PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 1
WEEK 1
31/1/25

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a wonderful 'festive season' and made the most of the glorious weather, I know I did. We officially welcome Mrs Jane Kenna to our school. Jane is teaching Year 1/2 and Year 3/4. Additionally, we welcome Miss Bebe Ryan to our staff whilst Mr Mabon is on Paternity Leave. We congratulate Sophie, Ned and Freddie on the birth of their daughter Isabella in the holidays.

I must thank all those who contributed to keeping our lawns, ovals and garden alive over what was a warm summer. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. It would also be remiss of me to not acknowledge the work of our Marathon Committee. The countless hours they are putting in to make this community event happen is humbling, to say the least. If you can spare some hours, I know they still require more volunteers. Please click on this link to sign up. https://volunteersignup.org/F9W9A.
If you have any questions please email portfairymarathon@gmail.com or call Nick on 0477 076 891.

Thank you to the families that organised for their students to attend the student interviews. These were an integral part of our Wellbeing and Responsive Teaching focus for 2025. It was wonderful to see the interactions between the staff and students at these interviews. I was lucky to have witnessed several interviews, and it was clear that these were a great first step in building positive relationships between staff and students.

As foreshadowed last year, we are trialling a few different things. Firstly we will be having a fortnightly assembly beginning on Friday 14th February, we ask you to be there for 2:55pm for a 3pm start. The assemblies will run as they have previously done with one exception. We will be having only one Acknowledgment of Country, which is done at the beginning of the assembly and covers all staff and students who speak throughout the presentations.

Assembly Dates - Friday : 14th February, 28th February, 14th March, 28th March

Newsletter - Friday: 31st Jan, 7th Feb, 21st Feb, 7th March, 21st March, 4th April

It had been planned to begin our clubs program in Term 1 this year, however with so many Friday events, this is not possible as we only had one Friday without an event planned already. **We will begin clubs on Friday 2nd May 2:30-3:20**. I really appreciate the couple of parents who have signed up to assist with an activity. If you think you could offer something for clubs, please let me know. It is a term-by-term commitment and is for 1 hour.

We have attached the assembly presentation that I made to the students this morning for your reference. Please feel free to speak with your students about this and what they learned.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see as many of you for our whole school picnic next Friday and classroom visits from 1:30pm.

Kate

JANUARY

Happy Birthday to :

Xan
Ruby
Addie
Ellie
Julian
Dusty
Indigo
Archie
Mia
Bronte

XUNO FAMILY

Wanting to know when all our school events are happening?

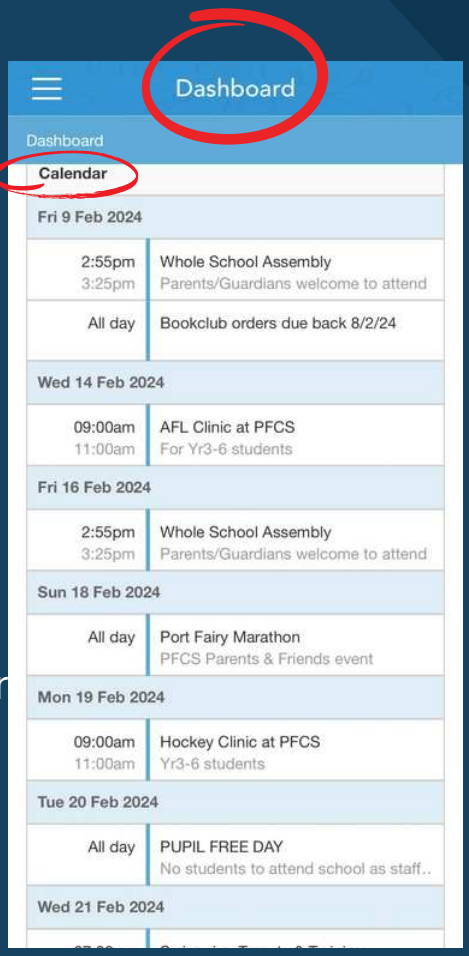
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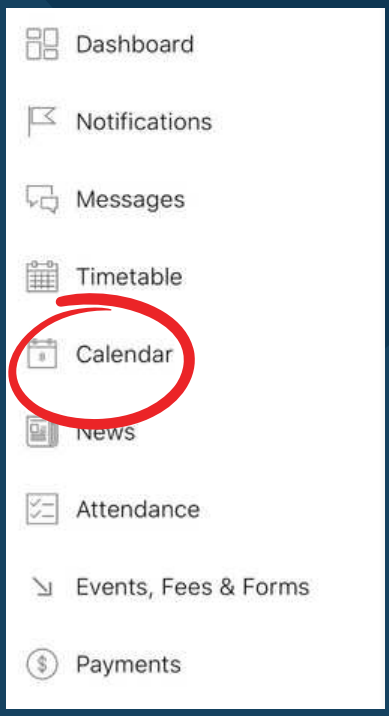
USING XUNO CALENDAR

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Go onto the Xuno App
2. On the front page - Dashboard scroll down to the list of dates
3. This is where you will find all our important dates and events.

Another option to find the calendar
1. Click on the sidebar
2. Select calendar





Xuno calendar will display :

- School term dates
- Pupil free days
- Public holidays
- Events and important dates for individual classes/ year levels as appropriate.

Another way to check dates is also viewing the event details where you approve excursions, camps etc. If you decline the event it will disappear from your dashboard alerts but it may still show in the calendar.

THE EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $150 for primary school students
- $250 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.
You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

VICTORIA State Government

ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE

A very big thank you to all those families who came into the office or directly deposited to make a payment for their 2025 Parent Contributions or made a commitment for payment.

We also greatly appreciate those families who have made optional and voluntary contributions to our Grounds/Maintenance and the Building Fund.

If you have not yet spoken to Jen or Abbie about the 2025 Parent Contributions and are not making automatic payments through Centrepay, please phone, drop in, or email us.

A reminder also of the **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**. This is a Government funded program that gives each student $125 to be put towards the cost of camps, sports or excursions. If you are a current holder of a concession card or health care card, you will be eligible to receive this, application forms are available at the office. If you had applied last year, this application will roll over automatically.

MEDICAL ALERTS

It is extremely important that the school is kept informed of any medical alerts related to your child/ren.
If your child suffers from any medical condition (anaphylaxis allergies or asthma etc), we do require an Action Plan to assist us to provide your child with the best care.
These should be updated annually.

Without an action plan, students will not be able to participate in or attend sports/excursions/camps.

LEGAL ALERTS

It is extremely important that the school is kept informed of any legal alerts related to your child/ren.

If there are any legal /access restrictions related to your child/ren, we require copies of these documents to enable us to assist to protect your child/ren.

PFCS BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a parent/guradian to volunteer to coordinate the PFCS Book Club Orders!

The role involves placing orders to scholastic, handing out new catalogues and handing out orders to students once or twice a term.

If you're interested in helping out the office team and PFCS families

Please email
port.fairy.cs@education.vic.gov.au

