

PCS NEWS

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A Message from Mrs McKenzie...

Term 1 Wrap-Up

We have come to the end of a very long Term 1, the longest period of school that the children have attended on-site for two years!! We have successfully navigated and squashed mini COVID outbreaks with everyone working together, keeping kids at home when they feel unwell and testing regularly with the Rapid Test kits provided by the Department of Education. Well done to everyone, as this has been a huge joint effort – and we made it through an entire term! I am really looking forward to everyone having a well-deserved break, spending time doing things as a family and recharging ready for another term ahead. Next term bring several public holidays, including ANZAC day on Monday 25th April and school will resume on Tuesday 26th April with an ANZAC day service at 11.30am.

Rapid Tests Program Extended

We sent home another Rapid Antigen Test kit with every child yesterday. Please ensure your child is tested on Tuesday 26th April so that we know that everyone is safe and healthy upon return to Term 2. DET will be providing these for at least the first half of Term 2.

House Sports Day Results

Congratulations to Strzelecki, who won our House Sports Athletics Day on Tuesday. They were followed closely by Flinders (who made a mammoth improvement in their placings that in the past 7 years!!). I would like to say a huge congratulations to the children, who all put in a great effort and supported each other to give their very best. I could not have been more proud on Tuesday of them all. It was awesome seeing so many parents and grandparents attending and helping on the day. It was such a great opportunity for people to catch up and come together, when we haven't been able to do so for such a long time. Thank you all for supporting the BBQ and the coffee van on the day.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

A big thank you to those families who ordered Hot Cross Buns. They went out yesterday thanks to the efforts of Nat Cole and Charlene Donnison. We made a profit of \$140 for the school fundraising bucket with this drive. We will be holding a pie drive next term, so watch this space for ordering details.

Easter Raffle

We can't wait to draw the Easter Raffle tomorrow at assembly. Assembly will start at 1.50pm. There are over 30 hampers to draw. This has been a very successful fundraising opportunity, with over \$800 raised for the school's fundraising kitty. Thank you to Jesse for all her hamper-making skills and the preps for collecting eggs from the grades each morning. Tomorrow morning is the cut-off for raffle tickets to come in to the office to be included.

Additional Student Free Day in Term 2

DET announced yesterday that every school will be given an additional student-free day in Term 2 for a combined Professional Practice Day for staff. This is to ensure relief staff can be utilised where they are needed most, to cover teachers with COVID or isolating, rather than releasing teachers for Professional Practice Days. This will be on Wednesday 1st June, so please add this to your diary to work out arrangements for care for your children in advance.

Thank you

I honestly cannot thank each and every family for their support throughout this term. We have been thrown some challenges, at times, however we have all worked together to make this term a successful one for our kids. I honestly love our PCS community.

Have a restful break and we will see you at the beginning of next term! Cate

COMING UP...

TERM TWO

Apr 25 - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Apr 26 - Students return to school
Apr 29 - State Swimming - MSAC
May 3 - District Athletics
May 10 11 & 12 - NAPLAN (Grade 3 & 5)
May 13 - Cross Country
May 16 - Curriculum Day
No students at School
May 18 - School Council
May 19 - CASEA Parent Info Session
"Mindfulness"
May 26 - Division Cross Country
Jun 1 - Combined Professional Practice Day - No Students at School
Jun 2 - Regional Cross Country
Jun 9 - Lightning Premiership
Jun 13 - Queen Birthday Public Holiday
No Students at School
Jun 15 - School Council
Jun 24 - End of Term - 2:30pm finish

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Gr 5/6 Marysville Camp
August 17th -19th

Gr 3/4 Mill Valley Camp
August 24th - 26th



Laney & Jack were very excited to receive their Hot Cross Bun orders this week!
Thank you to all those who supported our Easter fundraiser!

STUDENT AWARDS



Playground Awards - Jack & Evie L



Well Done to Noelan, Sophie, Kaylee, Arianna & Jen



**DON'T FORGET THIS WEEK'S
END OF TERM ASSEMBLY
STARTS AT 1:50PM**



Well done to Student of the Week - Amy, Hamish,
Noah, Amie, George, Aliyah, Kye & Nate



Playground Awards - Jen & Christopher

THE WRITERS CORNER



Rodney the Rat

"Wake up Rodney!" called Mother Mouse. Rodney immediately opened his eyes and looked at the clock, 7:30am it read. "RAT SCHOOL!!" Rodney screamed as he jumped out of bed with excitement. It was his first day and he was filled with joy.

First, he grabbed his bag and scuttled through the burrow's hallway to the kitchen where he made his lunch. Rodney licked his lips as he took a block of cheese out of the fridge and put it into his bag. "Yum!" said Mother Mouse as she slowly scurried along the burrow floor to the kitchen where she held her head high smelling the delicious savoury cheese Rodney had packed, "Someone seems excited," said Mother Mouse with a smile across her face. Rodney nodded with excitement, then with a kiss on the forehead from Mother Mouse he was out the burrow door. The warm sun against his face as he scurried through the lush field dodging thick blades of grass and scattering through dark and gloomy hollow logs. Finally, he came to a gutter next to the road where he jumped in and made his way to Rat School.

"This is Rat School," Rodney said to himself with a disgusted look on his face. The Rats were really, really mean, there was no playground and the smells - mouldy food and sewerage water mixed together, but Mother Mouse paid many cheesy coins for this school and Rodney was going to make the best of it. Finally Rat School was over and Rodney was on his way home when he came up with a great idea, instead of trying to get through the day he should do something with it, he was going to do a science experiment on himself to transform him into a rat so he would fit in!

The next morning Rodney woke up early to transform himself into a rat. Mouldy food he got from the cafeteria and a sprinkle of rat fur he plucked from one of the rats in his class then BAM! Huge teeth, smelly fur, 3 times the size as he was before, Rodney was a rat!! "Now the hard part," Rodney whispered to himself. Mother Mouse was still asleep and this was Rodney's only chance. As he passed the kitchen tiptoeing as quiet as a mouse (or a rat) Rodney left the note he wrote that night for Mother Mouse to read so she knew he was okay. The note read, "Hello Mum, You're probably wondering where I am. Well, I just couldn't wait to go to Rat School and I wanted to get there bright and early, Love Rodney". Next he zoomed out the door and across the field next to the road where he jumped in the gutter and made his way to Rat School in his new and improved outfit. Now like all the other rats, Rodney finally felt he fit in. It was science class, Rodney's favourite of them all when he started to feel strange. The experiment was wearing off!!! His big buck teeth were gone, his fur was clean, silky soft and he was as small as a mouse. He was Rodney again. All the other rats stared in shock as Rodney explained what he did. At the end of his explanation he walked out sadly, the rats had a look of guilt on their faces. The next day when Rodney came to school he found all the rats at the front. "We're sorry Rodney," they all said sadly "And we're sorry we made you feel you didn't fit in," said one of the rats in the group. "Thank you," said Rodney with excitement rushing through him. "This is going to be the best school year ever!"

Kaylee Dowlan - Grade 6

START PLAYING

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PLAY NETBALL



TO REGISTER FOR NetSetGo FOLLOW THE LINK:

<https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/login>

Poowong Netball Courts | Tuesdays from 4pm - 5pm (Term 2)

Make sure you register early, as it can take a while for your NetSetGo pack to arrive in the mail!

Contact - Desirae Hancock: imagine_chaos@hotmail.com



POOWONG-LOCH
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Auskick program registration is now live, visit:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/b4a915>

This program is suitable for kids aged 5 to 12 years old.

Auskick will run from 4:30pm - 5:30pm on Wednesday evenings as of Term 2 at the Loch Football Oval

Enquiries: secretary@poowonglochjfc.org.au



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Loch Memorial Reserve
32 Loch-Poowong Rd, Loch

For further information, please email secretary@poowonglochjfc.org.au



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Under 12 – 9:30am

Under 14 – 10:30am

For enquiries please contact:

Chris Wilson (President) 0407 822 755

Christine Goode (Secretary) 0408 997 009

Poowong Library School Holiday Activities

Easter Egg Hunt

All April school
holiday
opening hours

Slime Spectacular

FRIDAY
22nd APRIL
2pm-3pm

Bookings essential: phone the library or follow the QR code to Eventbrite

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IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

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Thank you - PCS Admin.



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