TERM 1
WEEK 6
10/3/26

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We hope all families enjoyed some time to rest and recharge over the long weekend, ready for the second half of term — especially those who had busy Folkie events!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and volunteered at the Port Fairy Marathon. Once again, our organising team did an incredible job. We are so grateful for the time, energy, and community spirit that make this event such a success.

We are fortunate to have such strong community support within our school. We warmly welcome Fiona Castley to our School Council and thank Scott Hunter for continuing for another term. Thank you to Nick Grimmer for his two-year term on School Council — we truly appreciate his commitment to our school's governance. Our Parent School Councillors are: Anna Bridgeford, Monica Carr, Scott Hunter, Meg Sonego, Stephanie Yee, Athena Morton, and Fiona Castley. Our Staff School Councillors are: Emily Williams, Cath vanEngelen, and I. Please reach out to any of your representatives if you would like to raise any governance issues with them.

Congratulations to Ms Ava Matheson and Ms Chelsea Anderson on their recent graduations. It's a wonderful milestone, and we are so proud to see them beginning their careers.

I am thrilled to let you know that we have now employed Mrs Kelda Ind to begin Mathematics Intervention and extension in our school for the remainder of the year. Over the next few weeks, we will be building her timetable using our data sets and staff input. With this alongside our Literacy Interventions programs with Mrs Gleeson, our Read Live fluency focus with particular groups, and our ongoing wellbeing support, we are setting every student up for success.

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Hall works update: Repairs to the Hall cladding will take place from Tuesday 10 March to Friday 20 March. During this time, TheirCare will operate from the library. The assembly on Friday 13 March will be held at the Bluestone stage at the front of the school (weather permitting). Please bring a chair or rug.

At Assembly last week, we spoke with students about being “Upstanders” - speaking up when something isn’t right or seeking support from a trusted adult. We also encouraged students to speak up for themselves. We value your partnership in continuing these conversations at home so that children feel confident seeking support both at school and at home.
We continue to provide quieter, supported spaces during particular recess and lunchtimes for students who prefer them:
Monday: Wellbeing Room, Junior School Council, Maths Club
Tuesday: Library
Wednesday: Wellbeing Room, Green Team
Thursday: Rest & Reset (Mrs. McLauchlan’s room)

Reminders
Wednesday 11th March: Foundations first Wednesday at school
Wednesday 11th March: NAPLAN begins
Friday 13th March: Assembly 2:55pm, for a 3pm start at the Bluestone stage (weather permitting). Please bring a chair/rug.
Tuesday 17th March: Photo Day (family photos will take place from 8:30-9am)
Wednesday 17th March: School Council meeting 6pm

I hope you all had a wonderful long weekend. I enjoyed some special family time in Perth & meeting my new niece.

Kate

FORTNIGHTLY FEATURE
FOUNDATION

OUR LEARNING

We have been learning so many new things and growing our brains every day in Foundation!

Literacy

Over the last few weeks, we have started learning some letters. We now know the sounds for a, m, s and t. The students have been practising blending these sounds together to read words such as sat, at and mat. Their excitement and enthusiasm towards learning to read has been so pleasing to see!

In handwriting, we have been practising both uppercase and lowercase letters. We are learning to write our names correctly — starting with an uppercase letter, followed by lowercase letters. We have also been focusing on holding our pencil correctly and sitting up straight, as this helps us to do our very best writing.

In our Core Knowledge unit, My History, we have been learning about the past and the present, the different stages of life, families and special events. The children have loved making connections between their own lives, their family members' lives and the lives of their classmates.

Numeracy

In the first few weeks of school, we were introduced to Direction Duck, who helps us to write numbers the correct way. Direction Duck has taught us how to slide forward and back, and curve forward and back.

Once we mastered sliding and curving, we began learning how to correctly write the numbers 1-3. The students have been loving these chants to help us remember to write numbers correctly.

1 - Start at the top. Straight down for fun. That's the way to write a 1.
2 - Half a heart will never do. Slide it forward to make a 2.
3 - Curve forward carefully. Curve forward again to make a 3.

We have also been learning about straight and curved lines, different times of day (morning, afternoon, evening), the days of the week and position words such as on top, above, underneath and below.



OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Athletics Day, was such a special day for our Foundation students. The children ran, jumped and threw their way through each event with so much determination and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see many students stepping outside their comfort zone and trying something new, even though it may have been a bit tricky. The children were amazing at cheering for their friends, waiting patiently for their turn and celebrating everyone's efforts.

Last Friday, we visited our **School Library** with Athena. She taught us about the two different types of books - fiction and non-fiction. Athena also showed us where different books "live" in the library and explained how they are organised so we can find them easily. We enjoyed listening to a story together, and we were even lucky enough to borrow a library book to take home! We can't wait to continue building our love of reading.


















Port Fairy Consolidated School
Foundation
2026







PE

TERM 1 - WEEK 6

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Friday 27th March- Moyne District Athletics- Brauerander Warrnambool

PE NEWS

Congratulations to our House Athletic Champions who were awarded their medals and ribbons at last Fridays Assembly;

Foundation- 1st Raph, 2nd Jasper, 3rd Oliver and Paddy T
1st Daire, 2nd Mollie, 3rd Sienna

Year 1- 1st Lennox, 2nd Soli, 3rd Jai
1st Ruben, 2nd Ruby C. and Lulu, 3rd Paige

Year 2- 1st Mack, 2nd Austin, 3rd Darcy
1st Alice, 2nd Felicity, 3rd Ruby F.

Year 3- 1st Xan, 2nd Finn, 3rd Rueben
1st Piper, 2nd Ivy A., 3rd Chloe

10yr 1st Sam, 2nd, Alfie, 3rd Noah
1st Lexi F., 2nd Mia, 3rd Mae

11yr 1st Archie S., 2nd Mason, 3rd Archie K.
1st Bronte, 2nd Charlotte T., 3rd Indigo and Dilly

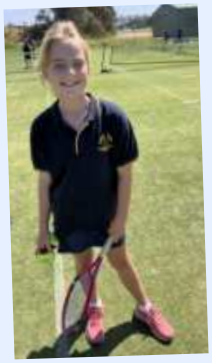
12yr 1st Harrison, 2nd Felix, 3rd Jackson W. *(apologies there was a mistake on the spreadsheet entry for this place)*
1st Mairead, 2nd Harper, 3rd Lilah

We also had our Tennis Hot Shots day last Thursday, it was fabulous! Congratulations to our Boys "Crusaders" team who won and who competed in the Division Championships on Thursday, where they were again victorious! Harrison, Archie S., Ari, Johhnie, Jackson W., Jackson A., Julian and Tommie will now compete in the Regional Championships on 10th November in Colac, well done team!

Our awesome swim team also continued to punch above their weight last Friday and all swimmers swam at least 1 PB! Three swimmers qualified for the Regional Championships, Sam 1st Breaststroke, Mairead 3rd backstroke, 4th breaststroke, 5th butterfly, Bronte 5th freestyle. Thank you so much to all the parents and family supporters who came and helped out on the day, timing, marshalling, cheering and just general all round awesomeness!

Brooke Green
Physical Education Coordinator





























Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented at our assembly on Friday 13/03/26 in the school hall at 3:00pm.

00A - Oliver C & Daisy C

Oliver, for the wonderful way you contribute to our class discussions. You are always eager to share your ideas and thoughts in every lesson. I love hearing the connections you make to things you already know, as well as to our new learning - it impresses me every time!
Keep up the fantastic work Oliver.

Daisy, for being such a bubbly and friendly member of our class. You come in each day with the biggest smile on your face, ready to learn and share your joy with everyone around you.
Your happiness and positivity brightens our classroom and makes it a wonderful place to be!

1/2A - Darcy G

Darcy, thank you for your excellent participation in classroom activities.
You consistently contribute with enthusiasm and confidence, always ready to share your ideas or answer questions during literacy and numeracy sessions. You have also been working extremely hard and should be proud of your efforts.

1/2B - Austin S

Austin, for your effort and contribution in the classroom. You constantly try your hardest both in the classroom and at home, and you should be very proud of that.
Keep up the great work, Austin!

3/4A - Emmi F

Emmi, for showing a love of learning. You approach everything with a positive attitude and an inquiring mind, always trying your personal best. Well done, Emmi!

3/4B - Logan S

Logan, for your openness and willingness in Kitchen Garden. You have been ready to try new things and always have a go. Logan, your positive attitude and courage to step outside your comfort zone make you a wonderful asset in the kitchen. Keep it up!

5/6A - Harper F & Archie K

Harper, It is clear that your confidence in Maths lessons has grown.
I am so pleased to see you respond to challenging questions with bravery and determination. Keep backing yourself, Harper. Your hard work is paying off!

Archie, for settling into life as a Year 5. Over the last few weeks, I have noticed your confidence build, as well as your friendship circles. We really appreciate the way you conduct yourself in the classroom as it sets a great example to your peers. Well done, Archie.

5/6B - Bella G & Kenzie H

Bella, for demonstrating excellent focus and persistence in your learning.
Your commitment to staying engaged and trying your best is something you should be proud of.
Keep up the great work, Belle.

Kenzie, for demonstrating a positive attitude and a determination to get better every day.
It has been wonderful to see you really trying in class even when things are a bit tricky.
Well done, Kenzie. Keep it up!

BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERYONE WELCOME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
8:15AM TO 8:45AM



Starting 10/02/26

PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging · Learning · Respect



EVERY MONDAY, LUNCH TIME

@LIBRARY

ALL AGES WELCOME!

MATHS CLUB

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Something for everyone

MONDAY

WELLBEING ROOM MATHS CLUB/JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

TUESDAY

LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY

WELLBEING ROOM

GREEN TEAM

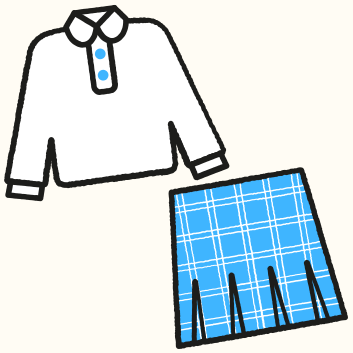
THURSDAY

REST & RESET ROOM (MRS. MCLAUCHLAN'S ROOM)

FRIDAY

ASSEMBLY SET-UP

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP



The Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open in Gallery One on the following dates...



Friday 20th March from 3:30pm

Wednesday 29th April at 9am



nab AFL Auskick

The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

PORT FAIRY & SURROUNDS AUSKICK

STARTING FRIDAY 13 MARCH | 4:30PM

TRANSITION STRAIGHT INTO TERM 2 AUSKICK!

Gardens Oval, Port Fairy

Contact Tristan Gibbs | PH: 0476 980 108

FIND YOUR CLUB

Scan the QR code or click the link below to find out more and sign up!
Registration Link: https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/416fbf
Registering also gets you $55 off the Term 2 community Auskick program!


OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
25th MARCH
2026
www.brauer.vic.edu.au

Warrnambool COLLEGE



MONDAY MARCH 23
4:30 pm

Plan your night around your arrival time, with Group Tours and Come & Try classes offered before and after our Information Presentation.

Visit our Subject Stalls to chat to our staff.

Discover Live student music performances around every corner!

WHAT'S ON & WHEN

4:30&5:00pm GROUPTOURS

Departing from the Front Office at regular intervals.

4:30pm - 5:15pm COME & TRY CLASSES

SPP (HP Centre)	ART & DESIGN (S4)	TECHNOLOGY Wood (T5)	SCIENCE (B6)	HEALTH & PE (Tennis Courts)	FOOD TECH. (U2)	DIGITAL SYSTEMS (T1)

5:30pm - 6:00pm PRESENTATION at our College Hall

6:15pm GROUP TOURS

From CollegeHallfollowing Presentation

Enjoy a sausage (or two) at our **Family BBQ**!

6:15pm - 7:00pm COME & TRY CLASSES

SPP (HP Centre)	ART & DESIGN (S4)	TECHNOLOGY Wood (T5)	SCIENCE (B6)	HEALTH & PE (Tennis Courts)	FOOD TECH. (U2)	DIGITAL SYSTEMS (T1)

We hope you enjoy exploring Warrnambool College & discovering all the opportunities we have to offer.

Warrnambool COLLEGE

Scan for more information
or phone: **5564 4444**
or visit: **www.wblcoll.vic.edu.au**

Infant, Child & Youth Mental Health Services

2026 Term 1 Online Parent Group Timetable

01

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH SCHOOL REFUSAL

Supporting your child who is having difficulty attending school

Wednesday 25th February: 9:30-10:30 am

HELPING YOUR CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL REGULATION SKILLS

Supporting your child to develop the skills to manage big emotions

Wednesday 4th March: 9.30-10.30am

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03

HELPING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD

Supporting your child to develop the skills to manage anxiety and build resilience in stressful situations

Wednesday 11th March: 9:30-10:30 am

HELPING YOUR CHILD ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Supporting you to understand the diagnosis of autism, setting goals, making accommodations and exploring support options

Monday 16th March: 1:30-2:30pm

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05

STEPS TO A CALMER HOME

Supporting parents to stay present, mindful, and attuned to their children's emotional needs

Wednesday 25th March: 9:30-10:30 am

Join the link: https://vcc.healthdirect.org.au/t/swh-camhs/room/circle-of-security-group-room

** Please note- this is the correct group even though link says Circle of Security **

For more information, please contact your ICYMHS clinician or email us at camhs@swh.net.au

we want to hear from young people

have your say

Draft Environment & Sustainability Strategy

take our survey..... tell us what you want to see in Moyne over the next 10 years

Protect our environment

Biodiversity

https: //engage.moyne.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability-strategy









DRAMAFEST South West

with Jennifer Monk

Port Fairy Thursday 12th of March

3.45 – 4.45pm:
Drama Club $16.50
(Prep–Grade 2)

5 - 6pm:
Drama Lab $16.50
(Grade 3–6)

6.15 – 7.30pm:
Acting Studio $20
(High School)

Big Dreams Start in Small Towns.

HARFEST

MUSIC FOOD COMEDY ACTIVITIES

IN THE QUARRY



Get your ticket!

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 3-7PM

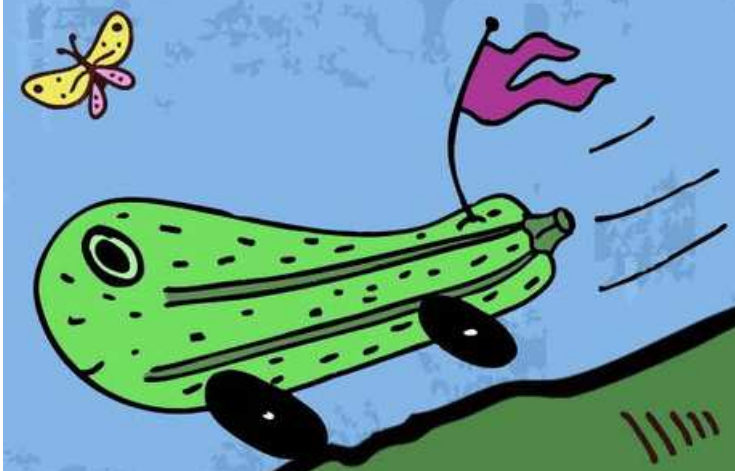
Warrnambool Community Garden

corner of Grieve and Derby Street

All proceeds help keep the garden growing

wcg3280.org.au

HARFEST
ZUCCHINI RACE RULES



RACER CONSTRUCTION:

- **Body:** Must be one whole, fresh zucchini or squash.
- **Wheels & axles:** Wheels must be securely attached to axles that pass through the zucchini body; no strapping it to a skateboard, roller skate or toy car chassis.
- **Propulsion:** Gravity only; no motors, rubber bands, or other propulsion.
- **Decorations:** Allowed and encouraged (googly eyes, paint), but decorations can't extend more than 3cm past the front.
- **Naming:** Give your racer a fun, silly name (keep it PG).

MEASUREMENTS:

- **Width:** Maximum of 30cm wide, including wheels.
- **Length:** Up to 40cm long.

RACING & WINNING:

- **Starting:** Racers start from a standstill and can't be pushed.
- **Heats:** Races run in heats, with winners advancing.
- **Prizes:** Awards for fastest, best crash and most creative/best decorated.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

- **Straight wheels:** Ensure axles are level and wheels are straight for a true run.
- **Even weight:** Distribute weight for stability.
- **Test runs:** Practice at home on a similar ramp.

ALL AGES WELCOME!

All Harfest ticket holders can enter the race.
Get your tickets now to claim the ultimate glory

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 3-7PM

Book here:

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