



POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



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Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

The Importance of Reading

There has been a lot of discussion in the news recently about the importance of reading at home with your child on a consistent basis. This seems such a simple thing but the difference it can make to your child's learning is amazing. Reading is the cornerstone of ALL education and parents need to make sure their child is reading every night. Children can read alone, with their parents or being read to. In the age of technology and social media, the amount of books read (compared with over a decade ago) has dropped, making it more important than ever to build our children's ability to read through nightly reading sessions.

The old saying of 'if there is no investment, there is no dividend' applies not only to money, but also to the time that we are prepared to put into supporting our children at their reading development. As a father of two children it is important that I continue to 'invest' in them (no matter how busy or tired I am when I get home from work) and find the time to support them with their reading.

In the end, the 'dividend' will be that I have raised children that have had the best chance to reach their full potential and be the best they can be. That is a big pay-off for investing a little bit of time each night.

Education Support Day

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the invaluable support that you provide our school community. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and your contributions to our school's success are immeasurable.

Throughout this year, you have consistently gone above and beyond in your roles to ensure that our students receive the highest level of support and care possible. Whether it is in the classroom, outside in the playground, or office, your tireless efforts have made a significant impact on our students and their families.

Your kindness and patience have made a difference in the lives of students, and you've provided a welcoming and supportive space for all students. Your willingness to assist whenever and wherever needed has contributed to making our school the best it can be.

I am continually impressed by your level of professionalism and expertise. You bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school, and your contribution to the broader educational community has been immense.

As we recognize and celebrate your contributions, I want you to know that your work is truly appreciated, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with you. So, on behalf of the entire school community, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all that you do.

Thank you for all that you have done, and will continue to do for our students.

Student-free days for the remainder of 2023

- Term 4 - Monday 6th November
- Term 4 - Monday 18 December

Term 4 - Tuesday 19 December

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.

Regards

Michael Smethurst

Principal

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June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				X	1	2
4	5	X	X	7	8	10
11	X	X	13	14	15	17
18	X	19	20	21	22	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

1st June

Regional Cross Country

6th June

Lightning Prem– Football/Netball

7th June

World Environmental Day

Book Club Orders Due

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	X	31				

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August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		X	X	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

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JULY

31st July– 2nd Aug

Grade 3/4 Camp

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31st July– 2nd Aug

Grade 3/4 Camp



Divisional Cross Country



Last week, 11 of our students travelled to Stony Creek to compete at the Divisional Cross Country.

We are extremely proud of each and every student as they showed great resilience and gave their very best.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 12 of their division, they will now go on and compete at the Regional Cross Country;

Jordyn M. (12th), Kye F. (9th), Olivia M. (6th), Madison V. (11th) and Imogen M. (2nd).





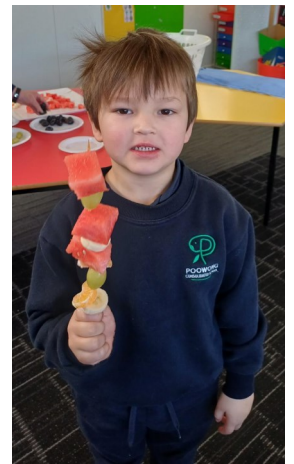
Fruit Salad, yummy, yummy!!



This term, the Prep and Grade 1 Students have been learning how to write and follow procedures.

As part of their learning, the Preps and Grade 1 students had to complete a 'How to make a Fruit Salad' procedure, following step by step instructions using real fruit.

The Prep's made fruit skewers and the Grade 1's made a bowl of fruit salad. They all did an incredible job and it looked delicious. I think it's fair to say that eating their fruit salad at the end was the best part!!!





What's happening in Science..



We learned about animals and where they live. Also where creatures live like frogs, spiders and ants. They all live in different areas. We need to keep them safe and in our environment.

By Xavier

Week 6 Prep Reporter

By Chelsea

Week 6 Prep Photographer

Upcoming Events
World Environment Day
Wednesday 7th June
11:30—1:30
Volunteers needed



On the 30th of May in Science we were looking at snap, tear or stretch. The materials were a cloth, paper, tissue, green bag and plastic. We predicted if the material would snap, tear or stretch and it was amazing!

By Matthew, Week 6 Grade 3 Reporter

By Pheobe, Week 6 Grade 3 Photographer



Thank you to the Mitchard Family for their donation of flywire, Grade 1 and 2 students are excited to now complete the worm farms next week!
Thank you for all the bottle donations!

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



Regional Cross Country

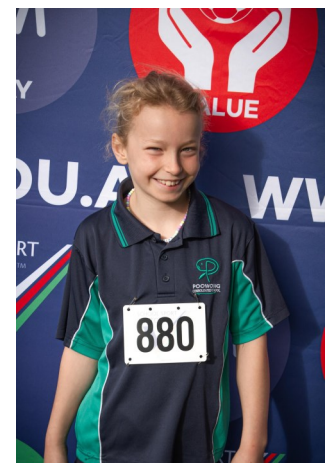


Congratulations to our 5 competitors who competed at the Regional Cross Country in Drouin yesterday.

Once again, we are incredibly proud of each of our students, they gave a tremendous effort and showed great sportsmanship.



Congratulations to Imogen M. who came 11th in her Division. Imogen will now go on to compete in the State Cross Country.



WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 20 minutes per day.❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.❖ 1,800,000 words per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 5 minutes per day.❖ 900 minutes per school year.❖ 282,000 words per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 1 minute per day❖ 180 minutes per school year.❖ 8,000 words per year. 
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nep and Ferrara, 1972.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

**THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

**Warragul 4 – 7th July
Holiday Dance Workshops**

With The Australian Ballet Education and Outreach team

Join The Australian Ballet's Education and Outreach team to create a new dance work in 4 days!

Open to all levels – no need for prior dance experience
Participants attend across 4 days (Tues-Friday) and will be involved in warm ups, creative games, dance exercises and learning the tools to make a dance.

On the final day (Friday 7th July) participants will present the newly created dance at Warragul Leisure Centre Stadium for an audience of friends and family, and will have the opportunity to watch a professional performance of *The Story of Pomi and Gobba*, choreographed by Ella Havelka and performance by The Australian Ballet dancers.

This program is for you if you want to:

- Learn the tools used to make a dance
- Increase your confidence, critical thinking and teamwork
- Explore dance techniques in a creative way

What to bring:

- Water bottle
- Comfortable clothing for moving
- Bare feet or dance shoes
- BYO Lunch/snack on the Friday

The Story of Pomi and Gobba (by Warragul choreographer Ella Havelka)

A story of two young non-binary frogs, who feel like they don't fit in. When they meet, they strike up a friendship and use their own unique strengths to escape a storm.



For any queries, please contact learnings@australianballet.com.au

With thanks to Warragul Leisure Centre!



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BALLET



GRADES 3, 4 & 4

Tues 4th July – Thurs 6th July
1:00 – 2:30pm – dance workshop

Friday 7th July

1:00 – 4:00pm – includes rehearsal, snack break and performance

GRADES 5 & 6

Tues 4th July – Thurs 6th July
2:45 – 4:15pm – dance workshop

Friday 7th July

1:00 – 4:00pm – includes rehearsal, snack break and performance

PERFORMANCE: Grades 3,4 & 4 and 5,6 & 6

Friday 7th July, 3:15pm

Friends and family invited to watch

LOCATION:

Warragul Leisure Centre, 21 Burke Street,
Warragul, VIC, 3820

COST = FREE

REGISTER

To register and for more information please visit:

Grade 3 and 4 - <https://bit.ly/WarragulGrades3&4>

Grade 5 and 6 - <https://bit.ly/WarragulGrades5&6>

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND
Kindergarten
Central Enrolment**



CENTRAL ENROLMENT NOW OPEN

To register your child for three-year-old or four-year-old kindergarten for next year, visit the South Gippsland Shire Council website from

1 May and complete a registration form nominating your kindergarten preferences.

To be included in the first round offers you must register by 30 June.

You can register at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centraleenrolment

For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ADDRESS: Shop 2, 81 Main South Rd, Drouin VIC 3818



VISIT: stemzone.com.au
EMAIL: hello@stemzone.com.au

\$40 per session
BOOK NOW!
FOR AGES 7 TO 13

MONDAY JULY 3

9am – 12pm

WHO DUNNIT? FORENSIC INVESTIGATION

Students use clues and scientific methods to identify the perpetrator of a crime!

1pm – 4pm

BUILD A BRIDGE

Students undertake an engineering challenge to build strong structures. Session ends in a Nerf war to see who has built the strongest fort!

TUESDAY JULY 4

9am – 12pm

BLAST OFF! ROCKETS

Students create a variety of rockets propelled in different ways! (Weather permitting for one of the rocket launches)

1pm – 4pm

KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

From making sherbet to tea bag rockets, the kitchen is full of chemistry fun!

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

9am – 12pm

GRYFFINDOR SECRETS!

Wizards learn all sorts of magical phenomena to impress their family and friends!

1pm – 4pm

SENSE-SATIONAL!

Students investigate phenomena using all five of their senses. Competitions galore in this session!

THURSDAY JULY 6 \$90

8am – 4pm

HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY EXCURSION

Come on excursion with us to hang out with some of Australia's most beautiful animals! Includes all day supervision and bus hire. BYO lunch, entry is free.

BYO Lunch

*If students are staying for lunch an extra \$10 supervision fee is required.