



Thursday 23rd March 2017

Term 1 Week 8

Newsletter

Principal's Report



Week eight is upon us and I wonder where has the term gone. Though as I walk around the school I can see all the work that has been done developing the routines and expectations needed for successful learning communities. It is a credit to the efforts of our teachers and the students. Next week is the last week of school for term one –

please remember that school finishes early on Friday 31st at 2.30pm. There will be a school assembly at 2pm prior to the early 2.30 pm dismissal. Please note that the Out of Hours School Care Program will operate from 2.30pm till 6.00pm.

This week we had over a hundred people tour the school as prospective enrolments for 2018. There has been a change of policy by the Department of Education and Training that encourages families to enrol at their closest school. It is not a strict cap or zone for Pascoe Vale Primary School however with the growth we are seeing in the Pascoe Vale area this may well occur in the next few years.

The scaffolding is coming down and the fencing will be removed in the next few days. The roof, which has leaked for several years, is now watertight and thanks to the heavy rain over the last few days we have been able to verify this. So the plastering is currently being fixed and the painting will be completed over the weekend.

School Council Subcommittees: - We are still seeking community members to participate in our School Council Subcommittees (see the attached letter and reply slip for details). This is a way to get involved at Pascoe Vale Primary School.

The **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge** for schools is now open and will run until Friday 8th of September 2017. The Challenge encourages children to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

Since the Challenge began 13 years ago, more than 2.2 million students have turned the pages of nearly 42 million books. Regular reading from an early age is vital for success at school and has lifelong benefits. The Challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading, supporting the Education State target to have more students reaching the highest levels of achievement in reading.



Term three events and reminders. School doesn't return till Tuesday the **18th of April**, as **Easter Monday** is a public holiday. The following **Monday 24th of April** is a **Curriculum day** (student free day) followed by **ANZAC day – Tuesday the 25th of April**.

Compass Pay Beginning in term two **all excursions and payments** to the school will be made through the Compass Portal. Payments notes and permission slips can all be completed online so please ensure you keep your eye on what's happening at the school through the Compass portal.

Safe Driver/Pedestrian Behaviour: - Despite several reminders and requests we continue to have unsafe and illegal parking and driver behavior. This morning a car reversed the length of Wilna street, which at drop off and pick up times can be down to a single lane at best. I continue to see parents crossing Gaffney street and Cumberland road, with children in tow, a few metres away from the supervised crossing. For everyone's safety **PLEASE** be careful, especially in the school zone.



Most children haven't developed the skills to be safe in traffic.

They may:

- not notice objects directly in front of them
- have trouble judging the speed of cars
- not behave safely.

If you drive or park near the school take extra care and keep on the lookout for children.

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We look forward to Mrs Smith returning from leave next Wednesday.

Warm regards to all,

Anne Naughton

Acting Principal

Late Arrivals

If your child is arriving at school after 9am parents must accompany their child to the school office and sign the late arrival book. The student then takes the white slip to the classroom and presents it to the classroom teacher. We have had numerous students arriving late with the parents dropping them at the gate. Please try to ensure your child is at school by 8.55. Students miss important instructions when they arrive late, often they are very unsettled and even anxious when entering the class late. It is also very disruptive to the learning. Dentist/medical appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible.

Calendar

March

24th Bake Stall & second hand uniform sale

31st **Last day Term one 2.30pm finish**

April

18th First day Term 2

24th Curriculum Day (No students at school)

25th ANZAC Day Holiday

28th Grade 6 interschool sport (away)

May

2nd 2018 Foundation tour 10am & 7pm

3rd Whole school Athletics Day

5th Grade 6 interschool sport (away)

9th to 11th NAPLAN testing

12th Grade 6 interschool sport (home)

Art display

Next time you are at school drop in and have a look at the beautiful art displays in the corridors. A big thankyou to Mrs Lyon for all her hard work in displaying the art for our enjoyment.

Bake stall Friday 24th March 3pm

Don't forget the bake stall this Friday commencing at 3pm. Grade 5/6s baking but of course anyone is welcome to bake. Please remember to provide the list of ingredients and no raw eggs or cream. We could also use some help in wrapping the items in the morning, or setting up and selling in the afternoon. Please let Carla or the office know if you can help.

What's happening in 3/4 Panthers!

Well the term's end is nearly upon us and we have been busy little creators in 3/4P lately. The students have been working on their narratives and are in the final processes of editing and publishing. This year we are using a new online tool to publish our stories digitally called StoryJumper. It's an engaging and easy to use website which allows the students to add their own pictures, drawings, artwork, narration and even sound effects to create a storybook for their written narratives. Here is the QR code for the shared stories page of our class



You will need to download a free QR Reader app (there are plenty for both Android and iPhone/iPad users – the one I used was 'QR Reader for iPhone') to scan this code.

When you reach our website you will need to enter in the password "pvps" to see the stories, but I assure you the effort you

Panthers StoryJumper

make will be well rewarded when you experience the fantastic books that the Panthers have created.

For those of you who prefer to do it 'old skool' here is the link instead:

<https://www.storyjumper.com/profile/2017Panthers>

I hope you enjoy reading our stories as much as our students enjoyed writing them! Feel free to leave a positive comment on the stories you read, I know the authors would love to know if any families enjoyed their stories. Cheers Mr Penko

Harmony Day in Foundation B

Harmony Day was a busy and productive day in Foundation B. We read books about the different people living around the world and no matter where we are in the world we are all the same.

The children in Foundation B made body cut-outs of themselves and decorated them to suit their personality.

I am so proud of Foundation B and their brainstorming on 'What Harmony Day is'!



TURNER ST KINDERGARTEN

OPEN DAY
SAT 25 MARCH
9AM-12PM

An opportunity for parents to visit the centre, look at the facilities and talk to our teachers.

Turner St Kindergarten is

- Preparation for life
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- Stimulating learning environment
- Inclusive practice
- Family collaboration

Phone: 9350 1902
Address: 38 Turner St Pascoe Vale South
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Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Pascoe Vale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2, 2017.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 or email sharon@creativemusic.com.au

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