



Friday 2nd August 2019

Term 3 Week 3

Newsletter



Principal Report

100 Days of Foundation

On Wednesday 31st of July, Foundation students celebrated 100 days of school!

Students participated in various themed activities centred on all things '100'. The morning's celebrations included a magnificent spread of food for lunch. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm students had towards the day. There was a celebration atmosphere with '100 day' hats and decorations making a very entertaining day! Thank you to all the Foundation parents for all the contributions and congratulations Foundation students on a wonderful first 100 days of school and for all your learning successes so far!



2020 Planning

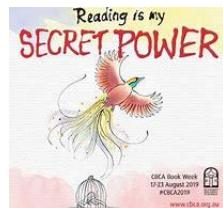
We are finalising our Foundation enrolments so if you know of any students in our local area or siblings of current students who are school age in 2020 please complete enrolment forms as soon as possible. Arrangements for transition program are now being planned.

Please let the school know if you are planning to leave the school in 2020 (Not Year 6 students!!)

Book Week - Theme: 'Reading is My Secret Power'

Dates: 17 - 23 August including **Book Character Parade Friday August 23rd**

We are celebrating book week at PVPS with a number of activities across the school. Please keep an eye out on Dojo and Compass for information. On the Friday, August 23rd, we will have a Book Character Parade at 9am. We would also like to invite grandparents / special person along that day for the parade and to visit classrooms following the parade. There will be a morning tea for the visitors in the Community Hub at 11am during recess. All classrooms will be open after the parade for a book week activity and some classes will also be showcasing some other learning activities. Please keep an eye out for information and detail.



School Council July 2019

Also on Wednesday, we had our July School Council meeting. We set the fundraising activities for the year.

Fundraising 2019

PFA

Bake stall (one each term)

Mother and Father's day stall

Trivia night

Junior School Council

Free dress days (one each term)

Grade 6 Graduation

Three events (term 2, 3 and 4)

Capital Works Update

Playground relocation

Paul Greaves presented information about the rubberised safe fall surface to go under the relocated playground. The benefits of using a recycled material is long-term, high performance without the ongoing maintenance and topping up. Although it would initially be costly, over time it will pay for itself. The School Council expressed support for the proposal and the aim to design and plan for the future.

The playground relocation will commence in August/September. We hope the deconstruction and reconstruction will be smooth and swift. Minimising the time the playground is out of action. Although this is a consequence of the capital works, we are undertaking this as a school-funded project. The School building funds will contribute to the payment of this project. As a community, we are contributing to the betterment of the school environment.

Excursions and Incursions

Term 3

- Year 3/4 CERES Community Environment Park 'Indigenous Culture'
- Year 2 CERES Community Environment Park 'Take a Walk in Our Multi Cultural Village'
- Year 1 CERES Community Environment Park 'What do plants do for us?'
- Planks Incursion (F-6)

Planks are a form of building block that allow children to learn through play. With friction and gravity being the only forces to keep these blocks together, children are motivated by a natural desire to create and solve their own challenges.

Term 4

- 3/4 Camp Ace High Rosebud in term 4 was approved by School Council.
- Year 2 Evening at School - Due to the large numbers of students in Year 2 (106) we are changing the sleep over to a special evening at school. We do

not feel we can safely or adequately cater for that many children sleeping at school. I know many children will be disappointed but the teachers will be planning a very special evening for them here. Please understand our decision is based on the safety of your children and ensuring we provide a positive experience for them. Discuss this change positively with your children so they can be excited by this new and different event.

Calendar

August

9 th	Assembly and Bake Stall 3pm
14 th	PLANKS incursion
15 th	Grade 1 excursion to CERES
16 th	PLANKS incursion
19 th /20 th	3/4 excursion to CERES
20 th	5/6 Hip Hop presentation 9-10am
20 th 21 st 22 nd	Visual Arts open days - specific class times TBA on Dojo/Compoass
23 rd	Book week parade and Grandparents/special person morning followed by morning tea at 11am
23rd	Grades 1, 2 and 5/6 Open Mornings- times advised via Dojo
23 rd	Assembly at 3pm
27 th	District Athletics- (qualifying students) ** please note this date change from prior newsletter
28 th	School Council meeting at 7pm
29 th	Grade 3/4 Open Morning 9am-10am
30 th	Father's Day Stall



ART NEWS

Book Week art activities for students doing visual art this semester



Thank you to all those parents that have replied to their Compass invitation, in regards to attending the special art session with their child/children throughout Book Week 20th - 22nd August. If you have not received a Compass invitation, it is because your child is not taking art classes this semester.

Please note, due to the quantity of RSVP email replies indicating your attendance, I will not be responding to every individual email. However, I do read every email and your attendance will be noted. I look forward to seeing you all very soon for a magical fun filled day with your child/children. Thank you!

Maria Lyon - Visual Art Teacher

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

This year we have been working very hard to achieve our 5th Star for Sustainability at PVPS. We have been focusing on our energy usage and our amount of waste we produce.

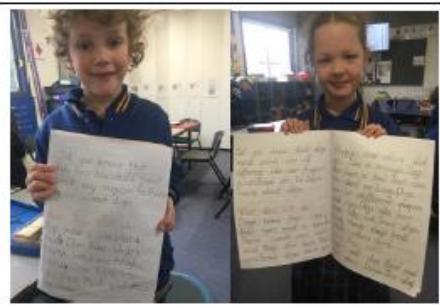
So far to improve our use of energy, all classrooms got energy monitors and had signs put up to remind them to turn off their lights, fans, heaters and air-conditioners. To continue to reduce our waste, we have been reducing our rubbish waste by bringing Nude Food lunches to school on Fridays, and also REDcycling soft plastics and having REDcycling monitors.

Our Sustainability leaders and school leaders have been working very hard with the Sustainability team to help PVPS become a more sustainable and environmentally friendly school! Keep up the amazing work everyone! There are plenty more sustainable ideas and projects to come this year.



What's Happening in 1P

We are loving reading non fiction texts in our grade. We are learning all the features of non fiction books, new vocabulary and building on our knowledge. One of our learning tasks has been to sort information under sub headings and present it as a poster. That has been a very popular activity in our class.



In writing, we have been learning how to write information reports. Our first report was on dogs. We have learned to use an interesting fact to hook our audience into wanting to read our reports. Then paragraphing facts under subheadings such as 'what they look like, what they eat and what they do'.

Inquiry is well under way this term with our investigation on what plants need to grow. We have started an experiment to see if plants can survive when one of the elements is withdrawn such as air, water and light. We will be observing and logging our findings for the rest of the term. We are looking forward to our excursion to CERES on August the 15th.



Our Grade has been focusing on how we can work and play together in a cooperative manner and how to solve conflict respectfully. When we sit and chat while eating lunch is a good time to practise those skills.



Allergy and Anaphylaxis

What is an allergy? Allergy is an immune response to a normally harmless substance. People can be allergic to many things such as pollens, moulds, dust mites, animal dander or saliva, insect stings or bites, medication, food and latex. Allergic disease also includes conditions such as eczema, hay fever, allergic conjunctivitis and allergic asthma.

What is Anaphylaxis? Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that often involves various areas of the body simultaneously. Foods, insects, medications (including prescriptions, over the counter or alternative therapies), and latex are the most common causes of anaphylactic reactions.

Foods that most often cause an allergic reaction are peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, sesame, soy, wheat and lupin.

What are the signs of an allergic reaction?

Signs of a mild to moderate allergic reaction:

- Swelling of lips, face or eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting (however, these are signs of anaphylaxis if the allergic reaction is due to insect bites or stings)

Any ONE of the following signs indicates a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)

- Difficult and/or noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling/tightness in the throat
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Difficult talking and/or hoarse voice
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (in young children)

PVPS has strategies in place to reduce the risk of allergic reactions including:

- eating snacks and lunch inside so students are supervised
- no food consumption outside unless under specific supervision
- students encouraged to wash hands after eating
- food sharing is not permitted unless it is for class parties or special occasions with prior notification to parents
- all staff undertake anaphylaxis training every 2 years along with twice yearly anaphylaxis briefings



Moreland City Libraries Free Events



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or phone 9353 4000

To register for eNewsletters email: readmore@moreland.vic.gov.au

Lawyers, guns and money: stories of Coburg cemetery 7 pm, Monday 5 August, Coburg Library



Murderers, victims, robberies and shoot-outs. Members of the Friends of Coburg Cemetery will introduce you to some of the seedy, sleazy and unsavoury stories of the 'residents' of Coburg cemetery.



Future Histories 7.45 pm, Wednesday 7 August, Brunswick Library

How can radical movements and thinkers from the past help us navigate dilemmas of the digital age? In Future Histories, Lizzie O'Shea explains how we need to look to the past to reclaim our digital future.



No Place Like Home: Repairing Australia's Housing Crisis

7.45 pm, Thursday 8 August, Brunswick Library
Why is housing policy in Australia failing so dismally at putting an affordable roof over every head? Award-winning journalist and author of No Place Like Home, Peter Mares, will explain the causes of the housing crisis and offer practical solutions.



Fizzle and Pop with the Scientwists

7 pm, Thursday 15 August, Glenroy Library

Celebrate Science Week with the Fizzle and Pop Show. It's full of the magic of science with fun, creative and hands on demonstrations. Fun for all the family!



Robo-debt and your rights

6.45 – 8 pm, Thursday 15 August, Coburg Library

What is robo-debt and how could it have affected you? Our expert panel will help you understand Centrelink's automated robo-debt system and what your rights and options are.



Curious kids' night – it's all about STEAM

6.30 pm, Friday 16 August, Coburg Library

A fun, engaging introduction to the wonderful world of STEAM for young children and their families. Explore science with a wide variety of resources and materials. Develop ideas, design, build and then have fun interacting with your creation.
For ages 5 – 12. Adult supervision essential.