

PCS NEWS

Thursday 10th March 2022



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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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A Message from Mrs McKenzie...

Curriculum Day/Public Holiday Reminder

A reminder that tomorrow is a Curriculum Day and no students attend school. After School Care is running all day if you need to book your child in for the day. Monday is a public holiday for Labour Day. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday next week.

School Photos

School Photos are approaching quickly. If you have a separated family, additional photo envelopes can be picked up from the school office if needed. Please make sure your order envelope is back at school prior to photo day on Wednesday 16th March.

CASEA Consent Forms

A reminder to send back the consent forms for the CASEA program. We are excited to partner with the Latrobe Hospital's Early Intervention for Mental Health team to support our kids returning to onsite learning this year.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in School Readiness days and state-wide practice sessions for NAPLAN in preparation for the first NAPLAN online, state wide. This is new for all of our students and we will use these readiness sessions to ensure our internet manages the load and that we can fix any small issues leading into NAPLAN week in May.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is approaching in 21st March. Children will participate in Harmony Day activities that promote inclusion, support and acceptance of all people. It is always a lovely, positive day at school. More information will come out in the coming weeks.

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle donations are now being accepted. The prep children will come around to each grade, each morning, to collect donations (and they are super excited!!). Please consider purchasing an extra egg or crafty item when you are out shopping to donate for the Easter raffles. Tickets have been sent out to families and more are available to collect from the office if you need.

Hot Cross Bun Orders

Don't forget that Hot Cross Bun Orders are due in on April 1st- no joke!!

School Council Announcements

Congratulations to our new School Council members, Kate Matthyssen and Charlene Donnison. We would also like to welcome back to our returning members Jane Adams, Michael Kendall and Kylie Perrin-Walton. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm. We look forward to updating you with School Council News throughout the year. We would like to thank Shelley Churchill, who has retired from School Council, for her fabulous work as our Finance person and for all her work supporting our school throughout her time on School Council. Thanks, Shelley. You are awesome.

Have a fabulous FOUR day long weekend! See you on Tuesday. Cate

COMING UP...

TERM ONE

- Mar 11 - Curriculum Day
(No Students at School)
- Mar 14 - Labour Day Public Holiday
(No Students at School)
- Mar 16 - School Photos
- School Council
- Mar 17 - St. Patricks Day
- Mar 21 - Harmony Day
- April 1- Hot Cross Bun Orders Due
- Apr 5 - House Athletics Sports
- Apr 8 - End of Term - 2:30pm finish

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Gr 5/6 Marysville Camp
August 17th -19th
- Gr 3/4 Mill Valley Camp
August 24th - 26th

REMINDERS

Easter Raffle Donations can be given to your child's classroom



PCS BEANIES

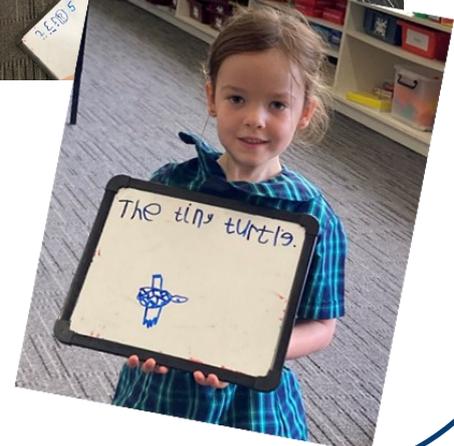


Available from the Office

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN... GRADE PREP

The Preps are definitely getting into the swing of things with our first full week of school last week! It has been wonderful to see them building relationships and positive learning attitudes, as well as developing their understanding of maths and literacy.

We have enjoyed working on building number sense in Maths and had a great time making 2D shapes with playdough. In Narrative writing we are adapting fairy tales, while continuing to develop our letter sound knowledge. Buddies and icy poles have also continued to be a huge hit! - Mrs Drysdale



THE WRITER'S CORNER



SQUISH SQUISH!

I squished the elephant. I knew right that second she was the one I was looking for.

I told Mum and she bought it. I was so excited my heart was racing with excitement. When we got home, I got scissors and rushed to my room and I got her out of the box, she was shiny as a diamond, she was safe in my hands.

After a few days I decided to name her Ellie. I thought, "What a great idea," I said to myself. Then Mum said good night to me. My heart skipped a beat because I knew she was safe with me, I grinned with happiness, then I cuddled her and fell asleep.

After a few weeks I decide to bring her outside to see the new world! We played on the swing and trampoline, it was a blast! Until Nick came...he grabbed Ellie and threw her, I screamed then jumped off the trampoline and hurried to get her. She was muddy so I put her in the washing machine. It was satisfying watching her going around in circles in the machine watching her wash. It was this, SWOOSH SWOOSH!

After 10 minutes, I heard a sound. BEEP BEEP! I was so excited, she was good as new. I felt joy in me. I got Ellie and cuddled her, she was like something really special like a star in my heart, I knew she was mine forever!

Sunrise came, it was a fresh new start to the day, I got dressed and grabbed Ellie, I was really happy. It felt good to have someone safe with me. I ate breakfast. I had toast for breakfast and went to my room. I looked at her and grinned, it felt like she was grinning back at me, she was very sparkly. Then it hit me, I never knew when her birthday is...

I decided her birthday could be March 15th. It was fun doing these things with Ellie. She looks very fuzzy and white and grey. She's like a glittery fairy. I love her! She makes me feel comfortable and safe.



Olivia Maddocks - Grade 4

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SPOT IT



Spot it, an awesome game. It's a quick and easy game where you need to try and spot the same picture. It took a while to learn how to play but we figured it out in the end.

I was taught how to play by a French couple that was travelling Australia and got stuck with us because of lockdown. One lovely sunny day and I was catching butterflies to feed to a gecko we found in a trailer full of wood.

After that chaos, we went on a beautiful and long walk to Nana and Pa's, through the paddocks with my uncle John and cousin Gussy. We threw huge chunks of wood in the river. Unfortunately, it was raining so hard that the river was 3x the size it normally is, but we still went the long way, obviously Dylan was terrified because he thought all the gumtrees would fall down.

When we got home there was a huge tiger snake on the step. Of course I hid under the table with the dogs, I was petrified! Then it slithered away. I got out from under the table and had nearly peed my pants.

Then I went outside, but I went inside and finished my dinner.

We take Spot It nearly everywhere. We mainly take it camping. But we play it heaps at home.

James Rees – Grade 4



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Term 1 - Week 7 Newsletter

What's happening at TheirCare

Another fun and engaging week here at before and after school care. This week's theme was "The world around us", which helped me become a bit more knowledgeable about the area and what Poowong means to the children. At the start of the week, I asked the children to draw what Poowong means to them, I was impressed with the variety of answers that were drawn up. Some children said the swimming pool where they have memories with their family or friends, and some said footy thinking about the local footy grounds. I was so impressed I put some of the art works into the journal reflection so that our school community could see.

We also had activities that opened discussion about the local area and surrounding towns, such as a word search. We talked about where everyone came from and what they knew about the small towns. We also spent a bit of time outside looking at the different trees and leaves that the local area has and around the school. This was great fun and from this we made some art works out of leaves we found around the school.



Important Information/Updates

Watch this space for news about our upcoming community event.

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WEEKLY AWARDS & CAPTAIN BADGES



Well Done to all our Award Winners and Captains

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The Poowong Loch Junior Football Club invites you to

JOIN THE BULLS

Prospective players are welcome to come and
"have a go"

with us at trainings held every
Wednesday from 4:45 to 6pm at:
Loch Memorial Reserve
32 Loch-Poowong Rd, Loch

For further information, please email secretary@poowonglochjfc.org.au

WELL DONE!



Well Done
to Pallas
Jackman-Riches
who received first
place in Freestyle
at the Division
Swimming Sports
on Friday 25th
February.



HEALTHY HABITS

School is a time when children start to make independent choices about their lifestyles. School aged children learn quickly and are influenced by friends and popular trends. This is an important time to talk about and encourage healthy food habits.

Involving children in planning and preparing their own lunchboxes gives them the opportunity to learn about healthy eating, and also gives them a chance to make decisions about what they will be eating during the day.

Tips for healthy lunchboxes

Cut up large pieces of fruit and put them in a container – this makes it easier to eat, especially if your child has wobbly teeth or if they have less time to eat than they are used to. Send a damp face washer to help with extra juicy fruit.

Consider giving half a sandwich or roll for morning recess, as this is an easy way to get a healthy fill.

In the hot weather, send frozen milk, yoghurt or water, or even frozen orange segments. This makes a great refreshing snack and helps to keep the lunch box cool.

Go for colour and crunch in the lunch box by offering a variety of colourful vegetables and fruit.



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Poowong Consolidated School

POOWONG CAFÉ & TAKEAWAY LUNCH ORDER MENU

Potato Cake	\$1.00
Fried Dim Sim	\$1.00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.00
Chicken Nugget	\$1.00
Party Pie	\$1.20
Sausage Roll	\$1.20
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
Moka Dog (Battered)	\$3.20
Hot Dog	\$3.50
Chicken Wrap (GF)	\$3.50
Chicken Strip Salad (GF)	\$4.50
Super Spud	\$4.50
Cheese & Salad Sandwich	\$4.00
Ham Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$4.00
Jam Donut	\$1.20
Tropical Prima	\$1.50
Big M - Chocolate	\$2.00
Big M - Strawberry	\$2.00
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00

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