PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 2
WEEK 4
15/5/26

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been another busy and positive week at school, and we have been delighted to welcome a new family to our PFCS community. It is always wonderful to see our students being so welcoming, inclusive, and friendly towards new members of our school.

Our Parents and Community Group met this week. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group supporting so many areas of our school community. Please take a moment to read the summary provided to keep up to date with all that is happening across the school. We warmly encourage families to join us at these meetings whenever possible. Upcoming events include our Walk Safely to School and Breakfast on Friday 22nd May, followed by the Twilight Market over the June long weekend. If you would like to be involved in either event, please reach out.

There is certainly a lot of excitement building around Port Fairy's Got Talent! Students have now signed up, and auditions will begin on Monday. Due to the large number of students wishing to participate auditions are necessary and we appreciate your understanding that, unfortunately, not every act can be included in the final event schedule. Some students may instead be offered the opportunity to perform at Assembly.

Students have also been reminded that they need to be prepared for auditions by Monday, with performances limited to 90 seconds. While we would love every student to take part, time constraints make this difficult. Port Fairy's Got Talent will take place on Monday 1st June at 2:45pm. Our school community is more than welcome to attend.

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Our Facilities Committee continues to work hard behind the scenes and is focused on having the new Kitchen Garden and Facilities Shed operational by the end of this term. This is set to become a fantastic outdoor learning space for our students, and we sincerely thank the committee for their ongoing work, along with our P&C Group for their partial funding support.

This week we have also welcomed four student teachers to our school for placement. Miss Hose, Miss Matthews and Mr Murphy are first-year students working across the school for one week, they will return in August for a further two weeks. We also welcome Miss Brown, who is working in 5/6V for the next four weeks before returning again in August. Supporting placement students is an important part of ensuring the future of our profession remains strong and well supported.

This Saturday is Education Support Staff Day. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and caring education support staff at our school. Their commitment to our students and wider school community is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to celebrating and acknowledging them together on Wednesday.

A reminder that if you ever have any questions regarding your child's learning or achievement, please feel free to make an appointment with their teacher.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
Kate

FORTNIGHTLY FEATURE

YEAR 5/6





LITERACY

Ask us about Ancient Greece and Rome, we're practically experts! Well, maybe not experts, but we have been studying the historical significance of these places and the amazing minds that came from this period of human history. We read about how the work of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle are still relevant for the way we behave, think and live today. The divided relationship between the Spartans and the Athenians was very interesting - the diversity between these influential city/states was only 200km, yet they had completely different values and ways society functioned.

We were constantly comparing and contrasting these lifestyles in our discussions. We also covered the Punic Wars - did you know there were three of them? We highlighted how the fighting was over land and sea routes that provided opportunities for trade in the Mediterranean, consequently sparking discussions about what is still happening in the world today.

We have a continued focus on fluency and practice reading different pieces each day as a group and in a paired read. We have explored the root phrases 'therm' and 'auto' and words that begin with these and we have been producing compound sentences to improve our writing.

NUMERACY



In the 5/6 world of mathematics we have recently been exploring the mode, mean and median in sets of data. We then integrated this learning into the following lessons on graphs by posing a survey question and gathering data. It was then represented in a variety of ways; pie, line and bar graphs. It was good to see students creating horizontal bar graphs as opposed to the more common vertical presentations. The challenging part that students found was deciding the frequency increments on the y axis.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

This week our school participated in the "Do it for Dolly" fundraiser and Joel came in to speak to us all about the importance of speaking to others with kindness and good intent. It was wonderful to see our students' responses to the question, "What does kindness look like, sound like, feel like?" It showed the work we are doing around our school in wellbeing is really having an impact.

YEAR 5/6 CONTINUED

HIGHLIGHTS / ACTIVITIES / EXCURSIONS

Our beach monitoring program has begun with Mrs Gray. Students braved some inclement weather last week, so hopefully the next session will be a little more kind.

Mrs Green will be kept busy with all our athletes! In Soccer, we had a girls and boys team good enough to progress to the next level after some consistent performances, including a gripping 1-0 victory in the boys final over St Pat's Koroit! Furthermore, down the road by the tennis courts, some parents finished the day with shorter fingernails as they watched a nerve-racking penalty shootout in the girls final which saw us come out on top. A great effort by our 5/6 teams.

Meanwhile, as we often do, several students also progressed to the next level of Cross Country. Best of luck to them.

This term, we are also fortunate enough to have swimming lessons in Warrnambool. We will be seeking parent helpers, so if you are available to assist, we would love to have you join us.

Walk to School Breakfast is Friday 22nd May and Winter Sports is coming up this term as well.







PHYSICAL EDUCATION

TERM 2 - WEEK 4

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Division Cross Country, Reid Oval- Fri 15th May
Regional Cross Country, Reid Oval- Tues 26th May
Moyne Winter Sports, Koroit (Yr5/6)- Fri 29th May
Division Winter Sports, Warrnambool- Fri 12th June

PE NEWS

Congratulations to our division Athletics team that competed at Brauerander on the 1st of May. The following students have qualified for the Regional athletics Championships in Ballarat on Friday 9th October;
Bronte, 200m (5th), hurdles (1st)
Mia, 800m (6th)
Lilah, 1500m (5th)
Indigo, shot put (2nd)
Sam, 200m (6th), 800m (2nd), 1500m (3rd)
Harrison S., 200m (3rd), 800m (5th), 1500m (4th)

We are finishing up our Soccer unit this week, it's been a fun unit with lots of improvement in our soccer skills across the whole school. Remember to checkout the Port Fairy Soccer Club if your child is interested in playing locally!

Good Luck to our Division Cross Country Team running today at the Reid Oval and surrounding parklands. This is a proper cross country course, with some tough sections, I'm sure our runners will do themselves and PFCS proud!





Brooke Green
Physical Education Coordinator

GREEN TEAM

Latest News

Our Green Team has been focusing on “Nude Food” — fresh food wrapped in its natural skin, such as apples, oranges, bananas, and other healthy snacks that help reduce plastic waste in lunchboxes. Each week, the Green Team monitors classes and awards Dojo points to students bringing fresh fruit and vegetables to school.

This week’s Nude Food winners were Grade 5/6A and 3/4B, with our special Green Team Choice Award going to 1/2A for their fantastic efforts.

We are also getting excited for Environment Day: *A Whale of a Time* on Wednesday 10 June.

Keep an eye out for whale facts appearing around the school soon as we prepare a fun lunchtime event for the whole school to enjoy!





Reminders & Events



Green Team Meetings:
Years 3-6, Wednesday Lunchtime.
Listen out for the announcement!

Nude Food Lunches:
Has been a great success with students bringing in loads of fresh fruit in their lunch boxes wrapped in natural skin.

SCIENCE

What We Learned

Our STEM Beach Monitoring Group (year 5/6 students) has embraced the wet and windy weather this term while exploring our local beach environments and developing important citizen science skills. Students have been monitoring coastal sand erosion, observing changing beach conditions,with the Port Fairy Coastal Group.



We also took extra time to learn about the important role coastal plants play in protecting our shoreline ecosystems - with Mrs Gray and Grace. We explored the incredible variety of seaweeds along our coast, examining their colours, textures, shapes, and habitats.

We have also been learning how coastal vegetation helps stabilise dunes (Hairy Spinifex) and support wildlife in these dynamic environments.

The group is now taking their learning further by beginning work on an exciting STEM-inspired project that will continue over the next few terms. We look forward to sharing more of their discoveries, investigations, and ideas with our school community.



This term's team is Alex, Felix, Charlie, Finn, Archie and Ivy.

SAKGP

MENU

Chickpea curry, gnocchi and apple cinnamon muffins






IN THE KITCHEN

The Kitchen Garden has been full of wonderful learning as students continue to sow, grow, harvest, cook, and share fresh food together. Students have been building confidence with knife skills, dough making, and exploring new flavours and textures through pizzas & garden salads. Our next menu will include curries, baked gnocchi, and muffins.

A big thank you to our amazing ES team for supporting students in our dynamic kitchen learning space. We love our Kitchen Garden and the joy it brings to learning and sharing together..




Apple & Cinnamon Muffins

Ingredients

Dry ingredients:

- 4 cups self-raising flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt

Wet ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup vegetable oil (or melted butter)
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Add-ins:

- 4 cups diced puree apple (about 5–6 apples, peeled if preferred)

Method

1. **Preheat the oven** to 180°C (160°C fan) and line muffin trays.
2. In a large bowl, mix **flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt**.
3. In another bowl, whisk **eggs, milk, oil, and vanilla**.
4. Pour wet ingredients into dry and **mix gently**.
5. Fold in the **apple pieces**.
6. Spoon into cases, filling about **¾ full**.
7. Bake for **18–22 minutes**, until golden and cooked through.
8. Cool slightly before serving.

Optional Topping

Mix 2 tbsp sugar + 1 tsp cinnamon and sprinkle on top before baking for a crunchy finish.

Cooking Tips

- Cut apples into **small pieces** so they cook quickly
- Don't overmix—just stir until combined
- Smells amazing while baking—great sensory experience

F-2 EXCURSION

WHERES IS THE GREEN SHEEP

LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE







Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented at our assembly on Friday 8/05/26 in the school hall at 3:00pm.

00A - Mabel F & Reggie B

Mabel, for consistently showing what it means to be a wonderful Foundation student. You always follow instructions carefully and complete your work to a high standard. You show kindness and respect to everyone around you, and set an excellent example for your classmates. Mabel, you should be so proud of the way you approach your learning and contribute so positively to our classroom!

Reggie, for the fantastic growth you are showing in your reading and writing. Your engagement during Heggerty, UFLI and Ants in the Apple is really paying off, and it has been wonderful to see your confidence continue to grow. You are always listening carefully, joining in enthusiastically, and trying your very best during our literacy learning. Keep up the amazing effort, Reggie!

1/2A - Mack H & Alice P

Mack, for your amazing growth this term. You have been working so hard in all areas of the classroom, and it is really starting to show. You can achieve a lot when you set your mind to it. Keep up the fantastic work!

Alice, for being such a wonderful role model in the classroom. You always put your best foot forward and try your hardest in everything you do. You are always willing to help others and are someone the Year 1 students can look up to. Be very proud of all your hard work!

1/2B - Eden M

Eden, for an excellent week in the classroom. It was fantastic to see your confidence growing each day, and knowing you can do hard things. This week you wrote challenging words with speed and accuracy, and read texts with excellent expression. I look forward to watching you continue to shine for the remainder of the year! Well done, Eden!

3/4A - Micah B

Micah, For your love of learning. You have an inquisitive mind, are always enthusiastic, and consistently strive to do your best. Your willingness to help others is greatly appreciated. Well done, Micah.

3/4B - Mimi T

Mimi, for showing a wonderful interest in learning through asking thoughtful and curious questions and sharing in-depth ideas and responses during class discussions. Your enthusiasm for learning and willingness to think deeply about new ideas has been outstanding.

5/6A - Julian D & Finn H

Julian, for demonstrating an outstanding desire to learn and improve your understanding in all areas. Your curiosity and openness to share is wonderful for our classroom discussions. Keep challenging yourself, and us!

Finn, your effort in Maths recently has been exceptional - your Facts on Fire is progressing, as a result. We also love hearing about your historical world knowledge as well as modern-day global events. Great work, Finn!

5/6B - Jane G

Jane, for your commitment to your learning. You stay on task and are becoming more confident to answer questions. You also demonstrate a strong work ethic when completing classroom jobs. Jane, you are a great role model in our class. Keep up the great work!

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P&C Meeting Summary

Chair - Fiona Castley

Attendees - 8

12 May 2026

School Meeting Room/ Online

BIG NEWS!

2025 was an incredible year for fundraising, with the P&C group raising over $110,000 for the school through a wide variety of events.
This funding contributes to completing the library refurbishment, and starting Stage 2 of the School Masterplan (School entrance area) this year.
Keep a eye out for regular new book drops from the Slime Splash Fundraising!
Additionally, the school received two community grants for the Masterplan Stage 2, thanks to Brooke Thompson's efforts in preparing the applications.
Plans are moving forward, with construction expected to start later this year.
THANKYOU ALL SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!!!

Term 3 & 4 Events

Special Persons Event
Election BBQ
Christmas Trees
Carols by the Bluestone

Volunteer Opportunities

- Fresh Fruit Friday
- Walk to School Breakfast
- Twilight Market
- Friday Clubs
- **Keep an eye on XUNO**

Next Meeting Date

21 July 2026 (Online)

Want a say?

Parent Involvement Survey coming soon!

PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED'S GOT TALENT

On **Monday, 1st June at 2:45**, our students will be taking to the Bluestone stage to showcase their amazing talents in singing, dancing, comedy, instruments and more!

We can't wait to celebrate the confidence, creativity and effort of our students in a fun and supportive environment

YOU CAN'T MISS THIS!

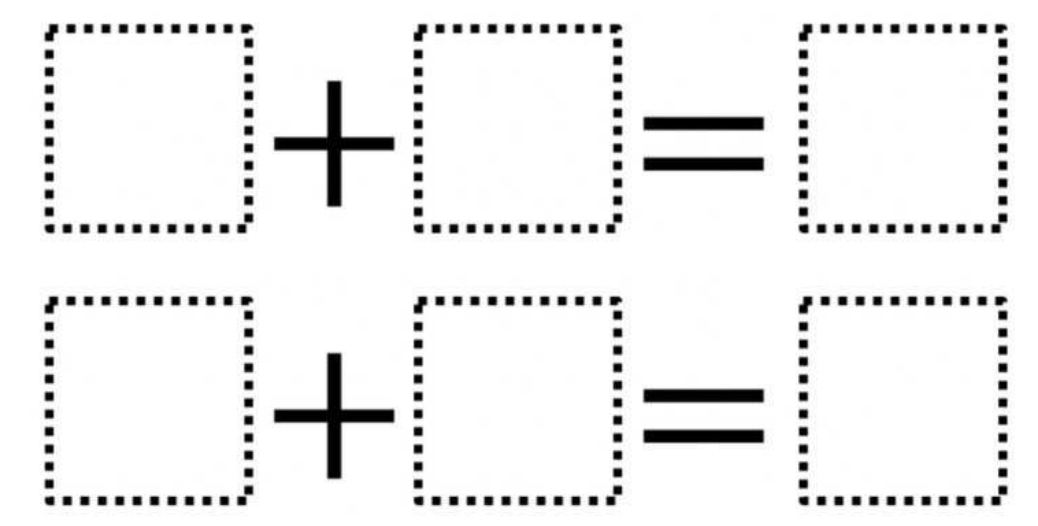
MORE DETAILS TO COME



PFCS FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

When childrenexperiencepositivemaths momentsat home, they growmore confidentand willingto explorenew ideas. Playing games, solving little challenges, and noticing the maths in cooking, shopping, and telling time helps them see how maths fits into everyday life.

1. Directions: Using the digits 0 to 9, at most one time each, place a digit in each box to make the equation true.

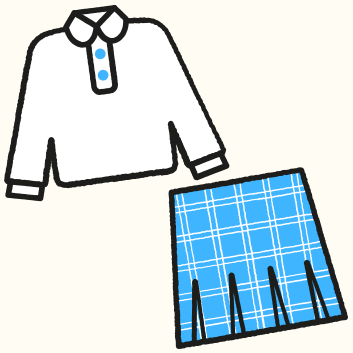


Too easy? Try this one...

2. Directions: Using the digits 0 to 9, at most one time each, place a digit in each box to create a true equation with the greatest possible product.



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP



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



3.30pm - Wednesday 27th May

3.30pm Friday 12th June

3.30pm Thursday 25th June



PORT FAIRY
Twilight Market

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GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY

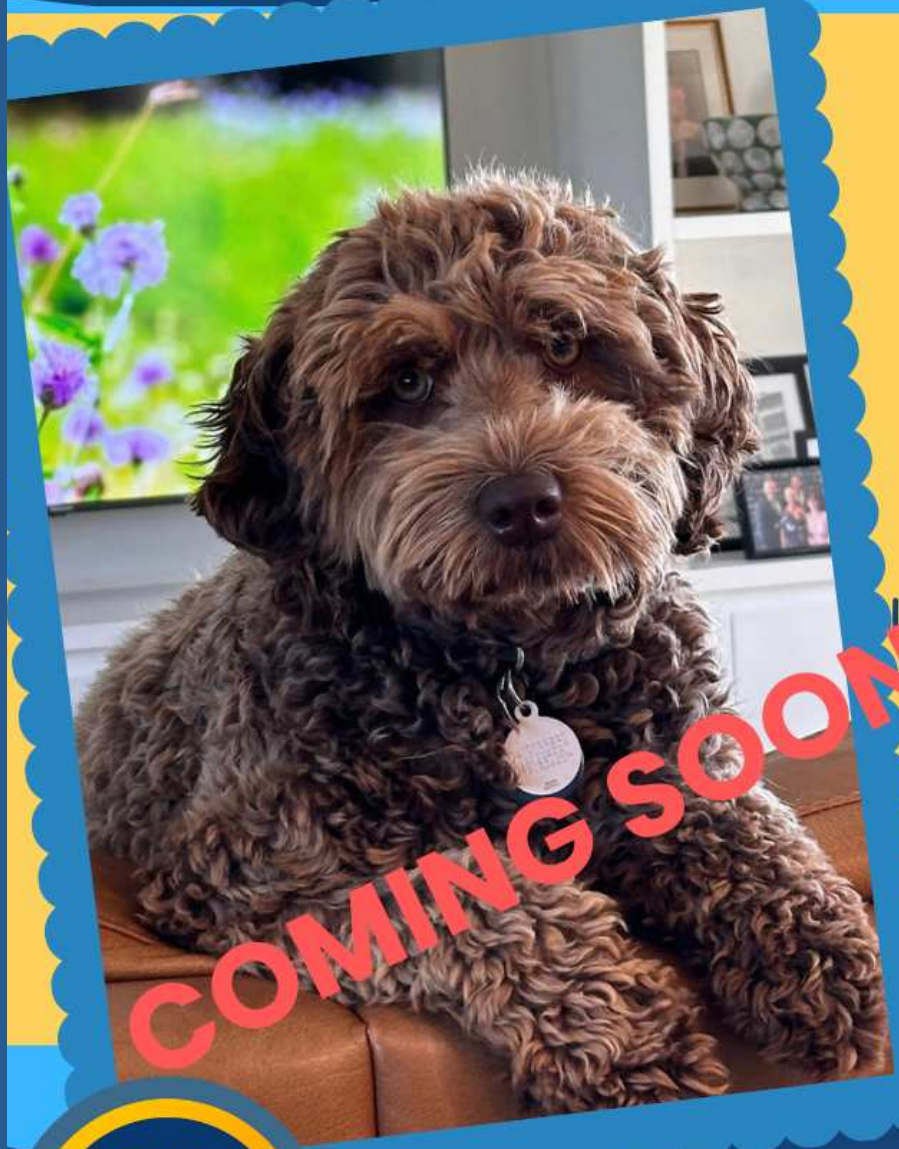
KING'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND

MAKERS
ARTISANS
GOURMET FOOD
KIDS' ACTIVITIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026, 4 - 7.30PM

ENTRY VIA MAIN GATE, CNR OF CAMPBELL & ALBERT STREETS.
BYO MUGS, PLATES, CUTLERY & SHOPPING BAGS

Meet Ollie



COMING SOON TO PFCS

Ollie (Olive) is our school BELONGING BUDDY and Therapy Dog. She's a friendly miniature labradoodle and loves cuddles, walks, watching Bluey, and swimming.
Ollie can't wait to meet everyone at PFCS.

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RESPECT - LEARNING - BELONGING

BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERYONE WELCOME

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



Starting 23/04/26

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PORT FAIRY
KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY MAY 20
2.30-4.pm
MOYNE
SHIRE



GEELONG CATS AFLW GIRLS SUPER CLINIC

Geelong AFLW Players are coming to the Western District Region and would love to invite all girls interested in trying Auskick & Superkick to join us for a FREE come-and-try session filled with fun, skill-building, and teamwork!

No experience is necessary – just bring runners, comfortable clothing, and a water bottle! Come along, give it a go, and discover how much fun footy can be. We can't wait to see you there!

REID OVAL - WARRNAMBOOL
MONDAY 25th MAY
4.30 PM - 5.30 PM
Auskick Ages 4-7 & Superkick Ages 8-12

VISIT PLAY.AFL

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










THE 2026 WARRNAMBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
SPEECH & DRAMA EISTEDDFOD
CELEBRATING YOUNG VOICES, TALENT, AND EXPRESSION!
DATES:
MONDAY 25th to
FRIDAY 29th of MAY 2026
VENUE:
ST. PIUS X HALL, MORRISS ROAD
HIGHLIGHTS:
POEMS: SOLO OR WITH FRIENDS
SPEECHES AND MONOLOGUES
GROUP PERFORMANCES
IMPROMPTU AND PREPARED READING
ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION FOR SPECTATORS
ENTRIES via stardom.com.au (Dates TBA)
INQUIRIES: 0438579844 or
warrnambool.speechd.eisteddfod@gmail.com

Supporting healing and empowerment for women in Portland

Brophy will deliver a free Shark Cage Group program in Portland from May 6 to June 24.
It will run from 11am to 1:30pm each Wednesday.

Shark Cage is an eight week group program for women who have experienced family violence or sexual assault. It is designed to empower, uplift and support healing.

The program focuses on:

- Learning about the impacts of trauma, human rights and healing recovery
- Creating a strong positive sense of self and self-worth, in an empowering space
- Exploring characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships

Interested in finding out more? Scan the QR code to register or call (03) 5561 8888 for more information.



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