PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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TERM 3
WEEK 3
31/07/26

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was wonderful to return to school on Monday and be greeted by so many smiling faces—students, staff, and families. Being able to step away for a few weeks, knowing our school community is in such capable hands is something I never take for granted. A huge thank you to Emily for leading the school with such professionalism and care, and to all of our staff for their ongoing commitment to the wellbeing and learning of our students.

Many people have asked about the highlight of my leave, and without a doubt, it was spending five uninterrupted weeks with my three children as they continue to grow into young adults. It was time I'll always treasure.

Camp information and approvals for our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 camps will soon start appearing on XUNO. We understand that camps can place financial pressure on families, so please don't hesitate to speak with Abbie or Jen about payment plans. Many families also still have SSB and CSEF funds available to help with camp and excursion costs. Information about the Foundation–Year 2 camp experience will be shared in Term 4.

Congratulations to our Foundation students and Miss Matheson on celebrating 100 days of school! It was a fantastic day filled with fun and celebration.

On a slightly itchier note (I found myself scratching my head while writing this!), we have had cases of head lice in some classrooms. Please take a moment to read the flyer included with this newsletter and continue checking your child's hair regularly. Even one missed egg can quickly lead to more cases, so we really appreciate everyone's support.

Book Week Dress Up Day will be held on Monday 24 August. Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, and our staff will once again be dressing to a book theme—I wonder what it will be this year! We'll hold our parade just after 9:00 am, and we'd love families to join us. If you'd like to dress up too, we'd love to see a special parents and friends procession again this year!

Lunch order days are coming up on 14 August, 21 August and 2 September, so keep an eye on XUNO for details. A big thank you to Matt Gibb and Sean Malady for preparing the delicious meals. If the cost of lunch orders is a concern, please contact me—we don't want anyone to miss out. We're also hoping to bring back our popular toastie day on the last day of term.
My door is always open (metaphorically!).
Kate

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They're Back .....



Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair.

What *you* need to know

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice.

You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at school. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for **10,000 years!**

What *can you* do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

Please visit **www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au** and search for "head lice (nits)" for advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice.

The school also has additional information available regarding treatment and controlling head lice. Please don't hesitate to contact the office to obtain this information, or refer to the link in the newsletter.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform:

- the school and advise when the treatment has started, via the attached ***Action Taken Form.***
- parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started.

We are aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and are committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind regards

Kate Anderson

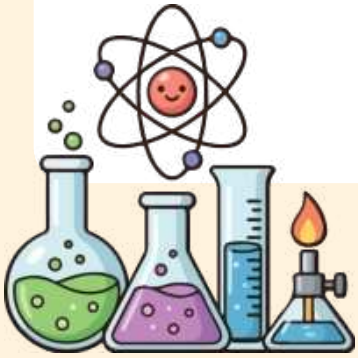
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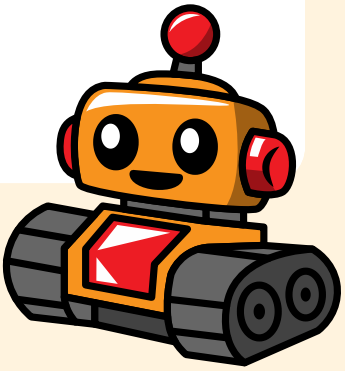


Working together for the wellbeing of our students

FORTNIGHTLY FEATURE

SCIENCE





LEARNING FOCUS

In science we have been learning about adaptations and the features of living things. Our work has included sharing our science knowledge and making posters, presentations and sharing these with our classes.

The grade 3-6 students have begun a robotics program with CSIRO that looks at how robots are used in extreme locations. This begins a 5 week program of learning how to make a robot that can be used for research deep underwater, in cave systems or other extreme places.

Our F-2 students are building their scientific skills in conducting experiments that allow them to follow a Predict, Observe and Explain model. They are investigating how to make a gas, colour separation, surface tension in water and change of states (making icecream!) Before the 1/2s get ready to learn about indigenous science - with mosaic cool fire practices, making a wonderful cross curriculum link into the grade 1/2 classrooms!

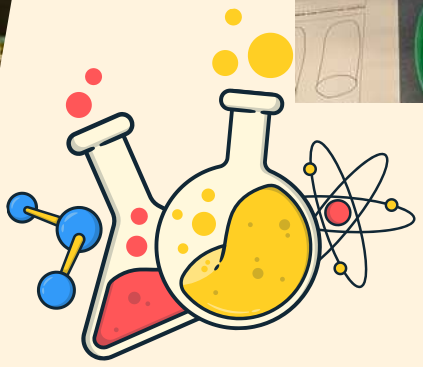












SCIENCE CONT.





HIGHLIGHTS & ACTIVITIES

We took part in National Schools Tree Day!

Planting in school was led by the Green Team students who worked together to plant local indigenous food and fiber plants, chocolate lilies, bulbine lilies, native mint, paper daisy, dianella and pepper berry in the courtyard garden. Creating beautiful biodiversity for butterflies and learning about our local plants.

The grade 3/4s worked with the Moyne Shire Council and planted at Battery Hill! They planted over 200 plants to enhance the natural biodiversity at Battery Hill. Planting sea berry saltbush, acacia (wattles), drooping she oak, woolly tea tree, dianella and coastal daisy! So many plants, so much fun! So wonderful to be giving back to our coastal places and planting for habitat!



















PHYSICAL EDUCATION

TERM 3 – WEEK 1

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

Friday 7th August- Moyne Schools 3/4 Basketball- Warrnambool
Friday 4th September- Moyne Schools 5/6 Basketball- Warrnambool
Monday 14th September- 5/6 Basketball Finals
Friday 9th October- Regional Track and Field- Ballarat
Tuesday 10th November- Regional Hot Shots- Colac



PE NEWS

We continue all things gymnastics in PE and with the Australian gymnastics team bringing home more medals in the Commonwealth Games than ever before, I feel it's a real inspiration to our budding athletes for India in 2030 and possibly New Zealand in 2034!😉. I hope they are all driving you mad balancing, swinging and rolling around your homes!

Our 3/4 Moyne Basketball day is approaching, this is replacing the "Hoop Time" competition of years past. This is a round robin day for all abilities and skill levels. We'd love to see supporters pop in and cheer on our teams at the Arc in Warrnambool on 7th August. There will be no progression to further competition/s in basketball for the 3/4 's, it is a fun participation day. As usual, we will have our awesome 5/6 coaches taking charge of our junior teams on the day, a great leadership opportunity. All details are on Xuno.

Brooke Green
Physical Education Coordinator





Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented on Friday 7/8/26 in the school hall at 3:00pm.

00A - Lily S

Lily, for being a kind, caring and thoughtful classmate. Lily, you always show respect to others and are one of the first people to notice when a friend needs help or a little extra kindness. Your calm and gentle nature brings such a positive feeling to our classroom, and you always work hard and try your very best in all that you do. You make everyone feel welcome and included, and we are so lucky to have you as part of our class.

1/2A - Hunter F

Hunter, for accepting a new challenge! You have settled into our school very well and have made lots of new friends. You always try your best with your learning. It is wonderful to see how confident you are in class, even though you have only been here for a short time. I am very proud of you. Keep up the great work!

Hunter, karena telah menerima tantangan baru! Kamu sudah beradaptasi dengan sangat baik di sekolah kami dan sudah memiliki banyak teman baru. Kamu selalu berusaha sebaik mungkin dalam belajar. Senang sekali melihat kamu begitu percaya diri di kelas, meskipun kamu baru berada di sini dalam waktu yang singkat. Saya sangat bangga kepadamu. Teruslah bekerja dengan baik!

1/2B - Reuben G

Reuben, for your excellent writing during our Quick Writes. Each day you focus hard on making your stories interesting, and always try your best to include some of our interesting sparkle words. Your stories always make us laugh when you share them in class. Keep up the great work, Reuben.

3/4A - Lottie T

Lottie, for showing a positive attitude towards your learning. You consistently strive to do your personal best and approach learning opportunities with enthusiasm. You ask questions to clarify your understanding and deepen your knowledge of new topics. Your curiosity, persistence and commitment to learning are wonderful qualities. Well done, Lottie!

3/4B - Piper C

Piper, for always setting a positive example for your classmates, being highly organised and applying yourself to achieve your best learning.

5/6A - Harrison J

Harrison, you have worked so hard on your writing, making good progress during our quick-write sessions by editing punctuation and uplevelling your vocabulary. Keep up the great work, Harrison!

5/6B - Mairead B

Mairead, for your unwavering attention and focus in class. You are always on task, take pride in your work and provide strong leadership in our class. Your work ethic will take you far. Well done, Mairead!

Making Maths Meaningful

Our Year 1 students have been taking their maths learning outside, using real-life materials to explore and make sense of new concepts. By building, sorting, measuring and investigating with hands-on materials, students develop a deeper understanding while having fun.

These meaningful learning experiences help children see that maths is everywhere, not just in the classroom.





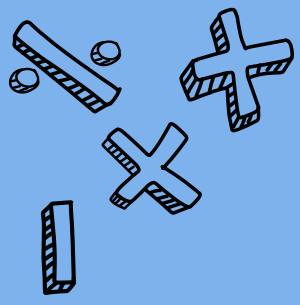








YEAR 1, TERM 3



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P&C Minutes

Chair - Fiona Castley

Contact: pfcspandf@gmail.com

21 July 2026 7:30

Online - Webex

- Supporting the 2027 Port Fairy Marathon Launch Event on 23 August @ PFCS- Keep an eye out for info and RSVP's
- Big plans for fundraising over 2027 Marathon Weekend - Info and volunteer callouts will be coming....
- A P&C Logo refresh is on the cards
- Parents, Carers & Community Morning has been moved to Term 4 (replacing special persons event). Speak to the office if you want to help out

Term 4 Events

Parents, Carers & Community Morning
Election BBQ
Christmas Trees
Carols by the Bluestone

Volunteer Opportunities

- Fresh Fruit Friday
- SAKG Cookbook sales
- Marathon 2027 Planning
- Friday Clubs
- **Speak to the office for more info**

Next Meeting Date

25 August 2026 7:30
(in school library & online)

Volunteering Survey

Thanks to the 40% of the school community who completed the survey!

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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

P&F Parents & Friends Association

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We are seeking expressions of interest for upcoming P&C events...

A SPECIAL PERSONS EVENT
in Term 3
(a Friday in August)

AN ELECTION FUNDRAISER
for the state election on
Saturday 28 November 2026.

Please pop your name down if you are interested in being a lead volunteer or part of a working group and Fiona Castley will be in touch to help get your group together.

The P&C has information and support from previous events to assist. It's a great opportunity to have a go at organising a simple event for the school community and dip your toe in to the wide variety of opportunities on offer. Further volunteer signup sheets will be sent out closer to the event days for on the day support.

Feel free to contact Fiona Castley or send an email to **pfcsp&f@gmail.com** if you would like more information or a discussion before signup.

Ready to get involved?

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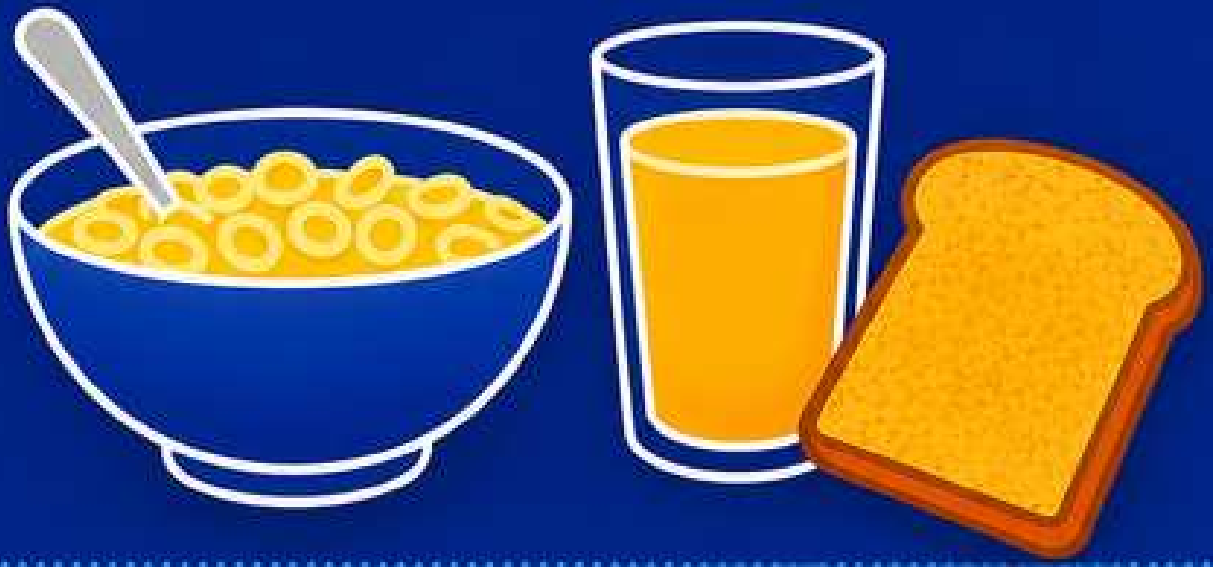
https://volunteersignup.org/HWHCC

BREAKFAST CLUB!

EVERYONE WELCOME

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

8:15AM TO 8:45AM



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SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP





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

9:00am | **Friday 7th August**

3:30pm | **Tuesday 18th August**

3:30pm | **Wednesday 2nd Sept**



Thank you for supporting our school community!

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The Port Fairy Consolidated School uniform range is now available online at:

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Select Port Fairy Consolidated School from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.

Place your order.

Choose weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

State School Relief Vouchers

Ordering via State School Relief Vouchers will need to be placed by phone. Please call our Customer Service line. You will need to provide details of your required item(sizes and have your voucher details ready.

Free Call: 1800 815 557

SHIPPING OPTIONS

- **School Delivery – Free**
  Weekly during school terms. Orders received by Tuesday will be dispatched on Wednesday.
- Please allow 4 - 5 days for delivery after dispatch of your order.
- **Postage to private address**
  $12.50 per order.
- An order confirmation email will be sent once your order is processed.

CONTACT US:

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PORT FAIRY MARATHON

YOU'RE INVITED...

WE'RE LAUNCHING 2027 REGOS!

FREE TO ATTEND | EVERYONE WELCOME

Port Fairy Marathon will be back for it's 6th edition on Sunday 21 February 2027.
Join us as we take registrations live with a free BBQ, out and back run/jog/walk & raffle prizes.

- 30 min out & back run/jog/walk
- Exclusive discounts on 2027 entries
- Win 2027 event entry & merch
- Free breakfast BBQ

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST | 8:40AM - 10:30AM

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RSVP HERE

KOROIT& DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

WINTER

Lights & Delights

August 15 - 5pm



Tractor Light Display - Hot food and Drinks - Live Music

Kids Activities - Noodledoof Pop-up Bar

Silent Art Auction - Market stalls

Koroit & District PRIMARY SCHOOL

I learn • We belong • Together we achieve

Gold coin donation for entry

Rotary
Warrnambool

Second Hand Book Sale

Location

AL Lane Pavillion
53 Hyland Street
Warrnambool

Monthly Sale

Saturday 1st August
9am-3pm

Something for Everyone

Modern titles
Books for collectors
Non-Fiction topics
Large collection of classics
and more!

Entry: Gold coin donation
Cash or Card available
flat venue for disability access

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