



# POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



**NEWSLETTER**  
**ISSUE 3**  
3rd May 2024



# I G R O W



# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



MAY 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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**MAY**

## **3rd May**

District Athletics

## **8rd May**

School Photo Catch up Day

## **10th May**

House Cross Country

## **12th May**

Mother's Day

## **20th May**

Grade 2 and 3 Cranbourne Botanic Garden Excursion

## **22th May**

Book Tasting Day and Simultaneous Book Reading

## **23th May**

Division Cross Country



JUNE 2024

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**JUNE**

## **4th June**

Lightning Prem

## **5th June**

World Environment Day

## **6th June**

Regional Cross Country

## **10th June**

Kings Birthday—Public Holiday

## **12th—14th June**

Grade 5/6 Camp

## **25th June**

Special Hot Lunch

## **25th June**

Parent Teacher Interviews

## **28th June**

Pyjama Day

Last Day of Term 2  
(2.30pm Finish)



JULY 2024

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**JULY**

## **15th July**

Term 3 Starts

# Principal's Report

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone to Poowong Consolidated School for Term 2. I hope that you are all feeling refreshed after the school holiday break because we have a busy term of Teaching and Learning to look forward to.

## **Anzac Day**

A big thank you to the students who ran the Anzac service last Wednesday. It was wonderful that our school could pay our respects to fallen and serving soldiers who sacrificed so much for this country. (Unfortunately, the afternoon didn't work out quite as well with Collingwood and my beloved bombers battling out a draw in the traditional ANZAC day match.)

## **SPPIKE training**

Recently I attended 3 days of training down in Melbourne which focused on Strengthening Professional Practice in Koorie Education (SPPIKE training). This was invaluable training where the aim was to challenge and equip school leaders with the knowledge, skills and tools to be transformative for whole school cultural change pertaining to Koorie cultural inclusion and to have high expectations for all students.

## **Child Safe Standards**

### WHAT WE EXPECT AT POOWONG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- To ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.

Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website. Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.

# Principal's Report continued.....

## Parent Morning Tea

It was wonderful to see the new faces at our parents and carers morning tea this term. We were able to listen and discuss various aspects around parent and carer participation at PCS.

One of the suggestions that PCS will adopt is securing a noticeboard against the school multi-purpose room (shed) to place school related documents and events. Not every notice will be on this board, so it is still essential that you check your Compass App for notifications.

Please remember to mark 9:00am on Tuesday 11 June in your diary and calendar, so you can make it to the next morning tea and collectively we can make PCS an even better place for students, staff, parents and the wider community.

## 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 - I'd be happy to take them on a tour of our great school.

Regards

Michael Smethurst

Principal

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## Students of the Week



**L to R: Back Row:** Dylan R, Ryan F., Jack M. and Tyler C.

**L to R: Front Row:** Keegan P., Matilda M. and Jack A.



# What's happening in Science...



## ResourceSmart Schools 2024 Award Finalist

We have been named as a finalist in the ResourceSmart Schools Awards!

The ResourceSmart Schools Awards celebrate the legendary efforts and impacts made by schools in sustainability. Our school has been chosen as a finalist in two categories—Student Action Team of the Year and Community Leadership School of the Year. This is for our work on sustainability in our school particularly on events like Harvest Festival, World Environment Day and our well supported Green Team and Sustainability Action Team.

The ResourceSmart Schools Awards are a joyful and affirming celebration of schools and students and their sustainability triumphs. The awards are the state's largest sustainability celebration for primary and secondary school students, teachers and school volunteers taking remarkable sustainability action. We are proud to be recognised among the schools doing sustainability work that benefits students, the planet and the wider community alike.



## Grant Success!

We are so thrilled to share that we were successful with the \$5000 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Grant which will allow us to upgrade our tools, garden space and continue our garden to plate cooking. This was a huge team effort with many people in our school community making this success possible. We are looking forward to that community support continuing as we build a garden for us all to enjoy time in.



We welcome all members of our school community to:

Garden Club—Wednesday 2nd Half Lunch (2pm) and

Sustainability Action Team—First Tuesday of the Month 2:45pm

Email [lauren.dobie@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lauren.dobie@education.vic.gov.au) to ask any questions or express your interest!



# Can you help?



Solid Bricks for our new Giant Earthworm inspired pathway.



Wood Planks to build around old baths as garden beds.



And someone to build it?

Baskets



## Can you help us on our Material Search?

We want the creation of our new vegetable garden space and replenishment of kitchen equipment to be as sustainable as possible. This seems like the perfect opportunity to repurpose, reuse and recycle as many materials as possible. Can you keep an eye out for these for us?

Please email [lauren.dobie@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lauren.dobie@education.vic.gov.au) if you have any leads, ideas or materials on hand!

Baking Trays and Muffin Trays to fit 60cm oven.



Bird Bath or something to be repurposed as one.



1 –2 metres of chicken wire or smaller mesh.



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# Poowong Consolidated School



- ◆ Join us for an **Open Day** and meet our Prep teacher, Jaria Bernaldo and Educational Support Aide, Lisa Beaton and see our classrooms in action while Principal, Michael Smethurst takes you on a school tour.
- ◆ If during the day is a challenge, come along to an **Open Afternoon** for a school tour and Michael, Jaria and Lisa can answer any of your questions.
- ◆ **RSVP on 5659 2356**

**OPEN DAYS**  
9:30 - 10:30am

**TUESDAY 7th May 2024**

**THURSDAY 9th May 2024**

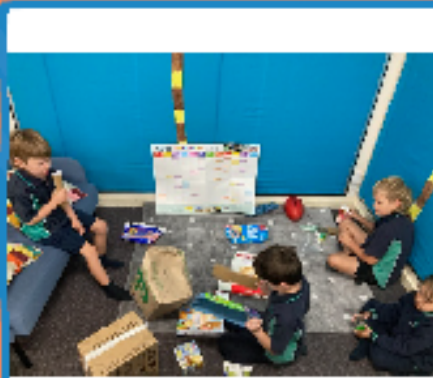
**OPEN  
AFTERNOONS**  
4:00 - 5:00pm

**THURSDAY 9th May 2024**

**TUESDAY 14th May 2024**



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we play and learn, the Bunurong people.



## Welcome back to Term 2

Welcome back!

We have an exciting term coming up with lots of different experiences coming up, such as experimenting with different art styles, creating our own FIFA Soccer Cards and planting some everlasting native flowers.

## We Care Charity

Last term our Charity was the Good Friday Appeal with the children earning the full \$50 donation.

The children have an opportunity each day to earn stickers that go towards the amount by showing TheirCare values such as being caring towards others, showing respect to their environment and resources. Congratulations to Elijah Chirgwin and Alfie Kompa who were tied for 1st earning the most stickers.

The charity for Term 2 will be Food Bank.



## What are we up to?!

This term has started off well, with our secret mothers day gifts underway and our creative minds working overtime to make these as special as possible.

We have created some nature stamps using flowers, gumnuts and leaves that were collected outdoors. We have been learning about fair play with our new game of UNO Flip!!


**Bookings for the term open now!**


### TIMES

Before School: 6:30AM - 9:00AM

After School: 3:30PM - 6:00PM


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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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

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### 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.

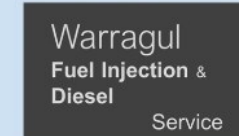
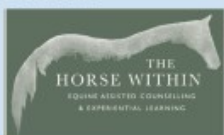


# THANK YOU

to all these wonderful businesses for their generous donations towards our Outdoor Cinema Night Raffle.



## SOUTH EAST ORGANIC FERTILIZER



# Garfield Picture Theatre

PRESENTS



## NEIL DIAMOND

GOOD TIMES NEVER SEEMED SO GOOD

1ST SHOW SOLD OUT  
2ND DATE ADDED BY POPULAR DEMAND

**THURSDAY MAY 9TH 2024**

DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:00 - SHOW STARTS AT 7:30  
LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AT INTERVAL  
TICKETS \$66 AT BOX OFFICE OR \$68 ONLINE\*



# Garfield Picture Theatre

PRESENTS



## RON VINCENT SINGS CAT STEVENS

**SATURDAY MAY 25TH 2024**



DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:00 - SHOW STARTS AT 7:30  
LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AT INTERVAL - TICKETS \$66



FOR TICKETS VISIT: [WWW.GARFIELDPICTURETHEATRE.COM.AU](http://WWW.GARFIELDPICTURETHEATRE.COM.AU)  
FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES CALL FRED: 0408 584 633

## Mindfulness and well being Program for Kids



Saturday June 15th 2024

11:00am-3:00pm

Age range : 9-12 years \$130

Through discussion, fun exercises and reflection, children will learn techniques to empower themselves in the face of life's challenges.

Children will learn: the importance of living in the present moment, how to express & release emotion, what it means to be resilient, how gratitude contributes to resilience and how to choose nourishing thoughts.

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Bookings: <http://milparacommunityhouse.org.au/bookings-and-activity-page/>



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## Untethered EST CHEF 2022

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