall give will be an inner spring, always welling up for eternal life.

John xh.4, v14.



### St. Aloysius' Redan

### St. James' Sebastopol

### St. Peter's Linton

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con Bagaioisan OSJ

Presbytery: 508 Leith Street Redan

Ph: 0435 494 472

Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio Lizada OSJ

Ph: 0450 017 007

#### Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers:

Redan - Bernadette Lynch

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Email: [redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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Email: [sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Office hours: Tues & Fri 9.00am – 3.00pm

For Linton Parish enquiries contact

Fr. Con Bagaioisan

*The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.*

#### redan Parish Mass Times

St. Aloysius, Redan St. James, Sebastopol Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am Saturday 5.00pm  
Sunday 10.30am Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley St. Peter's, Linton St. John's, Skipton Saturday 6.30pm Sunday  
9.00am Sunday 10.30am

#### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

##### Christmas Eve Mass – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass

St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass

St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass

St. John's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

##### Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday 31st December 2024 at 9.00pm at St. James' Sebastopol

New Year's Day Mass - Wednesday 1st January 2025 at 9.30am - St. Aloysius Redan

### SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION

#### Beaufort Road, Skipton.

#### Transfer Station opens next on:

Sun 15th December

Wed 18th December

Sun 29th December

Wed 1st Jan 2025

Sun 12 January

Wed 15th January

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Applications are to be sent to [skiptonmechanicshall@gmail.com](mailto:skiptonmechanicshall@gmail.com)

Applications must be in by **14<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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Date: Monday 2 December 2024

## **INVERLEIGH ACTIVE YOUTH SPACE OPENING**

**Today, Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Sarah Hayden alongside Member for Corangamite, Libby Coker, and Member for Eureka, Michaela Settle, officially opened the Inverleigh Active Youth Space.**

This community-driven project has transformed the Yerram Yaluk Bun Play Space in Inverleigh into an active recreation and community space. The impressive facility features a new BMX/Pump Track, two 3x3 Basketball Courts with lighting and a significant upgrade of the existing Skate Park. This infrastructure is supported by car parking, shelters, furniture, landscaping and path works within the precinct providing a fantastic outdoor recreation space for physical and social activity.

This \$2.34M project was a collaborative effort, with the Victorian Government contributing \$1.49M from its Growing Suburbs Fund and the Federal Government providing \$700,000. Council contributed the remaining \$150,000 of project funding.

**Quotes attributable to Golden Plains Shire Mayor Cr Sarah Hayden:**

"This has been an exciting community-driven project. Now the project is complete it's an amazing recreation and play space for the young people of Inverleigh and surrounding towns.

"Thank you to both the Federal and State Governments for their funding support in making this project a reality."

**Quotes attributable to Member for Corangamite, Libby Coker MP:**

"New BMX tracks, basketball half-courts and an upgrade of the skate park – the new youth space is a gamechanger for Inverleigh and I'm so proud to have played a role in supporting the community members who advocated tirelessly for this new precinct.

"This precinct is attracting young people from across the state which is an awesome outcome for the town, and it's already becoming a hub for local students to hang out and stay active after school.

"I'd like to thank the State Government and the Golden Plains Shire for their significant investments toward delivering this awesome new precinct."

**Quotes attributable to Member for Eureka, Michaela Settle MP:**

"This project was community driven, with young people in mind.

"I am delighted to support this facility, and I know Inverleigh locals for generations to come will appreciate this space."



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Above Left: Best Dressed Runners Up - the wise men Dale and Lisa. Above Right : Joan, Winner in Best Dressed with Ian our Ball Boy centre, and Jan wearing her Bingo Prize, the Grinch Jumper. Picture Below: Some of the large crowd who attended the Bingo, many dressed for the fun occasion.

## Bingo bells bingo bells bingo all the way

Oh what fun we all had without the need of a sleigh – (sorry about that but my meds had worn off)  
Wow a full house was the order of the night with lots of colour, fun and great prizes most generously donated by local sponsors and citizens.

The most coveted door prize, always a stunning painting donated by local artist Sandy Wilson was won by Ballarat visitor Jane Barker.

Best dressed for the event were the "Two Wise Men" - lets just call them Lisa and Dale where no questions were asked re the whereabouts of the third wise man as our local law-man who usually attends apparently had a better offer on the night. Second prize winner was Joan in a very nifty Christmassy outfit.

Progress Association president Dave Hunneybell thanked everyone for their attendance and especially the progress association events committee and Sue who provides the tasty suppers throughout the evening. Now if you have already purchased your Vision Australia calendar from the Op Shop, Country Grocers or BBB here is a date to put in – Wednesday 5th February for a "Back to School" themed bingo night 5.30pm at the Skipton Golf and Bowls Club.



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Marg Fraser (Secretary) Ph. 53 403 516



Above: Members of the Neighbourhood Wach Group, at their Christmas Break –up event at the very popular Skipton BBB Café.

Below: Our Senior Citizens Group, ready to enjoy their Christmas event also at the Bluestone, Bubbles & Banter Café.





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From  
Victoria Lovejoy (Lines)  
How I came to be in Skipton

My parents were fairly nomadic when I was growing up. We went from Robe township to Robe farming (lost the farm) to Naracoorte to Mt Gambier to Mawallok to Skipton (finally bought a house) to Ethiopia to West Africa then Pakistan (in between this the children were growing up and going to and from boarding school).

Then myself as a young adult, added Ballarat Melbourne, Bendigo and back to Skipton. Some leavings were not as significant, a bit smaller ie leaving for boarding school and some were momentous ie returning to boarding school sometimes flying alone, leaving half my siblings and my parents on the other side of the world. It's amazing what shapes us.

It always daunting to start again but sometimes it's just the right time. I will not have the mental checklist of things still undone sitting heavy in my head. I'll have a much bigger 'to do list' instead but it's a new list.

There were always reasons for staying ....creek ...church ....community... they are what encapsulates my picture of home and it has been that way for the longest time...

But now ....my family has gone, and my childhood friends, on the whole, do not live here. I will always be able to call this home but there are no physical ties that bind. I have however introduced my children and grandchildren to this beautiful little town and for at least 2 it has entered their hearts...

I have called Skipton home since 1969. Even though as a child I was basically either at boarding school or away when my father was working O/S.

This town looked out for us when as teenagers the three oldest Lines children snuck home from boarding school one Easter saying our parents were coming back.(they were, but not for another 6 weeks) We were given tick at the butcher and grocer and Mary Jackman kept us supplied with cakes and

'Checked up on us'. In return we went to mass, had no parties and had a holiday at home 😊. Nell and Tom Preece gave us a home in other term holidays and long weekends. What a wonderful understanding loving caring community.

When I was about to marry Gary the people of Skipton gave me a kitchen tea and Anna Chirnside provided and did the flowers for our wedding. Our children were baptised here, my sisters were married here.

You all welcomed us back and reassured us when we returned to help George and Robyn continue to live independently 😊

We were comforted by all of you when they and Georgina passed on.

Now, after 20 years here, is my time to be closer to my children, and live a life more of my choosing.....

Some think I may leave a gap in the weave of the fabric of Skipton but it will be soon closed by new enthusiasm and fresh ideas.....they are all out there, positive creative wonderful members of the community of Skipton ..... Sometimes hiding in plain sight, thank you all for always being here. I will come back... there is a lot to miss

Victoria Lovejoy

A colorful illustration for a VICSWIM advertisement. At the top left is a bright yellow sun with rays. In the center, a woman in a purple swimsuit is swimming on her back. To the right, a seagull stands on a small island. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds and a darker blue sea. In the foreground, there are green seaweed plants and a small blue fish. A large dark blue speech bubble contains the text 'VICSWIM.COM.AU' and 'BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!' in white. Below the speech bubble is a white banner with the text 'water safety since 1916' and the VICSWIM logo. At the bottom right, a child in a green shirt and yellow shorts is holding up the speech bubble. The logo for 'arv AQUATICS & RECREATION VICTORIA' is at the bottom center. The 'VICTORIA State Government' logo is at the top right.

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The wind farm is proposed to connect to the electricity network via a new underground 220kV powerline to the Berrybank terminal station about nine kilometres south of the wind farm.

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Above: Mechanics Hall members ready to enjoy their Christmas festivities at the Bluestone, Bubbles & Banter Café.

Below, Mr & Mrs Claus et the Christmas themed Bingo in the Bowling and Golf Club Rooms.





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# Christmas and New Year arrangements



The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish our community a happy and safe festive season.

## CLOSURE OF OFFICES

The Camperdown Civic Centre will close on Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 12:00 pm for the Christmas New Year period, re-opening on Thursday 2 January 2025 at 8:30 am.

## LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATIONS

Corangamite Regional Landfill (Naroghid) and all transfer stations across the Shire will close at 12 pm, Friday 20 December 2024.

### Corangamite Regional Landfill

Friday 20 December 2024 – Closed from 12 pm  
 Wednesday 25 December 2024 – Closed All Day  
 Thursday 26 December 2024 – Closed All Day  
 Wednesday 1 January 2025 – Closed All Day

### Derrinallum Transfer Station

Friday 20 December 2024 – Closed All Day

### Port Campbell and Simpson Transfer Station

Thursday 26 December 2024 – Closed All Day

### Skipton Transfer Station

Wednesday 1 January 2025 – Closed All Day

### Timboon Transfer Station

Friday 20 December 2024 – Closed from 12 pm  
 Wednesday 25 December 2024 – Closed All Day  
 Wednesday 1 January 2025 – Closed All Day

## RUBBISH, RECYCLING AND GREEN ORGANICS COLLECTION

The Wheelie Waste office will be closed for the public holidays.

### Timboon, Simpson & Port Campbell

Collection will be Monday 23 December and Monday 30 December 2024.

### Lismore, Derrinallum & Skipton

Collection will be on Tuesday 24 and Tuesday 31 December 2024.

### Camperdown - south of the Princes Highway

Collection will be on Thursday 26 December 2024 and Thursday 2 January 2025.

### Camperdown - north of the Princes Highway

Collection will be on Friday 27 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025.

### Cobden

Collection will be on Friday 27 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025.

### Terang, Noorat and Glenormiston

Collection will be on Saturday 28 December 2024 and Saturday 4 January 2025.

### Weekly green organics collections

Please note that the weekly green organics collections finish on 4 January 2025.

## Bin collection

For any missed waste, recycling or FOBO bins or bin collection issues please contact Wheelie Waste on 5561 2288.

## SWIMMING POOLS

The Camperdown, Cobden, Lismore, Skipton, Terang, and Timboon pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December 2024.

## SPORTING CENTRES

The Timboon Sporting Complex will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2024 and the gym reopens Monday 13 January 2025. The Camperdown Community Stadium will close from 5:00pm Thursday 19 December 2024. For further details on school holiday activities, classes and programming in January 2025 please visit each Stadium's Facebook page.

## LIBRARIES

All the libraries in the Shire will close from Tuesday 24 December 2024 at 12:00 pm, with normal hours resuming on Thursday 2 January 2025.

Signs will be placed in all libraries notifying members of the closure and notification will also be given on library website.

## VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

The Port Campbell Visitor Information Centre will be closed on Wednesday 25 December 2024.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

All Maternal and Child Health Centres will close from 12:00 pm Tuesday 24 December 2024 and be closed for the Christmas/New Year period. The MCH service will reopen from Thursday 2 January 2025.

Please call the 24/7 Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29 for advice and support. If your baby is unwell, please contact your closest medical service. The 24/7 Parent line is also available on 13 22 89.

## CHILD CARE

All Child Care Services across the Shire will close on their normal operational days starting Tuesday 10 December 2024 to Thursday 19 December 2024 and will recommence from Wednesday 29 January 2025 depending on the service venue start date.

## KINDERGARTENS

All Kindergarten services will finish for the Christmas/New Year holiday period from Friday 20 December 2024 and recommence from Tuesday 28 January 2025.

For urgent requests over the Christmas and New Year period, please call 5593 7100 and follow the prompts.

For all other non-urgent requests, please contact us after 8:30 am on Thursday 2 January 2025.



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- ◆ Thursday: 9:00am—5:30pm
- ◆ Friday: 9:00am—5:30pm
- ◆ Saturday: Every 2nd Saturday *(please call the Clinic to confirm).*

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BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1934 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD  
& STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO  
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.

These extracts are researched and provided by:  
Terry Gosling (Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

## WAR NOTES.

### BELGIANS FOR AUSTRALIA.

England has been confronted by a new industrial problem in the hosts of Belgian refugees who have swarmed to her shores since the fall of Antwerp. A large majority of these unfortunate people are of a sturdy peasant type, used to agricultural pursuits. A section of the London press thinks they would make excellent settlers for Australia. The "Morning Post" says:—"Australia, always on the look out for a good class of settler, is no doubt ready to throw open its doors to those who would care to venture to the Antipodes. Several of the States have already discussed the possibility of forming Belgian settlements, and we recommend the idea to the Australian Commonwealth. The Government has already voted a sum of £100,000 to help the refugees in this country, and other Dominions are sending gifts of food and money."

## CURSE OF SCOTLAND.

Amongst card players the nine of diamonds is known as the Curse of Scotland; but if you were to ask a hundred of them why this is so it is probable that not one could tell you. All sorts of queer reasons have been given. It is said, for example, that the Duke of Cumberland, who was playing cards at the time, wrote the order for the massacre of Glencoe on a card which happened to be the nine of diamonds.

Another suggested reason is that in one old card game the nine of diamonds was a kind of joker which beat any other card. This game ruined many Scottish families when introduced by Mary Queen of Scots.

The real reason is curious and interesting. A Scotsman, John Dalrymple, Earl of Stair, was mainly responsible, as Secretary of State, for bringing about the massacre of Glencoe, and for this reason he earned the hatred of his countrymen. The arms of the Dalrymple family had nine "lozenges," or diamond shapes, arranged as they are on the playing card.

Owing to the resemblance the custom grew up of touching the card whenever it appeared saying: "The curse of Scotland be on you."

To discover more about Skipton's past  
drop into the Old Police House at  
35 Montgomery Street between  
2 pm and 4 pm on the third  
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## Upcoming Events

### Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 10th December

- Statewide Transition Day
- Swimming Program continues

Friday 13th December

- Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

### Term 4, Week 11

Monday 16th December

- Christmas Lunch
- Concert rehearsal at the hall

Tuesday 17th December

- Whole school trip to Major League

Wednesday 18th December

- School Concert 1.30pm school finish  
6pm Concert start -doors open 5.30

Thursday 19th December

- Last day of school 1.45pm assembly  
2.30pm finish

## 2025

### Term 1, Week 1

Wednesday 29th of January

- First day of school for 2025!!

Congratulations to everyone who has participated in our school swimming program this week. It has felt so calm, productive and I'm sure the weather has helped along the way! I would also really love to thank School Council and our school community for the opportunity to spend last Friday learning from Emina McLean. Emina is one of the driving forces behind the changes occurring in the teaching of English in Victorian schools and we have all absolutely taken away so much knowledge that will support us next year and help us to improve student learning. We have such an exciting week ahead, as our students participate in their 'Grade up Day' for statewide transition. This provides our students to spend most of the day in their new classes, with their 2025 teacher. I am so excited to announce that our classroom teachers for 2025 will be:

Michelle Liston - Prep  
Emma McDonald - Grade 1/2  
Fiona Stevens - Grade 3/4  
Kaye Bourke - Grade 5/6

If you have any questions about the final 2 weeks of school or about moving in to 2025, as always, please reach out.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Charlene Pichon*

## Our Learning

### Prep - 2

Week 10 is shaping up to be another busy week. We continue on with the swimming program as well as practising our concert items. In between this we will be unwrapping more of the Christmas books under our tree to read together and reinforcing some of the maths concepts we have explored this year through some fun games. We welcome the 2025 Preps for their final transition day and look forward to our 'Grade up Day' and spending time with our new teachers.

### Grade 3-4

The 3-4 have had a rockstar of a week! The effort that has been put into their concert performances is amazing! Next week the class will have their swimming session Monday, Wednesday - Friday. With Transition to 2025 day taking place on Tuesday it will be a whirlwind of a week. Don't forget to send bathers, towel, goggles and hat! Across Numeracy and Literacy areas there will be a Christmas theme to the tasks and revisions key concepts and knowledge areas from the year.

### Grade 5/6

We are all getting so excited about the end of term being just around the corner! This week, transition day will be a very important inclusion, allowing many of us to see what our new class (or new school) is like. A bit of a highlight for the Grade 5 students will be finalising our buddies for 2025 and our school captain interviews. As the Grade 6s are busy preparing for their graduation, we're all also making sure we know exactly what to do for our concert performance! We can't wait!

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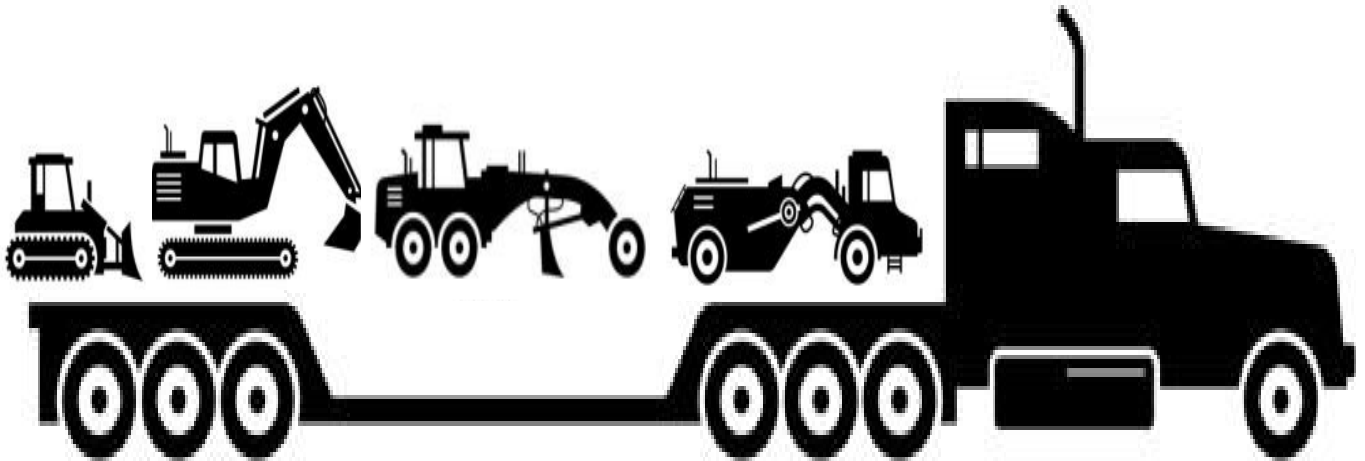
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### Christmas Raffle

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Please return them to the office by Tuesday 17th of December.

They will also be available for purchase at the concert.

If you know anyone that may be able to donate prizes of any description, please let Megan Read know.

### School Christmas Fun Day

On Tuesday the 17th of December the whole school will bus into Ballarat and spend 2 hours at Major League indoor sports centre for a bit of fun. Cost will be \$5.00 per student and payment and permission will be required via Compass.

### \$10 Business Last Days

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*Key projects for 2024*

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Just a little reminder to return all raffle books to the Community Market on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> for drawing for some really great prizes which may even help with Christmas shopping. Tickets still available at the Op Shop, Country Grocers and BBB till then. Are you new or newish in town and haven't yet visited the market please come into the supper room for a free morning tea and a wander around the great stalls.



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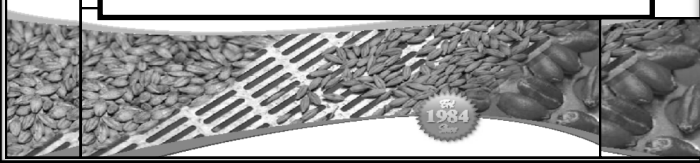
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