

Pomonal Primary School

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

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.

Dear Parents and Pomonal Primary School Community,

I hope you have had a relaxing weekend (most likely by the fire, or for the more adventurous, I hope you enjoyed the snow up on the Mountains!!)

It is hard to believe it is August already! Time seems to be flying, especially the past 2 weeks!

Students had a busy 2 weeks working on their school art show pieces; cooking sausage rolls as part of the Great Outdoors/ Life Skills Program; writing a narrative for their Big Write; planting 600 trees with Project Platypus; Participating in creative writing and drama activities with Tim during Media studies; learning new skills and games during after school soccer and making sherbet and slime during Science. Last week was quite a disruptive week for students and staff and I thank all involved for being so understanding of the difficult personal situation I was in.

Principal, Belinda Wethers

Art Show Update

With the Pomonal Art show quickly creeping up on us (it is only 3 weeks away!), Mel has requested on behalf of the parents club that parents please sign up for jobs and cooking responsibilities and continue seeking donations for the goods and services auction. She has created some sign on lists (which will be attached to the noticeboard). As we have a reduced number of families this year, we encourage families to help out in any way they can. There is also a list for people to write any goods and service items they have already collected or will be collecting to ensure there are no double-ups.

Barb and Wayne have invited to be the 2018 guest artists. They have requested that all families decorate one apple box. Please have your box completed by **Thursday 30th August** so they can be stacked as part of the foyer decorations for the art show.

Students are encouraged to work on an art item at home to sell. (Individual students get to keep the money from the sale of their art work).

Families / students are also welcome to make craft items to sell at the market stall on Sunday.

There will be an art show meeting in the next week or so and all family members are encouraged to attend. There will also be a survey issued in the near future for parents to complete in regards to how they wish to see the proceeds of the art show spent. **I thank the parents for all the hard work they have already put in and for their future contributions in what I am certain will be a fabulous event and wonderful fundraiser for the school!**

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Eggs for sale (\$5/ dozen)



Fortunately our school hens don't seem to be bothered by the cold and are still laying 5 to 6 eggs a day. This is more eggs than we need for cooking at school, so we encourage families to buy our very fresh and 'free range' eggs. Please help yourself and take the carton closest to the door (this ensures they are rotated to ensure freshness).

Please leave your \$5 in the container in the fridge. **All money raised from the egg sales will buy seed to feed the chickens!** (Students have worked out that we need to sell 6 cartons to buy a bag of food) and are recording their sales on their classroom graph.

Please bring in empty egg cartons



Tyson is one of many students who enjoys tending to the chickens needs daily. He enjoys feeding them and regularly checking to see if they have laid any eggs.



Declan (Gutjuk) has been attending Pomonal Primary whilst his family are staying with the Wethers family. His highlight has been checking for eggs several times/ day.

Volunteers Wanted (to order the school library)

The students under Cecelia's (the CRT) guidance began organising the school library books last week but only half finished the job. We really need a small team of volunteers to help asap to colour code the books with stickers and then display them on the correct shelves as the books are getting ruined and need to be put away. (Please contact Belinda (principal) if you are able to assist in anyway.

Upcoming Events

Curriculum Day (Monday 13th August)

All staff will be attending a PD with the Ararat Cluster at Willaura Station. The focus will be on leading and Creating Powerful learning Relationships and will be led by guest facilitators: David

Culture Activities (Tuesday 14th August and Wednesday 15th August)

The Wethers family currently have guests from the remote indigenous community of Galiwinku, which is located on Elcho Island in North East Arnhemland. Bettina and Henry are both very talented individuals. Henry is a fantastic dancer and significant leader. He makes his own digeridoos and other artefacts. Bettina has been an Aboriginal Community Police Officer for over 10 years and is also an extremely talented artist. Together (and along with their 2 year old nephew and 7 year old son, they will perform a number of indigenous dances and will teach students how to dance traditional culture dances and will teach and help students to make their own indigenous art or artefacts.

I invite family members to come to school on Wednesday from 2pm-3.15pm to watch the students put on an indigenous performance and to watch Bettina and Henry demonstrate some Yolgnu culture.

Cluster Day at Concongella (Monday 20th August)

This years theme will be pirates!!!! (Arrrr! Students can either dress up as their favourite book character or as a pirate...Shiver me timbers....! Can't wait to see everyone dressed up).

Students will participate in the following activities: Parade/ Costume Reveal; Treasure Map creating; Pirate hat and pirate character creating.

Students will travel by bus. Please confirm by Wednesday 15th if your child **will not** be required to travel by bus. Failure to do/ or students not attending the excursion at the last minute will result in



excursion cost still being billed to your family account.



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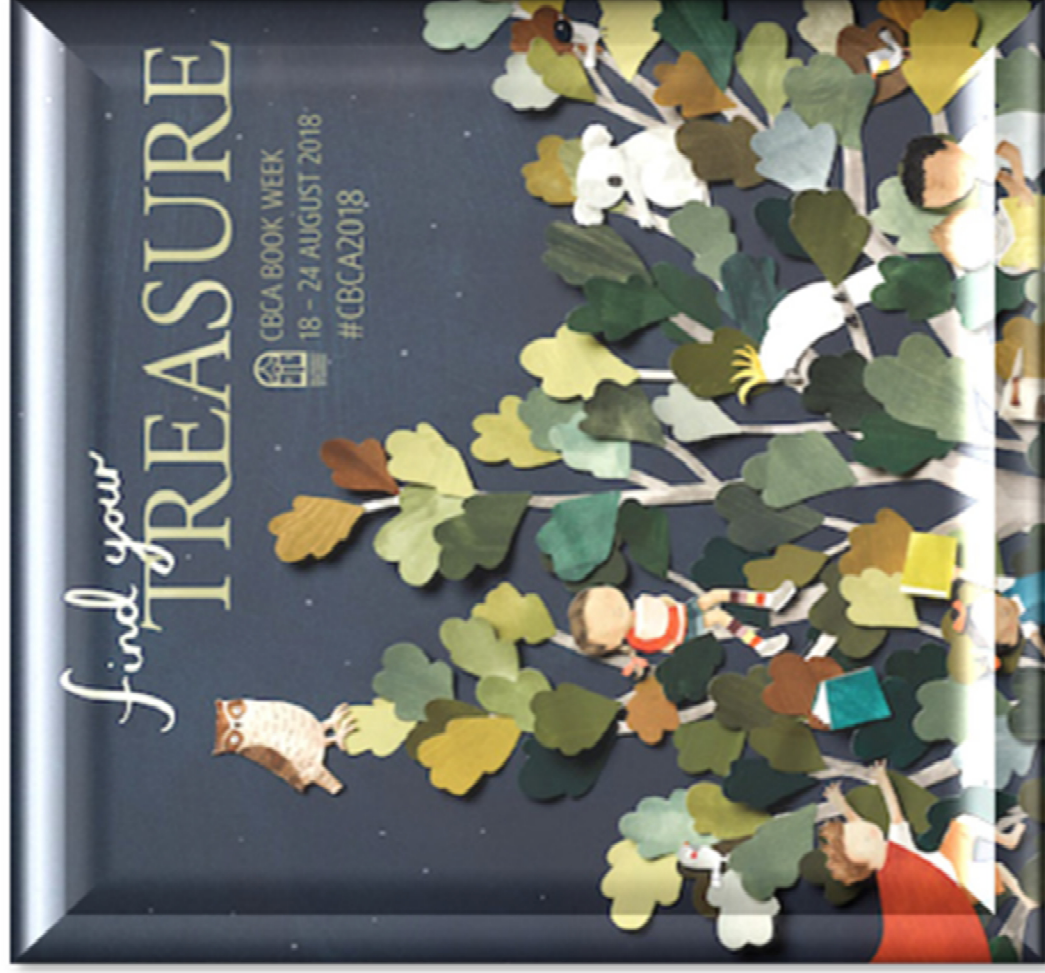
Learning how to make slime with Keryn (CRT) in Science and learning how to draw portraits in art with Mrs Powell

What has been happening in Term 3?

The Great Outdoors Program

Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3	30 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	31 BW PD Mrs McCann CRT (Senior Class) Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	1 Aug BW PD Marc Van Mrs McCann Maths/ Literacy intervention	2 Spelling Test Media Soccer Mini roos	3	4	5
4	6 Big write -narrative	7	8 BW PD Chinese Mrs McCann CRT	9 ART BW PD Soccer Mini roos	10 Spelling Test Project Platypus Tree Plant at the Black Ranges, Stanwell	11	12
5	13 Staff PD Curriculum Day	14 Cold Write Indigenous Culture Activities 1.30 – 3.25pm (families welcome)	15 Belinda Admin Kim Senior class NO MARC VAN	16 ART BW PD Media Soccer Mini roos	17 Spelling Test Great Outdoors	18	19
6	Cluster Day Book Week at Concongella (Pirate theme)	21 Big write	22 Chinese Mrs McCann Literacy/ Numeracy intervention	23 ART Media Soccer Mini roos	24 Spelling Test Great Outdoors	25	26
7	27 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy Snr Golf (11:45 -12:30)	28 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	29 Marc Van Mrs McCann Literacy/ Numeracy intervention	30 ART Media Soccer Mini roos	31 Spelling Test Great Outdoors	1 Sept ART	2 SHOW SHPO
8	3 Big write Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	4 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	5 Chinese Mrs McCann Literacy/ Numeracy intervention	6 BW PD ART Media Soccer Mini roos	7 Spelling Test Great Outdoors	8	9
9	10 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	11 Mavis volunteers with junior literacy	11 Marc Van Somers Camp Y2/3/4/5 Camp	12 Somers Camp Y2/3/4/5 Camp P/1 Sleepover	13 Somers Camp Y2/3/4/5 Camp P/1 Sleepover	14 Somers Camp	15 Somers Camp
10	16 Somers Camp Big Write	17 Somers Camp Media Soccer Mini roos	18 Chinese Somers Camp	19 ART Media Soccer Mini roos	20 Bike Ride Family Day	21	22

Book Week— Cluster Day at Concongella P&A



This year, Conco will be the proud
hosts to our Cluster Schools for Book
Week!

When? Monday the 20th August.

What? Dress up for the theme 'Find
Your Treasure' or your favourite book
character.

Congratulations

Monthly School Values Awards



Well done to the following students who were awarded the July School Values awards :

Respect Award– Indigo (For her efforts in organising the classroom and maintaining the school grounds before school)

Responsibility Award–

Tayla (For consistently working hard to produce high quality work, completing her homework and achieving excellent results.)

Hannah (For constantly supporting others to follow the school values and being a great advocate for the prep students)

Congratulations to Tyson, Dusty and Hannah for reading for 25 nights! Keep up the good work!



Project Platypus Tree Planting Excursion

Students drove via bus to a property next to the Black Ranges and worked with Project Platypus to re-plant 600 trees in an area where kangaroos had previously eaten all the planted trees. The new plants were treated with a substance that makes them taste horrible to the kangaroos in hope that it will deter them from eating them. Students worked together to build the flat pack tree guards and then in small teams to plant the trees. Euan was



awarded the title of 'Tree Guard Champion' after winning the tree guard assembly race. All students worked really hard and represented Pomonal Primary School in a very positive manner.



Harriet's little brother James even joined us and was a wonderful little helper.



