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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Bendigo Science Works!

We had a fabulous day at Bendigo Science works last Monday. The students participated in multiple activities that promoted scientific discussions and understanding how things happen.

A few of us braved the vertical slide! We then jumped into the planetarium where we observed our galaxy. This is a topic we have been learning about at school this term. We explored the giant warehouse and experimented with a range of exhibits. The day was ended with delicious fish and chips as well as a play at an amazing playground. Thank you to all the helpers!



Pomonal Primary School OSCH

We can offer the following days for OSHC vacation care for the upcoming holidays, and they are as follows;

Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th of January (Monday 2nd is a public holiday)

Monday 16th – Friday 20th of January

Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st of January depending on whether it is needed.

Bookings close on Tuesday the 20

Staff Farewell

This year we will be farewelling some of our wonderful staff from Pomonal Primary School whom we will miss very much!

Bre is moving to Camperdown with her partner and will be beginning a new teaching career in the Y5/6 class at Terang Primary School. **Jar-rad** is returning to university at Bendigo and will be working towards becoming a qualified Outdoor Education Teacher. **Jacana** will be focusing her energy on working just one job and will be spending more time at Flame Brothers. **Femke** will begin her teaching career at Ararat Secondary College as a Senior Art teacher. **Jess (Mrs Mackley)** will enjoy less busy mornings as she takes leave to enjoy spending more time with her younger children. And lastly **Elizabeth Mackley** (our fabulous cleaner) is returning back to South Africa before moving to North East Victoria.

These staff have all made incredible contributions to Pomonal Primary School and we wish them all the best with their new adventures (and welcome them back to visit any time).

Student Farewell

Y6 students Dusty Wethers and Indi Timewell are moving on to Secondary College at Marian College, whilst Tyson Field will be following his siblings to Stawell Secondary College. We wish these 3 wonderful students all the best and look forward to them returning as student helpers.

December Awards

Congratulations Holly on receiving your 50 nights reading award!

Well done to our award winners for December 2022. These awards are presented to student who displayed our school values of respect, resilience and responsibility.

Responsibility: Indi—For accepting the responsibility of assisting with the school concert by leading by example, supporting and reassuring younger school members.

Respect: Charlie—For showing respect and support for younger children while playing maths games and completing worksheets in cross-aged activities.



Staff Welcome

Karen McPherson—(Kaz), is a local Pomonal resident and is Russ' partner. She is an ex nurse will be joining the Junior class with Mrs Jende to support our junior students.

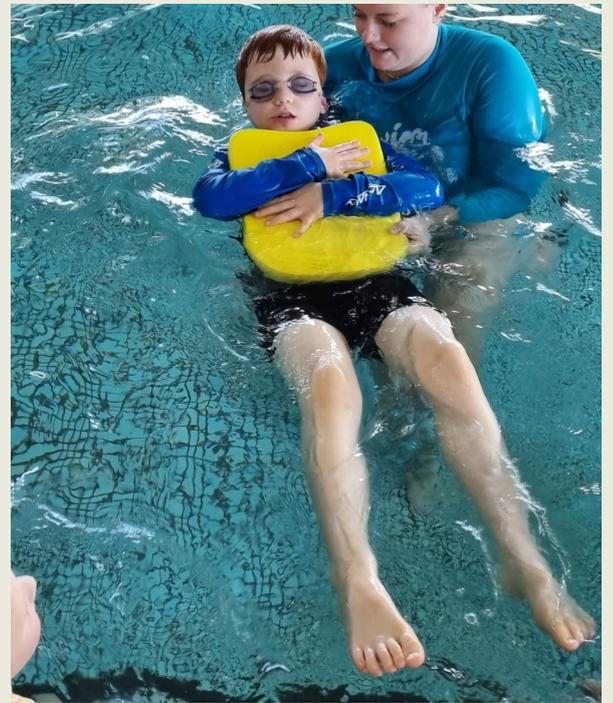
Jenni Mackley— Jenni will be working in a greater capacity this year and will support our Read Write Inc Program 3 days a week and provide additional tutoring and intervention on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Chrystal Potter —Chrystal is an experienced Auslan Interpreter and has worked as a Teacher Aide for over 10 years. Chrystal will be supporting students in the middle classroom as well as providing Auslan instruction for the whole school.

Ken Pitt —Ken has commenced the grounds manager role and will be a valuable asset to the team as he keeps our grounds looking neat and tidy.

Cloe Sell —Cloe will take on the School Cleaner role and will be working with Elizabeth over the school break to get the classrooms clean and ready for students to return in 2023.

Neale Wilde —Neale will join us weekly to provide sports and PE sessions.



End of Term swimming and Fun



PLEASE JOIN THE POMONAL PS
FOR THE

POMONAL PRIMARY
SCHOOL CONCERT

&
YEAR 6
GRADUATION

12TH DEC 2022

POMONAL TOWN HALL

5PM

LEARNING EXPO

5:30-7:30PM

CONCERT, STUDENT EXCELLENCE/ SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

AND THE YEAR 6 GRADUATION

SANTA TO FOLLOW AROUND 7:30PM

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

End Of Year Concert

Families are also required to bring a large plat of finger food to share with the community

What your child/ren will need for the night:

Narrators (Grace, Izzy and Dusty) - required to dress smart in pants, shirt, dress, jacket etc.

Major Mitchell Cockatoo (Tyson) - cricket whites and army jacket

Aussie Kids (Lachy and Allira) - Traditional 'aussie' clothes boardshorts, singlet and a broadbrim hat.

Animals / Birds—please choose clothing that is appropriate for the animal e.g. the colour of their features (fur/feathers)

Holly—Kookaburra

Mandarra—Lyre Bird

Rosella—Wilem

Parrot—Paige

Magpie—Isla

Budgie - Ace

Kangaroos—Bodhi and Asha (we have tails)

Koalas—Indi and Lilly

Possums—Tully and Charlie (we have tails)

Snake—George

Lizard—Connor

Bush Fairies (Olivia and Lulu) - Footy jumper, tutu, footy socks and boots, wings and wand, tiara and crown

Santa—Angus—Board shorts and T-shirt, thongs with traditional beard and hat

Bunyips (Lucy and Sam) Dark coloured clothing with streamers/tentacles hanging to represent weeds

If you require any further assistance with your costume please contact the school and we will endeavour to help.

Students will also sing some songs—they can stay in their costume for songs.

Indi, Izzy, Grace, Charlie, Connor and Wilem will need a 'cool kids' costume for the singing.



Term 4 2022

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11 | 12th Dec School Concert & Y6 Graduation @Pomonal Hall | 13th Dec Y6 students at High School | 14th Dec Swimming Program | 15th Dec Swimming Program | 16th Dec Swimming Program |

Please note that Friday the 16th of December will be the final day of 2022! Staff will be utilising Monday the 19th of December and Tuesday the 20th of December as curriculum days to get the classrooms ready for carpet cleaning and 2023 as well as planning for the coming year.

Please note that preps are not required to attend On Wednesday for the first term of 2023.

We look forward to seeing you all back in the new year! Here are the 2023 term dates:

Term 1— 30th Jan (students begin) - 6th April

Term 2—24th April—23rd June

Term 3—10th July—15th September

Term 4— 2nd October—20th December

2022 Summary

This year we began the year with 27 enrolments. Students made excellent learning progress especially in the junior phonics. Senior Students went downhill skiing at Mt. Buller and Year 2/3 students went canoeing, participated in archery, and low rope activities at Cave Hill Creek. Junior students and their older buddies went to Bendigo Science Discovery Centre. Our School Council and Parent Volunteers organised an amazing Art Show Fundraiser and raised almost \$15,000 for the school, which will help subsidise camp and excursion costs, enable additional literacy and PD resources to be purchased. The beginning of our Inclusive School works commenced and a new shade sail over the sandpit and wheel chair access ramps were constructed. This would not have been possible without the amazing support from our entire school community. We sincerely thank Kate Blackmore and Briana Close for stepping up as Acting Principal for Term 1,2 and 3 and thank our passionate staff, wonderful parents, and volunteers and of course our incredible students who all tried their hardest with their learning and to be good citizens.

Thankyou for all the support and effort that you have each put into making 2022 a successful year! We look forward to returning to school for the 2023 year and learning some new and exciting things! Have a happy and safe holidays.



2023 –What’s Ahead

Currently we have an expected enrolment of 25 students with 4 new preps enrolled. (Archie, Sophie, Ngani and Harlee).

Read, Write Inc will continue 4– 5 days/ week with Junior students grouped based on ability for an intensive explicit teaching of phonics, reading and writing session, whilst the Senior students who have already mastered an understanding of all phonics will commence their regular literacy program.

Students will then be split into the following 3 homerooms for literacy and maths and may merge into 2 groups for afternoon Auslan, Music, Science, Geography, PE.

Prep/ Year 1 with Kaz and Mrs Jende

Year 1/2/3 with our new teacher (TBC), Jenni and Chrystal

Year 3/4/5 with Belinda and Mrs McCann with Jenni providing tutoring.

Assessment 2023:

Our first two days in 2023 are used for assessment– Monday January 30th and Tuesday January 31st. This is to complete testing required for those entering school but also to provide a benchmark for students and teachers for the 2023 year. **Students will only be required to attend during the allocated time slot (see below). OSCH will be available during these days.**

| | Monday 30th Jan | | | Tuesday 31st Jan | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| | Mrs Jende | Belinda/Kim | TBC | Mrs Jende | Belinda/Kim | TBC |
| 9-10:30 | Archie | | George | Tully | | Ace |
| 10:30-12:00 | Angus | | Sam | Holly | | Connor |
| 12:00-12:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 12:30-2:00 | Sophie | Allira | Wilem | Harlee | Charlie | Asha |
| 2:00-3:30 | Paige | Grace | Lucy | Nyani | Mandarra | Olivia |
| 3:30- 5:00 | Lulu | Lachy | Isla | | Izzy | |

Building Works

Over the holiday break, we are hoping the following building works will be completed:

- A new door to be constructed into the art room (from the new ramp)
- A new door out of the junior classroom will be constructed onto the new deck leading out to the oval. This Outdoor Learning Space will also have a shade sail covering the deck to enable students to work outdoors.
- A new disabled toilet that includes a shower and hoist
- New cleaners storage room (where the existing staff toilet is)
- Garden and Mower shed to be constructed near the chicken pen.