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ISSUE 3

Mr Smethurst's Report

Well, what a big fortnight it has been at PCS. We hosted our first *'Outdoor Cinema Night & Mega Raffle'* which was a huge success and everyone enjoyed our *House Swimming Carnival* at the local Poowong Pool. Now for the House Athletics that are fast approaching.

Results of School Council Election 2023

The voting for School Council elections closed at 4pm on Wednesday 22 February, and the nominations were counted for the 3 vacant parent / carer school council positions.

I'm delighted to announce the three successful nominees were;

- Brendan Dorey
- Sarah Mills
- Natalie Cole (re-elected for another term)

Jennifer Hallyburton (DET Representative)

They join current members:

- Michael Kendall
- Kylie Perrin-Walton
- Jane Adams
- Heather Pinder (DET Representative)
- Michael Smethurst (School Principal)

I would like to acknowledge the support of outgoing councillors Andrew Holman (President) and Deb Watson (Community Engagement). Myself and the school owe a particular gratitude to both Andrew and Deb.

Andrew has been on and off as part of the School Council for more than 10 years in the role of President. Deb has worked in the area of Community Engagement which would have been very challenging during the recent pandemic. Often their work is unseen by the community, but was invaluable. While they are out-going, they will continue to offer their invaluable support to our new School Council and to the school itself as they have already done.

Thank you Andrew and Deb!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and first School Council meeting with the new council, will be held on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the staffroom, where we will elect the office bearers.

Outdoor Cinema Night & Mega Raffle

The goal of the *Outdoor Cinema Night & Mega Raffle* night was to bring our community back together and that is exactly what we did. Many thanks to the team for putting this event together. I am pleased to announce the profit made from the event was \$6,275.60.

Communication

Another way PCS communicates important information is through our school's policies. These policies can be found on the school's website. <http://poowongcs.vic.edu.au/policies/>

Parent/Carers Morning Tea

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us on Monday 27 February. It was an informative and social morning enjoyed by all. I do encourage all parents/carers to join us for our termly morning tea, after drop-off at 9:00am. The morning teas will be held on the following dates:

- Term 2 - Monday 1 May
- Term 3 - Monday 10 July
- Term 4 - Monday 9 October

Come along and meet some fellow parents from other classes and learn about opportunities to become involved in school life. Looking forward to seeing you there.

New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by either lodging the absence on Compass or phoning the school directly on (03) 5659 2356.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

The Poowong Consolidated School's Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available <http://poowongcs.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Attendance-Policy.pdf>

Regards

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Principal

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March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	X	13	14	X	X	X
19	X	20	X	21	22	23
26	27	28	X	29	30	31

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April

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	X	24	X	25	X	28
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May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	X	9	10	11	12
14	X	15	X	16	X	18
21	22	23	24	X	25	26
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POOWONG
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

13th March

Labour Day—Public Holiday

15th –17th March

Naplan Grades 3 & 5

16th March

Regional Swimming

20th March

Book Club orders due back

21st March

School Photos

29th March

School Athletics Day

6th April

Last day of term

7th April

Good Friday

24th April

Term 2 Starts - Curriculum Day

25th April

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

26th April

Students return to school

28th April

State Swimming

5th May

School Cross Country

9th May

District Athletics

15th-17th May

Grade 5/6 Summit Camp

18th May

Cyber Safety Police visit

25th May

Divisional Cross Country



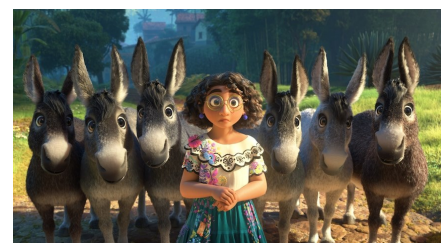
Outdoor Movie Night



What a night!

A big thank you to all those who came along to our 'Outdoor Cinema Night'.

A special thank you to Natalie and her champion team who put the event together as well as to all of those businesses and individuals who donated their good/services. What an amazing start to the fundraising calendar by bringing our community back to the school post covid.

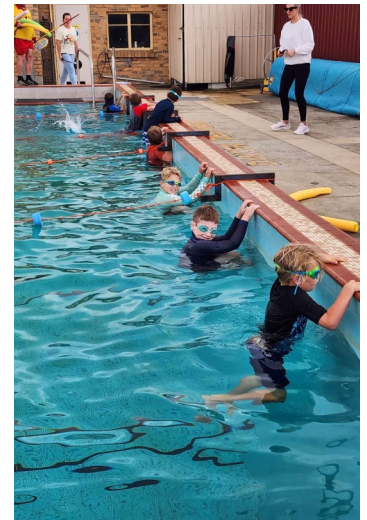




District Swimming



After waiting 3 years to hold our Swimming Carnival (due to covid), it finally happened!! It's fair to say that the children enjoyed the day. There were lots of smiles and laughter despite the weather playing games with us. We are extremely proud of each and every student who participated. Many overcame nerves and challenges and showed great resilience. A huge thank you to all our staff, parent helpers and life guards for making this day happen.





What's happening in Science..



Garden Bed Experiments

This rain has been wonderful for our cover crops growing in our experimental garden beds. We are monitoring the difference in growth and then soil quality through different approaches.

Bed 1—cover crop

Bed 2—compost + cover crop

Bed 3—cardboard covered with leaves and coffee grounds

Bed 4—plant in as normal

Cooking

Part of sustainability this week was to focus on reducing food waste and what better way to make use of the last of the apples off our apple tree than to make delicious Apple Bread.

Kealey Gr 4—So today the grade fours and the grade threes made Apple Bread. First the grade 4s zested the lemons, cut apples and massaged the sugar onto the apples. They mixed the apple and the lemon zest with the sugar. Mixed it to make it nice and juicy. Next the grade 3s will go on with making apple cake.

Lucas Gr 4 – We did this to make apple bread and to make it fun and I tried to do my first time making food. I am proud of cutting and trying to do the zesting and my first time mixing with the sugar.

Ryan Gr 4 – Jack and I had a good time and I really enjoyed this activity and I hope we get to do it again.

Jack Gr 3 - Today we made apple bread using flour, bicarb soda, cinnamon, salt, eggs, oil, apples, sugar and lemon. I really liked when we put it in the tray and mixed it up because I thought it was quite cool that all of it was slowly moving into the tray.

Macey Gr 3– I liked when my group did all different small things, like have parts that they do. And when we got more people added to the group we let them do mixes and things too. When we put them in the tray they all looked very different to the other groups.

I have had many requests for the recipe which is now attached to this newsletter, happy baking!

We are in need of:

- grass clippings
- garden waste

If you are mowing the lawns this weekend we would appreciate some being dropped at the bottom double gate near the vegetable garden beds.

Currently in the garden we are:

Building our compost bins and planting cover crops

All students welcome. Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch



Grade 3 & 4 Apple Bread Recipe

APPLE BREAD

Level: Easy

Total: 2 hr 20 min

(includes resting and cooling times)

Active: 30 min

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

Special equipment:

a 25 x 12 x 7 cm loaf pan



Ingredients

- 5 small apples, peeled and cut into rough 2cm chunks (about 4 cups)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- Cooking spray
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions

1. Work the apples, sugar and lemon zest together in a large bowl with your hands until the sugar feels like wet sand. Let the mixture sit, tossing occasionally, for 30 minutes (the sugar will have started to melt but will still be gritty).
2. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 175C. Generously coat the loaf pan with cooking spray.
3. Sift the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt together onto a large piece of parchment. Whisk together the oil, eggs and vanilla in a medium bowl.
4. Once the apples are ready, add the flour mixture to them, and fold until combined. Pour in the oil mixture, and fold until just combined (it's OK if there are a few lumps). Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Tap the pan on the counter a few times to settle and even out the batter.
5. Bake the bread until the top is golden brown and bounces back when pressed (if you insert a toothpick into the centre, it's OK if there are a few crumbs), 55 to 60 minutes. Let cool in the pan on a cooling rack until cool enough to handle. Invert the bread out of the pan, and serve warm or at room temperature.



Lost Property



Our lost property is beginning to grow again. If your child is missing any items, please come have a look through the lost property rack. Located outside the office.

PCS has been fortunate enough to have school uniform and bags donated by families. Feel free to enquire at the office about our 'free to good home' uniform.



Principal Award

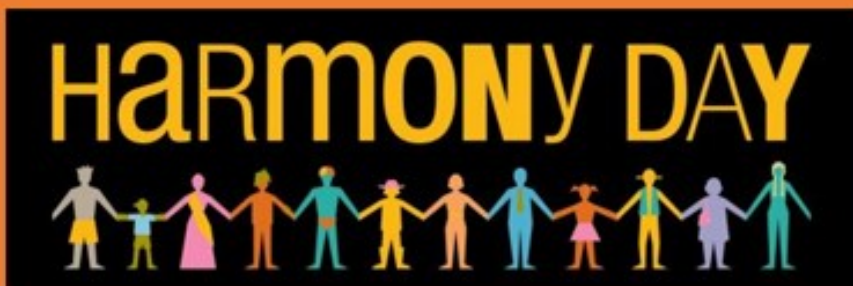


WEEK 5: Mr R., Nevaeh, Evie and Kurt

WEEK 6: Madison, Georgia, Jack, Oscar, Kye, Christopher, Jamie and Tyler



Dress in Orange Day - Friday March 24th



to celebrate our strengths in our diversity.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



BLUE WOLF PHOTOGRAPHY

We are at

Poowong Consolidated School

Sample St Primary School - Grade Two 2018



Back Row: Bill Bakker, Brent Wiley, Oscar Adams, George Smith, Alexandra Brady, Scott Fryer
Middle Row: Jill Ford, Isabella West, Nick Kent, Michelle Smythe, Brett Loring, Tara Simons
Front Row: Steven Simons, Brianna Reid, Lucia Pedrick, Ruby Reid, Beth Karpis, Courtney Welch, Elzavil Simons
Teacher: Bronka Maddox, Educative Support: Lucy Webb



Tuesday 21st March 2023

Please use the registration forms provided
& you will be ready to purchase via
our online store when the photos are ready!!

Please contact us with any special requests prior to the shoot date!
We will endeavour to photograph all siblings on the day!



PLJFC Family Day 2023

Sunday March 19th

Loch Memorial Reserve

11am-2pm

Meet the coaches

AFL Gippsland Activities/Prizes

Jumping Castle/ Face Painting

Merchandise available

Suzy's Coffee Cart

BBQ Lunch & drinks provided



Cant wait to see
you all there



**NOTE: Under 10's registrations are closed.
Limited spots for 12's; 14's registration still open**