PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Belonging - Learning - Respect

TERM 1
WEEK 8
21/3/25

PRINCIPALS REPORT

We have had another fantastic couple of weeks at PFCS, with lots happening inside and outside the classrooms. We were so proud of all our Year 3 and 5 students as they navigated their way through NAPLAN over the last week and a half. They all did their very best and were respectful of those around them.
At our Curriculum Day, staff unpacked the text Responsive Teaching by Harry Fletcher-Wood. We analysed the research and key classroom implications. This work will continue over the next 3 terms and beyond as we strive for excellence in learning and teaching. Staff spent the afternoon putting into practice their learning from the mornings session.

As occurred last year, grades will be performing at assembly. Please see the dates below so that you may be able to plan ahead and attend.

Friday 9th May: Foundation
Friday 23rd May: 1/2M
Friday 6th June: 1/2DK
Friday 20th June: 3/4I
Friday 25th July: 3/4WK
Friday 8th August:5/6M
Friday 22nd August: 5/6A
Friday 5th September: Foundation and Yr 1/2s
Friday 10th October: Year 3/4s
Friday 7th November: Year 5/6s

It was wonderful to see the sea of orange today for Harmony Day. Students have been learning about Harmony Week and today in particular being the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. We proudly have a zero tolerance to racism at PFCS, and love to celebrate our diversity, today is one way we do this.

We are still one parent short for our School Council. I know I have sent out several messages about this. If you are thinking about joining, please contact me.

Coming up to the end of term, here are a few dates for you to be aware of:

Monday 24/3 - Catch-up school photos
Friday 4/4 - Easter themed dress-up day. This is also the last day of Term 1 and therefore a 2:30pm finish - Newsletter wk - No assembly
Tuesday 22/4 - First day of Term 2

MARCH

Happy Birthday to :

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

EASTER DRESS UP DAY



And hat parade



On the last day of school there will be an Easter dress up day. Theres also going to be a hat parade at 9:15am (all parent/guardians are welcome). Please remember to bring a gold coin donation to go towards upgrading the cubby house.

Don't forget the dress up Easter!





FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week in Literacy we have learned the Unit 3 sounds - /b/, /c/, /g/, /h/ words and have built words using these and the other sounds we have learned. We also use our word building to complete dictation sentences and to appropriately illustrate our sentences. We have learned about Harmony Day and why it is important to live in a harmonious, peaceful society. In grammar we have started learning about verbs (doing words).

Numeracy

This week in numeracy we continued practising writing numbers from zero to ten, counting forwards and backwards to 20. We made paper chain snakes and displayed them in order from longest to shortest and we have been making groups to 5 and counting using 1:1 correspondence.

Extra

In French we have been learning French greetings. I wonder if anyone remembered to wish their parents “bonne nuit” last Friday night??



Reminders

Readers changeover on Thursday.

Upcoming Events

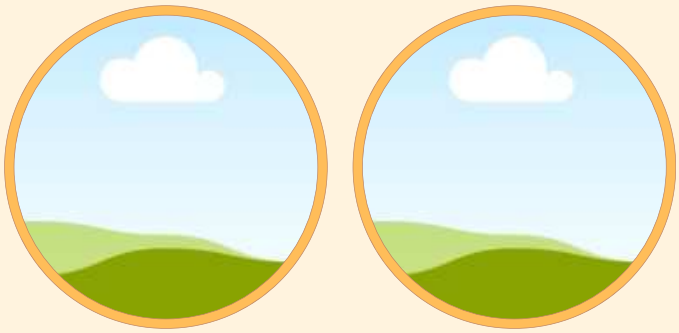
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21/4: Easter Monday Public Holiday
22/4: First day of Term 2
24/4: School Cross Country
25/4: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
1/5: May Races Public Holiday

Specialist

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

Fun Fact

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.



YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

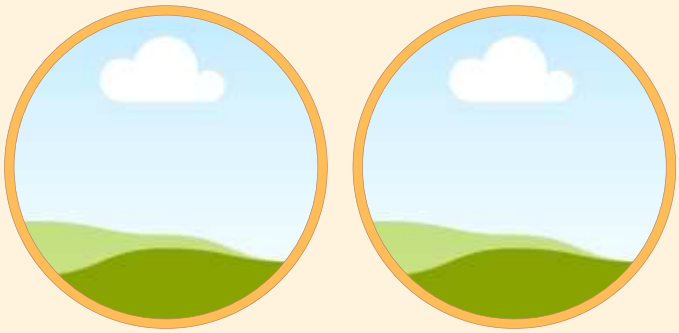
Literacy

This week in reading and writing we have been studying Harmony Week texts. Harmony Week is celebrated every year and recognises Australia as a multicultural society. We have looked at the amazing food and culture we get to experience in Australia due to our diverse population.

Numeracy

This week in Maths, we have been learning about Time, Days of the week, months of the year, and telling the time to the hour.





Reminders

Readers changed on Monday

Upcoming Events

4/4: Easter Dress Up
4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish
21/4: Easter Monday Public Holiday
22/4: First day of Term 2
24/4: School Cross Country
25/4: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
1/5: May Races Public Holiday

Specialist

Monday= Music
Wednesday= Science & Art
Thursday= PE

Fun Fact

Did you know over 29% of Australia's population was born overseas and 48% of Australians have a parent born overseas.

YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We have continued our Core Knowledge unit of Ancient Islamic empires and learned how their knowledge of medicine and philosophy and art spread into Western cultures. We have been learning about adjectives and adverbs in our Grammar studies and have been focusing on learning how to edit our writing.

Numeracy

This fortnight in Numeracy we have been learning about time and converting between analogue and digital time. We have had fun estimating how long it will take to do certain tasks like put on a shoe and then using stopwatches to get the exact time and work out how close our estimates were.

Extra

Our Grade 3 students have been incredible doing their NAPLAN tests! They have been respectful of one another and tried their best - well done Grade 3's!



Reminders

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

Upcoming Events

28/3: Moyne District Aths
4/4: Easter Dress Up
4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish
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Specialist

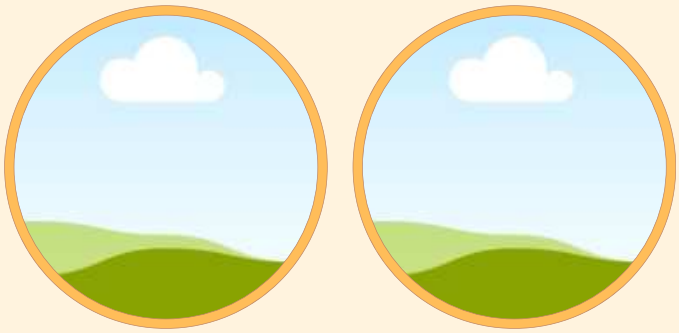
Tuesday:
Science, Art, Music

Wednesday:
P.E.

Thursday:
ODD cooking, EVEN garden

Fun Fact

NAPLAN is the only national assessment that Grade 3's, 5's, 7's and 9's take and the data is used to determine national literacy and numeracy trends.



YEAR 5/6 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We continue our Core knowledge unit focusing on the Maya, Aztec and Inca civilisations. The Aztecs created floating gardens by piling mud from the lake to grow crops like corn, squash, and beans. The gardens stayed fertile because new mud was added every year. In the city, you would see men in loincloths and cloaks, and women in skirts and ponchos. Homes were small, with thatched roofs and mud walls. We also spent time learning about Harmony Day.

Numeracy

We have continued our work on Measurement. Looking at measuring our height, how far we can jump, the weights of different things around the room. We have learned about how to measure Perimeter and Area.

Extra

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

26/3: Regional Swimming Horsham
28/3: Moyne District Aths
4/4: Easter Dress Up
4/4: Last day of term, 2.30 finish
21/4: Easter Monday Public Holiday
22/4: First day of Term 2
24/4: School Cross Country
25/4: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
1/5: May Races Public Holiday
2/5 : Division Athletics
6/5: Moyne Cross Country and Moyne Soccer

Specialist

Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Art, Science and PE
Thursday - Cooking (Week 10)
Tuesdays and Thursdays - Breakfast Club

Fun Fact

Australia is home to the largest cattle station in the world. This cattle station is 34,000 km² (21,126 miles²). This makes it bigger than the entire country of Belgium.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

PE Updates

We have been all things racquet sports over the past few weeks. The F-2s in particular have been experimenting with all sorts of racquets and bats; tennis, badminton, speedminton, table tennis and Pickleball.

Good luck to our six Regional swimmers heading to Horsham next Wednesday: Sam R, Angus H, June, Mairead, Bronte and Clare H. Swim well Super Fish!!! Thanks to parents for driving all that way and being their support crew and cheer squad!

Upcoming Events

Moyne District Athletics
Wbool- Friday 28/3

Regional Swimming Championships- Horsham
Wed 26/3

PE Updates

Next Friday is the Moyne District Athletics Day at Brauerander athletics track. Information, team member list and program are on XUNO. Please jump into XUNO and approve, if your child has been selected. We love having members of our PFCS community there to cheer and help out on the day, so please come along!



MUSIC
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Reminders

F-2 Monday

3-6 Tuesday

Upcoming Events

Senior Choir week 8 &10

Junior Choir week 9





S.T.E.M
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Making microbes!

We have been learning about microbes in years 3-6. This week our year 3-4s made their own mini microbes. They created features and the impact that the microbe could have on you. These ranged from being unwell headaches to infections of happiness.

We have been focusing on the role of microbes and how they are important for our daily lives! In fact we could not live without them! We know there are great microbes helping us raise up bread, make medicine and viruses that make us unwell like the common cold and flu.

Reminders

Earth Hour coming up - Sat March 22 (at home)- switch off for 1 hour.

Upcoming Events

Earth Hour at school March 26 (power down - lunchtime)





SAKGP
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

Looking for

What a wonderful week in the kitchen and garden. With our sessions combining as students work in the garden and prepare seasonal meals in the kitchen!

We cooked potato gnocchi with low food miles. Potatoes freshly harvested from Killarney turned into the fluffiest gnocchi! We added sage butter with herbs fresh from our garden. The sweet peaches donated by the Kelly family became delicious muffins and were used in fresh fruit salad.

Next cooking cycle we prepare potato and rosemary pizza! Using the help of wonderful natural fungi microbes of yeast!

In the garden we sowed seeds of spinach and lettuce. Planted our lettuce patch and changed out our summer crops of tomatoes to make space for the next vegetable autumn/winter cycle.

Looking For

Any excess fruit that could be included in muffins would be wonderful - peaches, nectarines...

Thursday cooking sessions

Potato and rosemary pizza

Garden green salad

Fruit muffins





Weekly Award Winners

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

FV - Jai
For consistently arriving at school with a smile and seeking me out to say, "Good morning, Ms V" and also for taking that positive attitude into Sounds Write and trying your best to be successful every day. Keep up the great work, Jai!

1/2D - Loki
For showing determination and dedication to your learning. You have had an amazing start to the year, working hard all term. Keep up the great work Loki!

1/2M - Indi J
For your outstanding effort in the classroom. You have grown so much over the past 12 months, and this week you have shown exactly why that is. You work as hard as you can in all areas of school. You should be so proud of yourself!

3/4I - Will C
I have been so impressed with how well you are going in our class. Thank you for consistently trying your best every single day! Your hard work is noticed and appreciated. Thank you!

3/4W - Ivy H
For consistently trying your best and working hard. You have had an amazing start to the year showing bravery and stepping out of your comfort zone.
Well done Ivy, keep up the great work.

5/6A - Zachary
For being a kind and thoughtful member of our class. When you see something needs doing you step in and see that it gets done without a fuss. You support others when needed and always offer encouragement. Thank you for being so thoughtful, Zachary.

5/6M - Lilah
For demonstrating incredible resilience and determination during a recent maths lesson. You persevered through challenges and achieved amazing success–well done!

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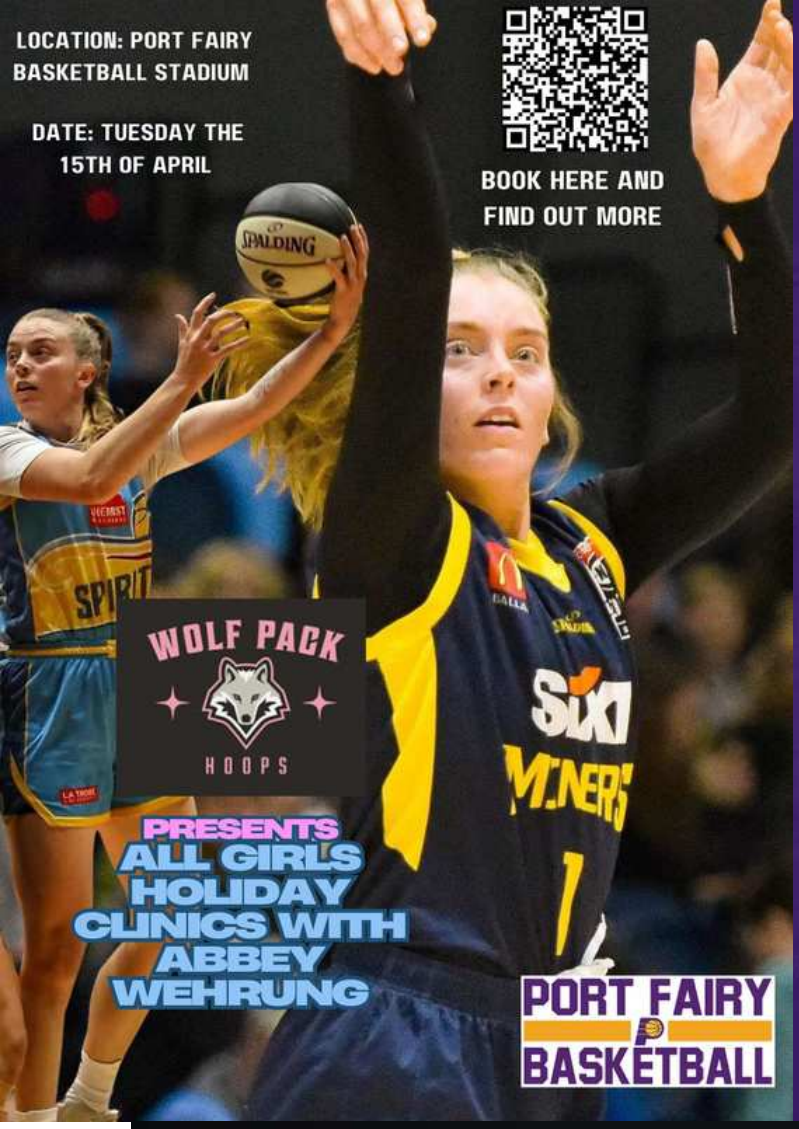
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