PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

PRINCIPALS REPORT

TERM 2
WEEK 2
2/5/25

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The school has been full of energy since the term started with lots of exciting opportunities and experiences for our students and school community.

Our school cross country last week was a fantastic way to start the term. It was heartening to see students cheering each other on and showing such perseverance in the heat. We've received lots of positive feedback about the new course, and I have to agree—it was a great course for spectating.

At Assembly last week, we held a special presentation to honour our current service men and women. A big thank you to James Kelly for accepting our shoeboxes for soldiers on behalf of all service personnel. We're sure the thoughtful notes, letters, pictures and treats will be very much appreciated.

Thank you also to the families who have volunteered their time this weekend to help with our BBQ at the polling station. We truly appreciate your support.

On Tuesday we hosted our first STEM Explorers session for current 4 year old kinder children. This session was hugely successful, with 15 children and their parents attending! As expected Mrs Gray's passion for STEM was infectious and the vibe in the room was very high as the kinder children explored seaweed, sand hoppers and other treasures from the ocean. We are looking forward to our next session on the 20th May.

Next week is a busy one in our enrolment calendar, with school tours and our 2026 information session taking place. If you know anyone interested in attending, please encourage them to contact the school office. Finally, this afternoon we're launching our first PFCS Clubs session. These clubs will run fortnightly and offer students a great variety of activities to enjoy. Thank you to the extra volunteers who have jumped in with such enthusiasm to support this new initiative.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Emily

MAY

Happy Birthday to :

Owen
Lili
Sam
Stevie
Jaxson H
Lexi F
Lexie D
Ivy H
Harrison S
Loki
Angus B
Elwood
Sybil
Charlie G
Poppi B
Zara

FOUNDATION
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Welcome back to Term 2. I have been so impressed with the ease with which the children returned after their holiday break. They have come back quite settled and with an increased level of confidence which has been great to see.

Literacy

In Literacy in Week 1 we had a quick review of our previously learned sounds and practiced forming our letters. We also read and wrote many Anzac Day stories and facts to familiarise ourselves with the reasons and ways we commemorate the occasion. In week 2 we learned the new sounds /k/, /l/, /r/, /u/ and have been building words using these new sounds.

Numeracy

We have been working with numbers and amounts to 20. We have also reviewed Days of the Week and Months of the Year, patterns and numbers that we learned last term.

Extra

We had fun with our buddies up in the kitchen creating (and eating) Anzac cookies, some of which we put into our gift box to the soldiers who are away serving our country. We also created some gorgeous artwork which we hope will brighten our soldiers' days.



Reminders

Reader changeover on Thursday's.

Upcoming Events

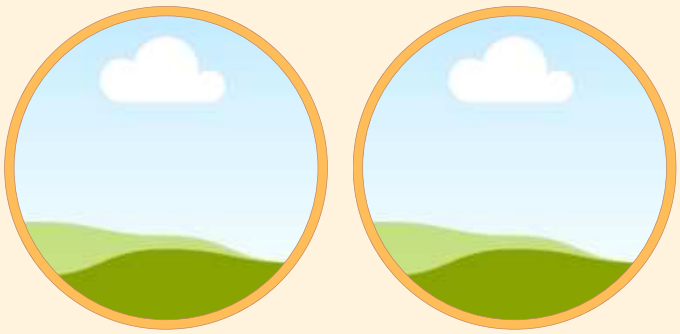
13/5 - Curriculum student free day
9/6 - Public Holiday
4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Music - Monday 2:30pm
Science - Tuesday 11:30pm
Art - Tuesday 12:30pm
PE - Thursday 2:30pm

Fun Fact

Anzac biscuits were traditionally square and so hard that some men were said to have broken their teeth on them.



YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have been learning in morphology how to make words plural with ‘s and es’ eg cat=cats, box=boxes. In Grammar we have been working on types of sentence-statement, command,and exclamation. In Core Knowledge we have started learning about Uluru and its geological features,history and cultural importance.

Numeracy

This week we’ve been learning to break numbers into parts. We used base-ten blocks to partition one- and two-digit numbers in different ways. We focused on breaking two-digit numbers into tens and ones, like 42 = 40 + 2.

Extra

We are starting clubs this week which is very exciting and offered students many choice of activity.



Reminders

Readers changed on Monday

Upcoming Events

13/5 - Curriculum student free day

9/6 - Public Holiday

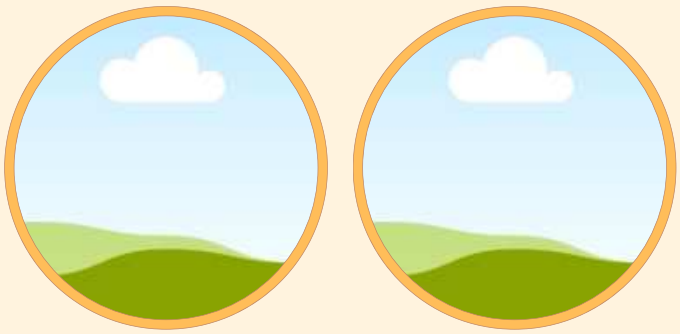
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Specialist

Monday: Music
Wednesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE

Fun Fact

Uluru’s unique reddish-brown colour comes from iron minerals in the rock. Iron is a type of metal, which rusts over time and creates the red colours through the rock.



YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This Term has started with a focus on creating a text for our current serving soldiers to thank them for their service while we marked ANZAC day. The students wrote, edited and illustrated their individual pieces with some very moving results. We have also started our novel study of Wylah which will be our focus this term. As part of our study this week we learnt about adverbs, how to expand sentences and as always we kept up our daily fluency practice.

Numeracy

The start of Term 2 has been the perfect time to consolidate our understanding of place values. We have been able to explore our knowledge to the value of six digit numbers, while some of us have also explored the other side of the place value chart and delved into decimals. We have also continued with our daily practice of counting, facts on fire, and Top 10.

Extra

We are excited to welcome Jacinta Roache to the team for the next month while Emily is upward relieving in the Principal's chair.



Reminders

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Upcoming Events

13/5 - Student free day

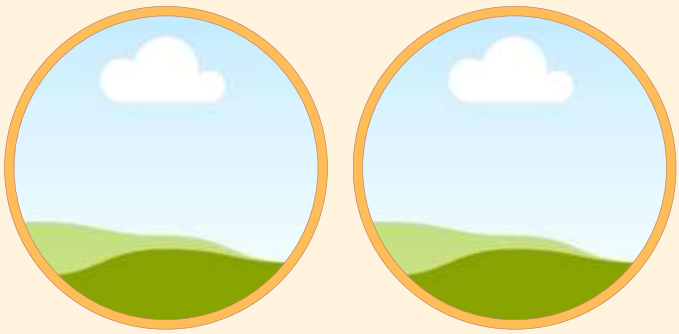
4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Tuesday: Science, Art, Music
Wednesday: P.E.
Thursday ODD cooking, EVEN garden

Fun Fact

Australia is home to the world's longest fence, which stretches for 5614 kilometers! It featured in the movie Rabbit Proof Fence.



YEAR 5/6
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

Learning to Learn
ANZAC Day
Novel Studies - '47 degrees'
Care Package Letters and Cards

Numeracy

Statistics rounding off with Smartie maths (predicting and graphing)

Extra

Clubs,
4th Year placement student
School Cross Country
Garden Class - mulching and sprucing the school



Reminders

Keep an eye out on XUNO for permission notes and to keep up to date with the program
The children have access to Google Classrooms. Please encourage them to read, record and post this onto Google Classrooms.

Upcoming Events

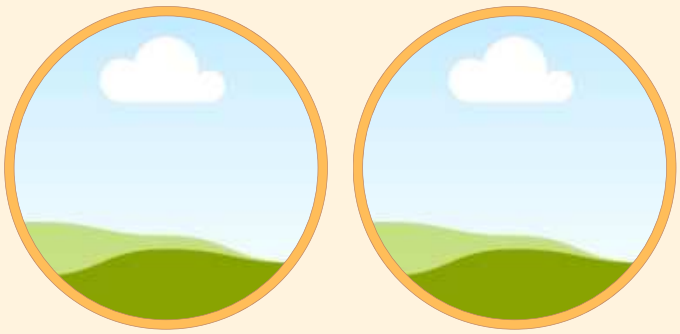
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Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, science, PE
Thursday - Garden

Fun Fact

Anzac biscuits may get their name from the ANZACs, but the original biscuits were nothing like the delicious treats we know and love today. The original biscuits eaten by the soldiers were square-shaped and so hard that soldiers joked that men broke their teeth on them.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

** Tuesday 6th May,Moyne Cross Country and Soccer(Yrs 5/6), School and PFSC
* Friday 16th May Division Cross Country, Warrnambool
* Monday 26th May Regional Cross Country, Warrnambool
*Friday 6th June Moyne Senior Winter Sports (AFL, Netball), victoria Park Koroit
*Thursday 12th June Girls AFL, Dennington
*Friday 13th June Division Soccer, AFL, Netball Warrnambool

What We Learned

Welcome back to Term 2 and what a busy start to the year in PE and school sport world! Please see the upcoming dates for sporting events above.

We got straight into it with our whole school cross country last week. Our newly mapped out course was a hit and it was fantastic to have so many supporters and cheerers at the start /finish line, it made for a great atmosphere! **Congratulations to our place getters;**

12yr Boys: 1st - Zavier, 2nd Trent, 3rd Charlie. G
12yr Girls: 1st- Ymai, 2nd Clare, 3rd Freya
11yr Boys: 1st Harry, 2nd Ari, 3rd Jackson.W
11yr Girls: 1st Mairead, 2nd Lilah, 3rd Ava

10yr Boys: 1st Archie.S, 2nd Ruben.M, 3rd Angus.H
10yr Girls: 1st Dilly, 2nd Charlotte.K, 3rd Bronte
Yr3/9yr Boys: 1st Sam, 2nd Fre, 3rd Micah.B
Yr3/9y Girls: 1st Mia, 2nd Lexie.F, 3rd Harper.H

Yr 2 Boys: 1st Ruben B, 2nd Xan, 3rd Finn.S
Yr 2 Girls: 1st Piper, 2nd Chloe, 3rd Reagan
Yr1 Boys: 1st Frank, 2nd Darcy, 3rd Micah.I
Yr 1 Girls: Saffia, 2nd Alice, 3rd Hannah
Foundation Boys: 1st Lennox, 2nd Soli, 3rd Jai
Foundation Girls: 1st Ruben, 2nd LuLu, 3rd Ruby.

The following students have also qualified for the moyne Cross Country next Tuesday-
1st-3rd in the 10-12yrs age groups above and; Jet, Cooper.T, Lachie.K, George, Jackson.A, Felix, Johnnie, Harper.F, Will.C, Harrison.J, Julian, Mason, Winnie, Bella, June, Charlotte.T, Indigo, Mia and Sam R.

Next Tuesday is the combined Moyne cross country and soccer day (yr 5/6 for soccer), please keep an eye out for the xuno permission forms.

Huge thankyou to Jay Philpotts for being our “pacer” and guide runner on the day, it was just an easy jog for him! Thanks also to Kellee Philpotts for being an awesome point person and guiding the kids the right way!

Good luck to soccer and cross country team, play well, run hard!

Brooke Green- Physical Education Coordinator

PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PRESENTS

STEM EXPLORERS REPORT







This week in STEM Explorers, our curious crew dived into the world of sand hoppers! Students who will start school in 2026, explored coastal elements, discovering different types of seaweed, examining various shells, and even observing real shark eggs. These hands-on experiences sparked lots of curiosity and discussion about the creatures that call our beaches home.

As part of STEM Explorers, children learnt how sand hoppers move, what they eat, and how they play a role in the coastal ecosystem. It was a fantastic start to our creature-feature series, with students taking home a sand hopper token and an explorer pouch at the end.

Over the coming weeks, STEM Explorers will continue their journey with Mrs. Gray, focusing on a different creature each session — from wetland bugs to whales, fish, and even slater bugs. We can't wait to see what our young scientists discover next!

REGISTER NOW

To secure your childs place in this program please register via the QR code.

Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented next Friday at assembly in the school hall.

FV - Belle
For your continuous efforts in reading and writing. Belle, I love the way you have embraced your learning. You always complete tasks efficiently and to a high standard. You are an excellent role model in our class. Keep up the great work!

1/2D - Piper
For always trying your hardest in everything you do. You continue to work so hard every single lesson, and ask great questions to clarify anything that may be confusing. Keep up the great work Piper!

1/2M - Hamish H
For your excellent focus and determination during Hand Writing. Hand Writing has been a big focus for you this year, and you are beginning to make impressive improvements each day. Keep up the fantastic work legend!

3/4I - Harrison J
Harrison, you are such a solid foundation of our class, thank you. You are always positive, you are consistent and kind and excellent at staying on task. You're also generous (thanks for the book!) and fun. Thank you for stabilising our class so beautifully.

3/4W - Angus H
For showing true kindness and thoughtfulness by going out of your way to ask someone how their day was going. Your caring attitude shone through and reminds us all how a small act of kindness can make a big difference.

5/6A - Owen
For being a kind and dedicated member of our class. You approach everything with a positive attitude, putting great effort into everything you do. Keep shining, Owen.

5/6M - Harper F
Harper is a kind, considerate, and caring member of our class. She comes to school each day with a happy attitude and a genuine eagerness to learn. Her positive outlook and readiness to participate make her a joy to teach and a wonderful friend to her classmates. Well done, Harper!

E-scooter Road Rules

Tougher penalties as e-scooters are made permanent.

e-scooter riders cannot

- Ride on the footpath
- Use a mobile phone while riding
- Ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Carry passengers or animals or ride in tandem
- Ride a high-speed e-scooter, one capable of more than 25 km/h
- Ride on roads that have a speed limit over 60 km/h



e-scooter riders must

- Be aged 16 years and over
- Not exceed the maximum speed of 20 km/h
- Ride only on shared paths and roads that have a speed limit up to 60 km/h
- Wear a helmet at all times
- Follow traffic rules
- Use lights and reflectors



Scan the QR code to learn more

For more information (including community language translations)
transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/E-scooter-road-rules



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Let's start the conversation that can change lives.

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

7.00pm

VENUE

Lighthouse Theatre Warrnambool
185 Timor Street
Warrnambool, VIC 3280

BOOKINGS

To book scan the QR code or visit Geelong.Link/ChangeIsPossible-Warrnambool

This is a **free** event but bookings are essential.

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THURSDAY 1 MAY

7.00pm

VENUE

OneHope Centre
4-32 Province Boulevard

BOOKINGS

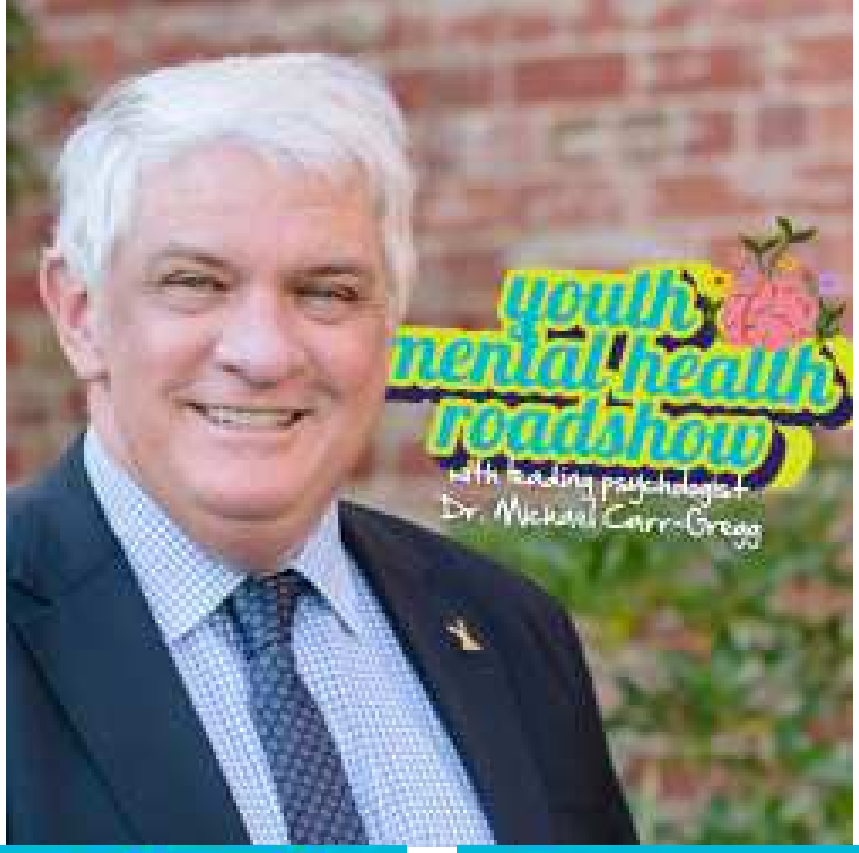
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Want to come along?

Warrnambool — May 5

Lighthouse Theatre, 185 Timor Street

Portland — May 6

St John's Lutheran Primary School
Auditorium, 43-55 Traugmar St

Camperdown — May 7

Camperdown Secondary College,
1 Wilson St



Hamilton — July 28

The Kantor Family Music & Performing Arts Centre,
The Hamilton & Alexandra College, 1 Chaucer St

Kaniva — July 29

Kaniva Community Hub,
25 Baker St

Horsham — July 30

Horsham Town Hall Theatre, 71
Pynsent St