

Pomonal Primary School



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Pomonal Primary School should be a place of learning where everyone in the school feels a sense of belonging. Where respect, responsibility and persistence are our key values.

If you like what you see, tell the world. If you have a problem come and see the principal.

Welcome to Pomonal Primary School

On Behalf of Pomonal Primary School, I would like to formally welcome back our existing students and families and welcome our new families and new preps

- Natasha Jones and Damon Henricksen who have recently moved to Pomonal. Isabella will be joining us this year in Prep
- Kelly keel and David Sharp whose son Ollie will be commencing in Grade 1.
- James Roberts who will be commencing Prep.

We hope you enjoy your experience at Pomonal Primary School and look forward to getting to know you all in the upcoming weeks.

2019 –What Lies Ahead –School Projects

2019 is set to be an exciting year for students at Pomonal Primary School with the following projects and events being scheduled to occur:

- **Makers Project Grant \$5000 New Kitchen/ Science/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering/ Art/ Maths Project Space) will be completed at the beginning of Term1.**

Pomonal Primary School was successful in attaining a Science Engagement Program Grant. This money will be utilised to create a new learning space in the shed and purchase science equipment, which will allow students to work in groups to cook produce from the school garden, and to design and create products to sell at the local Pomonal Market . They will also work together to create STEAM projects to enhance the outdoor learning environment at Pomonal Primary School. ***Students will be designing and creating a mosaic path and sensory garden in Semester 1 to enhance the front entrance of the school***

- **Financial Literacy Grant \$4800, funded by ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission) Money Smart)**

This grant will fund a program to support financial literacy outcomes for students. Specifically, ***students will work towards creating a 'mini business' in Maths, Literacy and STEAM lessons and design and create a product or produce to sell at the local Pomonal Market on Sunday 31st March***

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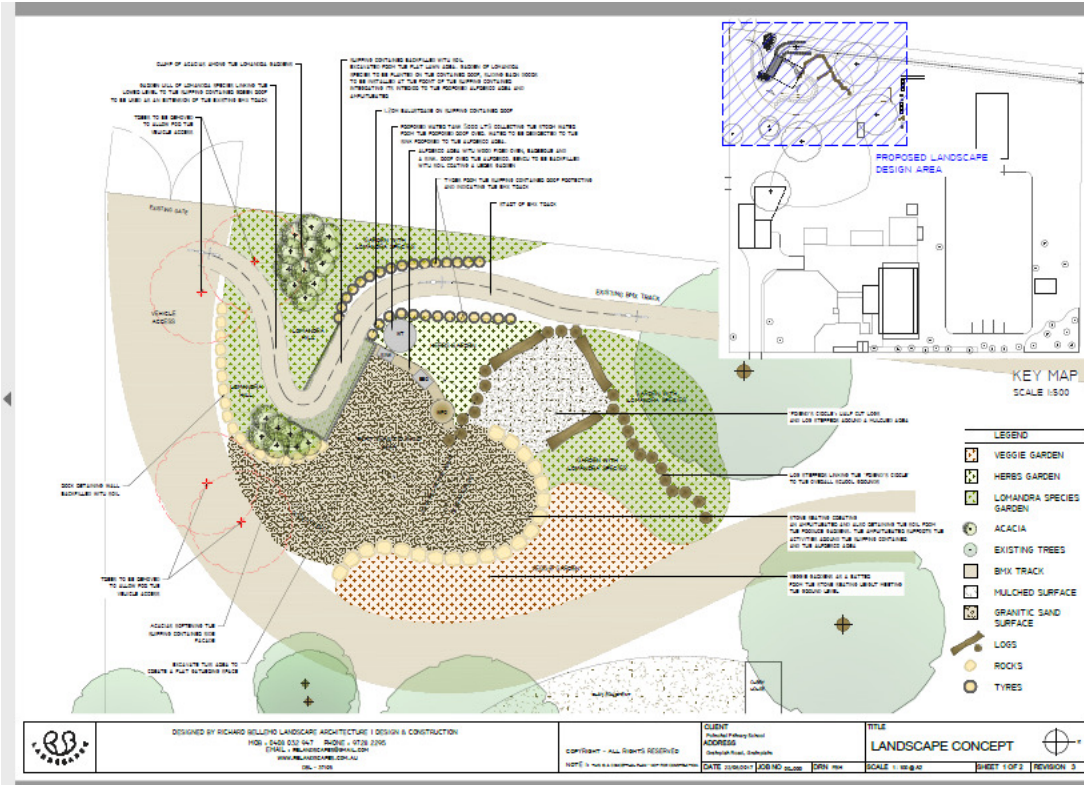
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2019 –What Lies Ahead (School Projects) cont...

- PSNAP (Pomonal Sensory and Natural Activity Precinct) will be completed at the end of Semester 1.

Pomonal Primary School was very fortunate to be awarded a \$90,000 grant to make our school more inclusive for all students. The money will be spent to create a project that parents, staff and students have been dreaming of for a number of years. The Inclusive Outdoor Learning Precinct will transform a shipping container into an outdoor classroom and will be built into a vegetated hill, which will connect to the existing BMX track. A pizza oven and outdoor kitchen is also included in the plan. Further



MODIFIED SHIPPING CONTAINER WITH BARN SLIDING DOORS AND ROOF



ROCK RETAINING WALL AND LAWN HILL

(Concept plans)

works will include landscaping and vegetable gardens.

- Bunnings –Sensory Garden Project –Friday 1st march 10pm

Bunnings have very kindly offered to provide plants, materials and labour to assist the students to create a sensory garden around the mosaic path they are creating in art.

Parents are encouraged to assist with the project on Thursday 21st February to plant the gardens out, concrete the path and lay the sprinkler system. A BBQ will be supplied to all who attend the project.

Parent volunteers are also required to create the frame for concreting prior to the 1st of March. Please let Belinda know if you are able to assist before the event with the foundations and/ or on the Bunnings Project Day.

Password Reminders –Please encourage students to log-in to their soundwaves and imaths (when they are allowed ‘screen time’) to practice their maths and spelling).

This year, we will be continuing with the **VCOP writing program** with Big Writes scheduled every even week, and the **sound waves spelling** program with spelling tests scheduled every Friday. Students will be tested on Monday’s and are responsible for writing their words in their diaries and loading them onto DOJO. Please assist your students to practice their spelling words and prepare for Big Writes by talking to them about thier writing topic and assisting them to come prepared with ideas.

Imaths Year Level	PASSWORD	Soundwaves Year Level	PASSWORD
Prep	along918	Prep	cage174
Grade 1	blue611	Grade 1	tent878
Grade 2	pram729	Grade 2	house317
Grade 3	show642	Grade 3	house857
Grade 4	slip676	Grade 4	start292
Grade 5	were696	Grade 5	sting535
Grade 6	going620	Grade 6	send245

Students can access imaths and soundwaves games online to practice maths concepts and spelling from ipads and computers at home.

(Concept plans)

They can utilise the following passwords from home:

English –(Poetry and Persuasive Writing.

Maths –(Money/ Time and budgets)

Marc Van –Every Second Tuesday on Odd Weeks with Caitlyn

Art –Every Thursday on even weeks with Mrs Powell (Students will be learning how to create a mosaic path along with other art skills)

Portuguese –Every Wednesday after lunch with Patricia and Belinda (Lessons will include language, culture, cooking, dance)

Science –This Term our focus will be Chemical Science with Claire every Friday fortnight

STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Art, Maths) Projects with Claire every Friday fortnight (whole school working on Enterprise projects to sell at the market and to enhance the school)

Media (Senior class only) -Friday after lunch with Tim Syrota and Belinda Students will film the scenes for their short film and learn how to edit the scenes and add background music etc.

Health and Physical Education—(X-country and Athletics Carnivals)

Gardening –Every Monday odd weeks 9.15-9.40am after assembly. **Parents invited to help out**

2019 –What Lies Ahead (Extra –Curricular Activities)



After School Activities held at Pomonal Primary School

- Yoga –Thursdays 7pm in the Junior class
- After School Art Class with Mrs Powell Tuesdays 3.15pm –4.45pm
- South American Dance (Salsa, Zumba, Samba) with Patricia Every Tuesday Fortnight, beginning Week 2

2019 –What Lies Ahead (Events)

Confirmed Cluster Days /Sporting Events

- Swimming Sports at Ararat Swimming Pool with Ararat Small Schools Cluster (22 February 2019)
- *Black Ranges Inter-School Swimming@ Horsham (6 March 2019)*
- Cross-country at Hallsgap Botanical Gardens with Grampians cluster (Date TBC)
- *Black Ranges Inter-School Athletics @ St Arnaud (8 May 2019)*
- Athletics Carnival at Pomonal Oval with Grampians Cluster (Date TBC)

This year Pomonal is hosting the athletics Carnival. Parents will be required to assist in catering for the event and provide support on the day.

- *Black Ranges Inter-School Athletics @ Stawell (4 September 2019)*
- Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill History Camp with Ararat Small Schools Cluster (22nd –23rd October 2019)
- Winter Sports Carnival at Stawell (Soccer) (28th May 2019)



Fundraising Events /Parent Helper dates:

Although it is not expected that all parents volunteer to assist with all of the events listed, any support they can provide will be greatly appreciated!

Friday 1st March– Sensory Garden Planting Day with Bunnings 10am –1pm

Parents encouraged to assist with creating frame for concrete path prior to event and with planting, concreting and laying of sprinkler on the day

Every second Monday morning – Gardening

Parents are invited to assist in the planting and maintenance of the school garden and compost heaps alongside the students and are welcome to take home any unutilised garden produce.

The first gardening session will commence on Monday 11th Feb from 9.15 to 9.40am.

May 10th and 11th 2019 -Lake Fyans Kayak Fishing Comp

Families and students are encouraged to try and catch a fish to win one of many fabulous prizes. There are also many raffle prizes to be won. Pomonal Primary School is required to provide a BBQ lunch for both days of the event.

21st March 6.30pm 2019 -Festival of Small Halls

Pomonal Primary in conjunction with Pomonal Hall Committee will be hosting the ‘Small halls Festival’ .

Pomonal Art Show (Fri 20th Aug/ Sat 31st Aug and Sun 1st Sept 2019)

The Pomonal Parents Club are the organisers of this event. Below are some of the many jobs the parents fulfil.

Prior to event:

- Seek donations of bbq items to cook and sell
- Seek donations of goods and services for auction
- Decorate and set up hall
- Seek donations of goods and services for auction

During event:

Sell drinks and food
Man door (collect entry fee, and art sales)

After Event

Clean hall, Issue Artwork to buyers and issue unsold art to artists