



POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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November

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December

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OCTOBER

27th Oct

School Working Bee

30th Oct

2024 Prep Transition Session 8

NOVEMBER

2nd Nov

Grade 2 Sleepover at School

2nd Nov

Grade 1 Dinner at School

3rd Nov

Grade 2 Activity Day

6th Nov

Curriculum Day—

No Students at School

7th Nov

Melbourne Cup—Public Holiday

13th Nov

2024 Prep Transition Session 9

13th Nov

Bike Education

14th Nov

Bike Education

20th Nov

Bike Education

20th Nov

Grandparents Day

21st Nov

Bike Education

27th Nov

Bike Education

28th Nov

Bike Education

DECEMBER

4th Dec

Bike Education

5th Dec

Bike Education

8th Dec

Grade 6 BIG DAY OUT

11th Dec

Swimming

12th Dec

Statewide Transition

12th Dec

Grade 6 Graduation Night

13th Dec

Swimming

14th Dec

Swimming

15th Dec

Bush Dance

4th Dec

Bike Education

18th Dec

Curriculum Day—

No Students at School

19th Dec

Curriculum Day—

No Students at School

20th Dec

Last Day of School—

1.30 Finish

Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR!

Welcome back for Term 4 everyone. Can you believe it? Where has the year gone? I trust you all had a relaxing and wonderful holiday break. We have had a great start to the term with students and staff getting settled into learning and off to a great start.

2024 Foundation Students

We have had our 2024 Foundation students come to school twice so far this term with a few more transition sessions scheduled over the next few weeks. I would like to welcome all of our new Foundation students and their families to Poowong Consolidated School. I am sure you will find our school to be a welcoming and supportive place for all students to learn. I was lucky enough to spend some time in the classrooms during the transition sessions and enjoyed seeing them become confident and settling into Poowong Consolidated School. The purpose of our transition program is to help students become familiar with our school so that they are looking forward to 2024. This is a very exciting time.

Building Works

Poowong Consolidated School is currently having a toilet block upgrade. I would like to thank you for your patience, as I do know that this has made car parking difficult. This is scheduled to be completed by the end of term. Fingers crossed, even earlier!

Relationships

At Poowong Consolidated School we value having strong relationships with parents, carers and families. We encourage families to make the school aware if there are ever issues that need to be understood and resolved to support students learning and engagement at school. I want to take this opportunity to remind our school community that at all times communication and behaviour with school staff or while on school site needs to be respectful and appropriate. We all share a responsibility to create a safe and happy place for our students to learn and our community to enjoy. Any behaviour that makes staff or school community members feel unsafe will not be accepted

Celebrating Teachers

In celebration of World Teachers' Day, we would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers who tirelessly dedicate themselves to the education and well-being of their students. We want to acknowledge the remarkable individuals who wear multiple hats while guiding, inspiring, and shaping the lives of countless learners.

Teachers are more than just educators; they are mentors, friends, counselors, and role models. Let us recognise and appreciate the vast range of roles and responsibilities they assume day in and day out.

First and foremost, teachers are knowledge facilitators. They possess a deep understanding of their subjects and possess the unique ability to make complex concepts understandable and engaging. They impart knowledge, foster critical thinking skills, and ignite the spark of curiosity in their students. Teachers work diligently to create an inclusive and stimulating learning environment that caters to the diverse needs and learning styles of each student.

Teachers are also cheerleaders, believing in the limitless potential of their students. They provide encouragement, support, and guidance to help students navigate through challenges, overcome obstacles, and reach their goals. They instill confidence and empower their students to believe in themselves and their abilities, even when faced with difficulties.

Farewell to Staff

Saying farewell to teachers leaving PCS is a bittersweet moment that often evokes a mix of emotions for both the departing teachers and the students and staff they leave behind. It is a time to reflect on the impact these teachers have had on the school community and to express gratitude for their dedication and contributions.

Jennifer Hallyburton and Ellyn Maykan will be leaving PCS at the end of 2023. Jen has been at PCS for 9 years and Ellyn for 18 months. We will really miss you both and your wonderful teaching skills. I'm sad to see you go, but I'm excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead for you! We are grateful for all the knowledge and skills you've shared with the students and staff. Your impact and legacy will remain with us even after you leave. As you leave the school, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope you will keep in touch with us from time to time.

Jen and Ellyn have written a brief message to the school community:

Dear families and members of the PCS community,

It is with much sadness that I let you know that I will be leaving PCS at the end of this year. Having worked at PCS for the past 9 years, I have wonderful memories of the amazing students I have taught, families I have worked alongside and the talented staff I have collaborated with. It has been an absolute privilege to be part of my students, and their family's, lives.

I have had the opportunity of working alongside some very committed and talented teachers who have supported me both professionally and personally over the years. I have watched the school evolve and grow, always with the students, families and community at the forefront of every decision. Having my own children also attend PCS, demonstrates my personal connection and trust I have had in the school. I am excited to let you know that my family will be moving to Tasmania in the new year, a much anticipated move. This next chapter is sure to bring my family many new adventures and experiences. I would like to thank the PCS community for all of their support throughout the years and wish you all the best for the future. I have no doubt that the wonderful achievements the school has experienced in the past, will continue in the future for all of our students and families.

Thanks to you all,
Jen Hallyburton

Hello!

It is with mixed emotions – sincere regret mingled with excited enthusiasm – that I bid farewell to Poowong Consolidated School. I am moving closer to Melbourne, following my daughters as they navigate their university journeys (nothing like a home cooked meal – aka free food! – at the end of a tough day of studying) as well as being closer to our family. Though I've only been here a short time, the way I have been accepted into the school community and made to feel at home has been amazing. The support of the community was brilliant as I found my feet when I arrived in the middle of last year, preparing for Notables, Year 6 transition, Graduation and a last minute reorganisation of the Big Day Out (due to inclement weather) – school traditions and events that I needed to learn myself and then guide the students through. It was a steep learning curve! Then to walk into this year with the most magnificent group of Year 6 students I have ever had the privilege of working with has capped off what has been a lovely experience working at Poowong. I am really proud to have been a part of the school and I am really looking forward to new adventures to come. My thanks to everyone and best wishes as you move forward together 😊

Ellyn Maykan

Lastly, it is essential for the school community to embrace change and use the departure of teachers as an opportunity for growth and development. New teachers bring fresh perspectives and ideas, which can invigorate the learning environment. It is important to welcome them warmly and provide support as they transition into their new roles.

Regards
Michael Smethurst



Students of the Week



Back Row (L to R): Grade 6, Charlytte H.,
Ruby A., Kealey H. and Ruby O.

Front Row (L to R): Paige C.
and Lolly C.

Back Row (L to R): Caleb L., Tyson H.,
Brodie F. and Bella T.

Front Row (L to R): Grade 1 Class,
Charlie K. and Lachie M.



Don't forget your hat!!

The weather is warming up and the sun has started shining again. This means, hats are now required to be worn in the school yard. It is Education Policy that School hats must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that your child has a hat for Term 4. We are noticing that most students are wearing hats but there are still a few without. I would like to ask for the support of families to make sure that every student brings a sun smart hat to school every day. Hats are required for all outdoor activities during Term 4. Students who do not have a hat may be required to remain inside or to stay undercover during playtime or outdoor activities.



SGW Art Competition



Last Term, South Gippsland Water held an Art Competition in celebration of National Water Week. The competition was open to all students within the South Gippsland, Bass Coast and Wellington Shire region.

We would like to congratulate our very own Macey Cole on winning 3rd place in the competition. Miranda from South Gippsland Water presented Macey with her prize at assembly last week.



ResourceSmart Schools First Star!

We have our first ResourceSmart School star! PCS started this journey with the aim to learn and embed thoughtful sustainable practice in our school and we have achieved the first step. The certifier was pleased that we passed all aspects of the first module with flying colours. This included involving the whole school in the process and establishing what being a sustainable school means to us and how to make it achievable.

Well done to our PCS community, this is a huge achievement and we should all be proud of the improvements we are making to continually improve to become a sustainable school community.

Meet our Green Team

There was an incredible amount of interest from students across the school to join the Green Team. Students worked hard to prepare speeches and voting occurred within each grade - with very close votes!

Congratulations to the students below. Our current Green Team!

Keep an eye out for the projects they are passionately introducing.



We are on the hunt for:
Big Milo Tins (empty)

Garden Club—Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch (2—2:30 pm)

Planting, building trellis and spreading mulch
All PCS community welcome



POOWONG'S LITTLE Market

**SUNDAY
19TH NOVEMBER**

🕒 10:00AM - 02:00PM
📍 POOWONG FOOTBALL OVAL
💰 GOLD COIN ENTRY ON ARRIVAL



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

A wide range of stalls and a fun filled day for the whole family

FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Registrations now open

🔍 Play cricket



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

- Ages 4-10
- Thursdays @4pm
- Begins October 26th

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