TERM 4
WEEK 3
24/10/25

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you so much for your support in getting students safely to your cars on Wednesday afternoon. It was a real team effort to ensure everyone stayed safe in those blustery winds! I also want to acknowledge our wonderful staff, who showed such care throughout the day and during dismissal. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated people looking after your children every day.

Runners–Walkers continues to take place at least three times each week, and we are so proud of the students for showing such tenacity and resilience as they work to improve. Many students are choosing to walk or stroll instead, which is absolutely fine too. It's wonderful to see how respectful and encouraging they all are of one another.

Today we say a very fond "see you soon" to the Ind family as they head off on the adventure of a lifetime. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing about their travels. At the same time, we warmly welcome back Bebe Ryan, who has rejoined us in 3/4I for the rest of the term. It's lovely to have her back!

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OCTOBER

Happy Birthday to :

Harper F
Winnie C
Cooper
Pippa
Reagan
Namayah
Van
Mimi
Ivy A
Zavier
Darcy
Delilah B
Felix
Harper H
Freya
Jackson W
Mairead
Ari

Continuing on...

Over the Term 3 holidays, we completed several staff recruitment processes. I'm delighted to share that Maddie Green and Grace Warmuth have joined our team as Education Support staff, working across the school.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're thrilled to welcome two new graduate teachers to our community — Ava Matheson and Chelsea Anderson (no relation).

We'll share more details about our 2026 grade structures and teacher allocations in the coming weeks, with class list development beginning in Week 6. In the meantime, Chelsea will be working with us on Mondays and Tuesdays as an Education Support staff member until she completes her teaching degree.

Clubs also began this week! With such a busy term, there will be three sessions, and students have chosen from a wonderful range of activities — Yoga, Lego Club, Book Club (in our newly revamped library space), and the ever-popular Run Club.

Thank you to everyone who attended our final Parent–Teacher Interviews for the year on Monday. It was lovely to chat with many families who valued the chance to reflect on their child's progress and achievements.

Please continue to check our XUNO calendar to stay up to date with all that's happening around the school.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,
Kate

FOUNDATION
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

It was lovely to catch up with you all this week at parent/teacher interviews. It's always great to catch up with you in person to discuss your beautiful children.

Literacy

This week in literacy we have learned the digraph /ck/. We know that when the /k/ sound at the end of a word comes directly after a short vowel sound, we use /ck/. After a long vowel or consonant we use /k/. We also explored exceptions to the rule like the word “picnic”. We read The Shed Shop as a choral read and answered comprehension questions and, in writing, we discussed how to tell the difference between statements and questions

Numeracy

We have been practicing doubles and tens facts to improve our mental maths as well as counting forwards and backwards to 30. We have also been writing our numbers to 30 focussing on any reversals to ensure we know how to write letters automatically. Our focus this week has been on the concept of sharing which is how we start teaching division.

Extra

This week we also reviewed all the information we have learned about the continents and learned some facts about Antarctica.







Reminders

Swimming begins Monday 27th October. Please pack labelled bathers, goggles, and a towel in a bag that your child can carry to and from the pool.

Reader change on Mondays. Please ensure readers come in to be checked and changed.

Upcoming Events

27/10 : Swimming begins
4/11 : Port Fairy Cup
14/11 : Slime Splash Colour Dash
26/11 : Student Free Day
27/11 : F-2 Camp (more info to come)
5/12 : Carols by the Bluestone
9/12 : Statewide Transition
19/12 : Last day of school, 2.30 finish

Specialist

Monday: Music
Tuesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE



YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

In Literacy we have continued with our core learning of 'Reading Fluency, Sounds Write and Spelling Mastery, especially focussing on the long vowel words and the ir spellings, eg- rain, play, cake, bike, my, ice. Then in English(Core Knowledge) we have been learning about habitats and animals with and without backbones.

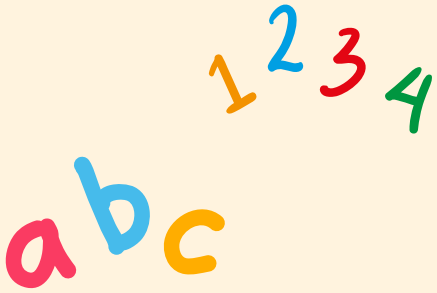
Numeracy

In Maths, we focussed on division. We read stories and learned how to share collections with 2 or more people.

Extra

We have continued to focus on fair play, both in the classroom and playground through role plays and stories.





Reminders

Swimming begins Tuesday 28th October. Please pack labelled bathers, goggles, and a towel in a bag that your child can carry to and from the pool.

Please remember to bring reader cases every Monday.

Upcoming Events

28/10 : Swimming begins
4/11 : Port Fairy Cup
14/11: Slime Splash Colour Dash
26/11 : Student Free Day
27/11 : F-2 Camp (more info to come)
5/12 : Carols by the Bluestone
9/12 : Statewide Transition
19/12 : Last day of school, 2.30 finish

Specialist

Monday: Music
Wednesday: Library/Science/Art
Thursday: PE



YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

In Literacy we continued our term's Core Knowledge unit on Mountains and how and why they are important to us and our environment. We continue to review our understanding of pre-fixes and suffixes as well as our daily choral read practice.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we continued to build our knowledge of division. We consolidated our learning on how to make arrays, and how to use number lines to help visualise what division actually means. We have also been doing our daily review as well as our Facts on Fire.

Extra

Today is Miss Inds and June's last day with us. Although it was quite a sad day with a few tears shed, we did celebrate during the day with a surprise party. A big thank you to everyone who brought in a snack to share for the party.

It's great to see fitness levels improving as we continue with the Runners/Walkers program. Lots of students are achieving their personal bests! Keep up the great work.







Reminders

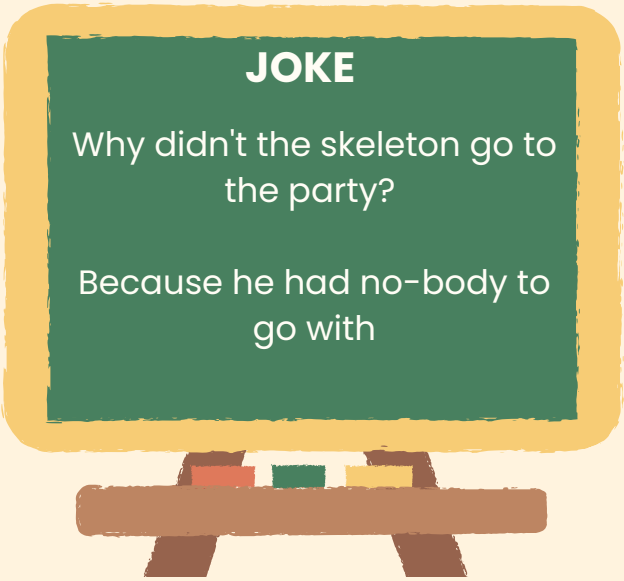
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2/12 : Try-athalon
5/12 : Carols by the Bluestone
9/12 : Statewide Transition
19/12 : Last day of school, 2.30 finish

Specialist

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



YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

Our class novel is proving a hit with students. We each have a copy to read along with collaboratively to discuss and analyse relatable issues and the diversity of living in a place like Afghanistan.

Numeracy

We have left % in our mathematical wake of learning. We can now use a calculator to find percentages of numbers, and are more familiar with calculating common percentages like 10%, 20% and 30% in our head.

Extra

We have begun our focus on Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. Responding to gender violence is our current focus. At times, it will be on the heavy side, so we are learning how to deal with these sensitive issues with the support of Joel in the classroom.





Reminders

Swimming begins Tuesday 28th October. Please pack labelled bathers, goggles, and a towel in a bag that your child can carry to and from the pool.

If you missed Monday's P/T interviews, please contact us to make a time that suits.

Upcoming Events

27/10: Division Hoop Time - Hamilton
28/11 : Swimming begins
30/10 : Moyne District Cricket Day
4/11 : Port Fairy Cup
14/11 : Slime Splash Colour Dash
26/11 : Student Free Day
2/12 : Try-athalon
5/12 : Carols by the Bluestone
9/12 : Statewide Transition
19/12 : Last day of school, 2.30 finish

Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, Science, PE
Thursday -

JOKE

What did the police officer say to their belly?

You're under a vest

PE
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned



Regional Athletics Ballarat Friday 10th October
Well done to our Regional athletes who competed in Ballarat today:
Zachary – Shotput (1st), heading to State Finals, amazing Zachary!
Bronte – 100m (3rd in the heat)
Indigo – Shotput (4th) & Discus (5th)
Ymai – 1500m (5th)
Sam – 1500m (7th)
Harrison – 1500m (8th) & 800m (7th)
Unfortunately for Dilly and Bronte, the hurdles were cancelled due to the terrible weather.Thank you to the families who made the trip to support our team.

The Yr 3/4 Moyne Sports Day at Gardens Oval was on Friday, we were blessed with perfect weather and all our teams had a great day. Thanks to all the parents and friends who came to support our teams. I hope it gave everyone in 3/4 world a small "taste" of what 5/6 interschool sport looks and feels like. Thanks also to our amazing Yr 6 coaches who took up the leadership challenge to coach our 3/4 's; Charlie.G, Jet, Trent, Zavier, Billy, Clare and Freya, you are all amazing!

Our 3/4 Regional Hoop Time girls Future Stars team had a great day in Hamilton on Monday and now have secured a spot in the State Hoop time Finals in Melbourne on the 1st December. Congratulations: Bronte, Charlotte.T, Charlotte.K, Winnie, Sybil, Mia and Indigo!

Swimming kicks off for everyone next week. Please confirm your swim dates either via xuno or with your classroom teacher. Goggles are recommended.

Brooke Green - Physical Education Coordinator

Upcoming Events

27/10 - Yr 5/6 Regional Hoop Time, Hamilton
30/10 - Yr 5/6 Moyne District Cricket Day, Southcombe Park
06/11- State Primary Track and Field Championships Lakeside Stadium
7/11 - Division Cricket, Southcombe Park
02/12 - Yr's 3-6 Try-athlon, Belfast Aquatic
04/12- State Junior Hoop Time State Basketball Centre Wantirna South

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HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

We reflected on the wonderful performance of El Camino that the whole school attended last Monday afternoon. This year's school's concert was supported by Community Bank Port Fairy & District (Bendigo Bank) and Port Fairy Spring Music Festival patrons, with additional support from Moyne Shire and Creative Victoria. We sincerely thank them, and Musica Viva, for providing such a quality performance for our students.

This Saturday at 10:15am we have 28 students taking part in the inaugural Southwest Sing at the Warrnambool show. There is a total of 80 children from the Warrnambool district taking to the stage! Come along & support them.

Jenelle Baulch

Reminders

F-2 Monday
3-6 Tuesday

Upcoming Events

25th October - Southwest Sing at Warrnambool Show
5th December - Carols by the Bluestone

South West Music Education Centre
invites your school to

SOUTHWEST SING



...our joyful, all inclusive massed singing event at **Warrnambool Show on October 25th.**

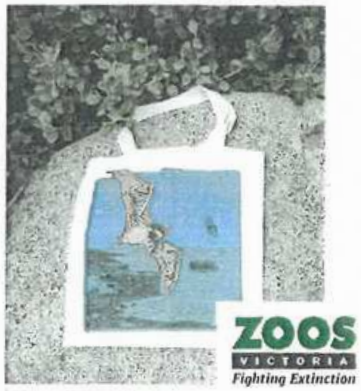
Performing at 10.15am

GREEN TEAM
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Actions to help

Totes for Wildlife

Southern Bent-wing Bat - fundraiser



Hello parents and guardians,
The Green Team is organising a fundraiser to help the Bent-wing Bat with Zoos Victoria. To raise money we are selling the tote bags to help Zoos Victoria and Eastern Marr, help their habitat. **The bags cost $10 each (cash only).** Please fill in the form and write the number of bags you would like. Put the order in at the office. **Bags on sale until Wednesday 19 November.** Information and display in the science room run by the Green team.

Name:	Name:	Name: .....
Class:	Class:	Class: .....
Number of bags:.....	Number of bags:.....	Number of bags:.....

Reminders

Nude food days: Keep bringing nude food lunches! We are always on the look out for great grades to be the next golden lunchbox winners! Bring fresh fruit (wrapped by nature), and pack lunches into reusable containers.

Upcoming Events

Zoos Victoria - Totes for wildlife - Southern Bent-wing Bat!

SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

Next fortnight: Sweet pea and leek risotto! If you have perfect peas that you would like to share we would love to include them in our next recipe!!

What we've cooked

This week we are preparing San chow bow - lettuce cups (note no oil sesame used in our recipes)

We will harvest, prepare and share our meal together. The students made the fried rice, with crunchy noodles and placed it on lettuce to enjoy the fresh crunch of summer!

Donations

Lettuce, coriander, fresh lemons

Stephanie Alexander KITCHEN GARDEN FOUNDATION.
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Fried Rice Lettuce Cups

Season: All

Serves: 30 tastes or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: lettuce, carrot, eggs, red onion, silverbeet, spring onions

Equipment:

- metric measuring cup and spoons
- clean tea towel
- chopping board
- cook's knife
- vegetable peeler
- small bowl
- whisk or fork
- wok
- wok sang
- serving platters

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 3 tbsp light soy sauce
- 2 cm knob of ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 4 cups cooked rice
- 8 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 silverbeet leaves, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, julienned or grated
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 30 small whole lettuce leaves

What to do:

1. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
2. Beat the eggs in the small bowl with 1 tbsp soy and the ginger.
3. Heat the wok with 1 tbsp sunflower oil.
4. Pour in the egg mixture and leave to cook for 20 seconds, before folding onto itself and cooking through.
5. Remove the egg from the wok and allow it to cool on the chopping board, then slice it.
6. Heat the remaining sunflower oil and the sesame oil in the wok.
7. Add onion, carrot and spring onions and cook for 2 minutes, then add rice and remaining soy sauce.
8. Reduce the heat and add the silverbeet and cooked egg slices. Combine ingredients, then remove the wok from the heat.
9. Divide between serving platters for each table.
10. Provide each table with a platter of washed lettuce leaves. Diners place the rice in the leaves, roll and eat.



Stephanie Alexander KITCHEN GARDEN FOUNDATION.
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Leek & Mixed Pea Risotto

Season: Winter/Spring

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: leeks, parsley, peas (snow or sugar snap), soft-leaved herbs

For risotto, you add stock a little at a time to the pan of rice, stir and wait for the rice to absorb it. Adding the stock warm ensures the rice keeps cooking, rather than going cold and heating up again. You'll need to keep a pot of warm stock close to your risotto pot. The arborio rice variety is traditionally used in risotto as it is short and fat and can absorb a lot of liquid without going gluggy. In risotto, you want the rice to be soft but with a tiny bit of nuttiness at the centre – it's all about *texture*.

Equipment:

- medium saucepan with lid
- metric measuring scales, jug and spoon
- clean tea towel
- chopping board
- cook's knife
- grater
- large heavy-based pot
- wooden spoon
- ladle

Ingredients:

- 1.5 L of chicken or vegetable stock
- 3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 small leeks, trimmed and finely sliced
- 400 g risotto rice
- 1 large handful of snow or sugar snap peas
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp of butter
- 1 handful of soft-leaved herbs, washed and torn
- 50 g parmesan, grated



What to do:

1. Heat the stock in the medium saucepan.
2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
3. Heat the olive oil in the large pot, add the leek and stir for 4–5 minutes or until the leek is soft.
4. Add the rice and turn up the heat, keep stirring it. After a minute it will look slightly translucent.
5. Add your first ladle of hot stock and stir.
6. Lower the heat and continue adding stock, stirring and allowing each ladle to be fully absorbed.
7. Add peas and cook until tender.
8. Test the rice; is should be soft but with a slight bite.
9. Remove from the heat and add the salt, pepper, butter, herbs and parmesan.
10. Taste and adjust seasoning as necessary.
11. Cover and rest for 2 minutes before serving.

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Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

Mexican Beans with Roasted Sweet Potato or Pumpkin, Fennel & Silverbeet

Season: Winter/Spring

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: capsicum, chilli, coriander, garlic, onion, parsley, sweet potato or pumpkin

Equipment:

- metric measuring scales and spoons
- clean tea towel
- cook's knife
- chopping board
- small frying pan
- wooden spoon
- mortar and pestle
- vegetable peeler
- large bowl
- mixing spoon
- large baking tray
- large saucepan with lid
- colander

Ingredients:

- 2 medium sweet potatoes or pumpkin (approx. 500 g), chopped into 2 cm cubes
- 1½ tsp cumin seeds, dry roasted and ground
- 1½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- sea salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 onions, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 red chilli, de-seeded and finely sliced
- 1 green chilli, de-seeded and finely sliced
- 1 fennel bulb, roughly chopped
- 1 handful of silverbeet, shredded
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
- 10 tomatoes, roughly chopped, or 2 × 400 g tins chopped tomatoes
- 2 × 400 g tins beans or 200 g dried beans soaked and cooked (such as cannellini, kidney, black eyed, chickpeas)
- 1 small handful of parsley, roughly chopped
- 1 large handful of coriander, roughly chopped



What to do:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
3. Place the sweet potato or pumpkin in the bowl and sprinkle with 1 tsp of cumin and 1 tsp of cinnamon, then drizzle with ½ tbsp olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper.
4. Toss to coat, layer on the baking tray and bake for 20 minutes until soft and golden.
5. Heat the large saucepan on medium heat and add the remaining olive oil.
6. Add the onion, chilli, fennel, silverbeet and garlic and cook for 5 minutes.
7. Add the remaining spices and cook for another 5 minutes, stirring. Add the tomatoes and beans.
8. Stir well and bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer with the lid on for 20 minutes.
9. Add some water if the sauce looks too thick.
10. Stir the sweet potato/pumpkin and herbs through the bean mixture.
11. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented at next Friday's assembly in the school hall at 2:55pm.

FV – Rueben
For the improvements you've shown in your learning across the board. You have made great improvements in your letter formation and writing, you participate more in class discussions and your reading has improved significantly.
Well done, Rueben. If you keep going like this, the sky's the limit!

1/2D – Elwood
For fantastic results in 'Facts on Fire'! It's great to see how much you enjoy the challenge of Maths.
Well done on always giving your best!

1/2M – Ellie
For excelling with your Mathematics. Your approach to learning is fantastic, and your positive energy in our classroom is valued greatly. Well done Ellie!

1/2M – Shakierah
For always putting in 110% effort in class. Everything you do is always to a high standard, which has helped you achieve so much learning. Well done Shakierah!

3/4I – Fré
For sharing new worlds with our class through different stories, both fictional and non-fictional. We appreciate the generosity in sharing knowledge and opening our minds to different perspectives. Thank you for inspiring our love of learning.

3/4I – Mae
For always engaging with your learning with diligence and a sense of adventure. It is a joy to watch you absorb new knowledge and generously help your peers achieve their own learning. Thank you!

3/4W – Micah
For your infectious thirst for knowledge and your genuine enthusiasm for learning new things. I love the way you explore ideas deeply and are always eager to share what you've learned with others.

3/4W – Isla
For showing perseverance in Numeracy this term. You have approached the new challenges with determination and a positive attitude. I have loved seeing your never give up attitude even when the work has felt tricky in the beginning.
Well done Isla and keep up the great work.

3/4W – Kenzie
For showing bravery and resilience even when things are challenging or unknown. Keep working hard, staying positive and believing in yourself.

5/6A – Ymai
For consistently working to a high standard and being a kind, caring class member who always thinks of others.
Your thoughtfulness and effort don't go unnoticed.

5/6A – Johnnie
For being a kind, helpful, and patient friend when supporting others, especially during our cooking sessions.
Thank you, Johnnie, for your positive attitude and teamwork.

5/6H – Harley
You demonstrated excellent resilience this week by being brave when you were feeling upset. It demonstrates maturity, and that you are ready to be a Year 6 student.

5/6H – Paddy
You have demonstrated fantastic determination and endeavour in completing your Buddy Letter. After multiple attempts, you accepted that it needed to be improved and made the adjustments to maintain a high standard. Great stuff, Paddy!



DRAMAFEST SouthWest

October
Thursday 30th

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35 Bank Street
Port Fairy

Led by international award-winning artist

JENNIFER MONK

MOYNE SHIRE

Big Dreams Start in Small Towns!

Drama Club (Prep-Grade2) 3.45 - 4.45pm $10

A playful, supportive class full of theatre games, storytelling, character play, scene building, and dress-ups—designed to build confidence and creativity.

Drama Lab (Grade3-5) 5 - 6pm $10

A dynamic, hands-on workshop exploring theatre games, improvisation, character work, and scene creation. A space for kids to explore, collaborate, and perform.

Acting Studio (Grade 6 - Yr 9) 6.15 - 7.45pm $13.50

Stagecraft and skills in improvisation, voice, body, character development, monologues & scenes, intro to text analysis