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Friday 25th May

Term 2 week 6

Newsletter

Principal's Message



This week is Education Week – celebrating the Arts. We are fortunate at PVPS that we do not need to have special events for celebrating the Arts because of the wonderful work Mrs. David and Mrs. Lyon do in

Performing and Visual Arts. Student artwork, which Mrs. Lyon spends a great deal of time displaying around the school, showcases the wonderful talents of our students. Mrs. David also has her recorder group and choir each week as well as the Performing Arts program developing and nurturing the talents of the students of PVPS. As a whole school, we participated in the Athletics day with the 3-6 students at the Coburg Track and the F-2 back at school. I was able to spend time at both events and was grateful the rain stayed away and to see the enthusiastic participation of our students. A big thank you needs to go to several staff for their work behind the scenes – Ms. Martin, Ms. Selma, Miss Kara, Mr. Tait, Mrs. Conway at the track and a special thanks to Rita David for coordinating the event back at school. As always, a thank you to our parent helpers Nicole Brisbane, Pauline Naug, Meg D'Ortenzio and Fiona Howes. It was pleasing to see lots of parents and family members come along to watch the students perform. Also, congratulations to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students who represented Pascoe Vale Primary School and participated in the interschool cross-country competition at Coburg on 24th May. All participating students displayed the Pascoe Vale Primary School values of respect, responsibility and resilience throughout the day. Congratulations to all the children who participated and the staff who supported these children, especially Ms. Martin for taking morning training.



In addition, this week we participated in the National Simultaneous Story time – although due to Athletics, we held it on Thursday, with the

incomparable Mrs. David reading the story over the PA to the whole school. The book is available in the school library.

Teachers are currently in the process of completing mid semester reports. At PVPS, our teachers work hard throughout the year assessing and reporting in an ongoing manner through learning tasks on Compass. I hope all families are having a look at these learning task reports as they give insights into student's progress, learning and future goals. Our semester reports will comprise of a general statement of achievement and progress against the Victorian Curriculum. Report writing involves considerable time both during planning time and outside of school, reflecting on formal assessment data and records from classroom observations, discussing and comparing work samples with colleagues with frequent reference to the Victorian Curriculum Standards. This is to ensure that as much as possible, all assessments and comments are consistent, accurate and professionally presented. In the meantime, teachers continue to

maintain a comprehensive classroom program with observations and assessments right up until the last week of the term. It is an incredibly demanding and intensive time for teachers, so please be very mindful of their workload. Finalised reports will be uploaded to your child's Compass portal on Friday 22nd of June before student led conferences (1-6) and parent-teacher meetings (Foundation) in the last week of Term 2.

We will have work commencing next week as part of the power upgrade. The Community Hub is close to completion but will not be handed over until the power upgrade is complete. A revised timeline suggests we will have hand over of the new building by the end of July. We have had a tour this week and it is looking amazing and I can't wait to have our students and community using this excellent facility.

Meet the Teacher –Haley Te Wiata– 3/4M (now 3/4T)

This week we caught up with our new 3/4 teacher, Haley about a few of her favourite things and places ☺

Favourite hobbies: Going to the beach and spending time with the family and reading

Favourite food: Avocado and cheese...but not together!

Favourite subject to teach: Writing

Favourite holiday destination: Portugal

Favourite sports team: All Blacks and NZ Warriors

Favourite children's author or children's book: J.K Rowling

Favourite local café or restaurant: Middle Street Food



New guidelines for entering school buildings – Child Safe

The school is mandated to comply and implement Child Safe policies. You will have seen signs go up around the school titled Protect. One of our commitments is to provide a safe environment. It is difficult to balance between being a warm and welcoming community and ensuring the safety of the students. A key strategy is to ensure all adults in the school environment are checked and signed in. One area of concern was the movement of parents in and out of the classrooms and school buildings. We have a volunteer, helper induction and sign in process, which complies with the Child Safe guidelines. We are aware parents are entering the buildings for a variety of reasons. This is not acceptable under the guidelines – we need to be able to check all adults in the school environment are safe to be near your children. To overcome this issue, no parents or adults, other than staff, should enter the school buildings without having their **Working With Children** card checked and signed in via the front office. To enter the school without a volunteer lanyard, parents will need to go via the office and seek an appointment or gain assistance. **The office can be accessed by the Gaffney street gate.**

School buildings will be closed at the beginning and end of the days and we request you do not enter the classrooms, corridors and buildings. If you wish to speak to a teacher, you will need to ask at the office and arrange for the teacher to meet you. As stated early in the year, teachers are absolutely not available to talk to you at 9am or while they are in class. If you have something urgent, you will need to speak to the office. If you wish to speak to a teacher, you need to make a time and you will be met by the teacher at the office.

School buildings are not spaces for people to gather in while waiting for the bell to go.

The school student toilets are **absolutely not for adult use.** This includes going in with younger children – you are a stranger to our students and should not be in the toilets. This also includes the staff toilets. We do not have public toilets at the school and we would ask you to respect the school facilities. If there is an emergency, please go to the office.

Students coming late to school will be signed in by their parents/guardians at the office (enter via Gaffney street) and will be escorted to class by a staff member.

Students being picked up early will be signed out by their parents/guardians at the office and will be collected from there.

A reminder that late arrivals and leaving early are disruptive to the class environment and have an impact on learning. So please, this should be kept to a minimum.

I feel this notice appears unwelcoming to our community, however I believe your child's safety is paramount and with a growing community it is essential we take the required steps to ensure it.

Child Safety Commitment

Pascoe Vale Primary School:

- Has zero tolerance for child abuse
- Actively works to listen to and empower children
- Has systems to protect children from abuse, and will take all allegations and concerns very seriously and responds to them consistently in line with the organisation's policies and procedures
- Is committed to promoting physical, emotional and cultural safety for all children
- Is committed to providing a safe environment for all children

Please read the following about PVPS's Child Safety commitment and see the attached Child Safety Policy to this newsletter

Lisa Audino-Assistant Principal-Welfare and Child Safety Officer

Pascoe Vale Primary School is committed to child safety. As a community, we want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Pascoe Vale Primary School is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. We have robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers. Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks. As a community, we support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. Pascoe Vale Primary School has

specific policies, procedures and training in places that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

At Pascoe Vale Primary School:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. As policies are ratified at school council, they will be made available to your through the newsletter and on our web page.
- Attached is our commitment to Child Safe Policy
- There will be clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children here set out in our school's Child Safe Code of Conduct. This will be made available when school council ratifies it at school council

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



School Photos: Our school photos are expected to be delivered in the week commencing 11th June. They have had some problems with their new software/electronic systems and so have taken a little longer than normal. Thanks for your patience.

Calendar



May

30th Grade 1 Open Morning 9-10am

June

1st Grade 2 Open Morning 9-10am

1st Grades 1L & 1D Excursion to Yarrabee's Yesterday World

1st Assembly 3pm

5th Grades 1A, 1F, 1P Excursion to Yarrabee's Yesterday World

5th Foundation 2019 Tours- 10am & 7pm

7th Specialist Open Morning 9-11am

11th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday- school closed

13th BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Information night for 2019

15th PFA meeting in the staffroom- 9am

15th Assembly 3pm and Bake Stall- grades 3/4 to bake

18th Grades 3/4 Excursion to Science Works

19th Grade 5/6 Australian History excursion

20th Creative Music students- concert in the library 4pm

20th School Council meeting - 7pm

22nd Creative Music students- concert in the library 3pm

25th & 27th Student Led Conferences grades 1-6

Foundation grades- parent/teacher meetings

29th Last day Term 2 - Early finish 2.30pm

Help for Performing Arts

Do we have a parent who is able to set up a class set of ukuleles once a week in the G. P room? (Day and time will be discussed with Mrs Davide)

If you can help, please respond to this same message on dojo and Mrs Davide will be in touch. Many thanks!



Book Club

Thank you to all those families who ordered from book club this term. The school has earned Scholastic Rewards to the value of \$314.50.

Also big thank you to Simone Tregoning (book club coordinator) for processing and organising all the orders and deliveries! ☺

Any students who have applied to Coburg High School for Year 7 2019: the closing date for the CHS Scholarship is coming up soon. Closing date for applications is 22 June. Please see their website. www.coburg.vic.edu.au under enrolment for more information.

Missing- A pink iPod was lost in or around the school grounds on 22/5. If anyone has found it could it please be handed in at the office. Thanks, from Sea

What's happening in 3/4E

Here in 3/4E we've been learning lots about how to use persuasive devices to convince our readers of our opinions. It's been fun to investigate how we can carefully craft words to make our writing especially compelling. Here are some examples of our use of persuasive devices:

High modality and emotive language

I strongly believe that toys are not a waste of money because if poor helpless children do not have toys they will be very bored. Elijah

Alliteration

Firstly, animals do not do anything wrong. They are cute cuddly creatures! Arya
In conclusion, we must take care of adorable affectionate animals. Alkina



Power of three

If we all play sport, we will be healthy, active and will make new friends. Kaylem
Parents feel exhausted, bored and tired of driving us everywhere. Annabelle

Rhetorical Question

How would you feel if the Earth had no animals? Hareer
How would you feel if you were stuck in a tiny little cage your whole miserable life? Isabella

Feel free to drop into 3/4E and check out our WOW WORK wall where we showcase brilliant writing examples and much more every couple of weeks.

Community News

Items are promoted subject to availability of space and are offered for community service. Due to the amount of advertising, flyers are posted on the notice board at reception. Please check on the noticeboard if you have an interest



**TURNER STREET KINDERGARTEN
50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER**

SUNDAY 27TH MAY 11:00AM - 2:00PM

COME ONE COME ALL

**TURNER STREET KINDERGARTEN
38 TURNER ST, PASCOE VALE, SOUTH**

**FOOD STALLS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE** **COFFEE CART
RAFFLE** **KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
+ MORE**

WANT TO PLAY IN A SCHOOL BAND?

The Band Project is a weekly, 30 minute band rehearsal to be held here at school. Expressions of interest are now being accepted from students who can read music, including quavers/eighth notes. Interested students need to be self-motivated and reliable in attendance.



Students will:

- Develop ensemble skills in a fun performance environment
- Develop confidence and enhance performance ability
- Participate in school band performances in front of audiences

The Band Project is free of charge to Creative Music students whilst a small subscription fee is charged to non-Creative Music participants. An audition process will be implemented to select suitable student applicants.

Creative Music for Schools is one of Melbourne's largest and longest running instrumental tuition schools. We are excited to offer a band program at your school. Please fill in the form below, to enable Creative Music to provide you with additional information about this band program.

Expressions of interest for auditions must be received by Creative Music office via email no later than **Friday 30th May**



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- Please include the following information for Pascoe Vale Primary
- Your name:
 - Your child's name: date of birth: Grade:
 - Instrument(s):
 - length of time your child has been learning their instrument:
 - Your phone number(s): (1), (2)
 - Email:

Please Email this form to: sharon@cmfms.com.au or phone Sharon on 9818 2333 B18 by Tuesday 30/5/14

Moreland City Library Free Events

Registrations essential online at moreland.vic.gov.au/read-more or phone 9353 4000

Seniors' law
5 pm, Thursday 24 May
Coburg Library



Specific legal issues can arise or become more pressing as a person ages. Protecting assets whilst helping family financially, later life legal planning, granny flat issues, grandparent issues and avoiding scams are just some of the legal matters that may arise. A Northern Community Legal Centre lawyer will talk through these issues and answer questions you may have.

The library: a catalogue of wonders
7 pm, Wednesday 30 May
Coburg Library



What exactly are libraries for? Stuart Kells, one of Australia's most passionate and knowledgeable bibliophiles and an authority on rare books, has travelled the world to write about libraries and find the answer to this question. Stuart will discuss the fascinating world of libraries as places of beauty and wonder.

The tattooist of Auschwitz
7:45 pm, Thursday 31 May
Brunswick Library



An incredible story of the Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist and the woman he loved. These two Slovakian Jews survived the horrors of the Holocaust, a death march and separation. They eventually married and lived happily in Melbourne for 58 years. Heather Morris, in conversation with Claire Halliday, will discuss her moving novel based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Australian Poetry Slam heat
7:30 pm, Thursday 14th June
Brunswick Library



The search is on for Australia's 2016 poetry slam champion! Perform your original poem in a Victorian heat of the Australian Poetry Slam at Brunswick Library, an electric live event where the audience is the judge and there are prizes to be won. Performers are invited to register from 7pm. For more information go to australianpoetryslam.com.