



POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



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Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

Year 5 & 6 Camp at 'The Summit'

As a school principal, I always look forward to the yearly school camps. It's a time when students explore nature, learn valuable life skills, and create lifelong memories.

For the past 3 days, I had the privilege of seeing students step out of their comfort zones and develop skills in team building, leadership, and communication. There is nothing more satisfying than watching someone who is shy and reserved during the school year step up and lead a group during camping activities.

Also, the interactions that happen during school camp often create friendships that last years and years. The friendships formed during camping allow students to develop deeper connections with each other and forge bonds that transcend the classroom.

I also love seeing students challenge themselves and try new activities. From riding the flying fox to climbing the high wire, there were so many opportunities for students to push themselves during school camp. It's inspiring to me as a principal to see students grow and thrive in new environments.

Overall, school camps are always in the highlights of the school year for me. It's an opportunity for students to learn, grow, and make memories that they will treasure for years to come. As a principal, it's incredibly rewarding to be a part of that process and to see my students thrive.

"Thank you to the staff at 'The Summit' for providing this incredible experience. A well-organized and well-run camp with motivated instructors and a genuine commitment to achieving the target outcomes set by the school. The students absolutely LOVED it!"

My final thanks and gratitude is to the PCS staff, Mrs Wilson, Ms Maykan and Heather, for making this camp such a joyful and memorable experience for all the students.

Year 7 Placement Forms

Just a reminder to all the Year 6 parents that the Year 7 Placement Forms are due back at your earliest convenience.

Attitudes to School Survey (AToSS) – Term 2 2023

All Victorian students in Years 4 to 12 will participate in this online survey.

The survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The survey measures are based on the best available evidence about what influences student outcomes. The survey is administered from a secure online survey portal.

Education Support Staff Day

On Friday 26 May PCS will celebrate Education Support Staff Day. We held a special morning tea to celebrate their contribution to our great school. We have many ES Staff who help our students every day. From Melissa in the office to Lisa B, Lisa W, Heather and Libby who work directly with the students in the classroom. You're all amazing, and thank you for your support of our students.

Professional Practice Day - student-free day

Finally, another reminder to all families that Friday 19 May is a student-free day. This is designed to allow staff adequate time for planning and professional development. No students will be on-site at school.

Enrolments

The school has commenced our prep enrolments for 2024. If you have any neighbours, friends or family interested in a tour of our beautiful school, please give them the school number to book a tour on 03 5659 2356.

Year 3 & 4 Camp

Due to staff shortages, Poowong Consolidated School has had to change the dates of the Year 3 and 4 Camp from 13-15th September to 31st July - 2nd August.

Regards

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Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

19th May

Student Free Day
(No Students at School)

22nd May

RACV Safety Incursion (Prep-G2)

25th May

Divisional Cross Country

JUNE

1st June

Regional Cross Country

6th June

Lightning Prem– Football/Netball

12th June

Kings Birthday—Public Holiday

13th June

State Cross Country

19th June

Parent Teacher Interviews

23th June

Last Day of Term 2
(2.30pm Finish)

JULY/AUG

31st July– 2nd Aug

Grade 3/4 Camp



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Grade 5/6 Camp



This week our Grade 5 and 6's headed to The Summit for camp. The weather was on the cooler side but the sun came out enough for the children to enjoy their adventures. The children participated in activities such as the high ropes, flying fox, cave exploring, the inflatable castle and the monster course, to name a few. It fair to say that the children



" My favourites are definitely the flying fox and monster course" - Ben



"The food was good and spending good time with my mates having fun" - Jordyn



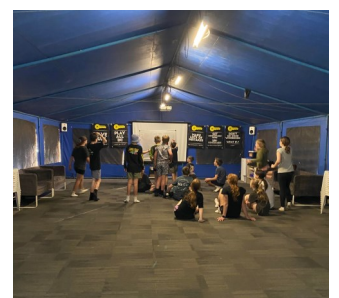
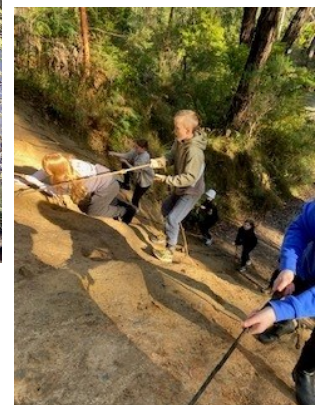
"I really liked the zip line" - Brodie



"I liked the cave and getting lost. The inflatable castle was awesome" - Jarrah.



"I liked the mud run because it was so muddy" - Kye C.



"I loved the mud race because we all worked as a team and when we were behind, we didn't give up" - Olivia.



Grade 5/6 Camp continued....



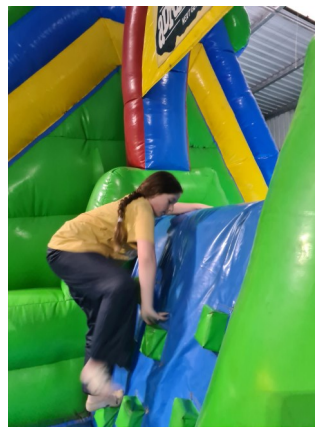
"The whole experience was pretty cool and I had a great time" - Rohan



"I liked the mud run because they rushed us to our very best" - Matthew



"I really loved the mud run with all the water and getting wet" - Bridget



"I loved the inflatable city" - Alfie



"I really liked the caves because it was really dark and a cool experience" - Cozmo



"I loved the food and the flying fox. The cave was awesome" - Jorja





What's happening in Science..



World Environment Day (more details to come)

We are collecting materials for activities to be held on World Environment Day and would appreciate your help.

We are looking for:

- White yoghurt containers
- Clear plastic container lids—any size
- Fly wire screen
- Leaking/unusable Garden hose (to be cut up)
- Old sheets or towels destined for landfill
- Plastic milk cartons or 2L soft drink bottles

Items can be placed in the tub near the Office before 26th May. Thank you!

We are also hunting for containers like this.

I am happy to go collect them but would appreciate if anyone had leads on a business that would currently just throw containers like these out after use.



Grade Prep: We can compare the water resistance of different materials.



Grade 1/2: We can audit our lunchboxes for waste that would belong in compost, recycling or rubbish bins.



Grade 5/6: We can make predictions and investigate the effect on water quality after increasing amounts of dissolved salt.



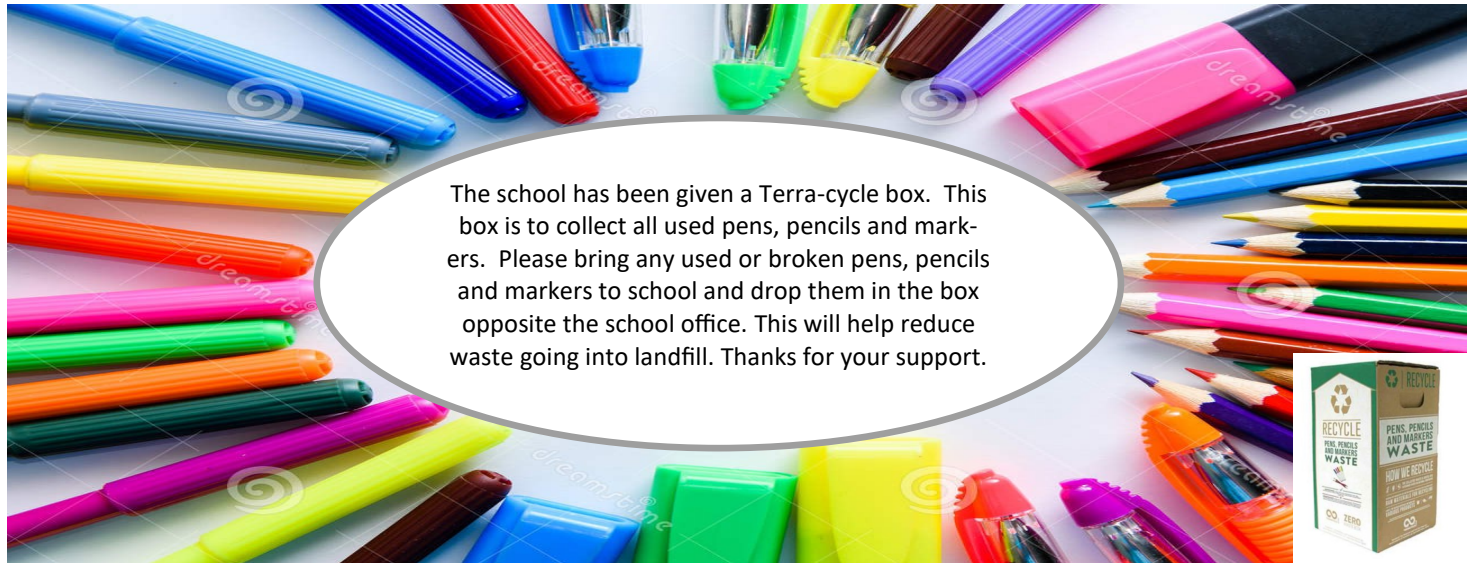
Grade 3/4: We can make predictions about the decomposition of materials.

Currently in the garden we are:

Practising for our Hammer Licence and collecting the last of the autumn leaves to apply as mulch. All students welcome. Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch



Recycle your Stationary



The school has been given a Terra-cycle box. This box is to collect all used pens, pencils and markers. Please bring any used or broken pens, pencils and markers to school and drop them in the box opposite the school office. This will help reduce waste going into landfill. Thanks for your support.



Principal Awards



WEEK 2 T2:
Back Row (L to R):
George W., Madison V.
and Jade C.
Front Row (L to R):
Cooper T., Jobe H. and
Evie L.



WEEK 3 T2:
Kye C., Charlytte
H., Hudson J. and
Evie W.

PCS BEANIES FOR SALE



GET READY FOR WINTER!!!

\$20.00

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POOWONG HALL
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9 am - 3 pm
\$5 entry
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