

## Mr Smethurst's Report

### Compass

In response to the *Parent Opinion Survey* completed in 2022 regarding communication, Poowong Consolidated School will make the transition from using *Sentral* to *Compass* as our communication system in the new year. *Compass* is more than a school management system. *Compass* is about the people who make up your school community: teachers and admin staff, students and parents & carers.

Everyone wants the best for their child/ren and that means giving them the greatest possible education. Playing a role in that education is a vital element of ensuring your child gets the most out of their schooling, but with such a hectic schedule it can be difficult to get as involved as you need to.

*Compass* has developed a way to make engaging in your child's education easy, no matter how busy you are. Here are a few of the benefits that will begin in 2022:

- Easily track your child's progress through school
- Respond to unauthorised absence notifications
- Access up-to-date news about your child's school community

Avoid trips to the school office; process payments, consent to excursions and more from your phone

There will be more information in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

**Michael Smethurst  
(Principal)**

### Principal's Award



Back to Front: Brodie, James, Will, Laylah and Jack

### Congratulations and Farewell

On behalf of PCS and community, we would like to congratulate Mrs Drysdale and husband on the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Drysdale, born 16 November 2022.

Also, last week we said goodbye to our bright and bubbly Emily in the office as she heads off to prepare for parenthood. PCS wishes her and her partner all the very best with the next chapter they embark on.



NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	X	X	X	X	11 Poppy
13	14	X	X	16	17	18
20	X	X	X	23	24	25
27	X	X	X			26
	28	X	X	30	X	

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	X	2
4	5	6	X	X	9	10
11	12	X	X	X	X	17
18	19	20	X	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**POOWONG**  
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Bike Ed

Mon 21st P-2

Tues 22nd 3-6

Tues 29th 3-6

Poowong Little Market

Sun 20th Nov

Election Day

Sat 26th Nov

School Curriculum Swimming

Mon 28th Nov

Wed 30th Nov

Mon 12th Dec

St Pauls Year 7 Orientation  
Wed 30th Nov-Fri 2nd Dec

KSC & MaryMac Orientation Day  
Tue 6th Dec

Swim Sports  
Fri 9th Dec

Grade 6 Big Day Out  
Mon 12th Dec

Grade 6 Graduation  
Tues 13th December

Dental Van  
Mon 12th—Fri 16th Dec

State-wide Transition  
Tues 13th December

Drouin SC Orientation  
Tues 13th Dec

Bush Dance  
Fri 16th December



# Remembrance Day

Lest we forget

To commemorate Remembrance Day, we had the pleasure of Tony Moon and Des from the Korumburra RSL visit during our special assembly. Both Tony and Des educated the staff and students on those (from Poowong and surrounding areas) who fought for our country many years ago.



School Captains, Ainsley and Lockie attended our Poowong Cenotaph together with Mr Smethurst, Mr Moon and Des, where they placed our school wreath.

A huge thank you to Heather for creating the wreath on behalf of PCS.





# Bike Ed

Last week we kicked off the week with Bike Ed. A huge thank you to Mrs Mandemaker and Mrs Turner who has kindly dedicated her time to teach and educate our students of the importance of bike safety.

Over the coming weeks, the children will gain knowledge and understanding of basic care and maintenance of their bicycles, road safety and laws and continue to develop skills of riding their bike.

Please remember that due to the large volume of bikes and limited storage space, bikes will need to be collected each week. We understand that this maybe difficult for bus travellers and we will accommodate accordingly.





# Measuring Capacity in Grade 1



Drip, slosh, and bubble. Grade Ones have been exploring measurement of liquids recently. Using beakers, jugs, cups, syringes and many other measuring devices students discovered different ways of showing capacity.

I discovered that adding my jug and Jen's jug of water into one container made it overflow. It was interesting and fun. Nevaeh.

We did experiments and measured different water amounts. It was hard to measure how much water was in each container. It was lots of fun. Damo

We measured big and small amounts, discovered what kinds of things are measured in millilitres and litres and enjoyed a very cool lesson on a hot day.





# Electives



The students have been busy little bees and enjoying participating in electives.





# Pet Education



Grades Prep – Two had a visit from Berry and her dog Polly today to learn about responsible pet ownership. Here is a reflection of her visit.



Responsible Pet Ownership, by Laney, Macey, and Liv, Grade Two



We learned about a dog and cat. If you see a dog that doesn't have its owner and it has a bone, just stay away.

If there is an angry dog with no collar and no owner you stand still, put your arms by your side, be as silent as a mouse and finally look down at the ground. Then slowly start walking away.



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## Poowong's Little Market



A fabulous country market 'Supporting Local Businesses' and everyone in and around our local community

November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm @ the Poowong Football Oval

### Gold Coin Entry on Arrival

Our market offers an abundance of fun fit for the whole family with Vintage Chrome Bumper Cars, our Local Fire Brigade, the Victorian Ambulance, Barnyard Buddies Petting Zoo, Airy Fairy Face Painting plus over 90 stalls attending the day!



We cannot forget our local artists performing on the day,  
Indy Lee, Locs Music, and Songbird Music!



The Poowong Football Netball Club will be running a BBQ on the day with delicious lunchtime treats for the whole family to enjoy such as the Magpies Whopper Burger!





# TheirCare

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Poowong Consolidated TheirCare

Term 4, Week 6



## What we have been up to:

Since the last Theircare update we have made some changes.

We welcomed Carly as our new coordinator.

We also welcomed the sunshine.

Our focus this month has been getting to know each other. We had lots of fun engaging in various activities including developing our drawing skills, painting and exploring with glitter.

We have introduced a Recyclables craft area, keep an eye out for our incredible master pieces on display. Feel free to drop any recyclables into us, we will happily accept donations!

Outdoor activities have been a hit, 40/40, dodge ball, tiggy and hide & seek are our favourite choices.



We celebrated a couple of birthdays this month. Happy Birthday Cooper T & Nate

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