



# Pearcedale Post



## A message from our Principal - SIMON ANDERSON

### Special Nights

This week we held two very special evenings that are very important events on the Pearcedale Primary School Calendar.

Our Prep-Year 2 Christmas Concert was again a huge hit with staff, students and their families. The children looked and sounded amazing. Thank you to all of our families for coming along and enjoying the festivities. A huge cheer must also go to our wonderful teachers who organised the evening and prepared the children.

On Wednesday night, we celebrated with the Year 6 students and their families the end of their primary schooling. Again a wonderful and emotional night! The children looked sensational despite the warm evening! Congratulations to all of the award winners. A huge well done to the Year 6 teachers and parents who organised such a special evening for Year 6.



### Congratulations

Pearcedale Primary School raised \$700 for the Dolphin Research Institute as part of our involvement as Marine Ambassadors. Earlier this term we held an Environment Day where the children dressed in Blue or Green. Great work Pearcedale!

### Facilities

Unfortunately, it appears certain that the proposed demolition works of the old hall will not take place until the Term 1 holiday break ....as a result this will delay our starting date for the new oval works until the start of Term 2. I am sure it will be worth the wait! Our new sand pit should be completed during the Christmas holidays. Next week we will take delivery of the new portable for Year 3 and also the new portable toilet block for the village area.

### Merry Christmas

On behalf of everyone at Pearcedale Primary have a wonderful Christmas... Good luck to our Year 6 as you transition to Secondary College .... have a safe holiday with family and friends.

Our final assembly is next Friday at 9:15am and dismissal for 2017 is at 2:30pm

**Issue 19 - 15th Dec 2017**

**Mon 18th Dec**

Grade 3 & 4  
Swimming Fun Day

**Tues 19th Dec**

Grade 5 & 6  
Swimming Fun Day

**Wed 20 Dec**

Grade 5 Christmas  
Party

**Fri 22nd Dec**

- Final Assembly  
9:15am
- Last day of Term 4  
2:30pm

**TERM 1 2018**

**Wed 24th Jan**

Book Payment Day  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**Mon 29th Jan**

Teachers return

**Tues 30th Jan**

Grade 1 - 6 return to  
school

**Thurs 1st Feb**

Prep 2018 students  
begin school

**Fri 2nd**

Assembly 2.45pm

**Our mission is to enrich and equip all students with knowledge, skills and strategies that empower them to be active life-long learners, productive community members and global citizens.**

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## Reminders

- Canteen closes today, Friday 15th December - there will be no canteen for the last week of school
- Term 4 finishes at 2:30pm on Friday 22nd December
- Wednesday 24th January - Book Payment Day 8:00am - 1:00pm - All books will be sent to the classroom for the first day of Term 1. Books will not be distributed to students until payment has been received.
- Monday 29th January - Staff return to school
- Tuesday 30th January - Grade 1 to 6 return to school
- Thursday 1st February - Prep students begin school
- Prep Rest days - Wednesday 31st Jan, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th February
- Remember to change your Flexibuzz preference to your child's new grade level for 2018

**We wish you a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year - we look forward to seeing you all in 2018.**



### HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit [www.campastralia.com.au/newparents](http://www.campastralia.com.au/newparents) to begin.

The holidays are almost here, Pearcedale is running a Holiday Club program. Holiday club rolls are now open, please check out the fun activities available. The program runs from January 8th - January 25th. If you have a child starting Preps in 2018, they can also use the Holiday Club, just go online and register them.

Please remember permanent bookings are rolled over to next year, cancel your booking if you do not require OSHC in 2018.

We wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Thank you,  
Wendy

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**Healthy Snacks**  
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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# JSC Celebrate Success

Our JSC representatives raised the need for recycling bins in our playground. It has taken a few months working with the Enviro Angels and the City of Casey council to achieve this.

Casey Resource Waste Officer, Fleur Pilkington arranged to have our current 4 recycle bins assessed to check if we needed more bins. She visited our school after hearing about our Waste Audit and introduction of classroom recycling and composting bins. She was very impressed with what she saw and is keen to assist us to further to improve our sustainability.

Our JSC were thrilled to see the arrival of 4 new Recycle bins (making a total of 8) and 2 Green waste bins. They celebrated with labelling the bins and took great pride in seeing their idea come to fruition. Our JSC will now help their classmates and buddy grades with using the bins correctly.

The JSC would like to thank the Enviro Angels and our Sustainability Committee for their hard work, support and assistance. They would also like to thank Mrs Hart and Mrs Smith for reintroducing the composting of our fruit and vegetable scraps to be used on our vegetable garden.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Ava H is the recipient of the Cecchetti Grade 5 Colin Peasley Excellence Award. Ava received a Perfect score for her Cecchetti grade 5 Ballet exam and then was chosen by a senior examiner from hundreds of students who entered this exam State-wide to win this prestigious Scholarship. Ava will receive a Certificate and a monetary prize sponsored by Energetiks Australia in a special presentation in February. Ava is a student of Joanne O'Kelly School of Dance in Langwarrin.







Pearcedale Primary School's five sets of twins: Jett and Summer, Remi and Rani, Luke and Ryley, Challis and Blake, and Abigail and Daisy.

Picture: JILL MITCHELL N34CS60

## Five sets of twins takes a little second-guessing

TWO'S company, three's a crowd, but five's mind-boggling at Pearcedale Primary School.

The Baxter-Tooradin Rd school has, for the first time, had an intake of more than 100 preps and among them are five sets of twins.

There's Jett and Summer, Remi

and Rani, Luke and Ryley, Challis and Blake, and Abigail and Daisy.

Principal Don MacKenzie said the

twins were settling in well.

"We've never had five sets of twins before," Mr MacKenzie said.

"It's an exciting time for not only

the school, but the students and

their families. We've had lots of parents and grandparents taking photos and the twins are enjoying phys ed, playing outside and meeting new friends."

Luke said he had been drawing and playing outside.

"I've drawn a man in art and I can

count to 100 by twos," he said. Twin brother Ryley said he played duck

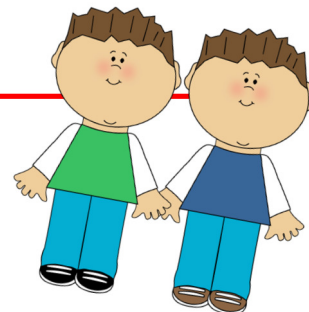
duck, goose in sport.

"We were bouncing balls around

the stadium and I like playing foot ball with Angus (a prep)," he said.

The school has 600 students this

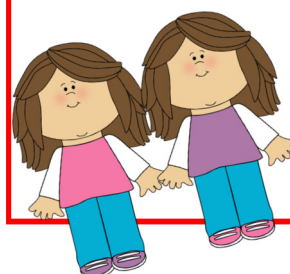
year.



Earlier this week, 10 of our students re-enacted a photo that was taken when they started school in 2012.

At the end of this year one of the students will be leaving on a scholarship, so as this was the last opportunity where they will all be together, a photo was organised to celebrate their time together.

We wish Summer the best of luck and good luck to our remaining sets of twins, who will be going into Grade 6 for 2018.



City of Casey's Waste and Landfill department are running some free school holiday activities during January. Be sure to book in early to join in the fun!

### **Recycling Superheroes kids craft sessions**

Casey needs more recycling superheroes! Come and learn more about Waste and Recycling in Casey, and make your own superhero costume to take home made from recycled materials! Practice your catch phrase and pose for photos on the day. Maximum 4 children per adult. Adults must be in attendance for the session.

**Wednesday 17 January**

**Session 1: 10.00 am - 11.30 am**

**OR**

**Session 2: 1.30 am - 3.00 pm**

Bookings essential at:

Session 1: <https://www.trybooking.com/TGZA>

Session 2: <https://www.trybooking.com/THLI>



### **Family trip to CERES Environmental Park in Brunswick**

Join us as we travel by bus to CERES Environmental Park. Attendees will participate in three environmental and waste based activities whilst there, as well as time to explore the park, nursery and cafe. Families welcome. Ratio maximum 3 children per adult. Adults will be responsible for the children in their care. Ages 5 and up. Bookings essential. Bus will leave Bunjil Place at 9am sharp (please arrive 15 minutes early), and return around 4.30pm.

**Monday 22 January**

**8.45 am - 4.30 pm (approx.)**

Bookings essential at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/TCFH>

### **Second Hand School Uniform Sale**

St. Peter's Op Shop, Pearcedale, is having a 50cent sale on all second hand school uniform items during the month of December. We are now open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.





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**Merry Christmas to all the  
Pearcedale Primary School Community**

**After 25 years running the Pearcedale Supermarket we have decided it's time to sell and move into retirement.**

**This change over will take place early in the New Year and we would like to make the transfer to new owners as smooth as possible.**

**As part of this process the Community Benefits program has now been shut down!!**

**We would like all members of this program to redeem any points they have earned on the program when they do their next shop with us.**

**Should you have any questions please ask a staff member for assistance or feel free to call me at any time.**

**Thanks you all for the support over the last 25 years and we wish you and your families a Safe and Merry Christmas.**

**Kind Regards,  
John Lyle  
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 Wednesday 17 January, 10am-12pm, ages 9-12  
 Create a magical wonderland you can take home in a jar.

## ART & STUDIO ARTS VCE FOLIO DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

3-day workshop 22-24 January, \$25 per student

## NGV KIDS @ MPRG DURING JANUARY

Free hands-on activity inspired by the Fiona Hall exhibition and the NGV Triennial.

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