



POOWONG CS NEWS

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ISSUE 6

Mr Smethurst's Report

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 2.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school last week and hear of their holiday adventures. I thought it timely, at the beginning of a new term, to remind parents about a few expectations and arrangements that we have at school.

Compass

This term will be as busy as term 1, so be sure to read the Compass news feeds as they appear. Compass is our primary source of information and communication. Parents/carers will also receive student progress reports on their child/rens progress throughout the term. This allows you to see the progress in real time.

In addition, we post several news feeds on a variety of topics such as camps, parent morning teas, student free days, working bees and many more. Recently, the office has been indicted with calls regarding many of these topics. To assist our admin staff, can you please check Compass before you call as it may have the answer/s to your question/s.

After school Pick up & After Care – A safe option for when you need it.

If you have not considered pre-enrolling your child into After School 'TheirCare', can I please suggest you do so?

We have noted several occasions when some parents are running late to pick their children up from school and no other after school arrangements have been made. The teachers are unable to look after your children beyond 3.45pm. They have parent and/or staff meetings or appointments to attend after hours. Please ensure that you have people who can pick your child up when you are unable to, otherwise if you pre-enrol your child into aftercare.

Each morning, playground supervision commences at 8:45am, so we ask that students do not arrive at school before this time, unless they have been enrolled into Before School Care.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and please be in touch if you have any queries at all.

Better late than never but never late is better!

Beginning the School day well cannot be underestimated. If you have ever been late to a meeting you would know how unsettled and tense you can feel upon arrival, and it can take at least 5 to 10 minutes to feel comfortable and ready to take information in. It is no different in the classroom for children if they are consistently late to school. A good and punctual start to the day is not only an important life skill to instil but it has a positive impact on learning, setting your child up for a productive day at school. Being consistently late has a negative impact on your child and their learning. If your child is late to school and the bell has gone, please sign your child in at Junior School Reception after you have dropped your child into the classroom.

Why Every Day Counts

When students stay away from school, their learning and friendships are affected. There are many practical issues associated with absenteeism.

Students who are absent from school:

- miss the introduction of new work fail to complete work
 - miss revision time
 - fall behind with their learning develop disjointed home-reading routines
 - develop inconsistent routines
 - may lack confidence and feel embarrassed because they cannot do work the class has been studying
 - feel left out from class discussion when they have missed a special class activity and cannot do the associated work
 - miss specialist lessons because these lessons only occur once a week
 - can find it difficult to break into established friendship groups and develop good friendships with their peers
 - can develop a poor attitude towards school believing 'I won't miss much if I'm not at school'
- fail to realise that the teachers and students miss them

Sometimes students stay at home for reasons that are not acceptable. For example:

- the child's birthday
- too tired to come to school because of a late night staying home with a sibling or parent who is sick
- staying away for the whole day when an appointment is booked for a short time in the morning or afternoon
- weather conditions, for example too hot, too wet

Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your child attend school, discuss the matter with your child's teacher or myself.

Regards

Michael Smethurst

Principal

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POOWONG
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

5th May

School Cross Country

8th May

District Athletics

10th May

'Catch up' Photo Day

12th May

Book Club Orders Due

15th-17th May

Grade 5/6 Summit Camp

18th May

Cyber Safety Police visit (G3-G6)

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



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School Cross Country



The weather was on the colder side but the sun was shining!!

We are extremely proud of each and every student who participated. They all showed such persistence and endurance.



Congratulations to the students who made it through Divisional Cross Country.



Thankyou to all our staff, parent and student volunteers for assisting in all areas and a special shout out to Mrs Mandemaker for organising such a fantastic event!





ANZAC Assembly



On Thursday 27th April, PCS held a special assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day. Our School Captains presented assembly, followed by our Grade 6 Leaders, who shared a special poem *For the Fallen*. We were honoured to welcome special guests: Mr A. Moon, Mr D. Jackson, Mr P. Neil and Mr N. Hutchingson from the Korumburra RSL, who presented the formal elements of our ANZAC Service. Whilst the Last Post played, Students and Staff paused to reflect and honour the memory of our servicemen and servicewomen.



For the Fallen

Lest we forget.



With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
 England mourns for her dead across the sea.
 Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
 Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
 Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
 There is music in the midst of desolation
 And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
 They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
 They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
 They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
 They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
 They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
 Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
 To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
 As the stars are known to the Night;

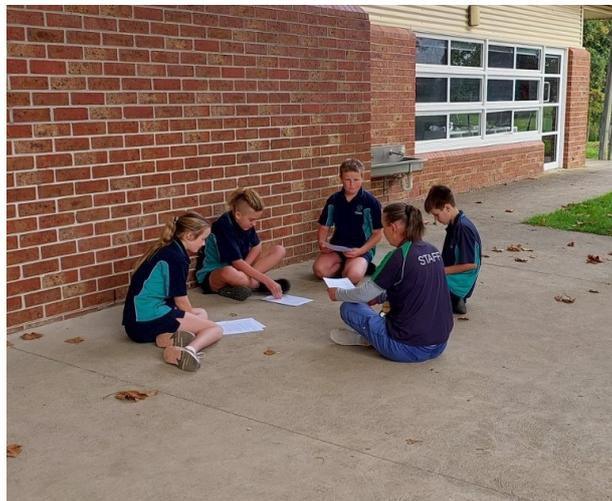
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
 Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
 As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
 To the end, to the end, they remain.





What's happening in Grade 6...

The Year 6s worked on some Reader's Theatre on Monday, practising fluency and expression, as well as ensuring they knew the meaning of the vocabulary to read with the correct nuance.





What's happening in Science..



Week 2 Term 2 2023



Some serious detectives taking notes of potential evidence in the "Mess Scene" last week

Eggs discovered on our cover crop, now to investigate who has laid them and if they are friend or foe to our garden.



Look at the wonderful seed raising OSHC has done!! With such healthy plants transplanted to our garden we are sure to have something to munch on soon. Thank you OSHC!



Finding the seed that started it all!

Term 2. A photo story.



This weather has been ideal for our cover crop and it is flourishing! We are happy to report it is doing a wonderful job at adding life to our soil, blocking the couch grass that keeps sprouting and finally its harvest has added some much needed nitrogen to our compost bin!

Materials we are looking to recycle, reuse or repurpose in Term 2:

- greenhouse plastic/clear plastic
- White yoghurt containers
- flywire screen
- Garden hose (ideally unusable as we will cut it up)
- Small amounts of wood for Pizza Oven cooking
- Clear glass bottles with screw lids

Please let Mrs Dobie know if you could help out with any of these items.

Currently in the garden we are:

Harvesting our green manure crop and building support for the climbing vegetables
All students welcome. Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch



Easter Raffle



A huge congratulations to all our lucky Easter Raffle winners!! The prize winners were as follows:

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| 1st - Evie Garai | 8th—Joel Csincsi |
| 2nd - B rock Warren | 9th—Jackson Russell |
| 3rd— Nana Ross | 10th—Cole Family |
| 4th - Evie Garai | 11th—Xavier Custance |
| 5th— Benson Layton | 12th—Xander Hulse |
| 6th—Ms Siphorpe | 13th—Sophie Cook |
| 7th—Lucas Alley | 14th—Darcy Gleeson |



Principal Awards



WEEK 11 T1: Back Row (L to R): Lila , Willow, Will, Oskar and Aliyah
Front Row (L to R): Prep Class and Axton



WEEK 1 T2: Back Row (L to R): Grade 6, Byron and Jorja .
Front Row (L to R): Lolly and Lily .

PCS BEANIES FOR SALE

GET READY FOR WINTER!!!

\$20.00

Please purchase from the Office
Cash or Eftpos Available

1 Integrity
2 Quality Matters
3 Accountability
4 Progress
5 Learning and Wellbeing



Garfield Picture Theatre
Presents

THE STRZELECKI STRINGBUSTERS

SATURDAY MAY 13th

Doors and bar open at 6:00 - Show starts at 7:30
Light supper provided at interval - Tickets \$66
www.garfieldpicturetheatre.com.au
General enquiries call Fred: 0408 584 633

Scan to buy Tickets

Facebook

Poowong TheirCare acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past, present and future.

PUPIL FREE DAY

19TH OF MAY

Bookings are now open for
a fun filled day of activities
6:30AM to 6:00PM

REMINDER

Please ensure you cancel your booking online,
via phone or in person if your child is unwell
or has not attended school.



Welcome!

To term 2! a big warm welcome to all our families! we have had a fantastic start to the year and look forward to what's ahead of us.

The children have started the term by decorating their own poppy's for Anzac day, coloring their own football jumpers & enjoying making all kinds of creations with our recyclable area. Children designed their own snail to jazz up our seed area. Have you seen the veggie patch? The children have planted Broccoli, Corn, Beans, Carrots and Lettuce during term 1. Our seeds are starting to bloom. we look forward to our first harvest.

It has been a pleasure to work with the school community, families and of course your children. My final day is fast approaching as I venture into a new role closer to my home.

Thank you for all your support!
- Carly :)



Paper Snails



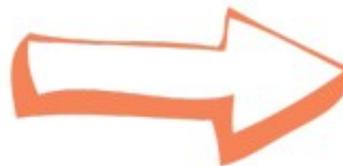
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Alfie Kompa
Aliyah Appelman
Hamish Campbell



OUR SEEDS



TIMES

Before School: 6:30AM-8:45AM

After School: 3:30PM-6:00PM

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