



# Pearcedale Post

**A message from our Principal - SIMON ANDERSON**



## WELCOME

I would like to welcome back our Pearcedale School community and a special welcome to all our new families starting with us this year. We have a population of 850 students including 147 eager and excited Prep students! School has commenced with a sense of purpose and the children have returned to school ready to learn. I would like to thank all of the staff who came in so readily during the holidays to make the learning environment within each classroom so warm and inviting. I have chatted to many of the children and they have enjoyed a wonderful holiday and most told me they were glad to be back at school! I am sure they thanked you for all the exciting things they did over the holidays....but if they forgot ... thankyou!

## CAR PARKING AND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Please remember that student safety is paramount. All children must at all times use student crossings to and from school. Please help us with our safety concerns by

**NOT using Peryman St or other neighbouring roads for drop offs and pickups.**

We encourage parents to use car parking - at the other end of the school, **around the oval and the asphalted car park next to the Gym**. If you are using this area, please respect the drop off and pick up zones. These areas are NOT for parking. They are a space for you to pause at for your child to get in the car and then to depart immediately. If your child is not in this location, please do not park there and wait. Also if you are turning right out of the car park, please ensure you pull over as far right as possible to allow cars to turn left easily.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Earlier this week you should have received notification for the upcoming School Council elections. If you are interested in applying for School Council nominations please visit or contact the office for a nomination form

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Last week, at assembly, our 2018 School Captains were presented with their badges. We commenced a new tradition a few years ago having a sibling present the captains with their badges....a lovely family moment! Here's a photo of our Captains with their siblings and also one of our new staff!



**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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**Issue 1- 9th February 2018**

## TERM 1 2018

### **Tues 13th Feb**

Parent Meet & Greet  
2 - 7pm

### **Wed 14th**

Prep Rest Day

### **Thurs 16th**

Assembly

### **Tues 20th**

Gr 3 & 4 Community  
Night  
5:30 - 7:00pm

### **Wed 21st**

Prep Rest Day

### **Thurs 22nd**

- District Swimming Trials
- Grade 1 Community Night

### **Fri 23rd**

Newsletter

### **Mon 26th**

Prep Community Night

### **Tues 27th**

Grade 2 Community  
Night

### **Wed 28th**

- Prep Rest Day
- Grade 6 Marine Excursion



**For all up-to-date  
Information.  
Download it today!!**

## Parent Meet & Greet

**Please note on Tuesday 13th February you will have the opportunity to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher - this short 10 minute interview gives you the opportunity to pass on any information you would like the teacher to know about your child.**

- If you are new to our school and have not received any information regarding Compass - please contact the office for login details and Compass Information
- Tuesday 13th February- bookings to be made via Compass.
- Interviews with Specialist teachers can be made by sending a FlexiBuzz message to the office.
- Interviews will be 10 mins duration.
- Bell will ring every 10 mins.
- Teaching Staff will be available from 2:00pm- 7:00pm.
- Grade 5 and 6 staff will ask students NOT to bring iPads to school on Tuesday.
- **Interviews are held in your child's classroom. *Year Level Location (for pick up)***

Preps and Grade 1 Gym

Grade 2 Performing Arts Room

Grade 3 Science Room/ Library

Grade 4 Art room

Grade 5 Auslan Room/ Spare Gallery Room/ Intervention Room

Grade 6 ICT Lab/ Red Room

- Office Staff will provide exit slips if students are leaving early, when the parent comes to sign them out at the office. Children will NOT be called up. The parents must go and collect them after the interview time has finished.
- Parents must present an exit slip to the supervising teachers when a student is being collected early.
- Students will be dismissed from the above areas at 3:30pm.
- Grades Preps and Grade 1 will be dismissed from the basketball court

Heidi McDonough

Assistant Principal



## Prep and Grade 5 Buddies

Our Preps were very excited to meet their Grade 5 buddies during the week



## Sustainability News



**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



Thanks to Bunnings Hastings for generously donating our new waste bins.

Thanks to our Sustainability Committee for organising & delivering the bins to classrooms before school started.

We are ready to Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose & Recycle so less waste goes to landfill.





# CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE 2018

Students who meet the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's criteria are able to claim a conveyance allowance to assist with their travel costs to school by private car.

The main criteria for student eligibility are:

- You must live more than 4.8km from Pearcedale Primary School and
- Pearcedale Primary School is the closest government school to your residential address.

If you believe that you may be eligible and would like an application form, please contact the office.  
**Applications close Thursday 8th March, 2018.**



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)







Performing Arts - 300

Specialists

Digital Tech - 12M

Grade 5 Stars

Angus M 5NH

Ava W 5JS

Anthony P 5JM

Hayley R 5KW

Grade 6 Stars

Hayley H 6BN

Lucky G 6CH

Will R 6SF

Challie N 6TD

Grade 2 STARS

Tygar S - 2MC

HB2 - everyone - 2BH

Xander S - 2JA

Fletcher G - 2MS

Jake B - 2R8

Mackenzie F - 2KM

Grade 3 Stars

Alli of All

Bella P - 3LH

Ziva C - 3RM

Chloe B - 3DD

Grade 1 STARS

Kale S - 1LM

Holly F - 1AH

Aria S - 1BB

Isla W - 1LB

Jack S - 1JH

Harry K - 1HC

Week 1  
2nd Feb 2018

SUPERSTAR  
MAKER

Grade 4 Stars

Jake D - 4KP

Charlotte W 4JA

Chaise V - 4RJ

Ashlyn L 4GC



# Every Day Counts

## Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

### School is better when your child is there

#### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

#### Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

### In Victoria school is compulsory for children and young people aged 6-17 years

#### Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

**Family holidays** – It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you

are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to ensure your child doesn't fall behind.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

**School refusal** – School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

### Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

#### If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind: Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.

Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

#### Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can



affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness

- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

## Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)

## 2018 Book Club Ordering Tips

Dear Parents,

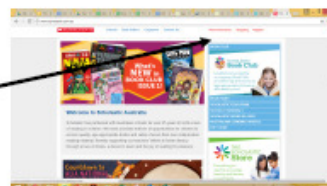
Soon Book Club pamphlets will be arriving at classrooms and be in the hands of children. For all of our new parents that would like to order books for their children or whether you have been ordering for some time, please find below the steps that will help you set up an online account.

Did you know that there is an alternative to completing the Book Club form on the back of the pamphlet and

### Step 1.

Go to [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au) or Google Scholastic Australia.

When your screen looks like this select Parent Payments.



### Step 2.

Your page should look like this.

Select Order now.



### Step 3.

Your page should look like this.

Select Register.



### Step 4

Your page should look like this.

Complete your personal details.



### Step 5

**Please Note:**

*If you wish to use the hard copy form on the back of the pamphlet can you please ensure that the following is completed:*

*Students name and Grade are filled in.*

*Parents contact details are completed.*

*Correct money has been supplied to pay for books.*



Sunday 25th March | 9 - 3pm



**Kids grown out of their uniforms?**



Donate them to the **carnival pre loved uniform stall** and the school will benefit!

We are accepting donations now. Please ensure clothing is clean and wearable.

Call or text **Kate 0407 513 209** or **Carmen 0418 394 181** with any enquiries.

Find us on 



**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY IS ON SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018.**

**PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP CLEAN UP PEARCEDALE.**

**MEET AT 10 AM AT THE PEARCEDALE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE, BEHIND THE SUPERMARKET.**

**FREE BBQ LUNCH AT 12 NOON FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE HELEN BEAVER ON 59 786 083**



# WOMENS Health & Fitness MASTERCLASS

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"THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING A WOMAN CAN WEAR IS HER HEALTH".

Come and join 2 fitness professionals - Ildiko Browning and Lucinda Camilleri for a masterclass on women's fitness, health and wellness.

## Featured subjects on the day:

Goal setting and how to apply it daily

Creating a support structure for you and your goals

How to live your 'ideal' life and balance motherhood

The 'How' and 'Why' of strength training for women

## SUNDAY 4TH OF MARCH

SETTLERS RUN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

1 SETTLERS RUN, BOTANIC RIDGE VIC.

TIME: 10am - 3pm

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\$79

Ticket price includes light refreshments and lunch, a half hour workout and a gift bag.

Visit [www.onestrongmum](http://www.onestrongmum) for tickets



# FREE HOTSHOTS LESSON



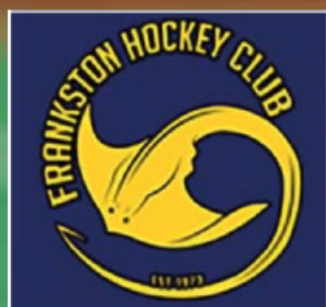
Come try tennis at  
**PEARCEDALE TENNIS CLUB**

720 Baxter - Tooradin Road - Pearcedale

**BRING YOUR MATES!**



**ENROLMENTS - TERM 1 2018**  
[www.origintennis.com.au](http://www.origintennis.com.au)



## FREE COME AND TRY DAY

All equipment provided except mouth guards.

**THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 2018**

**Arrive at 4.30PM for a 5PM start**

**2 BLOOM STREET,  
FRANKSTON, VIC, 3199**

**CONTACT: ROSS HULL**

**EMAIL: [rosshull3@gmail.com](mailto:rosshull3@gmail.com)**

**PHONE: 0487 888 032**

**[www.frankstonhockeyclub.com](http://www.frankstonhockeyclub.com)**





# PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

For parents, step-parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 3-12 years



Join us in an interactive program to share experiences and ideas, and learn strategies to support your child

#### ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

#### DEALING WITH ANGER

Helping parents, and kids, deal with anger and frustration

#### RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR

Better understand why children behave the way they do

#### STRATEGIES THAT WORK

How can parenting be easier and more fun!

**DATES:** Tuesdays from 13<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March (6 weeks)

**TIME:** 9.15am – 11.30am

**WHERE:** Rangebank Primary School  
14-36 Lesdon Avenue  
Cranbourne

**COST:** FREE – Bookings essential  
Refreshments provided

#### BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:

Sandra Phillips at ParentZone  
03 5945 2000 or 0447 500 355  
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au



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BASKETBALL  
Regional  
ACADEMY

# INTRO TO BASKETBALL



GREAT FOR KIDS AGED 5 TO 10 YEARS OLD. LOOKING TO START PLAYING BASKETBALL

WEEK STARTING 18 FEB TO 25 MAR

**SUNDAYS 3:00 TO 3:45 PM**

OR

**TUESDAYS 4:00 TO 4:45 PM**

OR

**WEDNESDAYS 4:00 TO 4:45 PM**

OR

**THURSDAYS 4:00 TO 4:45 PM**

#### COST

\$93 FOR NEW CHILD. \$62 FOR RETURNING CHILD

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

WWW.FRANKSTONBASKETBALL.ASN.AU

#### QUESTIONS

CONTACT DION PAULL - PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR

P. 9776 8999 E. ACADEMY@FRANKSTONBASKETBALL.ASN.AU

FRANKSTON  
BASKETBALL



## HOW TO GET STARTED

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

#### Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 406 343

#### Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: [www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

#### 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.

## Pearcedale OSHC

The new students have started the year really well. We have now settled into the Gallery (Grade 1 area) off the Music room. All permanent bookings from 2017 are rolled over to 2018. Please check to see that your child's name is not booked in.

Thanks,

Wendy

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[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



## Registering With Camp Australia

We hope you and your family had a fantastic school holidays! The new school year has arrived and with it plenty of adventures in OSHC.

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet? Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

### What Are The Benefits Of Registering?

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- ✓ A stress-free back up plan for "just in case"
- ✓ Flexible access to our programs
- ✓ Will ensure we have all the information for your kids to ensure they have the best time possible

### How Do I Register?

Registration is simple and hassle free! To register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au).

### How Do I Find Out More About The OSHC Service At My School?

To find out more about our program as well as view and fees, please visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) and search for your school on the homepage.

Otherwise, feel free to come visit the program and see what it is all about.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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## Flexible Booking Options Now Available at Camp Australia

At Camp Australia, we understand how busy life can be, and we heard you when you said you needed more flexibility to help with the ups and downs of everyday life. To support parents, we have introduced new Flexible Booking Options which allow parents more flexibility and choice over bookings.

When developing these options, we thought about how all parents using Outside School Hours Care have different needs – so we have created three custom membership options designed to meet the needs of:

- Parents with a predictable, regular schedule who are looking to reduce costs;
- Parents who want peace of mind that they can make changes when they need to;
- Parents who are happy with their current arrangement may receive no changes

In addition to new membership options, we have introduced a new Casual booking option through the Flex-e-Care (e-card), where you can pre-purchase ten Casual sessions at a discounted Casual rate, make bookings up to 2 hours prior to session throughout the term.

### How Do I Find Out More About Camp Australia's Flexible Booking Options?

For more information about how these new Flexible Booking Options can benefit you, please visit [www.campastralia.com.au/flexibility](http://www.campastralia.com.au/flexibility), or come and chat to the OSHC team.

We are so excited to launch these new booking options at your school – hope to see you in service soon!

The Camp Australia Team.

visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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