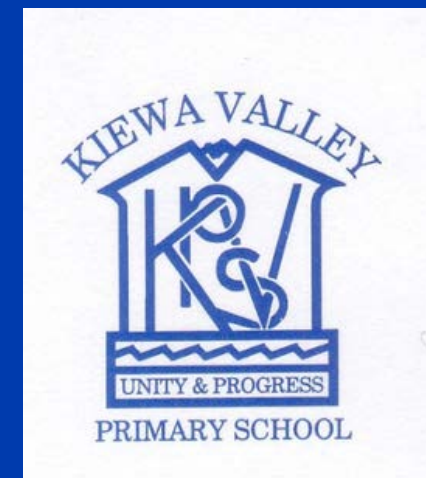


# Kiewa Valley Primary School Newsletter



<b>WEEK 3</b> MAY	<b>MON 4TH</b>	<b>TUE 5TH</b> <b>PHOTO DAY</b>	<b>WED 6TH</b> <b>Cultural Performace</b>	<b>THURS 7TH</b> Teachers Stop Work Action 9am-12pm	<b>FRI 8TH</b> Mothers Day Breakfast 7.30am <b>KVPS XCountry 10am</b>	SAT/SUN
<b>WEEK 4</b> MAY	<b>MON 11TH</b>	<b>TUES 12TH</b>	<b>WED 13TH</b>	<b>THURS 14TH</b>	<b>FRI 15TH</b>	SAT/SUN
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>MON 18TH</b> Smile Squad.....	<b>TUES 19TH</b> Smile Squad.....	<b>WED 20TH</b> Smile Squad....	<b>THURS 21ST</b> Smile Squad.....	<b>FRI 22ND</b> Smile Squad <b>Assembly - CWA 3pm</b> Corryong XCountry	SAT/SUN

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE:

**School Photos** are Tuesday and we will need all students in full school uniform. MSP Photography will be onsite early Tuesday morning so please make sure your students are on time.

MOTHERS DAY breakfast is planned for Friday - all though you may need to rug up as the temperature is forcast to drop significantly. We also have our 3 to 6 Cross Country event on this Friday - so a very busy day.

### EDUCATION STATE: Public Schools Forum 2026

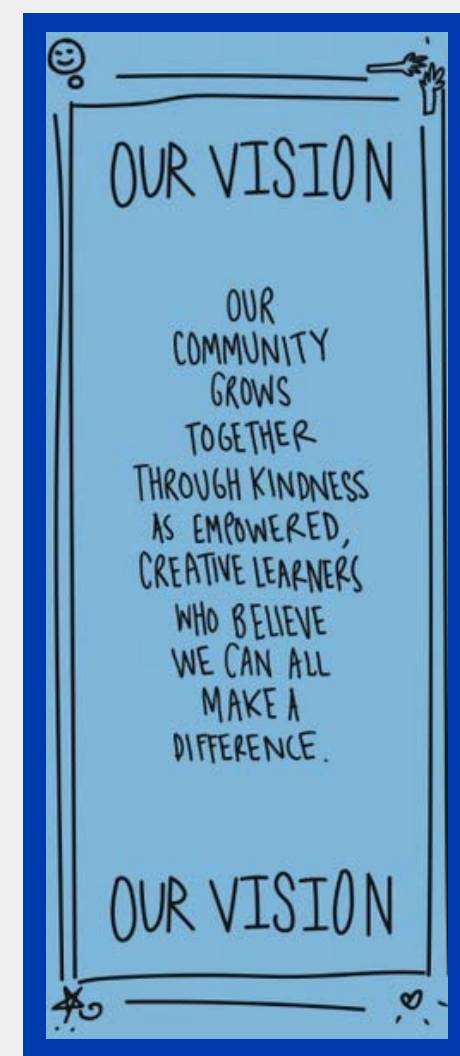
On Wednesday I attended the Public Schools Forum in Melbourne. I participated in three workshops where we had the opportunity to feedback to David Howes Secretary of Department of Education and Ben Carroll Minister for Education on:

1. The evolving role of schools and schooling - how schools are providing more supports in wellbeing and as Community Hubs.
2. Teaching and learning excellence - how we can improve the consistent implementation of the evidence-based Victorian Teaching Learning Model
3. Families as partners in learning - this was focus specifically on Disability Inclusion and the important roles schools play in ensuring parents are supported through this process.

We will also heard directly from Outstanding Secondary School Principal Award Winner of 2025. Chris is the Principal of Westernport College and he shared with us how he improved student outcomes through whole school professional learning and support in setting up classrooms for success in learning, with School Wide Positive Behaviours and shared beliefs and understanding on quality teaching and learning.

### Supporting your Child to Learn to Read at Home

Alissa Gigliotti's Speech Therapist will be running an information session for parents of F to 2 students to support the essential skills in assisting your child to learn to read at home. This is a free session - being funded by the school. Learning to Read is a complex skill and we want to ease the burden and frustration, share important strategies in focusing on the sounds. Alissa supports the Sounds Write program and the Department of Education's Big 6 of reading. You may express an interest in attending on this [google form](#). We will then confirm the day and time in the coming weeks. We have only had one parent respond to this session as yet. I strongly encourage you to register your interest, as this will allow you to ask questions on the best way to support reading in your home and the development of your child's reading skills. The data alone should encourage you to join. *Recent studies indicate that while most parents recognise the benefits of reading, only 43% of children under four are read to regularly, a decline from 64% in 2012. Roughly 74-90% of parents believe in the bonding and educational benefits of reading. However, 25% of parents read to their children only once a week or not at all. You can read more on this recent study on this [LINK](#).*



### CONGRATULATIONS to our KVPS BOWLING TEAM

Ms Hadley, Ms Grogan and Nat Larkin (School Council President) won the local SOCIAL Bowls comp. We thank Mr Croucher and Bowls Club Committee for running such as great competition and we are extremely proud of our teams performance. The trophy is on display in the Front Office.



### PIE DRIVE:

Please get behind the school and support our upcoming Pie Drive. Heiner's Bakery in Myrtleford are once again helping us out. Orders can be placed online on this [LINK](#)

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, learn and play. We acknowledge and show our respects to elders both past and present and we come together on the lands, the hills, the valleys and rivers to join in community, to share knowledge and culture and contributions of all first nation peoples on this land

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# Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour

Together, we create safe schools where everyone belongs, learns, and thrives

When schools, families and students work together, we achieve the best outcomes. These partnerships are essential to creating school environments that support all students to belong, learn and thrive. As a parent and carer, you play a vital role in helping your child to understand and meet shared behaviour expectations.

How students demonstrate expected behaviours	How parents and carers can help	How schools support students to meet behaviour expectations
<p>At school, all students are expected to be respectful, safe, and engaged. These behaviours help make schools a place where everyone can succeed.</p> <p>Students meet these behaviour expectations by:</p>	<p>By modelling and encouraging positive behaviour, you help your child build the skills and habits they need to be successful at school. When families and schools work together, students can achieve their best.</p> <p>Parents and carers can help support their child's behaviour by:</p>	<p>By teaching and reinforcing positive behaviour, schools ensure positive, safe and fair learning environments with a focus on learning and wellbeing.</p> <p>Schools support families and students by:</p>
<p><b>Respectful</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Following staff instructions and school rules</li> <li>→ Caring for school property and others' belongings</li> <li>→ Using respectful language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Knowing the school's rules and supporting them at home</li> <li>→ Modelling respectful behaviour in how you speak to and about school staff, families, and others both in person and online</li> <li>→ Making use of the school's processes to raise and resolve concerns early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Teaching and demonstrating school rules and positive behaviour expectations to students</li> <li>→ Explicitly teaching, modelling and acknowledging expected respectful behaviour</li> <li>→ Engaging collaboratively and positively with all students, parents and carers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Keeping themselves and others safe from harm</li> <li>→ Speaking up or seeking help from an adult if they or someone else is being treated unfairly</li> <li>→ Only bringing safe and necessary items to school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Working together with staff if your child is having problems at school to understand and resolve the issue</li> <li>→ Ensuring your child knows it is okay to ask for help from a trusted adult at school</li> <li>→ Ensuring your child stays safe online by talking with them and addressing concerns early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Having clear policies and procedures to prevent and respond to bullying and keep students safe</li> <li>→ Offering additional supports to students proactively, and supporting students to speak up and seek help</li> <li>→ Proactively identifying and addressing problems to maintain a physically, socially and culturally safe school environment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Engaged</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Going to school every day, being on time, and ready to learn*</li> <li>→ Taking part, doing their best, and asking for help when they need</li> <li>→ Knowing and following the school's policies, including the mobile phone policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Helping your child to attend school every day – every day counts*</li> <li>→ Communicating with school staff and working together to support your child's learning and wellbeing</li> <li>→ Talking with your child about their day and how they are feeling, and encouraging their learning by noticing their effort and progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Delivering evidence-based, inclusive education that meets the needs of all students</li> <li>→ Empowering students to have a say in decisions that affect their learning and school life</li> <li>→ Building strong, trusting relationships to ensure all students feel seen, heard and valued</li> </ul>

The Department of Education provides resources and support for schools to build positive student behaviour and foster positive relationships between schools, students and families.

## Where parents and carers can go for help

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing, behaviour or safety you can:

- Talk to your child's teacher or identified contact person as the first step and follow the school's process for communicating concerns
- Ask the school for support or a referral – they can connect you with wellbeing staff or specialist services
- Contact the Department of Education's regional office if you need further assistance.

The following resources are also available:

- Raising Children Network – provides advice for parents of school-aged, pre-teens and teens
- eSafety Commissioner – Advice for parents and carers to help keep children safe online
- Report Racism hotline – Find out how to report racism or religious discrimination in schools
- Bully Stoppers – Advice for parents and carers about bullying

\*we know that some students and their families are struggling with school attendance or navigating school refusal - here are some resources that can help - [Attendance and missing school | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/attendance-and-missing-school), [Home | Parenting Strategies](https://www.vic.gov.au/home-parenting-strategies)



For further information, scan the QR code or visit: [vic.gov.au/supporting-positive-behaviour-schools](https://www.vic.gov.au/supporting-positive-behaviour-schools)

The Education State

VICTORIA State Government Department of Education

# TEACHERS STOP WORK ACTION

As parents and carers know, staff at our school who are members of the Australian Education Union (AEU) have been involved in long-running negotiations with the state government and the Department of Education for improved pay and conditions.

Despite an increased number of ongoing negotiations and the commencement of industrial action, including the statewide full day stopwork last term, there is still no fair offer on the table to address the key issues facing public school staff. Victoria's public schools remain the lowest funded in the country, teachers are the lowest paid, with education support staff and school leaders underpaid as well. School staff also continue to face significant workload pressures. Staffing shortages continue to be experienced in public schools across the state.

As part of the campaign, AEU members will be taking further industrial action, including half-day stopworks on a rolling, region-by-region basis.

This means each school will be affected once. We understand this can cause disruption for students and families. Staff are taking this action because they care deeply about public education and want to see our schools properly funded, and to receive fair pay and conditions, all of which are critical to a prosperous future for Victoria's public school students.

Union members at Kiewa Valley Primary School will stop work for half a day on **Thursday, May 7th from 9am-12pm**. We will continue to keep families informed about any action that may affect our school community.

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# Daisy Update

Last week, Daisy started visiting classrooms. As part of the Dogs Connect Program, this step involves taking Daisy to the doorway of each classroom so she can become familiar with the school environment, while students learn to stay calm, focused, and continue their learning when Daisy is nearby. Daisy has also started attending after-school staff meetings as part of her gradual introduction to school life.

All classes were fantastic! Students were able to clearly explain and demonstrate the three expectations for Daisy's visits. One class was so focused on their learning that most students didn't even notice Daisy was at the door for 10 minutes, so she returned later for another visit.

Daisy was calm and relaxed in every classroom, sitting and lying down comfortably to show she was feeling safe and settled. Well done everyone!



# Breakfast Bags

We have some FREE breakfast bags for families to take home to help with the current cost of living. The food has come from Foodbank. The food is high quality, well in date and each pack consists of 2 packets of cereal, 1 long life milk, honey and some also have peaches in juice and fresh apples.

We have plenty of bags to share with **ALL families**. We can organise a one-off pack, weekly packs, or every now and then pack.

We have also set up a mini pantry in the office where you can come and fill your own bag with various food products which we will update regularly.

Please contact Felicite if you would like us to send home a pack with your child or pick one up next time you are in the office.

If you would like other food items, eg soups, rice packs, bread, long life milk, fresh fruit - please let Felicite or the office know and we can place an order easily for you and will keep some on the shelf.

Thank you to our team of senior students who are helping keep everything stocked.



# KUPS CROSS COUNTRY RUN



Our school cross country run, 3-6 will be held in the open green park space at the back of the school on Friday 8th May.



The run will start at 10am.

Any parents wishing to come along and watch their children run are most welcome to do so.

Students are able to bring along a house colour t-shirt to run in.

9 - 10 year olds will run 2kms ( 4 laps of the track )

and the 11 and 12 year olds will run 3 kms.

( 6 laps of the track)

Asthma sufferers will be encouraged to carry their puffers with them.

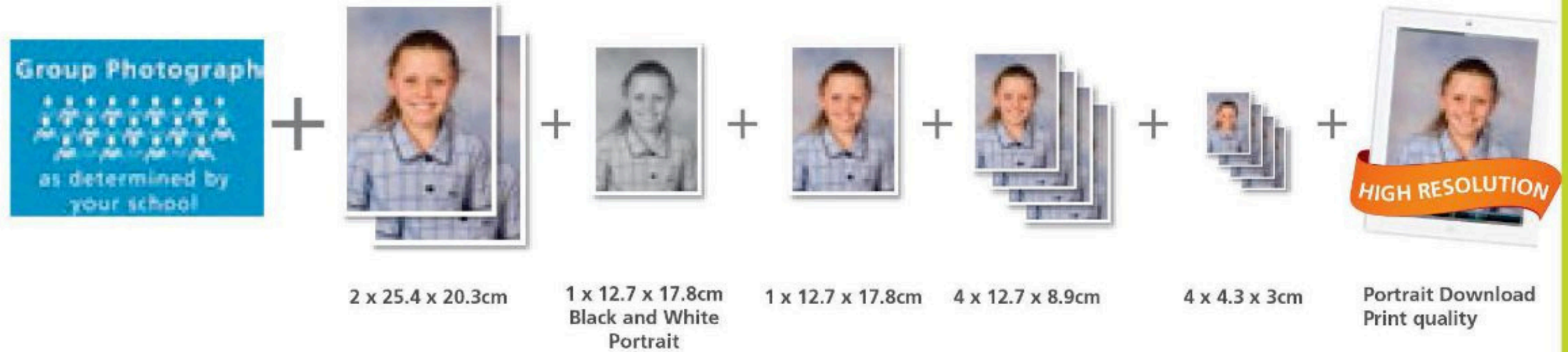
Mrs Litchfield is organising a run for the junior grades around the school.



# School Photo Day - 2026

## Individual package details

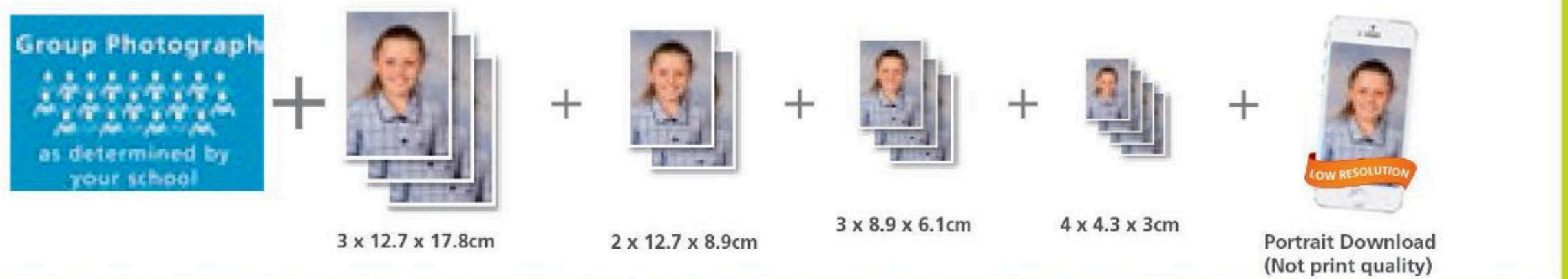
**Premium Pack**  
**\$61**



**Classic Pack**  
**\$56**



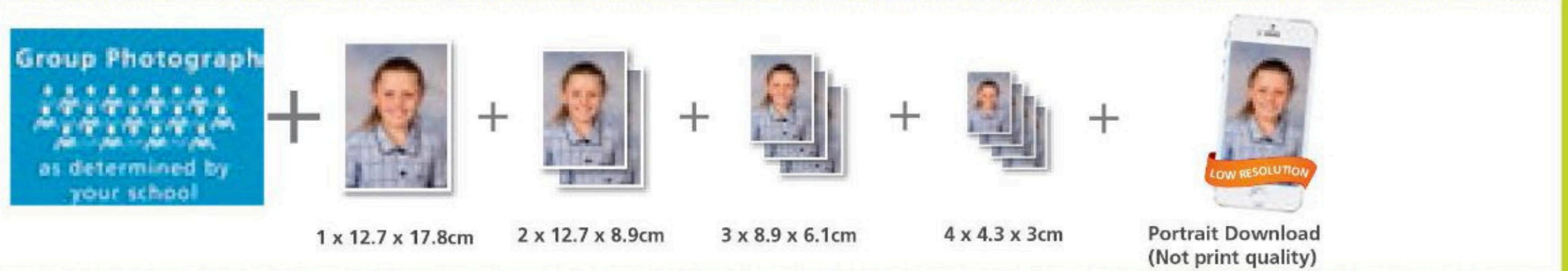
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**\$52**



**Essential Pack**  
**\$49**



**Basic Pack**  
**\$45**



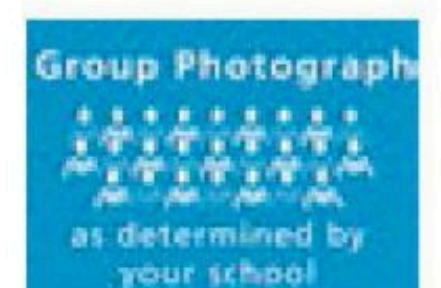
\* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

**Gift Pack\***  
All 12 items

**\$15**



**Class Group Photo**  
**\$35**



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# Sibling Photo Package Details

**Deluxe  
Pack**  
**\$42**



1 x 25.4 x 20.3cm



2 x 12.7 x 17.8cm



2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm

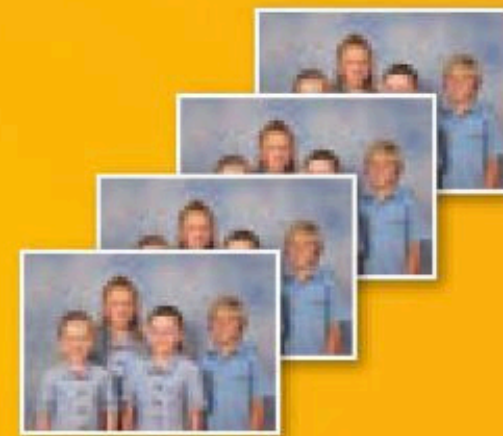


Portrait Download  
(Not print quality)

**Value  
Pack**  
**\$36**



2 x 12.7 x 17.8cm



4 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



Portrait Download  
(Not print quality)

**Standard  
Pack**  
**\$31**



1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm



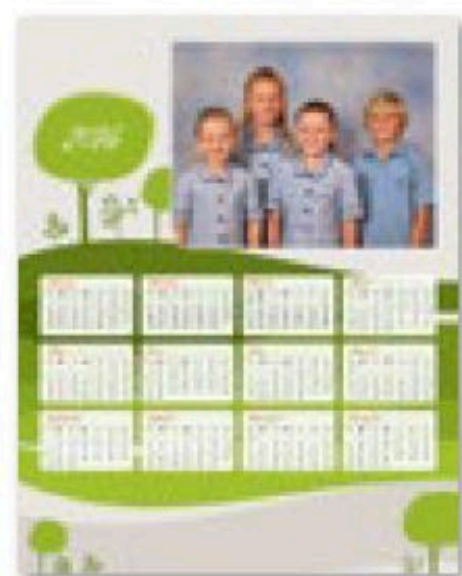
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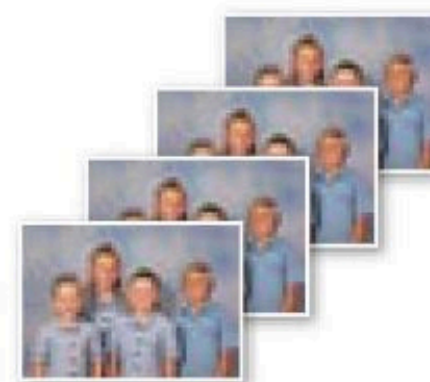
Portrait Download  
(Not print quality)

\* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

**Gift  
Pack\***  
All 7 items  
**\$15**



1 x Photo Calendar  
25.4 x 20.3cm





4 x 6.4 x 4.6cm





2 x Photo Gift Tags  
6.4 x 12.7cm


# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS


-  **I haven't received an email from MSP about ordering photos. What should I do?**


This is likely because your child was a new student, late enrolment, or your contact details at the school are out of date. If you have an existing Compass account, you can login and order through this platform. Alternatively, if you call our office on 03 5482 3190, we can place your order over the phone.
-  **My child is not appearing on the "order photos" section of Compass.**

Please call our office on 03 5482 3190, and we can place your order over the phone.
-  **Can I also order if my partner and I have separated?**

Of course. Simply use your Compass profile to order photos for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs sent to the front office of the school to ensure orders are delivered to the correct parent.
-  **How do I order a family photo?**

If you have more than one child attending school, a family order option should be available on your Compass portal. If you don't see this option and would like to order a family photo, please call us to place your order over the phone.
-  **Can I order one family photo of my children, and another with their cousins?**

Absolutely. Please order one family package per photo, and send us an email at [admin.mrr@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.mrr@msp.com.au) letting us know who you would like in each photo. This also applies to step-siblings, aunts and uncles, or other combinations. We're more than happy to take the photo, but please let us know who should be in it!
-  **I didn't receive an order reference number, but the money has been taken out of my bank account .**

Your order will automatically be received by our system. Simply send your child on photo day with their big smile ready.
-  **I can't pay today. Will I still be able to get photos?**

Of course. All students will have their portrait taken regardless of whether you are purchasing photos or not. Online ordering will remain open on Compass, but a late fee will apply when ordering over one week after photo day. If you are still unable to order in this time frame, please contact us and we will endeavour to help you out.

## More Questions?

We're here to help. Call our friendly team on 03 5482 3190 or email us at [admin.mrr@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.mrr@msp.com.au)

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# Mother's Day Morning




Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May


7.30am to 8.30am

Egg and Bacon  
Muffin provided

Please RSVP by Wednesday  
for catering purposes

*Lets all come together for our breakfast and  
morning coffee - celebrating the  
special women in our lives.*





# Mother's Day

## STALL

For the Special  
Mum, Step  
Mum or  
Grandmother

All Gifts  
\$10.00

**Due to rising costs, gifts  
have been increased.  
Profit's go towards  
our School.**

Stall will be run by Senior SRC  
on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

# LUNCH CLUBS TERM TWO

MON

TRIVIA

with  
Miss Flavel

THURS

DOWNBALL

with  
Mr Walker

TUES

DINOSAURS

with  
Mrs Litchfield

FRI

COLOURING  
with

Mrs Middleton

WED

OUTDOOR GAMES

with  
Miss Ash

Our Lunch Clubs are  
a safe and inclusive  
space for whoever  
wants to join.