



# POOWONG CS NEWS

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## Mrs Turner's Report

Last week we had our OHS Assessment which highlighted some areas of concern mainly around documentation, chemical storage, plant and equipment and electrical tagging and testing. We have some work to do but please rest assured, your children's safety is our main concern. The car park and bus loop still poses significant safety concerns for our community. The bus entry and staff carpark entry will now be chained off at the end of the day (when buses have entered the loop) and will remain on until the first staff member arrives at school in the morning. Please remember to always park in the designated parent car park, including when accessing before and after school care. Another area of concern is wellbeing and mental health. Please be respectful of our school values and our staff by adhering to our Code of Conduct policy. We all deserve to work in a workplace free from bullying and harassment.

[http://www.poowongcs.vic.edu.au/?page\\_id=27](http://www.poowongcs.vic.edu.au/?page_id=27)

Please find attached our new refund policy that was recently approved at school council. Parents are now required to complete a "request for refund" form which will be processed via the office. We hope this will streamline things a bit.

On Tuesday, George Telford from Challenging Learning visited our classrooms and did some work with our students around questioning and modelled some great strategies for teachers to utilise in their lessons. George demonstrated how effective questioning that promote high order thinking and discussion, using collaborative group activities. The students loved having George visit and asked him if he would come back soon. George has been working with our school for the past 12 months to improve student voice and agency as highlighted in our four-year strategic review, and will continue to work with us next year.

Next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September is RUOK Day. Please take the time to check on your friends and loved ones. We have been through so much over the past two years and whilst on the surface it may appear that things are almost back to normal (whatever that is now), you never know how people may be feeling unless you ask the question. For further information and support please check out the RUOK website. <https://www.ruok.org.au/>



WHAT'S GOING ON FOR  
THE REST OF TERM 3?

PREP TRANSITION

5TH SEPTEMBER

12 SEPTEMBER

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

2ND SEPTEMBER

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

TUESDAY 6TH SEP 6-7PM

DIVISION ATHLETICS

9TH SEPTEMBER

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

16TH SEPTEMBER



# GRADE 3/4 CAMP MILL VALLEY RANCH

At MVR I loved my time there because of all of the activities.

My favourite activity was the archery because I can now shoot a bow and arrow. I hit the target. My other favourite activity was horse riding because I liked the lassoing. Because I got a key ring from it.

My least favourite activity was making the damper because it was so hard to make. Every single time I got it out of the fire it was soft. I had to put it in for around an hour.

I believe nothing can be improved at MVR because it was absolutely perfect.

- Alfie Kompa



## Why Grade 5/6 should go to camp Marysville in 2024.

I think that grade 5/6 should go to camp Marysville in the future because it is a great fun camp for learning skills. Keep reading to find out more reasons why grade 5/6 should go to camp Marysville in the future.

The first reason is the activities are really fun, and good for people that like getting dirty. For example, the mountain biking, there are plenty of puddles and mud plus a river lookout towards the end. Other fun activities you can do are rock climbing, low ropes course, bush skills and a campfire night. So that is my first reason why grade 5/6 should go to camp Marysville.

My second reason is the cabins, the cabins are a good experience for being independent, since you are basically in a little house. For example, keeping it clean, getting up in time for breakfast stuff like that. And wouldn't you want your kid to be more independent? On to the next reason.

The last reason is the scenery. The view is lovely to wake up to, like the mountains and the birds chirping. The fresh air when you walk up to breakfast is so lifting.

So those are all my reasons. I hope after reading this grade 5/6 should get to go to camp Marysville and enjoy the amazing experience I had there.

By Ainsley



## Should Year 5/6 go back to Marysville camp?

I think the year 5/6 students should go back to camp Marysville and if you don't agree you should after I give you these good reasons. Like the food the activities and the leaders, how amazing!

Firstly, THEIR FOOD! How DELICIOUS! You thought your Mum makes the best shepherd's pie, or your Nan cooks the best bacon. Well your wrong! Your school should definitely go to this camp!!!!

Secondly, the activities, there amazing. My favourites were mountain biking and rock climbing, I will tell you about them. With mountain biking you go on a trail and through lots of puddles I thought it was going to be boring until I actually did it there was this one puddle it went over your hole wheel nearly. Rock climbing, I think was 25 metres high and climbing wasn't the only thing you had to do, you could hold the rope that keeps them holding up as well. Wouldn't you love that?

Oh, I nearly forgot, the leaders they are great! If you were struggling on the rock-climbing wall or something they're so supportive they would say something like, "could you try one more step," or if you're in the canoe they let you hold on to there's if you're struggling. Have you ever had leaders that helpful and supportive? I don't think so.

I could have done 5 billion more reasons but I didn't want to make it boring so I did three strong ones. You should definitely agree by now and if you don't you must be crazy!!!

By Keyon





# FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

We are inviting all Poowong Consolidated School families to our Family Maths Night. Come along and support your child's learning by engaging in an evening full of activities and excitement for your child's progression in their learning. The event will take place from 6pm until 7pm at Poowong Consolidated School. This year's theme is statistics & probability and ICT.



## MOVIE NIGHT—POSTPONED

Unfortunately our Movie Night Fundraiser planned for this weekend has been **postponed** due to forecast presenting with poorly predicted weather conditions. Once a date has been decided for a new evening we will inform students and parents all via the school Facebook and Sentral's Parent Portal. Please note that all tickets will still be valid for the new set date, but if you would rather a refund then you can do so via [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

We still have plenty of raffle tickets up at the office if you would like to buy any or on sell any to people you may know.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the office!

A huge thankyou for your supporting.

Poowong Consolidated School  
fundraising event of the year!



ADDRESS: 5 Gardner Lane, POOWONG, VIC 3988  
NOTE: This is a strictly alcohol FREE event.

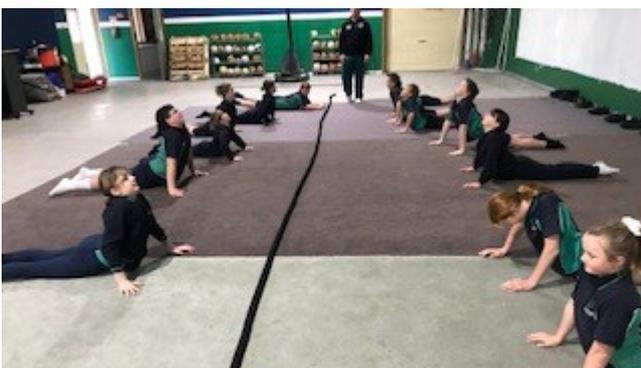


# TÆEKWONDO



Over the last Term, Mrs Mandemaker organised for James and Cassie from Heenan Taekwondo to come out and teach our students a few of the techniques designed for self defence, respect for the body and the physical skills that tie into such an artform. We have been so proud to see our students growing their confidence each week, and attempting to engage in a sport that many of them have been unfamiliar with.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Mandemaker for allowing our students to participate in something a little bit different and branching out their sporting understanding. An additional thankyou to James and Cassie for educating our students and for giving them the opportunity to participate and learn about your passion.





# ART WITH MRS MANDEMAKER

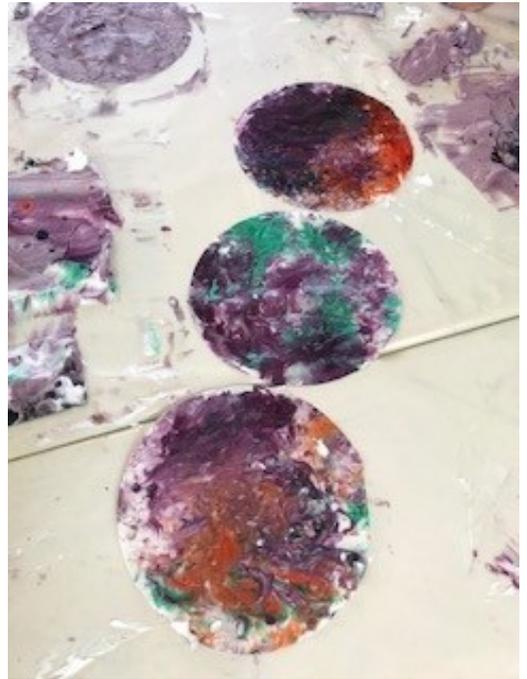
Our students have been so busy preparing pieces for the Poowong Gardner's Club, all while learning about different elements of art with Mrs Mandemaker. We thought some of these pictures of our cheeky Grade Two's would bring a smile to your face.



Hands up Grade 2's!!



Miss Indy laughs at Miss Phoebe's reaction to the mess they have made!





# AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to our award recipients for last week. Your efforts to be welcoming and inclusive in the classroom throughout your schooling week was clearly recognised by your teachers.

Back row: Neveah (G1) Christopher (GP)

Front Row: Lilianah (G5) Hamish (G1)



A big happy birthday to the following students. We hope your day was fun, eventful and full on cake!! Love your PCS family x

Lucas (G4) Madison (G4) Daylen (G4) Shyla, Melody (G2), Izzy (G4), Jackson (G5), James R (G4)

## FOOTY COLOURS DAY



### Last day of term - Friday 16th September

To celebrate the last day of school and the AFL Finals we are encouraging all students and teachers to wear their footy colours to school on the last day of term. There's also talk of a special guest that may be coming into visit so keep your eyes and ears peeled.

Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for MND.

Go Cats!

Em x





# SCHOOL UNIFORM/LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of Lost Property that seems to be growing larger each day. On Friday at assembly, we will put all of this lost property outside the shed to give students and parents an opportunity to look for anything they may have lost.

This includes items from our recent camps. We also have a student who is missing a 'Vivo Fit Junior 3' (Purple) watch and a pair of pyjamas. Another is missing a toiletry bag. If you happened to stumble upon these items when emptying your child's bag, then please let the office know.

If the school uniform items have not been claimed by the end of term, we will wash these items and have them for sale for anyone to purchase in Term 4 in our second hand uniform supply.

By doing this, hopefully we can reduce the pile and keep your cherubs warm for next term.

We also have new spray jackets available to purchase from Beleza (pictured below). There are samples at school if you wish to try them on!



**Beleza**  
SCHOOL UNIFORMS  
UNIFORM REDEVELOPMENT

EVERYDAY UNIFORM  
JACKETS



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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



Spray Jacket w/ Embroidered Logo  
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Soft Shell Jacket w/ Embroidered Logo  
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in-store price From \$68.40





# SUPPORTING OUR LOCALS

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**  
**POOWONG GARDEN CLUB Inc**  
**FLOWER & PHOTO SHOW**

**Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September 2022**  
**Poowong Public Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**  
 From 7.30pm  
 Wine & Cheese  
 Official Opening  
 Cutting of Birthday Cake  
 Flower & Photo Exhibition  
 Art displays by local school students.  
 Admission \$10.00 per person (Students free)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**  
 From 10.30am  
 Flower & Photo Exhibition  
 2.30pm Presentation to winners  
 Art displays by local school students  
 Cuppa & Cake Available  
 3pm End of show.  
 Gold coin entry (Students Free)

Members of the public and primary school children are encouraged to enter exhibits in the flower & photo competition. To request a show schedule or for further information please contact  
 Linda 0439 979 831  
 Or  
 Christina 0438 041 012  
 Email [secretarypoowonggardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretarypoowonggardenclub@gmail.com)

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**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**  
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**FLOWER & PHOTO SHOW**  
 Poowong Public Hall  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**SHOW SCHEDULE.**

**Rules:**  
 All entries to be delivered and staged between 9.30am & 11am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.  
 Limit 2 entries per section per exhibitor.  
 No exhibits to be removed until after close of show on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

**Class A to E**  
 Section 1 to 28 must have been in the owner's possession for at least 2 months. (Except Class C).  
 Winning entries from previous shows not eligible to enter. Name and section number to be attached to underside of each exhibit.  
 Certificates awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in each section.  
 Runnings voucher to best exhibit in each class.

**Class A. CUT FLOWERS**  
 Section  
 1) 1 stem Narcissus (Daffodil)  
 2) 1 Iris (any type)  
 3) 1 Poppy  
 4) 1 single flower not mentioned  
 5) 1 stem any other flower not listed  
 6) Container of 1 kind of cut flowers  
 7) Container of mixed flowers  
 8) Water bowl of floating flowers

**Class B. TREES & SHRUBS.**  
 Section  
 9) Container of mixed salvia  
 10) 1 flower stem of tree or shrub  
 11) 1 stem native flower including trees or shrubs  
 12) Container of 1 kind flowering tree or shrub  
 13) Container of tree or shrub foliage only

**Class C. FLORAL ART.**  
 Section  
 14) Table arrangement  
 15) Floral arrangement featuring fruit & flowers  
 16) Arrangement depicting a song  
 17) Decorated watering can with an Aussie theme  
 18) Flowers or plants in a glass bowl or glass container (accessories allowed)

**Class D. POT GROWN PLANTS.**  
 Section  
 19) Flowering pot plant  
 20) Foliage only pot plant  
 21) Fern  
 22) Multiple ferns in one pot  
 23) Succulent or cacti (3 only)  
 24) Multiple succulents or cacti in one pot

**Class E. POOWONG GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**  
 Section  
 25) My best flower or stem  
 26) Miniature container of flowers (10cm or less)  
 27) Flowers in a teacup  
 28) Busy housewife vase of flowers

**PHOTOGRAPHY.**  
 Rules:  
 Photos no larger than 5" x 7" (18cm x 12.5cm)  
 Professional photographers are NOT eligible to enter.  
 No digital enhancement allowed.  
 Photos must be taken by owner.  
 Limit 2 entries per person per section.  
 Prints to be mounted or unmounted with name and section number to be placed on back of each entry.  
 Prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each section.  
 Prize to best exhibit chosen from section 29 to 34

**Class F**  
 Section  
 29) Sunrise or sunset  
 30) Animals/Pets  
 31) Showcase Poowong  
 32) Make me smile (humorous)  
 33) Tree/s  
 34) Water

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.**  
 Rules:  
 Limit 2 entries per section per exhibitor.  
 Name and section number to be placed on back of each entry.  
 Prize money awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in each section.  
 Prize money to best exhibit chosen from section 35-39

**Class G. (9 years & under)**  
 Section  
 35) Saucer of fresh flowers  
 36) Decorated boot or shoe (using any type of materials allowed)  
 37) Nicest leaf  
 38) Novelty article made from natural/horticultural materials  
 39) Lego creation any design

**PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN (Open age).**  
 Rules:  
 Limit 2 entries per section per exhibitor.  
 Name and section number to be placed on back of each entry.  
 Prize money awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> in each section.  
 Prize money to best exhibit chosen from section 40-44

**Class H**  
 Section  
 40) Miniature container of flowers (10cm or less)  
 41) Coloured drawing of scenery - nature (embellishments & stickers allowed)  
 42) Something humorous using horticultural materials  
 43) Brightest flower/stem from the family garden  
 44) Lego creation with a horticultural theme

Bring your entries to the Poowong Public Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, any time between 9.30am and 11am. (No entries accepted after this time). We will assist you with staging your exhibits. Please attach your name and entry section number to the underside of each of your exhibits.  
 Any queries, please contact the chief steward.  
 Linda Harvey  
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 Keep up to date on our Facebook and Instagram  
[www.leongathalittle.com.au](http://www.leongathalittle.com.au)

## Junior tennis Grading Night

Tuesday 6 Sept 4-5pm

Poowong Tennis Club

For new players wanting to join the Saturday Junior Tennis Competition

If you are school age and are interested in playing this season just come along. (we have some smaller racquets available for use)

All information about the competition will be available at the session

(Korrine Junior tennis Competition runs Saturday mornings from Oct – early March)

Current players don't need to attend.

Enquiries: Shelley Churchill 0407847198, Wendy Tilling 0407863304

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# REFUND POLICY

## RESPONSIBILITY

The School Principal is responsible for ensuring that this policy is incorporated in processes within the school administration, and that any changes are approved by School Council.

## PURPOSE

To ensure that there is a fair and equitable refund system at Poowong Consolidated School for when a parent/carer requests a refund for a service or good that has not been fully accessed by a student.

## PEOPLE THIS POLICY EFFECTS

The stakeholders impacted by the policy are the parent/carer who has made the payment, the School Principal, School Administration staff and the teaching staff.

## DEFINITIONS

Essential Student Learning Items – materials, subscriptions and resources as listed in the school parent payment arrangements

Activities – planned activities such as sporting events, Junior School Council fundraisers and Incursions that make up part of the curriculum as listed in the school's parent payment policy

Camps & Excursions – optional activities set by the school that require parent consent and upfront payment or a payment plan.

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. A payment provided by the Department to schools for the purpose of paying costs of camps, sport and excursions for an eligible student.

CASES21 - the software used by Dept of Education & Training schools to manage the school's finances including creditors, debtors and family payments.

## LEGISLATION

[Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 \(Vic\)](#)

[Education Training and Reform Act 2006 \(Vic\)](#)

## POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides guidelines and circumstances in determining eligibility, amount to be refunded and how to issue the refund of a payment made by a member of the school community for a student.

Poowong Consolidated School will consider full or partial refund request of payments made by parent/carers. A request for a refund does not automatically equate to a full refund of payment made – each request will be considered on its merit.

### **Payment of Refunds**

Refunds are not to be given via cash, the refund must be transferred directly into a nominated bank account.

It is preferable that the refund is either used to pay for any outstanding charges relating the family; or credited to the family account and used for any future charges; however this is subject to the consent by the parent/guardian.

If payment of the camp, excursion, activity was made with CSEF funds, the refunded funds must be kept by the school on the family's account and used for activities that meet CSEF eligibility criteria.

### **Camps, Excursions & Activities**

Students withdrawing from camps, excursions or activities that require prior consent and payment will not automatically be entitled to a refund. Any refund will be payable to the parent/carer if the Principal deems the withdrawal from the activity is due to unavoidable circumstances.



## REQUEST FOR REFUND

Student Name:		Year Level:	
Parent/Carer Name:		Contact Ph Number:	

**Type of payment made to be refunded:**

Parent Payments

Camp/Excursion

**Reason for refund:**

- Illness (Please attach a Medical Certificate if applicable)
- Change of mind/circumstances
- Left School
- **Treatment of Refund:**
- *Please note: Poowong Consolidated Primary School would prefer that refunds are used to pay outstanding charges*
- *or kept on the family account for future costs; however, this is your choice.*
- Please keep on my family account to be used for future costs
- Please use to pay any outstanding charges on my family account
- Please pay refund into my nominated account
- BSB: Account Number:
- Account name:
- I understand and agree that:
  1. A refund may not be made to me or be made in full or in part, having regard to the associated expenses already incurred by the school, and the school's refund guidelines provided to me.
  2. This refund application and associated document will be treated confidentially and not used for any other purpose.
  3. I have provided accurate information in this Request for Refund
- Signature of Parent/Carer Date
- (School Use Only)
- Prepared by: Refund: \$
- Signature of

## Top ten tips to protect yourself against swooping birds

Swooping birds may be a frightening or even a dangerous experience. Native birds can swoop in urban and rural areas, in parks and gardens, along bike tracks and in school yards, or anywhere that birds are nesting.

### 1. Know your local swooping hotspots

Keep informed about parks, schoolyards and bike trails in your local area by reading your local newspapers, viewing Victoria's 'Maggie Map' on [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds) or contacting your local council.

### 2. Avoid the area

The best way to protect yourself from a swooping bird is to avoid venturing into their territory.

### 3. Move quickly

If you must pass through the area – move calmly and quickly – do not run.

### 4. Cover your head

Wear a hat or carry a stick or umbrella above your head. Cyclists should wear a helmet, dismount and walk through the area.

### 5. Eyes at the back of your head

Birds may be less likely to swoop if they think you are watching them. Draw a pair of 'eyes' and attach to the back of hats and helmets.

### 6. Do not harass wildlife

Don't interfere with or throw stones at birds. This gives them added reason to see humans as a threat and may increase swooping behaviour.

### 7. Do not destroy nests

This may prompt birds to rebuild their nests, prolonging the swooping behaviour.

### 8. Don't feed swooping birds.

This may encourage swooping behaviour.

### 9. Travel in a group

If possible, try to travel in a group in areas where there are swooping birds.

### 10. Notify others

Put up warning signs for others who may not be aware that there are swooping birds in the area, or ask your council to do so.

You can also mark a bird-swooping area on Victoria's Swooping Bird Map at [www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds](http://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds).



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