



# POMONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**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.**

## Principal Report:

Despite having quite a messy start to Term 2, students have been very productive and participated in a range of activities: they wrote 2 Big Writes (the students all seemed to come up some unique scenarios that detailed how Easter Bunny got caught and an extensive lists either for or against why small schools are better than large school –most chose to focus on the positives of small schools). Students participated in Portuguese and Marc. Van Lessons and the senior class learnt a lot about measuring mass, volume and capacity and even made their own accurate measuring container from a recycled coke bottle, whilst the juniors worked at improving their mental skills to solve number problems. All students would benefit from being asked to solve regular every-day maths problems when ever opportunities arise during meal prep and planning, shopping, driving etc.

## Anzac Day

Our Senior Captains represented Pomonal Primary School at the Stawell Anzac Day service and laid a wreath. Students learnt a little about what ANZAC Day means and we held one minute of silence in honour of the past and present veterans and soldiers at our school assembly. We learnt the importance of anzac biscuits and students worked in 4 teams to independently follow a recipe and make anzacs. (They were all very delicious!)

## Life in a Gum Tree

Last week Anthea Nicholls and 'bug expert' Dennis Crawford (volunteers from WAMA) worked with the students on Monday and Tuesday to teach them how to become 'Environmental Detectives'. Students used magnifying glasses to identify creatures or traces of creatures that live in Gum Trees. They recorded their observations in a range of formats: scientific sketches; list; graph etc. Students will continue to make observations and record things they notice living in gum trees at home and at school. We have purchased a school set of magnifying glasses, observation jars, tweezers etc. to support students with their investigations. **Students are encouraged to make observations of living things in gum trees at home as well.** We have a large graph that we will continue to add to over the term.

Dennis informed us that the water moths would arrive to Pomonal soon as they arrive during the first big rain for Autumn and sure enough they came in swarms during our rainy days. He also taught us about their lifecycle and importance on the food chain. Students are making visual collages to represent their knowledge in Science.

The insect mosaics are really coming along nicely and many students are ready to begin the final stages of grouting their stone.

# Reminders and Up-coming Events

## Athletics Carnival –North Park Stawell

### Wednesday 8th May –Black Ranges Cross country at St Arnaud

Krys, Billie, Charlie, Cooper and Tyson will represent Pomonal Primary in Cross Country. There is a canteen, but students are encouraged to pack lunch, drinks.

### Friday 10th May

- Student required to wear sports shirt, bring lots of snacks and water that they can eat throughout day as we don't stop for recess . (Students might like to take a small bag around with them to carry food, water and jumpers)
- Thankyou to the parent volunteers who have already said they can help. **We still need a lot more volunteers for both Athletics and Fishing Comp.**

### Fishing Comp –Kelleys Beach, Lake Fyans (Sat 11th and Sun 12th May)

- All students are encouraged to enter. All competitors go in the draw to win some great raffle prizes.
- We require student helpers (that are not planning on fishing) to help sell BBQ items and sell raffle tickets from 11-2 Sat and Sunday.
- The competition begins at 7am both days. There will be a warm fire to gather around and enjoy the day.

## Naplan

Y3 and 5 students will participate in the following Naplan tests:

14/5 –Writing

15/5 –Reading

16/5 –Reading Conventions

21/5 –Maths

### Winter Sports Carnival (Y5 and 6 students) -North Park, Stawell (More info. To be issued)

**15/5** -Y5/6 students will be driven to Moyston at 1.30 and return by 3.15 for a practice session with the other Y5/6 students. They will also choose either soccer or netball to participate in

### 22/5 –Winter Carnival at Stawell

### School Council –430pm (Monday 20th May)

-Grounds Committee Meeting (4pm Monday 20th May) -anyone invited to join

-Policy Committee Meeting (Thursday 16th March 11am) -anyone invited to join

-School Camps Committee (Tuesday 14th March 3.30pm)

### School Sleepover –Prep-Y6 (Friday 24th May)

Students will work together to prepare their meals, participate in initiative actives, night walk, camp fire and an evening movie. Girls will sleep in the junior class and boys in the Senior Class. Students are required to bring all sleeping equipment. Food will be supplied. **Pick-up 10am Saturday.**

### Enterprise Unit –Pomonal Market (Sunday 26th May)

Students should be working on creating items to sell at the market at home. There will be a film crew filming the students at the market and interviewing students. The Film crew will also be at our school on Monday 27th to film our school and to conduct more interviews!

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Auskick –Every Monday 3.30-4.30

Art School –Begins Tuesday 7th May. (New students welcome. \$20/ session). Mrs Powell will issue an upfront Term fee on the first day.

*Please join our Facebook page (Pomonal Primary School) to follow daily posts and regular photo updates of activities students are involved in.*

**Please send compost materials with your children!!!**

Happy Birthday  
Hannah