



Poowong Consolidated School

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Principal Report

Dear parents and carers,

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.

School Uniform

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Poowong Consolidated School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Poowong Consolidated School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Poowong Consolidated School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families. Here is a direct link to the school's policy:

https://poowongcs.vic.edu.au/policies/

Child Safety Reminders

Please be reminded of the following:

- Commitment to Child Safety: We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments. We are committed to providing environments where our students feel safe.
- Supervision of Students: Our School grounds are supervised by staff from 8:45am-3:45pm each school day. Students should not arrive at school before the supervision commence at 8:45am.
- Traffic Safety: We urge families to reinforce and model safe behaviours on footpaths and in traffic.

Parent Opinion Survey

Parentsandcarerswillsoonbeinvitedto complete the annual Parent/Caregiver/GuardianOpinionSurvey. This is a confidential survey made available to all Victorian government schools in Term 3 each year.

Renovations

Over the recent holidays a group of parents kindly transformed the kitchen in the shed to enable PCS to use it as a kitchen space for teaching and learning. Thank you for all of your hard work. It looks wonderful. Here are some of the photos.







In addition, over the holidays we had our softfall topped up in all of our playground spaces.



Regards
Michael Smethurst
Principal
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



WEEK 2: Term 3

L to R: Back Row: Hamish, Jade, Keegan, Sophie,

Darcy and James.

L to R: Front Row: Eric.



WEEK 1: Term 3

L to R: Back Row: Bridget, Indie, Madison and Caleb.

L to R: Front Row: Maizy, Jack and Paige.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

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

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

Footy Lunch Order Day

Last Day of Term 3 (2.30pm Finish)

7th Oct

Term 4 Starts

15th Oct

Regional Athletics

28th Oct

Grandparents Day

28th Oct - 1st Nov

Dental Van Visit



Grade Prep/1 Botanic Garden Excursion



"I liked seeing the animal poo and the holes that the animals made" - Zev

"I liked feeling and looking at the animal bones. We touched a brush tail possum skin" - Chelsea





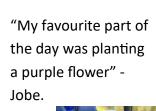
"I liked walking around and looking for things on the treasure hunt list" - Darcy G.



On Monday 5th Aug, our Prep and Grade
One students were lucky enough to visit
the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens. The students enjoyed native walks, learning about
the native animals and exploring the
gardens.



A huge thankyou to our staff for organising and supervising such a wonderful day and a further thank you to our parent helpers,





"My favourite was the bus trip and wearing my seat belt. Also, kids fell asleep on the bus on the way home" - Xavier.

"I liked the bus ride. When I looked out the window, the cars looked teeny tiny" - Bianca



"My favourite time was planting plants. We had to put a plant in dirt in a cardboard box" - Maizy



"I liked making plants. We put them in soil and in cardboard" - Keegan

