

PCS NEWS

Friday 11th February 2022



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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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A Message from Mrs McKenzie...

Welcome back to an already fabulous year. The kids have settled back into their school routine so well, we really couldn't ask for a better start. We welcome several new students this year as well as our preps and we can't wait to get to know each and every one of you. To our families new to our school, I would like to offer a warm welcome. We hope you will love our school as much as we do. Welcome to Braxy, Blyth, Axton, Elyssa and Raylee.

Before and After School Care

TheirCare is now running our Before and After School Care program and we welcome Tristan as our coordinator and educator for PCS. If you need to book your children in to care (even for casual days) please see the TheirCare website at www.theircare.com.au

Introducing Mr Methven

We would like to welcome Mr Methven to our school in 2022 as our Grade 6 teacher. Glenn has already settled in well and is loving being part of the PCS community.



Rapid Test Update

We have received our second delivery of Rapid Tests and these will be sent home with students on Monday. If you do not wish to receive any rapid tests, please let the office know so these can be used to support other families.

Keeping Families Updated with COVID positive cases

When we receive a positive COVID alert regarding one of our students, we will ensure that the school community is notified. At this time, we have only had reports of extended family members who are positive, and students who were not positive when onsite. We understand that this is a worrying time for many, and will ensure to communicate via Sentral if any of our students return positive results. Until then we will focus on preventative measures such as air purifiers, masks, sanitiser etc.

Money and Notes for the Office

All money and notes for the office should be taken by your child to their classroom each morning and given to their child's teacher. Notes and money are put in the Green Bag and sent up to the office in grade lots each day. This helps us with sorting out notices and ensures accurate recording of money.

3-Way Goal Setting Meetings

Twice a year we hold our 3 Way Conferences with parents, students and their teacher. The beginning of the year meeting helps to make goals for your child for the semester. The middle of the year 3 Way Conference coincides with school reports going out to parents. At this meetings, goals are reviewed, progress celebrated and new goals set for the remainder of the year. Please pop on to Sentral to make a booking for after school on Tuesday 22nd March. Bookings will be open on Monday at 9am.

I am very much looking forward to a great term ahead. Have a wonderful weekend. Cate

COMING UP...

TERM ONE

FEBRUARY

Feb 16 - School Council

Feb 22 - Grade 5 Peer Mediation



- Tutu Day (22/2/22)

Wear a Tutu!

- 3 Way Goal Setting Online

Feb 23 - Grade 6 Peer Mediation

MARCH

Mar 2 - Preps begin Wednesdays

Mar 11 - Curriculum Day

(No Students at School)

Mar 14 - Labour Day Public Holiday

(No Students at School)

Mar 16 - School Photos

- School Council

Mar 17 - St. Patricks Day

Mar 21 - Harmony Day

Apr 5 - House Athletics Sport

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Gr 5/6 Marysville Camp

August 17th - 19th

Gr 3/4 Mill Valley Camp

August 24th - 26th

REMINDERS...

Lunch Orders are available every Friday

Icy poles available on Tuesdays and Thursdays
.50c each

Hats are required for Term 1 and Term 4

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Therapy Dog News – Welcome to Mila!

A few days after we finished school for 2021, we got surprised with a new addition to our family and to our school– Mila. My husband had been making secret plans and boy was I excited. I had explained to my husband that, if we were going to get another Cavvie, it needed to be a girl and it needed to be a different colour so that no one could mistake her for Oscar.

Mila came all the way from New South Wales to join our family and our school and she was just meant to be. Originally Mila was sold and we had contacted the breeder for a puppy from their next litter later this year. It was a shock that Mila suddenly became available after the original people decided to take a boy puppy instead, and all of a sudden we needed to make the decision if we wanted Mila or not. The breeder even offered to make our trip easier by meeting us in Shepparton so we didn't have to drive so far. Bonus!

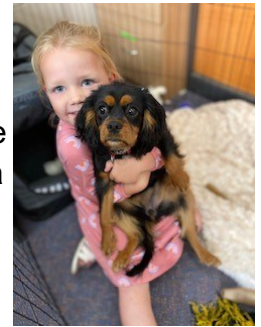
As you can imagine, the loss of Oscar is very fresh for everyone, and I don't think we were quite ready for a puppy in our household, but sometimes the universe brings us just what we need... Mila has spent the Christmas holidays learning about being part of our family, learning some basic training, and learning to be a little sister to Max. She has also spent lots of time getting used to coming into the school when no other children on staff were at school, just to get used to the office and her play pen. Mila has proven to be a smart, cheeky, funny and determined addition, and like many other new puppies, likes to chew everything, chase butterflies and chase balls. She has kept us busy and exhausted all holidays.

Mila has been coming to school for the last couple of weeks and loves so go out at playtime and entertain the children, and she is learning so much about walking properly on the lead too (she doesn't pull or try to run off like Oscar did!!). Mila is loving all the attention and pats from the kids and will complete her therapy dog training once she is 12 months old. The kids are loving her cuddles and licking and getting to come in to the office to play.

Mila will never replace Oscar (no other dog will ever be like him– he was one of a kind) but will carve out her own place in everyone's hearts. And hopefully she keeps her cheeky personality as she grows and matures, as she has kept everyone very entertained with her antics this past fortnight.

Please feel free to come and have a cuddle or a pat with Mila when you are next up at school.

Welcome, Mila x





TheirCare
where Kids love to be!



What's happening at TheirCare

Welcome back students! Theircare is open! We are so very excited to be here at Poowong Consolidated School and have the opportunity to be a part of your beautiful community.

Here at TheirCare, we offer Before school care (6:30am -8:45am) and After school care (3:30 – 6:00pm). Throughout both sessions we offer healthy food options and a variety of exciting activities including science, arts, cooking and sports.

We had an incredible first few days, this is what the children had to say about their first experience at TheirCare

Joel says "It's exciting" Aliyah says "amazing food and interesting games" George says "you can dress up, its great"

Rohan says "food is good"



Important Information/Updates

To ensure we are SunSmart and able to enjoy the sunshine, please make sure you supply a hat.

Hi, my name is Tristen, I am the new coordinator for Poowong Consolidated Their Care. It is my passion to make a fun, safe and educational environment for everyone to enjoy. I can't wait to meet you all!



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Amazing Before + After School Care Programs

Poowong Consolidated School



YOGA NEWS

After school yoga is back next week!
Yoga is not just for adults! It can give children very important life skills and have a positive impact on children's well-being:

- Yoga helps children manage their anxiety. ...
- Yoga improves children's emotional regulation. ...
- Yoga boosts children's self-esteem. ...
- Yoga increases children's body awareness and mindfulness. ...
- Yoga enhances children's concentration and memory. ...
- Yoga develops children's strength and flexibility.

The lessons begin straight after school with a quick snack followed by a 45 minute yoga session, concluding at 4.30

Lessons are \$10 each and will run for 8 weeks this term.
Contact Jen Hallyburton for more information or to book.
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

POOWONG'S Little Market

Supporting Local Businesses

20th February 10am to 2pm

@ The Poowong Football Oval
Gold Coin Entry on Arrival

An Animal Farm, Live Music Entertainment and a BBQ put on by the Poowong Football Netball Club with over 85 stalls partaking in the event, some include:

- Airy Fairy Face Paint
- Sugar Shack Donuts
- Barista on the move
- Kricklewood Soaps
- Postcode Hives
- Loch Village Confectionary
- Pineapple and Spice
- Ella K Creations
- Brightwood Blooms
- Green Against the Grain
- Three Wandering Oaks
- Wild at heart scrunchies
- Georgia Grace
- Holy Smokes Queen
- Pinky's Pots
- Gippsland Jersey
- Queen Bee Handbags
- Stix Wicks
- Poowong's CFA
- Cookie Dough Lovers

POOWONG CAFÉ & TAKEAWAY LUNCH ORDER MENU

Potato Cake	\$1.00
Fried Dim Sim	\$1.00
Steamed Dim Sim	\$1.00
Chicken Nugget	\$1.00
Party Pie	\$1.20
Sausage Roll	\$1.20
Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$3.00
Moka Dog (Battered)	\$3.20
Hot Dog	\$3.50
Chicken Wrap (GF)	\$3.50
Chicken Strip Salad (GF)	\$4.50
Super Spud	\$4.50
Cheese & Salad Sandwich	\$4.00
Ham Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$4.00
Jam Donut	\$1.20
Tropical Prima	\$1.50
Big M - Chocolate	\$2.00
Big M - Strawberry	\$2.00
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00

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