

## Principal Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the second half of Term 3, our students continue to engage in many exciting opportunities across the school. One of our most anticipated days is our Book Week Dress Up Day which did take place last Friday. It was fantastic to hear all the positive comments about the day and see all the amazing costumes our students and staff wore. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who support this annual celebration of Reading.

### **Father's Day / Special Friend Breakfast**

On Friday 30th August, PCS will be holding the Father's Day / Special Friend Breakfast. This will commence at 8am with egg & bacon rolls, coffee/tea and will be followed by a classroom visit from 9am to 10am.

Your children will be bringing home an invitation to this event. Can you please fill it out and return it to school by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August (morning) for catering purposes.

### **Student Dress Code Policy and Sun Protection Reminder**

As we move into the warmer weather, we would like to remind all families of our Student Dress Code Policy and our Sun Protection Policy (both found on our website).

Our Student Dress Code Policy has been developed in consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of all individuals whilst reflecting the values and interests of our entire school community. The Student Dress Code Policy states that clothing items must be of appropriate length and that students are not permitted to wear clothing that exposes specific parts of the body including shoulders and stomachs. All students are expected to comply with the Student Dress Code Policy, and we ask for cooperation from families to ensure students are dressed in appropriate attire for school.

Our Student Dress Code supports our Sun Protection Policy. Our Sun Protection Policy provides guidelines to support staff and students to use a combination of sun protection measures when UV index levels are 3 or above (generally from mid-August to the end of April).

## Parent Opinion Survey

Invitations to the DE Annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey have been sent out to all families via Compass. This is a confidential survey made available to all Victorian government schools in Term 3 each year. As a school, we would really appreciate your input to these results. The survey is open until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. If you are unable to find the link, please contact the school office.

## 2025 School Planning

It's that time of year when the leadership team begins working through 2025 planning, class structures and recruitment processes. As we begin the planning process for 2025, we would appreciate if parents would notify the school if your child/ren will not be returning to Poowong Consolidated School in 2025.

## SGW presentation

Poowong Consolidated School were lucky enough to receive a \$10,000 grant, generously donated by South Gippsland Water. The grant was received as a donation in response to the storm damage and power outage our school and community encountered earlier this year.

PCS will endeavour to use this grant to better facilitate our school should we encounter another disaster again.



## 2025 Foundation Students

If you know any families who are looking to enrol their child in Foundation for next year, encourage them to call the school on 03 5659 2356. Alternatively, book a tour via

<http://poowongcs.vic.edu.au/enrolment/> or via the QR code –



Regards,

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# BOOK WEEK AWARDS



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L to R: Matthew, Axton, Evie, Bridget, Chelsea and Jarrah.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST

#### 2nd August

Principal's Day

#### 2nd August

Parent Morning Tea

#### 5th August

Prep/Grade 1 Botanic Gardens  
Excursion

#### 12th—16th August

Book Fair

#### 16th August

Book Week Dress Up/Parade

#### 30th August

Father's Day/Special Friend  
Breakfast

### SEPTEMBER

#### 1st September

Father's Day

#### 6th September

School Basketball

#### 12th September

R U OK Day  
Divisional Athletics

#### 18th-20th September

Grade 3/4 Camp

#### 20th September

Footy Day

Last Day of Term 3  
(2.30pm Finish)

### OCTOBER

#### 7th Oct

Term 4 Starts

#### 15th Oct

Regional Athletics

#### 18th Oct

Working Bee (TBC)

#### 25th Oct

Teacher's Day  
Crazy Hair Day (TBC)

#### 28th Oct

Grandparents Day

#### 28th Oct - 1st Nov

Dental Van Visit



# Grade 5 Maths Wizards

The Grade 5's have been working hard in their Mathematics this week. They have been learning and perfecting their Partitioning and understanding of Lattice Method.

### LATTICE METHOD

I think it is better because it is more easy

	4	5	
1	0	1	2
1	2	0	5
	2	5	

= 1125

How to do it: Make 4 square together like this. ☐  
Make 4 diagonal lns like this. ☐  
Get your 2 digit numbers put 1 2 digit number on the top and do the same on the side like this.  
☐  
Do your times table with the numbers.  
Plus all the numbers in these columns.  
Then write what you plus at the bottom.  
That is your answer.

Izzy B.

Tess M.

Partitioning

Amazing Right Talent Integrity Teaches In Math On time Navigating I love Never give up Great to learn!

Tess M.

### Lattice method

5 reasons

1. because i think its the easiest one of them all.
2. its the most understanding one answer.
3. its the best one yet!
4. its the funest one.
5. the most interesting one because we also did this in grade 4 and now it makes sense!

Evie G.

### LATTICE METHOD

The lattice method is so good because it sounds like lettuce and lettuce is yummy!! Its also easy to draw the box and do the sum!! Now im going to show you how to use the lattice Method in steps. Also its easy

1. draw a 2 by 2 box. easy
2. once you've drawn the box draw diagonal lines across it.
3. Pick 2, 2 digit numbers.
4. Put the 2, 2 digit numbers 1 number above the box and the other on the left of the box.
5. Then times the 5 and the 3, 5 and the 2, 1 and the 3, and the 2.
6. Then in the diagonal column is there ones. Split column and column
7. Now add it up.

Hugo D.