



Mr Smethurst's Report

Hello everyone and welcome to the end of Term 1,

It has arrived upon us incredibly quickly, and I wish to thank each and every one of you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your children to be ready for learning.

As Term 1 draws to an end, we can only reflect on how lucky we have been to undertake most of this term without major disruptions and challenges. How fortunate that most of our programs and events have unfolded as planned during the term and as our teachers continue to work hard this week to undertake their extensive planning for term 2.

We end a fantastic term that has seen some significant accomplishments with our Foundation students beginning their schooling and settling into their learning spaces with their peers and new teachers, the entire student group beginning their learning with rigour and intent.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff who made the magic happen. They have worked tirelessly to make this term a success and for that I applaud and thank them.

Working Bee

On the 28th April, Poowong Consolidated School will be having a 'Working Bee' after school from 4:00 - 6:00pm. At the end, we will have a free sausage sizzle to finish the evening.

Please wear sensible clothing and footwear. In addition, can you please bring your wheelbarrow, shovel/spade, broom, pruning shears, rake and general tools such as hammer, screwdriver, drills and nails. Following are the tasks that we will work on: weeding, pruning, sweeping/blower, turning over the sand in the sandpit and general maintenance.

Easter Baskets

A big thank you to all the families who generously donated Easter Eggs/Goodies towards our raffle and to all that purchased raffle tickets. A further thankyou to the School Council and PCS Admin team who coordinated the raffle. Congratulations to the winners!

If you would like to donate the Easter baskets back to the school, we would kindly appreciate the gesture as we can reuse them for next year's raffle.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a safe and restful school holiday period.

Start of Term 2

PSC has a curriculum day on Monday 24 April, followed by ANZAC Day on 25 April. The first day back at school for students is Wednesday 26 April. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for learning after the break.

Regards

Michael Smethurst

Principal

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Principal Award



Week 9:

L to R: Jack, Olivia and Angus



Week 10:

Back Row: Zayn, Evie.

Front Row: Ryan, Brodie



Volunteers needed.



We are seeking helpers to put out the school crossing flags in the mornings and afternoons. If you can help for just one morning or one afternoon per week please let us know as we are starting a roster. 'It takes a village to raise a child!' Thank you for your support.



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	X	X	8
9	10	11	12			15
16	17	18	19			22
23	X	X	X		X	29
30						

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POOWONG
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Working Bee -4pm

5th May

School Cross Country

8th May

District Athletics

10th May

'Catch Up' Photo Day

15th-17th May

Grade 5/6 Summit Camp

18th May

Cyber Safety Police visit (G3-G6)

22nd May

RACV Safety Incursion (Prep-G2)

25th May

Divisional Cross Country

1st June

Regional Cross Country

6th June

Lightning Prem

13th June

State Cross Country

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	X	6
7	8	X	X	10	11	13
14	X	X	X	X	18	20
21	X	22	23	24	X	27
28	29	30	31			

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June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	X	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	X	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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PCS Athletics Day



Wow, what a fun day!! The weather was on the colder side but the rain stayed away. We are extremely proud of each and every student who participated.

It was great to see our families and staff participating in some of the fun activities too, lots of laughs by all.

Thankyou all our parent helpers for assisting with the set up, running events, managing the BBQ and the pack up. Without you it would not be possible. Thankyou to all our staff for assisting in all areas and a special shout out to Mrs Mandemaker for organising such a fantastic event!





What's happening in Science..



This week we conducted audits on our Biodiversity, Waste, Energy and Water to give us a benchmark to gauge any future sustainability improvements for our school.

"We had to look for trees over 6m. We were counting them doing tally marks. We were finding logs and rocks that Mrs Dobie AND Mrs Wilman wouldn't be able to pick up because the little ones animals cant live in." Laylah, Laileh and Will, Gr2.

"There was a lot of fruit in the bins so I suggest that we have compost bins. We could also see if the school has a paper shredder so that we could add that to the compost too and turn it into soil and put that with the veggie garden."

Bridget and Tyson, Gr 5.

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.



Enviro Captain Report

Hi, my name is Rohan and I am the Enviro Captain. Next term I want to work on the bins at our school. Having more bins will mean having less waste. Some ideas I have will be to have a smaller waste bin and a bigger recycling and compost bin. We might even have a bin that we could put things to reuse at this school.



"I go to nature every day for inspiration in the day's work."
- Frank Lloyd Wright (American architect, designer, writer and educator)



Currently in the garden we are:

Cleaning and organising the shed, watering, composting, germinating seeds.

All students welcome. Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch

PCS BEANIES FOR SALE

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FOR
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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.





Monday 3rd of April, 2023

Dear Poowong Consolidated School Community,

Temporary Change of Hours for Term 1-2 Holidays

Please be advised that our Pakenham and Warragul stores will be opening with reduced hours for part of the upcoming school holidays.

These changes will be in effect from Thursday 6th of April to Sunday 16th of April, with regular trading hours resuming from Monday 17th of April.

Please see below for our reduced trading hours:

Beleza Pakenham

Monday 3/04	Tuesday 4/04	Wednesday 5/04	Thursday 6/04	Friday 7/04	Saturday 8/04	Sunday 9/04
9:00am to 5:00pm	9:00am to 5:00pm	9:00am to 5:00pm	9:00am to 3:00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 10/04	Tuesday 11/04	Wednesday 12/04	Thursday 13/04	Friday 14/04	Saturday 15/04	Sunday 16/04
CLOSED	10:00am to 3:00pm	10:00am to 3:00pm	10:00am to 3:00pm	10:00am to 3:00pm	10:00am to 1:00pm	CLOSED

Beleza Warragul

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JOIN THE FUN!

Poowong - Loch Auskick

Loch Memorial Reserve

Wednesdays: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

22nd March - 7th June

10 Weeks

Contact: Josh Campbell - 0438 681 692

Scan the QR Code to register!



Net Set Go

Thursday 4-5pm

starting Thursday 27th of April

Poowong netball courts

If your child is between 5-10 years old and might be interested

Please contact Georgia with expressions of interest and any further information

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LET'S PLAY HOCKEY

ALL WEATHER SYNTHETIC PITCH DROUIN

Join the West Gippsland Hockey Association and enjoy the game of hockey in a fun & supportive environment. Playing hockey is a great way to get active and learn essential social skills for life, like teamwork, sportsmanship, communication and leadership. All ages and levels of experience welcome!

- Junior and senior teams in the regional competition play and train at Bellbird Park, Drouin on a synthetic field - no travel!
- Regional teams train mid-week, with games on Saturdays (Seniors have the occasional Sunday match).
- We run winter and summer competitions as well as junior development programs.
- Pathways are available to the Victorian Metro Competitions for Junior, Senior and Masters players. Opportunities to play for representative teams at country and state events.



www.wgha.asn.au
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LET'S PLAY HOCKEY



HOOKIN2HOCKEY & STICK2HOCKEY COMPETITION
 Saturday morning or Monday afternoon.
 Younger players can learn the fundamentals with training and play in the same session.



AZTECS
 Training Wednesday



DROUIDS
 Training Thursday



GULLS
 Training Tuesday



WARRIORS
 Training Monday



GIPPSLAND STRIKERS (METRO TEAM)
 Training Wednesday

PLAY & TRAIN
 BELLBIRD PARK
 DROUIN

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Please contact Steph 0429 356 775

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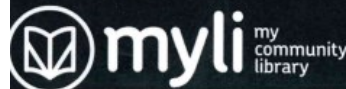


Thursday 20th
April 2pm-3pm

Feed the birds! Come
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neighbours



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Poowong
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2023



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INSTEAD OF
YOURS THESE
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2HR SESSION \$30
SCHOOL/TEEN AGES

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