



Port Fairy Consolidated School newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Friday 24th	School Camp Surveys due back.
Friday 24th	Year 7 – 2010 Enrolment Forms & Bus Notes are due.
Friday 24th	Richard Galbraith Cartoon Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6.
Friday 31 st	PFCS Football @ Warrnambool
Friday 7 th	EMA Applications Close
Friday 7 th	Michael Jackson Day
25 th – 27 th November	Camp Cooriemungle Years 3/4.



PFCS Football Team in action at the Winter Sports.

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians,

Yesterday PFCS was on show as WIN Television came to film our school in action. The shots will form part of a Warrnambool Government School Network promotion and we were most fortunate to be one of the four schools invited to participate. Our students were wonderful whether interviewed or busily working in the background. The promotion will go to air early next week.

Rotary Visit: On Tuesday the PFCS Ambassadors and House Captains conducted a ‘SCHOOL EXPERIENCE 2009 STYLE’ tour and morning tea for our Port Fairy Rotarians. The visit was in appreciation of the work Rotary does for both our school and the broader community. The House Captains and Ambassadors are once again to be commended for the manner in which they conducted the tours.

Performing Arts: Next week the Voice program begins and we are delighted to have Anna Lee Robertson conducting the program. Anna Lee will be at assembly on Monday and immediately afterwards will work with our choir and all Home Groups. Anna Lee is travelling from Melbourne each week to conduct these sessions and we are extremely grateful to have such a talented performer and artist working in our school. The sessions will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday each week for the coming five weeks.

Camp Survey: Thank you to the many people who have returned the camp survey and if you haven’t done so, tomorrow will be fine. The camping program is an integral part of the school curriculum and we aim to develop a camping program that is acceptable to all families and accessible to all students.

Winter Sports: Last week our year 5 and 6 students participated in the Winter Sports Carnival competing against schools from Koroit, Hawkesdale and Port Fairy. Our netballers did their very best and had a great day out. Our boys won the day and will head to Portland next week to represent our area. It was particularly pleasing to see many new names on both the netball and football list. Thank you to coaches Maurice Kelly and Allahna Grant and Tina Parsons for umpiring.

Astro Turf: The Astro turf is finally in action and being enjoyed by the students. The new back boards have been ordered and hopefully the court will be ready for basketball and netball shortly. It is a particularly good surface with the current wet weather.

Cyber Safety: In our parent information sessions for the Netbook program we provided considerable information on how to keep your child safe, but I would like to remind all parents how important it is for you to know what your child is doing on the computer, who they are talking to and what they are talking about. On the back of this newsletter we have included some safety tips for parents—I urge you and your whole family to read and discuss them over the next week. But most of all encourage the use of the TRIBE Agreements in everyday life, especially Mutual Respect and Attentive Listening.

Good luck to our wonderful long distance runner Fran Sutherland who will be representing our school and the Moneghetti Region in Melbourne on Friday.

Lindy

5/6B PROJECT

This term 5/6B need some bones and teeth that are from a cow (not smelly though please). When we are done with the bones, we are going to make something really cool and interesting in art.
Chloe Wilkinson.

UNIFORM NEWS

As from next week, Connie McTaggart will be available in the Uniform Shop on TUESDAYS, from about 1.45 until 4pm. Also a reminder for year six polo tops, money and orders need to be back as soon as possible. Orders will close on 3rd August.
Thanks, Connie

MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE

Our Year 6's are conducting a fundraiser on Friday 7th August, to assist with the purchase of their year 6 jumpers – Dress up as Michael Jackson. Competitions will be held during lunch for the best dressed “Michael Jackson”, and best “Michael Jackson” dancer.

WINTER SPORTS

What a wonderful effort by our footballers last Friday. Our team managed to win all four of their games and were well coached by Mr Maurice Kelly. The team listened intently to Maurice and combined together well. All players participated well and it was great to see Caitlin Harman join in and Tyler Hamilton perform capably in some pressure situations. Next Friday the 31st July, we face the daunting task against some of the larger Warrnambool schools, in an effort to represent our region at the Geelong level. Good luck!
Please ensure permission notes are returned ASAP.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Active After School Sports program resumes again next week, running for 7 weeks. Wednesday we will be offering netball, and on Thursday at lunch time, we will be conducting a running program. Anyone interested in these activities, please contact the office and complete an enrolment form, (a new enrolment does need to be completed each term because of the different activities.)

SILVER NOTES

This week the Mini Notes have resumed practising with the Warrnambool based Senior Citizens Choir – The Silver Notes. This will continue every second Tuesday for Term 3. A concert will be held in the Hall on Tuesday September 15th at 2pm for parents and friends to enjoy the wonderful blended sounds of these two choirs.

RICHARD GALBRAITH VISIT

Just a reminder of Richard Galbraith visiting our School tomorrow. Richard will be in the Library at lunchtime signing and selling his wonderful books (\$20.00 for 4 books - see flier from last week).



CAFÉ ROSTER

Friday 24 th	HELP NEEDED
Monday 27 th	Linda Sharp
Wednesday 29 th	HELP NEEDED
Friday 31 st	Lisa Spence &

PARENTS & FRIENDS PIE DRIVE

Our Parents & Friends have organised a pie drive as a fundraiser for Port Fairy Consolidated. Attached is an order form – please support this pie drive, as all funds raised will benefit the children of PFCS.



RUBBISH FREE LUNCH CHALLENGE A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the rubbish free lunch challenge on Wednesday. Together we reduced our plastic waste by a massive 90%. Our best result was in our reduction of non recyclable plastics. A special thanks to Adele, Ellie and Chloe for collating our results. We hope the rubbish free ideas stay and we can keep using reusable containers. Winners will be announced at Monday's assembly.

COMMUNITY COLUMN

FOR SALE – PFCS uniform – Size 6 Pinafore and Size 4 Polo Shirts - All in “As New” condition - \$10 each. Please see Jenny or Ronda at the office.

WARRNAMBOOL WILDLIFE RESCUE – Koala Training Session Saturday 25th July at Deakin Uni. For more information - www.warrnamboolwildlife.org.au.

ACTIVE MINDS – G.E.M.M. PROGRAM - A copy of the full program is available at the office or for more information, view their website,

www.activeminds.org.au or contact the President, Carolyn Jennings, on 55620915.

FOOD HANDLING COURSE – Warrnambool TAFE have offered to run a food handling course in Port Fairy. Cost \$145 per person. This course is open to all interested community groups.

PORT FAIRY KINDERGARTEN TRIVIA NIGHT – Saturday 22nd August at St.Pat's Hall - Tickets \$10 – phone Alison on 55681648.

LANDHOLDERS are invited to a Dung Beetle Session in Koroit on August 11th. Further details see <http://bzbln.blogspot.com>.

LADIES NETBALL IN PORT FAIRY - at the Stadium, starting Tuesday 25th August. Register your interest with Nicole Dwyer or Emily Clark.

NETBALL SKILLS WITH NICOLE DWYER - Grades 4/5/6 on Tuesday between 4.30 and 5.30pm at the Stadium. Cost - \$2.50 per person.

CYBER SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

The following advice is provided by ACMA – the Australian Communications and Media Authority

Help your kids to make smart choices about who and what they find online. To do so:

Spend time online

The internet can be a fun family activity – check out good sites with your kids! Compile a favourites list, which you can visit again and again.

Help your children use the internet as an effective research tool

Learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good searching ideas.

Teach children that information on the internet is not always reliable

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Teach your children ‘netiquette’

Encourage them to treat others online in the same way they should in real life.

Set rules

Make sure your children know what information they can give out and where they can go on the net. Limit time in chat rooms, particularly for younger children. Encourage the use of chat rooms that are moderated (that is, where messages are screened by an adult before they are made public).

Chat safely – be aware of strangers online

Chatting on the net is very popular among young people, particularly young teenagers. It can be a great way to meet and talk with people across borders, time zones and backgrounds. However, a lot of real world risks also exist online, especially in chat rooms. Most people online are friendly and polite but some can be unfriendly and rude. A small number are exploitative and predatory. Be aware of this and encourage your children not to respond to any communication that makes them uncomfortable.

Be involved

Put the internet computer in a public area of the home. Areas like the living room are ideal, rather than a child’s bedroom. Talk to your children about their experiences online – the good and the bad. Get to know which chat rooms they are visiting and who they are chatting with.

Talk to your children

Let them know it’s okay to tell you if they come across something that worries them. It doesn’t mean that they’re going to get into trouble. If your child wants to meet someone they have met online, you should find out about the person to see that they are who they say they are. Talk to them and their parents by phone first and accompany your child to the meeting.

Teach your kids ways of dealing with disturbing material

Explain that they should not respond if someone says something inappropriate and they should immediately leave any site if they feel uncomfortable. Encourage them to tell you if anyone says something that makes them feel uncomfortable or scared.

Remember!

The best protection is parental supervision and guidance.

Children need parents and family members to help them become Cybersmart!

Remember that a filter cannot be a substitute for parental supervision!

www.cybersmart.gov.au

