PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 1
WEEK 6
7/3/25

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Happy Folkie weekend everyone! The students are so excited about the weekend. Today they were lucky enough to experience a Sparkle Society incursion, where they did acrobatics and circus tricks with the group from Brisbane. We are so grateful to the Port Fairy Folk Festival Committee who every year provide these activities for our students free of charge to us.

Once again our amazing volunteers were also back in force getting ready for Rent A Tent, and cutting fruit for Fresh Fruit Friday. We are so lucky to have you all, thank you!

At our Parents and Community Group meeting this week, a member asked about how the School Breakfast and whole fruit was funded. As was publicised last year in the newsletter, this is funded through the Department of Education under a healthy students initiative. Foodbank is the company that has the contract for this initiative, so by having them have the contract the Education Department is supporting this worthwhile cause. To be clear, all government schools are offered the opportunity to have a Breakfast Club and the Department of Education funds the initiative.

Bookclub - Claire continues to organise our bookclub throughout the school, with some new helpers also coming on board. We are so grateful for this! This term I have been able to order $300 worth of books for our school. Every purchase you make, we get dollars to spend, so thank you. When you (or your child/ren) are ordering, please make sure that if you are sending money that you put it in an envelope and it is clearly labelled, even if it is only 50 cents. Also please make sure your child/ren names their orders. Our volunteers spend a bit of time working through these issues each time we get orders in, and they can be avoided. Thank you.

Our School Council has several committees that they oversee. These committees can be joined by our families at any stage and we welcome additional members. We have a facilities committee which meets monthly and works diligently to ensure our facilities are maintained, our routine maintenance inspections are kept up to date and that works around the school are organsed and completed. Additionally we have a finance committee which oversees all the school's finances, and of course you are all aware of our Parents and Community Group, and as previously published, our Masterplan Working group. Please let me know if you would be willing to join these worthwhile committees/groups.

We pride ourselves on the plethora of additional experiences offered at PFCS to our students. Choir has begun with Mrs Baulch on a Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. This year we are changing things up for our Choir students to ensure maximum participation. We have a Junior Choir which consists of the Yr 1 and 2s, and Senior Choir for our Yr 3 to 6s.

A reminder that in week 8 of this term we have school photos on Tuesday 18th, then a whole school Curriculum Day on Wednesday 19th March & there will be no breakfast Club on Thursday 20th March

Enjoy the long weekend and all that Port Fairy has to offer this weekend, I know I will be. See you all Tuesday, Kate.

MARCH

Happy Birthday to :

Mae
Clare
Devon
Micah I
Savannah
Billy
Sapphire
Ruben
Harrison J
Aurora
Alfie

FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have continued practising Unit 2 - /n/, /o/, /p/ sounds and words, written dictation sentences, illustrated dictation sentences, completed sound swaps using Units 1 and 2 words and have been using our oral language to create sentences that make sense. We have also learnt a little bit about the Port Fairy Folk Festival and the nursery rhyme, Ring a Ring a Rosie.

Numeracy

This week in numeracy we are practising writing numbers from zero to ten, counting forwards and backwards to 20 and reviewing our 2 and 3 part patterns. We are also learning about length - long, longer, short, shorter, etc. and learning to measure using informal units.

The Resilience Project

This week in the Resilience Project we looked at the concept, "Kindness makes us Strong". We also discussed how we can display kindness to others.

Have a lovely week.



Reminders

Readers changeover on Thursday. Please ensure the children bring their reader cases to school on that day. Thank you to everyone practising regularly. It really makes a difference!

Upcoming Events

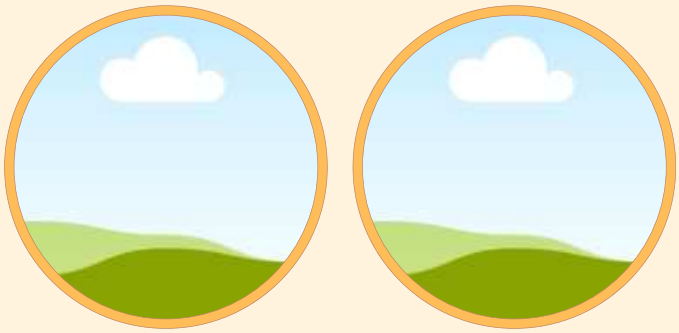
10/3: Public Holiday
18/3: School photos
19/3: Curriculum Day
4/4: Last day of term - 2:30pm finish
22/4: First day of Term 2

Specialist

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

Fun Fact

Did you know, peanuts were used to make dynamite!



YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week in Core Knowledge we have been learning about Australia, the geography, the people and animals. Everyone has been enjoying the learning and sharing facts they have learnt. In Grammar, we have continued learning verbs, action, saying, feeling and relating (was, am, be. Relating verbs have been hard to understand as we often call verbs,'doing words'

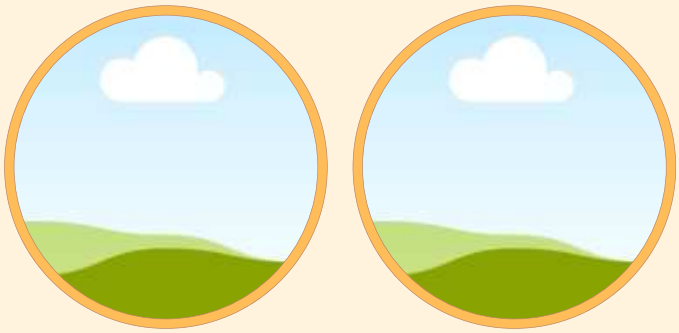
Numeracy

This week in Numeracy we continued to build our understanding of place value, and what numbers represent. We learned this through building, writing and breaking apart large numbers. We have continued to practice our fact fluency with addition to 10 and 18.

Extra

We had lots of fun Friday morning with the Folkie activities!





Reminders

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

Upcoming Events

10/3: Public Holiday
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

Uluru is 3.6 km long and 1.9 km wide, with a total circumference of 9.4km.

YEAR 3/4
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We have continued 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 working on our understandings of proper and common nouns.

Numeracy

We have been learning about measurement using formal units such as millimeters and kilometers. The students have been estimating lengths and checking how accurate their answers are. We have also been counting by 3's and having fun learning new numeracy fluency games.

Extra

Athletics day was absolutely awesome and it was so great to hear and see such good sportsmanship between everyone. Thank you to everyone who came and helped out and cheered our students!



Reminders

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

Upcoming Events

10/3: Public Holiday
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

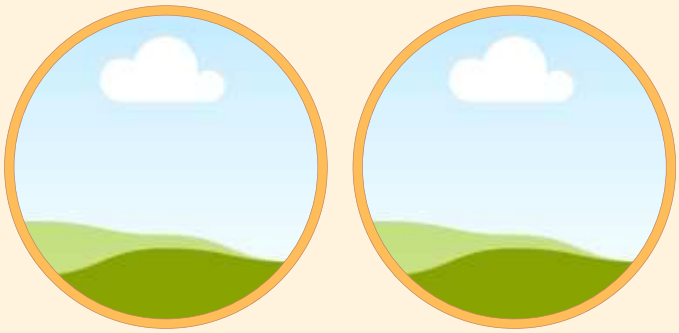
Tuesday:
Science, Art, Music

Wednesday:
P.E.

Thursday:
ODD cooking, EVEN garden

Fun Fact

The Witches by Roald Dahl was inspired by the bedtime stories Dahl's mother told him about witches when he was a child in Norway.



YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We continue 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 Aztecs built their capital city, Tenochtitlán, on a lake and used floating gardens called chinampas to grow food. They also created a complex calendar and practiced rituals to honor their many gods, including the powerful sun god, Huitzilopochtli.

Numeracy

We have begun our work on Measurement. We have used the many different sets of scales from around the school to weigh maths supplies, iPads, rulers, dice, school bags and humans. We focused on estimating and measuring by choosing appropriate metric units; grams, kilograms for mass. We also converted between units (e.g., 1.25 kg = 1250 g).
This builds students' ability to measure accurately and apply mathematical reasoning to real-life situations.

Extra

Again it has been busy in 5/6 land. The children showed great sportsmanship and leadership during the School Athletics Carnival, Swimming competition and Hot Shots tennis.

In the Resilience Project we are learning about the Ripple Effect through Empathy.





Reminders

Hats to be worn during Term 1 and 4

Upcoming Events

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 (Ambassadors)
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)
Tuesdays and Thursdays - Breakfast Club

Fun Fact

Australians have invented lots of things over the years that are crucial to our daily life. These inventions include lawn mowers with engines, the Black Box on aeroplanes, smoke alarms, aspirin, the pacemaker, penicillin, the wine cask, electric drills, car radios, the bionic ear, and long-wearing contact lenses

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

PE Updates

More busy times in the sporting world, these last few weeks.

Congratulations to our five Yr5/6 teams that competed in the Moyne District Hot Shots Tennis Competition last Thursday. We finished 1st, 2nd and 4th in the boys division and 3rd in the girls division. Well done to all teams on a fantastic day of Tennis and for showing great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Our winning team (The Aces; Trent, Jet, Charlie G, Harrison S, Ari, Zavier, Cooper and Zachary) then competed in the Divisional Hot Shots championships in Warrnambool on Thursday and finished 2nd overall, just getting pipped out by OLHC.

Amazing effort boys, you were really punching above your weight there! Special mention to Jackson P who was a last minute call up as Zachary was ill, great fill in Jacko!

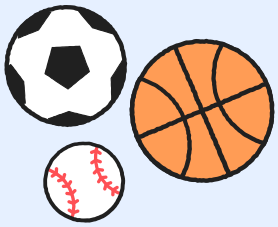
Upcoming Events

Regional Swimming Championships- Wednesday 26th March Horsham

PE Updates

Congratulations to our squad of 13 swimmers who competed in the Division swimming Championships at Aquazone last Friday. The weather was perfect and we had an awesome support crew of parents and relatives to help cheer, time and fuel our super fish! There were many personal bests and improvements from swimming practice. Special mention to Sam R (3rd Breaststroke), Angus H(6th Breaststroke) and Mairead (3rd backstroke) who have all qualified for the Regional Championships in Horsham on 26th of March. There may be a few more qualifiers when the final results are through as swimmers from other schools can only compete in two individual events, which could potentially move our swimmers up the rankings.









ART HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Students in Foundation have created artworks ready for their upcoming first School Exhibition!

They have learnt the technique of water-paint using markers, brushes and water as they make artwork using their own ideas.

They are learning to describe what their work is about and this has been scribed in Artist Statements which accompany their work.

With teacher support students will be talking to their class group about their work when we put up the exhibition together.

Year Six Buddies are asked to encourage their Foundation Buddies to show them their art and Year Sixes can read the Artist Statement aloud to their Buddy and talk about it with them.

Reminders

It's your last chance to experience the Creative Rainbows exhibition in the Foyer Gallery that was also exhibited for the whole Port Fairy Community during Summer. The artist statements that are presented with the work are particularly intriguing.

Upcoming Events

Coming this week - Foundation students Exhibition in the Foyer Art Gallery at school.









S.T.E.M
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Carli will be teaching interested kids about indigenous trees, how to identify different local species, how to easily grow them, why they are special, as well as why they are important for us, wildlife and the health of our environment. Eventually we will plant some of the trees we grow on the extended school grounds and any surplus trees will be given to families within our school community that would like to plant them to help revegetate their properties and our local area.

Carli has already spoken to the kids at assembly about it, but if you would like to talk to your child/ren about this opportunity, that would be great to do too.

I will put an announcement out over the loudspeaker at the beginning of Friday lunchtimes when I am running a session to remind interested students about it.

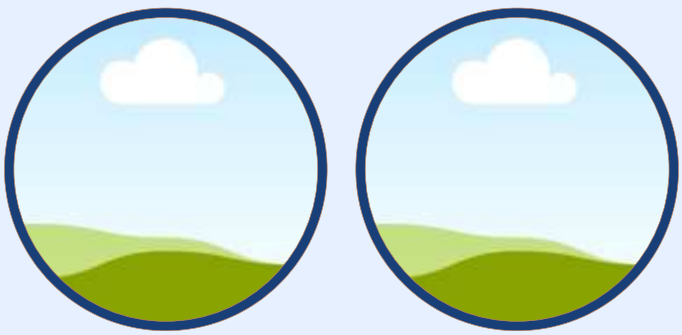
We look forward to helping lots of kids learn about trees and to empower them to make a positive difference in our world.

Reminders

Upcoming Events

Return to the trees - Kids Group - Friday lunchtime - at the garden shed!





SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Looking for

If you have any extra lettuce in your garden we would love to use it in a wonderful garden salad.

We have had some amazing salad dressing made by Finn, Clare, Freya and Felix! Great work!

A big thankyou to the Hagan family for bringing in wonderful zucchini for our recipes! These were turned into fabulous fritters.

This week is potato gnocchi with our local potatoes and fresh tomato sauce. We will be ready to start our new menu next Thursday.

In the garden the team have been sowing seeds, watering and getting our amazing produce through the dry spell! We are hoping for some wonderful wet rain soon!

Reminders

Year 3/4 in the kitchen next week.

Thursday cooking sessions

Potato gnocchi with sage butter or fresh basil tomato sauce!

Apple slice and garden salad!







GREEN TEAM HAPPENINGS

Actions to help

Nude Food- We as a green team decided that nude food is going to be on a different day every week so people reduce their plastic every day. With the golden lunchbox there will be 5 dojo's per person in the class that wins. Last week 3/4W won with only 6 plastics in their bins! Well done!

Activities- On the 12th of March there will be a lid wash station at lunch so we recommend wearing old school clothes if your child wants to come along.

Recipes for lunchboxes - Green team are giving you nude food lunchbox ideas instead of plastic wrapped foods. Here is this weeks -

https://www.taste.com.au/galleries/healthy-lunch-box-ideas-kids/3exqql4w

Environmental News - Carli is holding a tree planting project. Join her on Fridays at the garden shed for seed saving and sowing workshops...

Reminders

Meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday - years 3-6

Upcoming Events/Dates

Wednesday 12 Feb: Ocean week - Lid washing day!





MHiPS NEWS

Mental Health in Primary Schools

Mrs. McLauchlan

Building primary schools' capacity to enhance children's mental health

Children's mental health is fundamental to their development and learning. Good mental health means having a positive sense of wellbeing, coping with challenges and being able to realise individual potential. Unfortunately, not all children experience good mental health. Schools are an ideal platform for promoting children's mental health. Yet, without resourcing and dedicated training and support, it can be challenging for teachers to navigate increasing mental health issues in the classroom. Developed by paediatricians, educators, psychologists, researchers, and teachers, the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS) program upskills experienced teachers to become Mental Health and Wellbeing Leaders and aims to increase the capacity of Victorian primary schools to support the mental health of their students.

My role, as Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL), is to build the capability of the whole school with regard to mental health and wellbeing (identification, promotion and prevention), provide support to staff to better identify and support students with mental health needs, establish clear pathways for referral for students requiring assessment and intervention, and monitor and evaluate student progress. The role was specifically established as a coordination function to support educators in the classroom and to provide a crucial link to resources external to the school. My role is quite different to Joel - it is not designed for direct intervention, although I still interact with students daily and enjoy building relationships with them. The role is seen as a key conduit in 'getting a child to care' once a teacher or other staff member identifies a concern in the classroom.

We have a whole school approach to caring for our students, your children. Please reach out if you'd like to chat.

Jane McLauchlan
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



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PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Weekly Award Winners

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

FV - Ruby
For the maturity she has shown in all facets of her school day but particularly during Sounds-Write when completing dictation sentences. Ruby, your letter formation and word work is exceptional. Keep up the great work!

1/2D - Darcy
For being an outstanding helper/ runner, Gopher at the Athletics Sports!
Amazing work Darcy.

1/2M - Hamish B
For showing excellent leadership in our classroom. You are always eager to start each session, and try your very best in everything you do. Thanks for being such a great role model in our class.

3/4I - Char
For being an absolutely fantastic human on our Athletics Day. Your participation, willingness to help and assist others and your overall positivity made the day so much more enjoyable. Thank you!

3/4W - Mimi
For your fantastic retelling of The Witches to your classmates who needed catching up on chapters. Well done, it was so lovely to hear your in-depth understanding of the story, great work Mimi.

5/6A - Connor
For consistently demonstrating kindness, empathy, and support towards your classmates. You are mindful of the feelings and needs of those around you, offering encouragement, assistance, and a friendly smile to brighten someone's day. Thank you, Connor.

5/6M - Ari
For starting each day with enthusiasm and joy! Ari brings energy to the classroom, always arriving with a smile and dancing to the music over the loudspeaker. Keep spreading the positivity Ari!

5/6M - Trent
For demonstrating kindness and sportsmanship during Hot Shots Tennis. Trent showed great compassion by encouraging his opponents and celebrating their strengths. His positive attitude and respect for others made him a true role model on the court.

TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Port Fairy TheirCare

TERM 1

Newsletter

Feburary 2025





Meet our new educator Emma!

Emma is from Yambuk. She lives with her 3 children ages 5, 4 and 1 and her husband. Emma lives on a small farm with 4 dogs, 3 guinea pigs, 2 cats and a ferret!

Reminder

TheirCare will be held in the library on the 7th of March (ASC) and the 10th of March (BSC)

Book in Now!

Secure your spot via our TheirCare website. theircare.com.au

Any questions?

Please reach out with any enquiries you may have. you can find the service phone number and email below

Times

Before school care 07:00AM-08:45PM

After school care 03:30PM-06:30PM

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1300 072 410

info@theircare.com.au

OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH



REGISTER NOW

4:30pm for a 5:00pm Start

OPEN NIGHT – 26TH MARCH 2025

4.30pm – Arrival and collection of Information Pack. Car parking attendants will assist with parking.

5.00pm – Open Night Performance followed by a student led Information Session in the Stalker Auditorium.

5:30pm – Interactive student led tours of the College will depart from the Auditorium to view the facilities and classes from all Key Learning Areas.

7.55pm – Anticipated conclusion.

Come along and discover the student opportunities that Brauer College offers.

YEAR 7 2026 SCHOOL TOURS

We have School Tours running for families that are not able to attend the Open Night.

- **Monday 31st March 2025 @ 9.15am**
- **Wednesday 2nd April 2025 @ 4.15pm**
- **Wednesday 23rd April 2025 @ 9.15am**
- **Monday 28th April 2025 @ 9.15am**
- **Monday 5th May 2025 @ 9.15am**
- **Wednesday 7th May 2025 @ 4.15pm**

Please register by visiting our website:
http://www.brauer.vic.edu.au/open-night/

BRAUER COLLEGE
WARRNAMBOOL

We hope to see you all!
www.brauer.vic.edu.au

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

CHOOSE YOUR

FOOTY ADVENTURE

REGISTER TODAY!

AFL PLAY

kick, or School Holiday Program

Register to any Auskick, Super

before SUNDAY 30th MARCH 5.00 PM

GO into the DRAW to win a

Signed Geelong Cats Playing Jumper





nab AFL Auskick

4-12 year olds

Come find your awesome at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

AFL Superkick

8-12 year olds

Level up your footy with skills and modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies alike.



VISIT PLAY.AFL