PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 1
WEEK 4
21/2/25

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope everyone is still buzzing from the weekend's Port Fairy Marathon, as I am! What an amazing effort by our organising committee, volunteers and participants. How lucky are we as a school to benefit from such a magnificent community based event. It brings front of mind the importance of volunteering (when you can) and showing our next generation that being involved and giving your time brings back so much to us individually. It was great having this conversation with one of our parents on Monday. Being role models to our children I believe is our most important job as parents, and as I am learning, it never stops regardless of their age!

Last week at our first School Council Meeting for the year, we tabled and discussed our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Our goals remain the same as last year, with our targets tweaked slightly to ensure we meet our School Strategic Plan (our 4 year plan) goals.

- **Improve achievement and learning growth for all in literacy and numeracy** by embedding a Professional Learning Community culture strengthened through collaboration, data, feedback and reflection; and by activating responsive teaching strengthened through curriculum content and pedagogical knowledge
- **Strengthen student engagement and wellbeing** through developing a schoolwide culture where student voice, agency and leadership is harnessed and valued; as well as building clarity around the alignment and complementary nature of learning, wellbeing, and inclusion.

These goals are the foundation of everything we do at PFCS. If you are interested, I am always happy to chat with you about it further.

It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout for our 1st Parent Teacher interviews for the year. As you know, this year we are focusing on strengthening our Parent and Teacher communications, hence why we have mapped out strategic times throughout the year for these to occur. Please know that staff are more than happy to have a meeting with you when you feel you need more information or to discuss your child/ren.

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy as was sent out with the last newsletter. It is amazing the difference when looking around at the students how tidy they are all looking and in correct uniform.

From one fundraiser to another, our Rent A Tent for Folkie is well on its way to being organised. I really appreciate Jed Macartney for taking this on, after many callouts for someone to take this over. I understand he has a team of willing helpers around him, so thank you to everyone. We will be sending out a volunteer roster for this event very soon.

Breakfast club was an absolute HIT on Thursday last week and Tuesday this week! Thank you for encouraging your child/ren to attend. Our Ambassadors and Joel did a wonderful job making sure everyone got their orders. A reminder that this is available every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:15-8:45.

Have a wonderful weekend
Kate

FEBRUARY

Happy Birthday to :

June
Ava B
Malia
Axel
Finn H
Trent
Will
Lachie C
Phoebe

XUNO FAMILY

Is your child/ren running late to school or leaving early from school ?

Do you know how to sign in and out on the iPad ?

SIGNING IN & OUT ON THE IPAD



STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Go to the school office
2. Click on student
3. Click sign out
4. Type student's name in the white box, then click next
5. Select at the bottom of the screen whom they are getting collected by
6. Type your name in the box below
7. Tap on the box below and at the bottom of the screen select reason
8. Select the box if they are returning or not
9. Signature in box then next

This automatically updates the roll & marks the students attendance so both the office & the classroom teacher can see times and reasons the child was signing in or out.

IF YOUR CHILD/REN ARE ARRIVING LATE PLEASE SEND THEM STRAIGHT TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE CLASSROOM TO SIGN IN.

If you are collecting your student/s early from school a parent must come into the office and sign them out on the iPad and a staff member will call them up to the office.

If you know your child is going to be away please use the Absence Note function in XUNO.

SICKBAY INJURY FIRST AID INCIDENTS

If your child attends sickbay for any reason, parents/guardians will receive an email with details of the injury/reason from the school via Xuno.

Example of the email :

This is a notification that STUDENTS NAME attended the sick bay at 2:00 PM on 19 May 2023

Area on body: Arm
Injury / Illness: Graze
Location in school where injury / illness occurred : Courtyard

Treatment: Cleaned, bandaid and rest.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office should you require any further information.

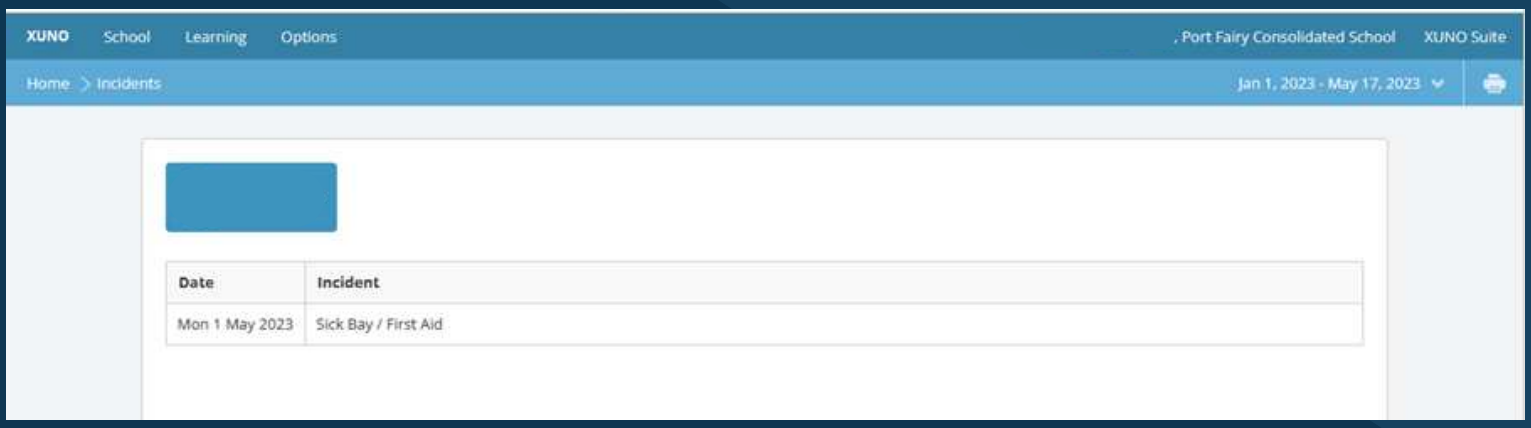
Regards,

PFCS
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STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Log in
2. Click "school" along the top
3. Then select "incidents"
4. Can view when and what type of incident (Photo below of what you will see)

If you wish to check the sickbay /incidents on Xuno, this can be done via Xuno on a computer. Unfortunately at this point in time it is not available to see via the Xuno app, it is something we have asked for and hopefully may be an option in the future.



FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We hit the ground running in Sounds Write these last two weeks learning the sounds /s/, /a/, /t/, /i/, /m/. We have discussed rhyming and compound words in Heggarty and learned the nursery rhyme "Roses are Red" in Core Knowledge. Also, we've had a lovely learning experience this week and last week with Emily teaching us how to sing Incy Wincy Spider in Spanish!!

Numeracy

We have been counting from 0 to 10 and from 10 to 0 and 0 to 20 and 20 to 0. We looked at groups of objects to see "which has more" and we are working on 2 and 3 part movement patterns, colour patterns and object patterns.

The Resilience Project

In the Resilience Program we explored feelings, what feelings are, how we express our feelings and how we can deal with and respond to 'big feelings'.

Have a lovely week.



Reminders

Readers changeover on Thursday. Please ensure the children bring their reader cases to school on that day.

Upcoming Events

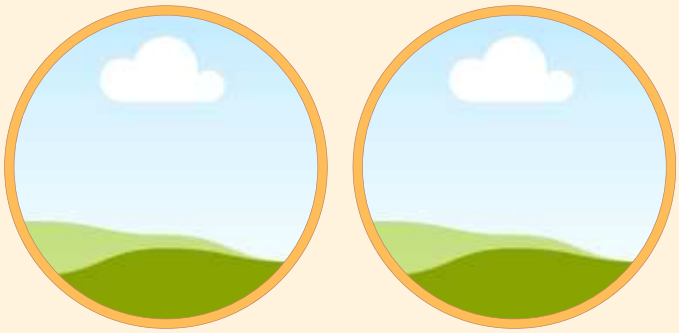
18/3: School photos
19/3: Curriculum Day
4/4: Last day of term - 2:30pm finish
22/4: First day of Term 2

Specialist

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

Fun Fact

Did you know, kangaroos and emus can't walk backwards!



YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

Our English learning is reading Fluency, Phonemic Awareness, Grammar, Morphology, Spelling and Core Knowledge. In Grammar we have been learning nouns, proper and common because every sentence must include a noun and verb. In Core Knowledge we have started a unit on Continents and learning about how to read and use maps.

Numeracy

We have been practising our addition fluency, this is where we do as many sums as we can in 2 minutes. Our focussed learning is patterns (colour, shape, letters and numbers). Pattern in number is very important for skip counting, we use it when we are finding a house number by knowing the odd and even side of the road, and aisles in Woollies etc.

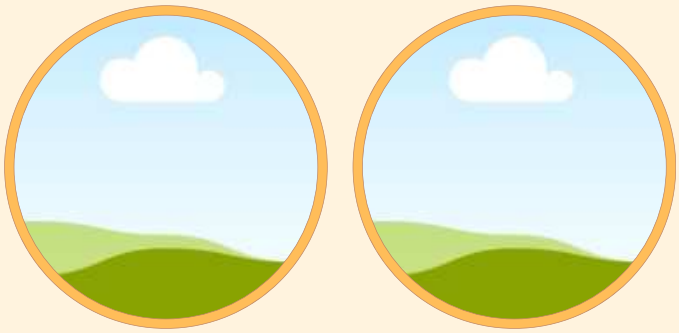
Extra

A big thankyou to Ms Ryan who has been a fantastic teacher in 1/2M this first 4 weeks, we have loved meeting you and having you in our team. We look forward to Mr Mabon's return next Tuesday.

We had so much fun at the Questacon incursion on Tuesday 18/2.

Regards Jane, Bebe & Deb





Reminders

Please return reader bags to school so that readers can be sent home on Monday

Upcoming Events

18/3: School photos

19/3: Curriculum Day

4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish

22/4: First day of Term 2

Specialist

Monday= Music
Wednesday= Science & Art
Thursday= PE

Fun Fact

An average pen has the ink to write 45,000 words!

YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We have begun our Core Knowledge subject on Ancient Islamic Empires, where we are learning about Islam and the impacts it has had on our world. We are continuing our focus on our reading fluency and our diaries are recording when and how much we read.

Numeracy

We have explored and consolidated our understanding of place value up to up to 6 digits. This is a crucial foundational underpinning of our Numeracy learning this year and it has been excellent to delve deeply and flexibly around place value. We have also been learning about the greater than and less than symbols.

Extra

We had so much fun at the Questacon incursion on Tuesday 18/2. What a treat to be able to experience such high level science at our school!



Reminders

Please ask your student/s to record their reading each night in their school diary.

Upcoming Events

18/3: School photos
19/3: Curriculum Day
4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish
22/4: First day of Term 2

Specialist

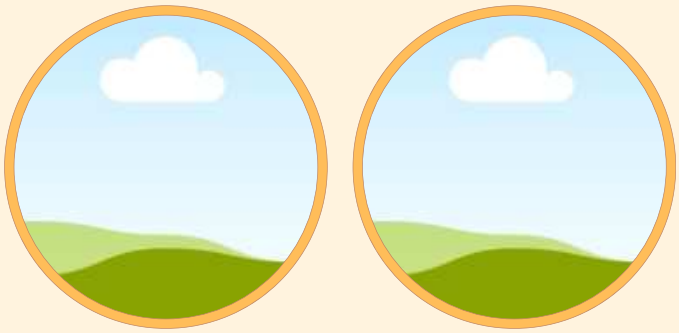
Tuesday:
Science, Art, Music

Wednesday:
P.E.

Thursday:
ODD cooking, EVEN garden

Fun Fact

Shot put involves throwing a heavy spherical object as far as possible. The men's shot weighs 7.26 kg, while the women's shot weighs 4 kg.



YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We have begun our Core knowledge unit focusing on the Maya, Aztec and Inca civilisations. This has given us a good insight into both history and geography. The Maya civilisation abandoned their cities and to this day it is unknown why. We have also been learning about nouns (common, Proper, abstract and concrete) and articles (a, an and the).

Numeracy

We have been working solidly on Place Value. We have looked at decimal numbers to two places as well as positive and negative numbers. This has helped us with our work on coordinates and Cartesian planes.
The Cartesian plane is named after the French mathematician and philosopher René Descartes (1596–1650), who introduced the coordinate system to show how algebra could be used to solve geometric problems.

Extra

We have started some work in Economics and Business by playing the game Break Even.







Reminders

Hats to be worn during Term 1 and 4

Upcoming Events

27/2: Division Hot Shots Tennis
28/2: Division Swimming
7/3: Folk Festival Performances
10/3: Public Holiday
12/3-24/3 NAPLAN for Year 5s
18/3: School photos
19/3: Curriculum Day
20/3: Student Leaders Congress
4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish
22/4: First day of Term 2

Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, Science and PE
Thursday - Garden(Week 5, 7,9)
Cooking (Week 6,8,10)

Fun Fact

Wombats are Australian animals, and they have cube-shaped poo. Scientists think that this is so it doesn't roll away.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

I have to start this week's message with a MASSIVE thank you to ALL involved with our amazing Port Fairy Marathon and Community Running Festival, what an event! We are so lucky to have such hard-working, dedicated and inspirational school community members who make this event possible. As a participant, I was blown away by the fantastic new course, atmosphere, professionalism and ease with which the whole event seemed to flow. Thank you to everyone out on course who offered not just me, but all the competitors so much support, it really makes a huge difference and certainly shows what an amazing community we have at school and throughout our beautiful town.

As this goes to print we will have completed our whole school house Athletics, thank you to everyone who helped out with groups, scoring, measuring, setting up, packing up and supporting.

Good luck to our super swim team at the Divisional Swimming in Warrnambool next Friday, they have been training hard and will, no doubt, swim like fish!
Good luck too, to our Yr 5/6 tennis hot shots, who will be competing next Thursday at Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Club. This is a really fun day against our other local Moyne schools.

Thanks again for a great Marathon weekend and well done Marathon Committee, you are all phenomenal!

Reminders

Please have hats, drink bottles and sneakers for PE days if possible (Wednesdays Yr3-6, Thursdays F-Yr 2).

Upcoming Events

27/2 - Yr5/6 Hot Shots Divisional Tennis

28/2 - Divisional Swimming Championships, Wbool



ART
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

We have been learning about ways we can treat each other and ourselves well as we work together in the Art Studio.
Each class from years One to Six have considered what we will focus on to help us learn as a group. Interestingly every class has ended up voting for a focus that centres around the DOJO value of 'Show Respect and Kindness to yourself, each other, your teacher and your school'.

Foundation students are settling into the little routines of being together as a group while we try different ways of doing things and express our ideas through art.

Years One to Six are learning about using ideas creatively as we explore designing and making irregular shapes (shapes without a name) into our own creatures for future artwork.



Reminders

Treat people well! Including yourself.



S.T.E.M
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

In 3-6 we investigated the microbes in the world around us, and discovered what can be found in a fingerprint. The living world has both good and bad microbes. They can support our health and also cause illness. Plus the importance of hand washing!

F-2 continued our recycling discussions and are making our own growing paper! We also explored balance after our Questacon visit and worked with balance on a seesaw.

Questacon visit, we were so excited to have a team from the science outreach program come along. They presented a show all about force, motion, and balance! All of our students took part in the science show.

Reminders

Book in for Questacon: Saturday 22 Feb in Warrnambool

Upcoming Events

Clean up Australia Day & Turtle tastic - Wed 26 - Lunch

Lids for kids sorting - Wed 5 March - Lunch





SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

We have settled into the kitchen garden program, in the kitchen and the garden for 2025.

We made bruschetta with fresh tomatoes and basil from our garden. Our focus was to try new tastes and focus on our knife skills. We discussed the importance of knowing when to 'stop the chop' and how to safely use different knife techniques like, the bridge, the claw and chop and rock!

We look forward to making fritters next week with salads and a cucumber dip!

A big thankyou to the Hughes and Bishop families for watering the garden over Summer. Your work has yielded a great crop of tomatoes and cucumbers plus other garden goodies like eggplants still to come!

The garden is being planted with lettuce, herbs and the soil revitalised! Ready for more planting!

Looking for

We are looking for fresh basil, lettuce and zucchini if anyone has an abundance in their gardens.

Thursday cooking sessions

Zucchini, basil fritters, garden salad and tzatziki dip.









GREEN TEAM HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Actions to help

Join us for a clean up of our school yard on Wednesday 26 February. Everyone is welcome from grade 1 to year 6. Come up to science to join us and be part of the clean up crew. Get a stamp and help out, clean up...

Nude food lunches are all about bringing food unwrapped- an apple, piece of fruit all come wrapped in nature's skin!
Use your lunchbox and reuse containers to reduce single use plastic in your lunches...

Reminders

Green team in the Science Room - Lunchtime (years 3-6)

Nude food Lunches- Starting soon - packing fresh fruit/veggies, using lunchboxes and making muffins or refilling from bigger containers reduces the use of plastic.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26 Feb: Clean up Australia Day - Green team - lunch time
Wednesday 5 Feb: Ocean week - Lid washing day.





WELLBEING
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Breakfast Club

Serving a selection of toast, cereal, and fresh fruit by our friendly and incredible School Leaders. Students are welcome to spend some time in a relaxed environment that encourages chatter and friendship.

We believe that a balanced breakfast is essential for growing minds—studies have shown that eating a nutritious morning meal can improve focus, boost energy, and support better learning outcomes. It's also a great chance to catch up with friends, share stories, and feel part of our school community.

There's no sign up—just drop by and start your day on a positive note. We can't wait to see you there and help everyone get the best possible start to their school day!

Reminders

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15am to 8:45am.



Weekly Award Winners

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

FV - Paige
For being such a helpful and patient classmate when your table partner wasn't sure what to do to get their work done. It's lovely to see your kindness shine through. Thank you, Paige.

1/2D - Ivy
For showing great leadership qualities as our first 'Star of the Week'!
Well done Ivy!

1/2M - Emmi
For consistently demonstrating excellent listening and focus. You are such a kind and caring student and you're always ready to learn. Keep up the great work!

3/4I - Dilly
For being vulnerable, brave and generous with yourself to our class. Thank you for making our classroom more inclusive and caring and safe for all. Love it!

3/4W - Broc
For showing determination and dedication to your learning. Broc you have had an amazing start to the year, not only in your learning but also in showing compassion to others. The way you care and help your peers is truly special and we are truly thankful for you.

5/6A - Erik
For sharing your thinking during learning. Your comments are thoughtful and insightful and always add another perspective to our class discussions. We appreciate you sharing your insights Erik. Well done.

5/6M - Felix
For being a fantastic teacher helper, always willing to assist. You tackled challenges like a class jigsaw, never giving up. Even when faced with technology obstacles, you found a way through with perseverance and a smile.
Great work, Felix!

YOUR FUTURE YOUR WAY





Warrnambool
COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 24
from 4:00pm



COLLEGE TOURS
- Starting from 4:30pm until 6:00pm

PRESENTATION
- COLLEGE HALL @ 6:30pm [also streamed live on]

COME & TRY CLASSES

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6
4:30 - 5:00pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (S4) Max #50	TECHNOLOGY WOOD (T5) Max #25	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max #25
5:15 - 5:45pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (S4) Max #50	DIGITAL SYSTEMS (T1) Max #24	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max #25
6:00 - 6:30pm	SPP (HP Centre) Max #25	ART & DESIGN (S4) Max #50	TECHNOLOGY WOOD (T5) Max #25	SCIENCE (B6) Max #25	HEALTH & PE (Gym) Max #50	FOOD TECH (U2) Max #25

Scan for more information
or phone: **5564 4444**

Warrnambool COLLEGE

Vacancy:	Relief School Crossing Supervisor
Casual Position	Hourly Rate $40.15 (as required)
Hours between:	8:15am – 9:15am and 3:00pm-4:00pm weekdays
Please contact:	Moyne Shire Council Community Safety Phone: 1300 656 564



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Enter your football team, a School team or enter as an individual looking to give football a go,
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DATE: Friday's February 21st @ 4.30-5.30pm.
VENUE: Deakin University Oval
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