



## Principals report

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Dear families and carers:

Welcome Back—I trust everyone had a wonderful Term one break. It was a busy start to the year but a positive one. Our new Foundation students have settled in very well to the school and are making great strides in their reading and learning. This term we have swimming commencing for our Year 3-6 students and will be celebrating Education Week next month. We will send out more information shortly.



## Emergency Contacts

It is important that all families keep their emergency contact details up to date with the school. If there is an emergency we will use these numbers to contact you and notify the school community. Our school uses compass, text messages and email to communicate. The method of communication will generally depend on the nature of the incident and the urgency of contact required. If you have any questions or would like to update your emergency contacts— please contact the school office.

## Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

**John-Mark Gook — Acting Principal**

## Forward Diary

**Apr 24** F-2 Zoo excursion

**Apr 25** Anzac Day

**Apr 29** Photo Day

**May 2** 3/4 Chess

**May 6** Italian Day

**May 8** Mothers Day Stall

**May 9** Athletics Day

**May 13-17** Education week

**May 16** 3/4 Chess

**May 17** Council Bike Ed

**May 22** District Cross Country

**May 23** 3/4 to Preston Library

**May 24** Police Cyber Safety

**May 30** 3/4 Chess



## 3—6 Swimming

### Week 1

Mon 22 April

Tue 23 April

Wed 24 April

Fri 26 April

### Week 2

Mon 29 April

Tue 30 April

Wed 1 May

Thu 2 May

## Assistant Principals Spot

### Meet the new JSC

At Monday's assembly we will unveil our new Junior School Council for 2024. These students were elected to represent their classmates. The first meeting of the new student council will be next Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.



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| FNS  | Harriet Porter-Gawne                     |
| FNG  | Axel Tomarchio                           |
| 1/2H | Waratah Green                            |
| 1/2M | Abdiraxman Ibrahim                       |
| 1/2B | Ke'dy Kalimba                            |
| 3/4P | Idiris Mahamud<br>Dustin Matthews        |
| 3/4H | Sofia Pham<br>Ivy Pham                   |
| 3/4O | Martin Ariza Avendano<br>Kaliyah Tapuala |
| 5/6Y | Lily Demiroski<br>Yussef Brahim Si Ali   |
| 5/6D | Eman Mohamed<br>Ivy Simonetti            |
| 5/6H | Jaela Matthews<br>Teniesha Patrick       |

### Garden help wanted



We are looking for parents who have a little time each week to volunteer in our School Garden. It has been in hibernation for some time and is ready for planting! The children love spending time in the garden and connecting to nature, and it's a great opportunity to learn about the importance of healthy eating, exercise and relaxation.

If you are interested and available to help with our garden project, we would love to hear from you. Please email me at [anne.neville@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:anne.neville@education.vic.gov.au)

**Annie Neville — Acting Assistant Principal**



**NEW CANTEEN SPECIALS...** On Tuesdays there be Sweet Chilli Tender Wraps and on Thursdays there will be Baked Potatoes. Please refer to the Term 2 Canteen Menu for pricing. Jelly cups will be available in Term 2 for \$1.00.



On Tuesday the 23rd of April large home-made Anzac cookies will be available to purchase for \$1.20 to commemorate Anzac Day.

**Julie Hammond — Canteen Manager**



# Student Free Day



# The Captains Page



Next week it is ANZAC day on Thursday. It's a day to remember the soldiers that fought in war. We are selling ANZAC badges, pens and keyrings to raise money for the

Returned Services League (RSL), who are soldiers that survived war. If you would like to support the ANZACS you can bring between \$1 and \$5 to school and we will be coming round to classrooms every day until next Friday. We will also be talking about ANZAC Day at Assembly on Monday.

By Seynab, Riley  
and Brayden.



# Foundation

Every week the Foundation students have been participating in the PMP program. This is a session where the foundation students get to practise their motor skills. We get to do climbing, stilts, acrobatics, balancing, throwing and so many more fun activities. Thankyou to the grade 5/6s for coming every week to help run it.

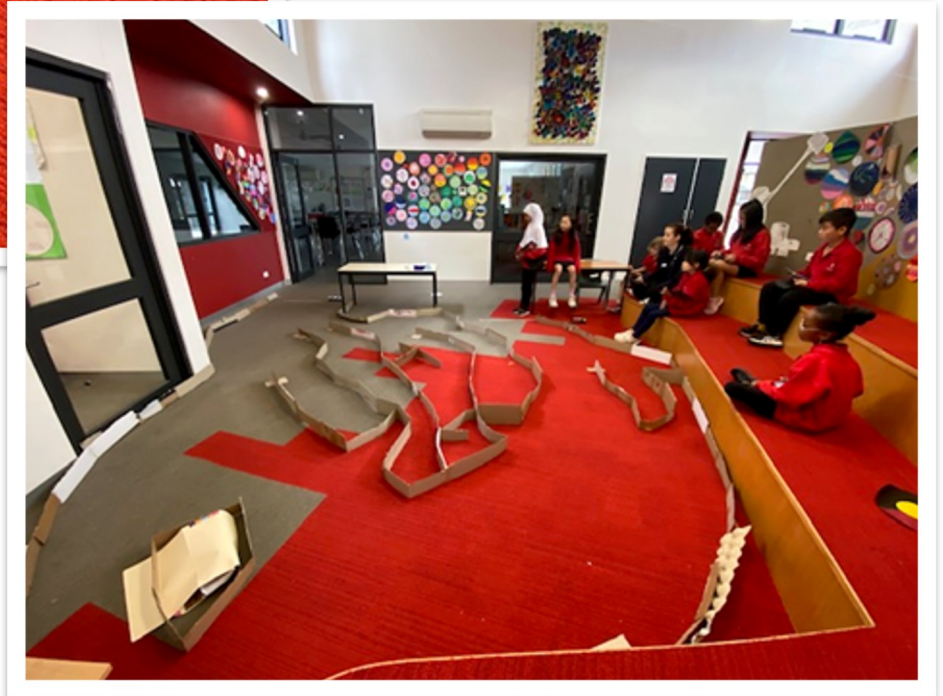




# 3/4 Area

Kane – I learnt how to code the Sphero's to go around a box and the Maze. We cut up boxes and used the cardboard and sticky tape to build a Maze!

Zakariya – It was so fun, creative and joyful. I learnt to be patient and persistent never giving up whilst trying to finish coding the Sphero to complete the maze.





# 3/4 Chess

Every Thursday morning our 3/4 students will participate in our Chess Program, run by an exceptional instructor, Nick Speck. Nick has even trained National Champions! Students are shown interesting strategies and game play. Chess is such a fantastic opportunity to increase problem solving skills, decision making and critical thinking. Here are some photos of the 3/4s in action this week!



# Italian Day

La Festa Italiana



Italian Day



Monday 6 May 2024

Come dressed in the Italian colours:

Verde/Bianco/Rosso = Green/White /Red

or as a famous Italian.

There will be a whole school parade,  
an interactive cooking incursion *L'ingrediente  
segreto,*





## ANZAC Day in After School Care



22-26 April

Book now

### A message from your Coordinator

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope everyone had a nice holiday break with your family and friends. We have lots of events happening for Before and After care that we would like to share with you such as Virtual Discovery Tour, which I will update you on the date that we will conduct this incursion experience for the children, Earth day, which is happening next week, focusing on the impact of climate change, Anzac Day, next week, which the children will show their respect in art and craft, May the fourth day which I will give more details in the coming weeks, Mother day, National Reconciliation week and Nation Yoga Day. I will put some poster in the hall about those events and communicate which you about those dates in the newsletter.

I would like to thank parents and school for all you support for me to run Camp Australia's Program for the children and assist me when was needed. Thank, Deb.

### Activities coming up

- Earth Day Painting
- Anzac Biscuit
- Anzac Poppy Hanger

### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

# SALE

The office currently has a  
supply of hats.

All sizes available

**\$25 cash only**



## 25 APRIL

ANZAC DAY  
LEST WE FORGET

## Student Free Day



In the BER Mon, Tue, Thu,  
Fri (Not Wednesdays)



## Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL)

SEAL provides personalised teaching and learning through a program, across Years 7-9, that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. The SEAL program at Pascoe Vale Girls College offers a faster paced curriculum with the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is an emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills. SEAL students are expected be part of the school's instrumental music program including the orchestra in Years 7&8. In Year 10, SEAL students have the opportunity to accelerate their studies further by completing two VCE subjects earlier than their peers, which allows them to maximise their ATAR for tertiary entry.



### How to apply?

- Visit the school website [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au), click on the Learning tab and then on SEAL. Students who wish to be considered for this program are required to sit an entrance test administered by Edutest (a fee applies). Registrations can be made through the link on the website.
- 2025 applications close on Monday 19th August and testing will be conducted at PVGC on Saturday 24th August, 2024. Information about the location, time and conditions of the test will be emailed closer to the date.



For more information about the SEAL program at PVGC please contact  
Dani Bedohazy, Assistant Principal, on 9306 2544 or [bedepvgc.vic.edu.au](mailto:bedepvgc.vic.edu.au)

# WOW Program

We're pleased to announce our participation in the WOW (Walk or Wheel Once a Week) program, in collaboration with the City of Darebin. What's WOW? It's our initiative to promote walking or wheeling to school every Monday, starting 22nd April until 17th June. Each class will track their participation on a WOW wall calendar, competing for the prestigious Golden Boot Award!

## Why WOW?

Along with the Council, we want to encourage healthy habits and reduce traffic congestion around the school. By walking, riding, scooting, or skating to school, students not only improve their health but also contribute to road safety awareness.

Speaking of road safety, let's brush up on some important tips:

- Use 'Stop, Look, Listen, and Think' before crossing the road.
- Slow down near driveways.
- Always exit the car on the kerb side for safety.

Let's make every Monday a WOW day, promoting health, safety, and community spirit!

