



PEARCEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ISSUE 8

Term 4

It has been an incredibly busy start to our final term for the year. I would like to congratulate all of the students and staff for the calm and orderly way Term 4 has commenced!

Last week we hosted approximately 50 Principal Class personnel from local schools who complimented the school on how wonderful our grounds looked (thanks Mark), how calm and settled our classrooms were and how well the students engaged with their teachers in completing their literacy work (thanks teachers and students)!

Future Foundation Students

Our Future Foundation students have now commenced their transition program. It has been lovely seeing all of the children arriving with huge smiles on their faces ready for the excitement of starting school!

4 values

Our school values - Safe, Respect, Inspire and Courage are important school values, but they are equally important to be reinforced at home as well. Working together, we can support our children to become great citizens. Respect is the value that we are constantly reinforcing to our children and in particular our older students - respecting themselves, their friends, their parents and staff. I encourage you to talk to your children about these values and reinforce their importance both at home and school.

School Uniform

Please remember that students are expected to follow the school uniform policy at all times. Since returning from my leave, I have noticed some students not in full uniform, bike shorts are appearing again which do not meet requirements and also hair longer than shoulder length which must be tied back. Thank you for your support!

School Carnival

A saviour has come to the rescue... in fact 3 parents have made a team to coordinate our Carnival for next year, thank you! Put the date in your Calendar -Sunday 30th March

Moonlit Sanctuary

Our current Foundation students had an awesome time on their first excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary. I had so many children excitedly telling me about all of the animals that they saw....it sounds like it was a great day!

2025 Planning

Thank you to all of the parents who have sent in any important information regarding placements of children for 2025. These will be considered along with all of the data and information that we have to make our class groupings. This is an exhaustive process that takes many weeks. From today, (Friday 25th October) no further correspondence will be accepted as it will negatively impact our timeline to make further changes due to late requests.

Simon

REMINDERS

Fri 25th Oct
World Teachers Day

Wed 30th Oct- Fri 1st Nov
2025 Foundation
transition sessions

Fri 1st Nov
Casey 360 Bus

Tues 5th Nov
Melb Cup Day

Mon 11th Nov
Yr1 excursion
Botanical Gardens

Wed 13th Oct- Fri 15th Nov
2025 Foundation
transition sessions

Fri 15th Nov
Junior Athletics Day
Foundation - Yr3

Mon 11th Nov
Yr1 excursion
Botanical Gardens

Wed 20th Nov
Deaf Sports Day

Tues 19th - Fri 22nd Nov
HPV Maryborough

Mon 25th - Fri 29th Nov
Book Fair

Mon 25th Nov
Foundation & Yr1
Swimming commences



Grade 2 Term 4

We hope you have all had a great break and are ready for a super charged term of learning!

Reading

During Term 4 we'll be looking closely at rich texts by unpacking vocabulary, sequencing events, distinguishing between fact and opinion, understanding cause and effect, determining the main idea, and understanding author's purpose and author's craft. We are also continuing to track our reading nights in our diaries.

Writing

This term, Grade 2 will be working on persuasive and narrative writing. We'll look at the purpose of both genres, topic ideas, organisation of the styles, revising, editing and publishing. Students will conference with their peers and teachers throughout the process with a focus on structure of the genre, sentence structure and word choice. Students will also begin to work on increasing their writing stamina.

Mathematics

During Term 4, Grade 2 will be revising place value, division of equal groups, worded problems involving addition and subtraction, measuring area and volume. Students will be engaged in lessons that encourage problem solving and integrating mathematical concepts with real world applications using concrete materials and games.

Wellbeing

Our Term 4 Respectful Relationships topic 'Help Seeking' enables students the opportunity to practise solving simple interpersonal problems, identify ways to care for others, including ways of making and keeping friends. They discuss the importance of seeking help when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone and practise seeking help from adults and peers.

Inquiry

In Term 4, Grade 2 will focus on internet safety. Using the <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> resources, we will explore what it means to be safe online. Students will be reminded of their trusted adults to talk to if something online makes them uncomfortable. They will learn about screen time, the importance of passwords and personal information and are reminded that when they are online they should:

- Be safe.
- Be kind.
- Ask for help.
- Make good choices.

You can help by:

- Ensuring your child reads nightly.
 - Encourage the writing of lists, letters and stories.
 - Playing math games and chat about money and time.
- Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform as outlined in the PPS Uniform Policy.**

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TERM 3
2024

PE Snap Shot

Through the beginning of Term 4, students across the school have been focussing on a variety of different Fundamental Movement Skills, Sports and Games.

Students from Foundation to Grade 3 have started to practise a variety of modified Athletic-based events in the lead up to our Junior Athletics Day which will take place on the 15th of November (more information will come out closer to the date).

Meanwhile, students in Grade 4 and 5 have started to explore 'Striking & Fielding' games, as they learn the skills, tactics and strategies involved in games such as Kickball, Cricket and Softball.

Lastly, our Grade 6s are finishing off their Primary School PE journey by playing student nominated games such as Line Tiggly, Shark Tiggly, Capture the Flag and many more PE classics.

Divisional & Regional Athletics

This Term started with a 'BANG' for a number of Year 4 - 6 students, as they represented the school in a range of Athletic events at the Northern Peninsula Divisional Athletics Carnival, which took place in Week 1 of the Term.

In total, we had 11 students participate and display an enormous amount of Courage and Respect, as they aspired to be their very best.

Congratulations to the following students for making it to this level.

Alexa E - High Jump
Jordan S - Discus
Flynn M - Long Jump
Jackson G - Hurdles
Rafe M - Discus
Bradley P - 100m
Lenny K - 100m
Zac M - Hurdles
Sienna T - High Jump
Neve H - Long Jump

Further to the above, we would also like to congratulate the following students who finished in the Top 2 in their event, which meant they continued their Athletic journey and participated in the Regional Athletics carnival:

Ava B - Discus & Shotput
Neve H - Hurdles
Sienna T - Hurdles





With Mr T. & Mrs French.

Foundation

This term the students are continuing to discover the world around them and asking questions about why and how things are built and what they are made of. Over the course of the term, activities will move to technology, where students will develop their typing, programming and robotic skills.

Grade 1&2

This week, students have revisited the wonderful world of robots, making one of their own. It is an absolute pleasure to watch them use their creativity and imagination to develop their robots and use connecting techniques to make some weird and wonderful robots. In the next few weeks the engineering continues as they are faced with solving a problem involving a river, some materials and a car; we can't wait to see their solutions.



Grade 3&4

Students in grade 3&4 are continuing to learn some of the elements of the periodic table. This week, they have started looking at how various elements and materials can have different properties that make them suitable to solve problems and make useful tools. A research activity will further their knowledge as they enhance their technical skills as they search for information on the internet about the weird and wonderful uses of chemistry in nature and human developments.

Know your elements

Name	Symbol	Atomic number	Atomic Mass
thorium	Th	90	232.038
Gold	Au	79	196.967
Hassium	Hs	108	267
nitrogen	N	7	14.007
Ytterbium	Yb	70	173.054
Serbergium	Sg	106	266

Chemical Science worksheet

Q1 - The Mr T book in Microsoft has a strength of 36. How many hits would it take to break the book using the following process:

Wood (1 hit) Stone (2 hits) Iron (3 hits) Diamond (5 hits)

Number of hits: _____

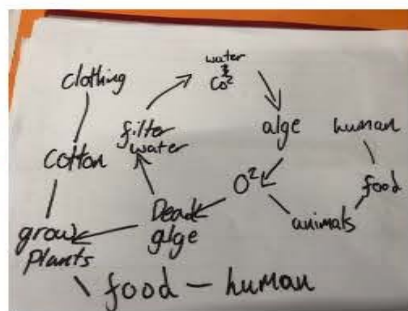
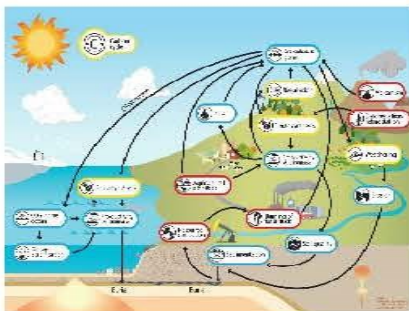
Q2 - Which of these materials is the best to make a picture? Why?

Q3 - To make an iron picture you need 3 iron bits and 2 thin sticks of wood. Circle ALL the bits you need.

Q4 - To make water (H_2O) you need 2 hydrogen atoms and 1 oxygen atom. Circle the three atoms you need.

Grade 5&6

The grade 5&6 students are learning about how a knowledge of chemical science can be used to recycle, reuse and reduce waste. Students over the next two weeks will apply what they have learnt to revisit their moon base project and incorporate chemical processes that may assist with solving some of the issues with humans living on the moon.



Just a reminder for all, on the 4th of December, students in grade 5&6 have an opportunity to participate in a science incursion, look out on Compass for reminders, as some of the activities planned will make for a great experience.

The 2024 Junior and Senior STEM teams

The junior and senior STEM teams are already getting ready for a big 2025. Students have been busy during our lunchtime sessions to build farms and supermarkets in anticipation of learning how food gets on our plates. The enthusiasm shown for STEM in these lunchtime activities really motivates us to come up with more opportunities to embrace student curiosity. Students can join the STEM team at anytime throughout the year, just listen for the announcements on Monday and Friday from Mr T.



Here are some of the websites and online programs we have used in class this term that are easily accessible with any device, if student wish to continue developing their STEM knowledge and skills at home:

Typing practise - <https://www.typing.com/student/lessons> (Google 'typing practise for kids')

And our favourite simulator online sites:

pHET website (general science simulators Yr2-12 -

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/filter?type=html> (Google 'phet simulations')

Stop Disaster Game - <https://www.stopdisastersgame.org/> (Google 'Stop disasters game')

Stay curious.

HEROES and Villains

An Evening of Entertainment Showcasing
Music from our favourite
“Heroes and Villains”

END OF YEAR MUSIC NIGHT

When: Thursday 28th November 2024

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Where: In the school hall

Featuring performances on the night from:

All students participating in *Instrumental lessons, The School Band, Vocal Legends Choir, The Auslan Choir and The Staff Band.*



Join the Mighty Dales 2025!

Do you want to be part of a community? Are you passionate about football and looking for a fun, family-friendly environment to play, learn, and grow? Then the Pearcedale Baxter Junior Football Club is for you! Our Family Football Club is the perfect place for players of all ages and skill levels! Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, we

welcome everyone who loves the game. Bring your family and enjoy:

- Professional coaching
- Exciting matches and friendly tournaments
- A supportive community for kids, teens, and adults
- Fun events and family days

No matter your age or experience, you're part of the family here!

Come be a part of the action and make memories both on and off the field. We offer teams for all age groups for boys and girls - under 8's through to under 17's and under 18's girls team.

New players can send through an expression of interest to registrar@pbjfc.au Let's kick off season 2025 together!

Pearcedale Baxter Junior Football Club

2025 JOIN THE MIGHTY DALES

All age groups!
boys and girls - u8 to u18

New players
expression of interest:
please email registrar@pbjfc.au

Must be 7yrs of age by the 30th April 2025



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, self-esteem, public speaking and presentation skills, all while gaining friendships that will last a lifetime. Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Kylie Minogue. You may have recently seen our girls perform at the Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner and for the official welcome home event for our Australian athletes; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting 2025 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER OPEN DAY

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Point Nepean Heritage
MOTOR SHOW

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024

Rotary Club of Sorrento Presents

The Rotary Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show will be held on Sunday 3 November 2024 – just prior to Melbourne Cup Day.

The Point Nepean Quarantine Station is the perfect venue for every motoring enthusiast to enjoy a day out with family and friends. We invite individual entrants, car and motorcycle clubs to include this event on their calendar. Since its inception in 2022, the Show has attracted over 400 entrants and 2,000 patrons each year.

Trophies with gift packs will be presented to entrants voted best in their category. A Show village will be in place, with food vans, live music and sponsor exhibits adding to the carnival atmosphere. To date we have raised and donated over \$40,000 to local charities with the primary aim of reducing homelessness on the Mornington Peninsula.



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