**Swimming Carnival**

A huge congratulations to all the children who participated in our Poowong CS Swimming Carnival on Wednesday! Last year, due to the terrible weather, we didn’t have a carnival, and in my first year at PCS we only managed to do the formal races. It was certainly fun watching the noodle races and the cork scramble! I don’t think I have seen so much cheating from teachers! I am so glad, after Monday and Tuesday’s weather, that we managed to get 5 days of swimming program and that the carnival went ahead. The junior children even brought the sunshine down with them. A massive thank you to the parents who jumped in and volunteered to help with the BBQ, the scoring, giving out ribbons and giving out place tokens. We very much appreciate your willingness to get involved! Thank you.

**EFTPOS**

The school office is now trialling an EFTPOS machine for payments for camps, excursions, books and requisites (and other things!!). Payments over $10 can be made by going to the office with your card!! We hope this will help!!

**Karmai Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the children who made it to the cluster swimming trials today with Loch P.S. It was a bit cold, but the children tried their very hardest. We are looking forward to the district swimming next Friday in Korumburra. Congratulations to those students who qualified for the Divisional Swimming Sports in the Karmai team.

**School Crossing**

We are still looking for a volunteer to put the flags out in the mornings (8am) and bring them in at night (4.30pm). Ideally we would love them brought in during the day time as well, but we understand that this is not always possible. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please see the school office. We would like to acknowledge the time that the Poowong IGA have put in to this for our school over several years. Thank you! It is now time to hand the baton on to another volunteer!

**Canteen Helpers Needed**

Wendy and Karen are still looking for some volunteers to fill out the canteen roster on a Monday for the term. Our new menu will start on Monday 27th Feb, with a home-cooked flavour! Gluten-free and even Vegan options will be available!! If you would be interested in helping out at the canteen, we would love to hear from you - even if you can only help once a term!! Toddlers are welcome to come along and play in the shed while you help too!

**Help Needed- Fence**

We are still after a willing helper to drill some holes in our fence palings (about 150!) so that we can wire them to our existing fence along Gardner Lane. If there are any grandparents, parents, friends or community members who would like to help us out with this, we would be extremely grateful. We can supply the woodwork shed and the drill/s.

**Monthly Cuppa and a Chat**

Each month we will be hosting an informal Cuppa and a Chat time for parents to come along and get to know other parents within the community. Children are welcome and this is open to everyone. We would love to see you there! The first Cuppa and a Chat was today at 1.30pm. A huge thank you to those who attended! We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other a bit more.

**Working Bee**

We will be holding a working bee on Thursday 23rd February from 2.30pm - 4pm. There are many jobs that need to be done around the school including weeding the triangular garden bed at the end of the library, whipping snipping in the chook shed so we can move it!, mulching around the orchard, removing blackberry bushes from the garden bed at the back of the main building and trimming back of bushes in that garden bed, filling in holes in the grass areas and much, much more. We would love you to come along with a rake, a shovel, a wheelbarrow, and other gardening equipment that may help (don’t forget your gardening gloves!!). We hope to see you there!! If you are able to help with this (we have all the equipment available at the school), please let the office know. We would love to get this up in the next few weeks.

**WHAT’S ON:**

- P/T Interviews: 21st Feb
- CSEF Forms back: 27th Feb.
- Division Swim Sports: 3rd Mar.
- Cuppa & a Chat: 17th Mar.
- Athletics Carnival: 28th Mar.
Prep news!

**Literacy/soundwaves focus:** We have had a busy week working with sounds. The children have explored the sounds ‘f’, ‘g’ and ‘h’. The children have been practising the soundwaves chant (make sure you get them to teach you the song!)

We have continued to make our own readers this week. These early readers not only link to the sounds we are learning, they also expose children to essential sight words. Please make sure your child brings their red reader bag every day.

**Maths** Our daily focus has been learning the days of the week and being able to connect days of the week with familiar activities and events. We have also started working with number; counting and linking number names with the numeral.

**Integrated studies:** Next week we will be starting our integrated unit on “me, my family and my community”. Each child will have their own special day where they are our “Star of the day”. Each day our “Star of the day” will share their “all about me bag” with the class.

**Other things to know:** Just a reminder to check your child’s red reader bag every night, as this is where we will put important notes and information for you.

Have a great week, Mrs Hallyburton

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**Grade One**

**Literacy/ Soundwaves focus:** Our soundwaves sound for this week is a. Words include bat, Dad and family.

This students have worked really well this week on learning and recognising words that begin with and include the ‘a’ sound. Well done!

**Writing focus:** We are continuing on with our recount writing this week and have been focussing on retelling events and activities the students have participated in.

**Maths focus:** This week our maths focus is on skip counting by twos, fives and tens from zero and recognising the number patterns in these counting sequences.

**Integrated unit focus:** This term we are focussing upon our local community, festivals and celebrations and incorporating a focus of our Indigenous Australian history.

**Other things to know:** Well done to all students in participating in our swimming program. It was great to see the students participating enthusiastically at the sports on Wednesday. Well done!

Have a great week! Miss Jones
Grade 2 News

We’ve had such a busy week learning new concepts and understanding new language in all subjects.

**Literacy/Soundwaves focus:** a as in apple. In Reading, most students have had a running record completed and are now on their reading level.

**Writing focus:** We have continued with recounts and trying hard to add detail to our sentences. We are using the language of stretching a sentence. For example, I went to the pool. This was changed to, I went to the pool with my friends on Saturday.

**Maths focus:** Number. We have shared our favourite numbers between 20 and 100. We discovered facts such as odd/even, how many ones and tens in our number, what sums can be made that equal our number. We have also learnt how to play race to a flat.

**Integrated Studies focus:** This week we have continued with our topic Me and My Community. Our focus has been learning about Australia’s first people. We know the Indigenous Australians were here more than 40,000 years ago.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Lacanaria.

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Grade 3

**Literacy/ Soundwaves focus:** Students have started their regular spelling routines. The word lists will be sent home in their Reading Diaries. Each week they will be tested on their words and students will record and monitor their improvements. This will be supported by the weekly Sound Waves Units. Reading diaries are to be brought to school each day and for the time being we are just focusing on the routine of bring them and having them ready at the beginning of each day. We have a Plickers Code on the back which is an assessment scan code that we use in class on a regular basis. Take home reading will begin in week 4.

**Writing focus:** With our amazing Swimming Carnival on Wednesday, students have been working on using VCOP to write amazing recounts.

**Maths focus:** This week we have made number expanders. This give the students exposure to numbers greater than 9,999 and they have been writing numbers as extended notation e.g. 4638 = 4000 + 600 + 30 + 8

**Integrated Unit focus:** This week we began our flip books which will we will work on over the term and into our focus on Australian History.

**Other things to know:** The children are enjoying having two teachers this year and are really enjoying the strengths and qualities that each brings to the classroom. We are looking forward to meeting you for the getting to know you interviews, notes for your time preference have gone out. If you would prefer a different day or time please let me know, we have a lot to get through on the night and would be happy to see you at another time, just let the office know or come and speak with one of us. Camp notes went home this week. How exciting. Forest Lodge is the BEST camp I have ever been on and the kids just love it. We will talk with the students about it in the lead up to camp and if you have any concerns please let us know. If you are able to volunteer your time and have a Working With Children Check we would love to hear from you.

Mr Horton and Mrs Anthony
**Volunteer/s Needed**

We are needing a volunteer/s to put out and bring in the children crossing flags. They need to be out at 8.00 am and in at 9.30 am and out again at 2.30 pm and in again at 4.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Cate Mc Kenzie at the school. 5659 2356. Thank you.

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**Grade Four**

**Literacy/ Soundwaves focus:** This week we have been continuing to build our reading stamina and are focusing on the different text types that we read and write.

We have started the first unit of Soundwaves, exploring b and bb. Spelling lists will be sent home every week; some students may be sent with extra extension words as well.

**Writing focus:** We have been continuing on writing recounts and how to use punctuation effectively.

**Maths focus:** This week we have been focusing on being able to add quickly in our heads and also using vertical addition with numbers up to the tens of thousands. The students have been up for the challenge and have been so positive about having a go!

**Integrated Unit focus:** This term we are focusing on Australia and what makes it special. We are working closely with the grade 3 class. We have been working on a flip book about our world, starting with our bedrooms and our house, then working towards Australia.

**Other things to know:** Thank you to those who have been bringing and checking home reading diaries. These need to be checked at least once a week and filled in by the students. Reading groups will be starting very soon and so will homework. Camp forms have been sent out this week as well. If you would like to attend camp or have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to come and talk to me.

I am looking forward to meeting you all on Tuesday at interviews.

Miss Pears

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**MUSIC**

This week we revisited the lesson from last week. The junior grades have been leaning how to identify the beat of a song and tap along with it. We created our own jungle noise composition with frogs, birds and crickets. It sounded great. We are working on experiencing beat through some rhythm stick games to simple songs. The seniors have been working on a game called Wa to explore and keep beat. It has been very fun especially when we add in the Wee! We have been practicing a dance routine to a very well-known tune (one that has been around since the 18th century and a rhythm clapping dance. It has been a lot of fun.

Mr Horton

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**LOST:**

1 Size 10 Windcheater—new uniform.
Clearly named **LAYLA CECIL** on inside ribbing.
Please return to office if you have accidentally picked it up.
**Grade Six**

It has been great week with our swimming carnival on Wednesday adding to the excitement. It was wonderful to see so much persistence and courage in the pool, plus some fantastic cheering and support from those watching on.

**Literacy/ Soundwaves focus:** Our soundwaves sound for this week is a as in apple.

Our reading skills groups have been working well. It has been good to see some growing confidence and lots of collaborative skills building as we explore a range of texts.

**Writing focus:** We have been continuing to focus on using our senses to describe events and experiences, and have now started to plan the recount of the swimming carnival that we will write next week.

**Maths focus:** This week we have been extending our knowledge of number 'into the red' and exploring negative integers and where we use them in everyday situations, like temperatures and building floors.

**Integrated Unit focus:** Along with the grade 5s, we have been continuing to expand our knowledge about the countries that make use the Asian geographical region.

**Other things to know:** I am looking forward to our chats at next week’s Getting to Know You meetings.

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**Grade 5 News**

The grade 5’s have continued to apply themselves in class and I have been very impressed with their work ethic and good manners.

**Literacy/ Soundwaves focus:**

This week we have continued on with the grapheme b as in bell and ribbon. The children will be tested on their words on a Monday and errors will be pasted into their take home diary for practise during the week. On Friday they will be tested again.

**Writing focus:** Our writing focus this week has been narratives. We are working on adding details and emotions to our written work. We have used Microsoft Word to assist with our punctuation and spelling attempts.

**Maths focus:** Our focus this week has been subtraction. We have subtracted in columns and looked at strategies to subtract quickly. We have been working on number facts from the 12 times table and increased our automatic recall of these facts. Next week we will be looking at the 7 times table.

**Integrated Studies focus:** -Asia

Australia has a lot of close and important links to Asia even though there are a lot of cultural differences. This is a statement that the children will research this term. We have continued to locate Asian countries on a World map and the bordering countries between Eastern Asia and Europe.

**Other things to know:**

The children will have a take home diary in their bag each night and this can be used by parents as a communication book. The children will have their weekly spelling words pasted in each Monday. Each child is encouraged to read for 20 minutes each night and write any jobs that they might help with around the home.

I am working on a homework grid for next week.

Looking forward to catching up for a chat at the parent teacher interviews.

Regards,

Jim Leicester
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU—
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

PIES…. $1.25

DIM SIMS…. $0.40C ea. OR 3 FOR $1.00

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**NEW MENU WILL START FROM 27TH FEBRUARY, MENU WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK**

A reminder to return helper forms ASAP to ensure lunch orders can go ahead. Younger siblings welcome.
ATTENTION SINGERS!

Do you sing in the shower? Around the house? In the car on the way to school?

Singing teacher Britt Lewis will be offering private lessons once a week at Poowong Primary for anyone and everyone who would like to sing, perform and learn more about their voice.

Contact her atbritterinlewis@gmail.com for more information :)

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GRAND OPENING!

Fit To Your Core are happy to announce that we are having a grand opening WEEK!

From the 13th-19th of February come to one of our special bootcamp, HIIT, circuit or kids bootcamp classes for $10, bring 1 friend for free and every friend after that for just $5! Booking essential

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