TERM 2
WEEK 4
16/5/25

PRINCIPALS REPORT

What another amazing two weeks it has been at PFCS.
I often reflect as a teacher and also as a parent on how lucky our children are to have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities and learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

Over the last 2 weeks, I have had the privilege of showcasing our school to current kinder families as they make the important decision about where to send their child/ren next year. I have loved showing and explaining the amazing learning that happens at our school.
Enrolment packs are available at the school office or from the Kinder teachers for any families who need them.

Clubs began 2 weeks ago and what a hit they were!!
The vibe around the schoolyard on that afternoon was infectious. We are offering a wonderful variety of options for clubs this term including knitting, science experiments, messy play, running, exercise, drama, dance, iMovie and saving the trees. If you are interested in helping with clubs next term and have a skill or talent you could share I would love to hear from you.

On Tuesday, all classroom staff were fortunate to attend the Numeracy Learning Community Maths Conference at Deakin. We were incredibly proud to have Ms Anderson and Mr Mabon presenting on the day, sharing our school's journey in mathematics and the instructional model we use. We received a lot of positive feedback from other schools, which was lovely and reaffirming, it's great to hear how highly regarded we are, both as a school and as educators.

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

PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Continuing on...

This morning we had our Walk to School morning which included breakfast in the hall. A huge thank you to our amazing teachers who have all volunteered to meet our students at different places around town to ensure everyone has the opportunity to walk to school. Also a big thank you to our P&C working group and parent volunteers who will be busy making and serving breakfast to everyone.

Once again, our students have had fantastic sporting opportunities over the past few weeks. A special thank you to Mrs Green, whose dedication ensures these events are possible.

Finally, as you may have seen in the XUNO message I sent last night, our curriculum day has been rescheduled to Friday 20th June.

Thank you for your understanding and support.
Please keep an eye on the events calendar, as there are many exciting things coming up.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily



Our first Working Bee of 2025.

Saturday 17th May 10:30am – 12:30pm

All equipment can be provided – we just need the PEOPLE POWER!

If you can assist in any way at all, please put your name down here:

volunteersignup.org/8FMEE

Even if you only have an hour during the working times, we would love to have you. And bring the kids, they all run around while the parents toil or sometimes they even help! Legends!

NOTE: Greenwaste and rubbish needs to go in the bins at the bike shed, full bins need to be taken up to the West end of the Science room.

Please feel free to reach out any time, even if you want me to meet you outside of the working bee me:

Monica Carr
Email: monkabee@hotmail.com
Phone: 0400441304

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF

CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

Eligible families will receive a payment of $154 per year for primary school students. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form.

Please return the completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Applications close 4 July 2025.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS REMINDER AND ALLOCATION TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of $400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities.

However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system,
download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB) or watch this School Saving Bonus video.
https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-saving-bonus

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact Abbie or Jenni for any SSB related questions.

FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This fortnight in literacy we practiced our Unit 5 sounds and have been introduced to Unit 6 sounds /j/, /w/, /z/. We have built words using those sounds, written dictation sentences and read our readers using those sounds. We have almost learnt all our sounds and we are ready for a full review before reports come out. We have also been composing and writing silly sentences and illustrating them (eg. The cat was making soup.)

Numeracy

This fortnight in numeracy we began learning about addition and adding two parts together to make a whole (part-part-whole). We also had fun practising our counting forwards and backwards by tapping balloons!

Extra

We have some very capable pre-service teachers in our class this term. Ms Claire Graham, a 2nd year Deakin student, was with us for 2 weeks and Ms Maiya Lucas, a 4th year Deakin student, will be with us for a 4 week placement this term and her final placement next term. Everyone wants to come to Foundation because we are the best!
I hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day. We put a lot of thought into what we wanted to say to our mums and had fun making cards and presents.
Thanks to everyone who walked safely to school and ate a yummy breaky this morning. Our P&C group really look after us and do a fantastic job. Gee we're lucky!





Reminders

Reader changeover on Thursday's.

Upcoming Events

28/5 - School Expo Night
8/6 -Twilight Market
9/6 - Public Holiday
20/6 - Student free day
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

Elephant ears are like giant cooling fans and can be as big as six feet long and four feet wide

YEAR 1/2
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week we have been practising in Fluency the long ‘i’ sound eg Mike likes to hike and in morphology learning how to make words plural. Eg cat-cats, munch=munches and try=tries.

In Core Knowledge we are studying an Indigenous Unit focussing on Uluru. We have learnt about the geological features and the Anangu people of the area.

Numeracy

This week, we began to look at Addition. We have used materials such as tens frames, counters, and unifix blocks as visual representations. This builds our understanding of what addition means and looks like in real life. We will continue to focus on addition for the next coming weeks, working with larger numbers and worded problems.

Reminders

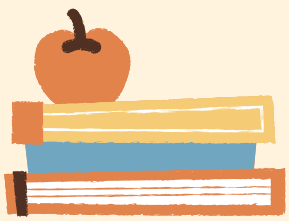
Readers changed on Monday

Upcoming Events

28/5 - School Expo Night
8/6 -Twilight Market
9/6 - Public Holiday
20/6 - Student free day
4/7 - Last day of term; 2.30 finish

Specialist

Monday: Music
Wednesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE







YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We are continuing our novel study of Wylah. We have been exploring how authors build suspense; how a character can be described and what we can infer from their actions about their character. We are also learning about pre-colonial contact Aboriginal Australia and researching and presenting evidence to support our findings.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we are learning addition with renaming. We have explored concrete, representational and abstract problems and talked about how some strategies are more effective than others. We continue to enjoy our Facts on Fire daily practice and students are increasing their fluency in real time which is exciting for them (and us as teachers!) to witness.

Extra

We had a great day learning about how to be even better Numeracy teachers on our curriculum day so thank you for your support in this. We are excited to be affirmed that what we are doing works and also have come back with some fin ideas to try in our classrooms!





Reminders

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Upcoming Events

28/5 - School Expo Night
8/6 -Twilight Market
9/6 - Public Holiday
20/6 - 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

Getting Wylah published was quite a journey! Wylah was originally funded by individuals on Kickstarter and then eventually picked up by Allen & Unwin and has now sold so well there are two more Wylah novels to follow up on the first one!

YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

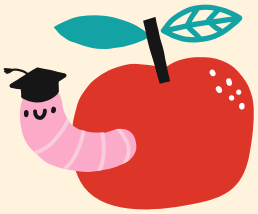
Through Novel Studies and the book '47 degrees', we have learned about the Black Saturday fires and the changes in safety measures and regulations at this dangerous time of year. We have continued to work on our sentence structure and have focused on some interesting morphology.

Numeracy

We have really enjoyed delving deeper into our knowledge of addition and subtraction through the introduction of decimal places and fractions. We have played a couple of challenging games where in one round we had to try and get the largest number through addition and in the next round had to get the smallest number using subtraction.

Extra

Mothers Day gifts and poetry
Moyne Cross Country and Soccer
Cooking
Pupil free day
Clubs





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

19/5: transformUs sessions
20&21/5: Year 5 Kinder visit
26/5: Regional Cross Country
27&28/5: Year 5 Kinder visit
28/5: School Expo Night
6/6: Moyne Winter Sports
8/6: Twilight Market Year 5/6 to run a stall
9/6: King's Birthday Public Holiday
12/6: Girl's AFL Sports
20/6 student free day

Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, science, PE
Thursday - 22/5 Garden 29/5 Cooking

Fun Fact

A fun fact about primary school cross-country running is that the sport's roots trace back to a form of running called "paper chasing" or "hare and hounds," where participants would follow a trail of paper scraps left by runners, according to Britannica. These early runners were later nicknamed "harriers" after a breed of small hounds used to chase hares

PE

HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Latest Updates

We kicked off the last fortnight with Divisional Aths at Brauerander in Warrnambool. Huge thanks to Bec Holt for assisting with transport and logistics on the day and to Joel, who as always jumps in to lend a hand, whatever the task. Thanks also to Parents and Community group for the energy giving oranges and mandarins, delicious and much appreciated!

We had some outstanding performances with **the following students qualifying for The Regional Athletics Championships in Ballarat in October;**

Zachary- 1st Shot put
Indigo - 2nd Shot put, 3rd Discus
Bronte - 5th 100m, 6th 200m, 3rd Hurdles
Mia - 2nd 1500m
Ymai- 2nd 1500m
Harrison.S - 4th 200m, 5th 800m, 4th 1500m, 3rd Hurdles
Sam - 6th 1500m

Next up was our Moyne Cross Country, we completed the same course as our whole school event and it was a big hit with all the other schools. Congratulations to **the following students who qualified for the Divisional Cross Country in Warrnambool (held today, Friday);**

Trent- 3rd
Charlie.G-8th
Ymai-1st
Harrison.S- 2nd
Ari- 4th
Mairead - 8th
Archie.S - 3rd
Sam - 5th
Ruben.M - 6th
Angus.H - 7th
Will - 9th
Charlotte.K- 2nd
Mia - 4th
Winnie - 7th
Bronte - 10th

PE
CONTINUING ON...

Latest Updates

We went straight from Cross Country to our Moyne Soccer competition down at the Soccer/Cricket ground. It was an awesome round-robin day with our 5 teams all producing some fantastic games.
Our Boys A team: Charlie.G, Zavier, Billy, Zach, Jet, Cooper, Axel, George, Trent and Lachie, **coming out victorious and qualifying for the Divisional Championships on 13th June in Warrnambool.** Well done to "Super Coach" Joel!

Our Girls B side also came out victors, in a close match that went down to a penalty shoot out! They too have now **qualified for the Divisional Championships;** Harper, Jaylah, Ava, Stella, Mairead, Jade, Emma, Charlotte.K, June and Bronte. Great job girls.

Good luck Cross country runners for Friday.

Brooke Green- Physical Education Coordinator

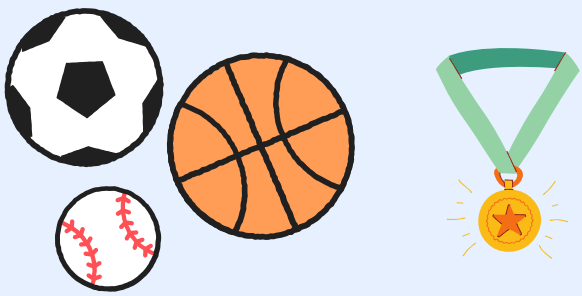
Upcoming Events

Mon 26/5 - Regional Cross Country, Warrnambool

Fri 6/6 - Moyne Senior Winter Sports (AFL, Netball), victoria Park Koroit

Thu 12/6 - Girls AFL, Dennington

Fri 13/6 - Division Soccer, AFL, Netball Warrnambool









Well done!

PFCS



















SCEINCE
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

We have started science inquiry investigations. We have been working on developing inquiry questions to research. Our ideas span from
What whales eat?
The science of surfing?
How many flowers a bee visits to make 1 kg of honey?

So many great questions set to be explored and investigated over the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

Humpback Day - Australian Museum led by webinar Dr Vanessa Pirotta Wednesday 7 May at 2pm in the science room.

Reminders

Meet marine biologist Dr Vanessa Pirotta and Ben Author (CSIRO) and learn all about the largest animal in the sea! To celebrate the arrival of whales to Australian waters, this session will dive into the world of magnificent marine mammals. Students will hear about these fascinating marine giants and how Vanessa and other scientists research whales. From whale snot drones to whale poo, this session is whale-y fun! Presented by Dr Vanessa Pirotta, CSIRO and the Australian National Maritime Museum.



GREEN TEAM HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

Bee day - Wednesday 28 May - Lunchtime activities

Did you know that without bees we would not enjoy some of the wonderful fresh food we eat!

Did you know that a hive of bees will visit 5.7 million flowers and travel over 176,000km to make 1 kg of honey.

This year we are fundraising to support Mosswood wildlife centers (who help some of the bigger wildlife of the area). Join us to help the earth!

Reminders

Get buzzing and return the honey joy form for a sweet honey treat!

Next week! By Tuesday 21 May!!

The honey joys will be delivered on Wednesday 28 May to your class, and join in the lunchtime bee inspired - activities organised by the green team.

Actions to help

S**aving cans for shearwaters**

We have a donation bag (in the science room) to save cans and bottles to help fundraise for the local shearwater project. Every bottle or can helps to protect the shearwaters, it helps to create education materials, and monitoring equipment for the program each year. Every bottle or can helps.



SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

Reconciliation week - 26 May - 3 June

We are celebrating indigenous inspired food in the kitchen.

We will be preparing noon flower sorbet, made from the flowers of the local pigface (Carpobrotus rossii) plant.

The local indigenous people - the pyipgil people of Port Fairy- are named after this plant! Because it grew in abundance here. And we will cook warrigal greens in a fresh pesto pasta!

Donations

Eggs, basil and noon flowers (pig face flowers - the big bright pink ones! that have begun to ripen - flower petals slowly turning brown and base beginning to expand).

What we've cooked

We have been making the most of the asian greens in our garden, making Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancakes) a savoury pancake with vegetables and a sweet soy or kewpie mayonnaise! Delicious! Served up with a sweet banana pancake and a serve of miso soup or a side of stir fried greens!



MUSIC
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

The Foundation children have been playing instruments to keep the beat with the songs we sing.

The 1/2 classes have learnt the rhythm game 'Sparkle' and enjoyed singing and dancing along with Danny Go

The yr 3/4 & 5/6 classes have been practising their listening skills by taking part in quizzes to either name the instrument they hear or name the song & artist they hear. They have also enjoyed exploring the Incredibox program to create their own beat box track.

The Senior and Junior choirs have been practising songs to perform at the Twilight Market. More information to follow.

Reminders

F-2 Monday
3-6 Tuesday

Upcoming Events

Senior Choir week 3,5,7,9,11

Junior Choir week 6,8,10

8th July - Twilight Market





Weekly Award Winners

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

FV - Soli
For your persistence with writing in both maths and writing. The formation, uniformity and size of all your letters and numbers are spot on and shows how much practice you have been doing. Keep up the great work, Soli.

1/2D - Alice
For showing kindness and thoughtfulness to your classmates. Your caring attitude shines through and reminds us all how a small act of kindness can make a big difference.

1/2M - Hazel
For coming to school each morning with a big smile, and a confident attitude. Your positivity brightens our classroom and has set a wonderful example for others. Keep working hard, Hazel!

3/4I - Winnie
For your positivity and your sense of determination to do your best, whatever that task may be. Thank you as well for your reminder to be generous with ourselves and others - good advice for us all!

3/4W - Bella
For showing excellent concentration and effort during your numeracy lesson. Your excellent work shows your determination to understand new concepts while always demonstrating respect towards your teacher and other students.

5/6A - Clare
For consistently showing our school values of Learning, Belonging, and Respect. Your genuine kindness and thoughtful actions make others feel welcome, included, and cared for every day. You have a fantastic work ethic and always complete tasks to a high standard. Well done, Clare.

5/6M - Cooper
For showing a strong commitment to his schoolwork and always striving to improve. Cooper puts in his best effort, works on staying focused, and arrives each day with a positive attitude and a big smile. Well done, Cooper!

Youth Road Safety

Fact Sheet

VICTORIA POLICE

Whether you're biking or riding an e-scooter, follow these simple road safety tips to stay safe and have fun on the move!

MODIFIED OR PETROL POWERED BICYCLES

- Illegal.



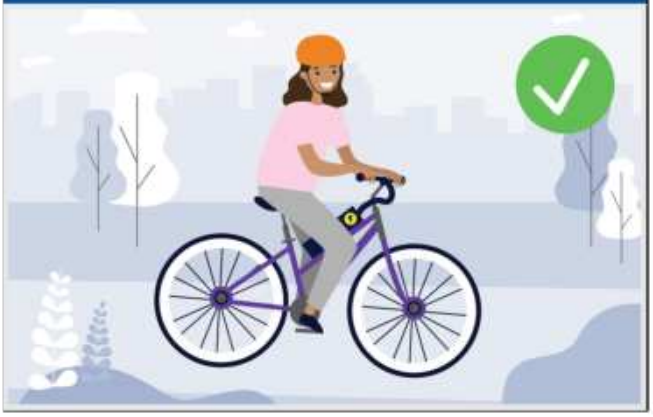
MOTORBIKES

- To ride on or off-road it must be registered with a full or recreation registration
- Helmet must be worn at all times.



E-BIKES

- 25 km/h MAX speed
- Motor cannot provide power at speeds higher than 25km/h
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



E-SCOOTER

- Be aged 16 yrs or over
- Max speed 20 kmph
- Helmet must be worn at all times
- No passengers
- Cannot be ridden on footpaths.



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