

## 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

Parents and carers will soon be invited to complete the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. 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

#### 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

Footy Lunch Order Day

Last Day of Term 3  
(2.30pm Finish)

### OCTOBER

#### 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 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.

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



**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.**



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

**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 part of the day was planting a purple flower" - Jobe.

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



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



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