



# Pearcedale Post

## A message from our Principal - Simon Anderson



Issue 1 - Friday 8th Feb 2019

### WELCOME

I would like to welcome all of our new families to Pearcedale and also welcome back to the rest of our Pearcedale community. We have a population of 863 students including 155 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.

### 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.

### CAR PARKING

There have been many conversations in regard to the new parking arrangements at school over the past few days. This decision was not made lightly and had a great deal of input from outside agencies. I would like to point out the following:

- The drop off zone was being completely abused by many families and despite constant warnings and pleas through newsletters, flexibuzz etc. was still not being respected by far too many parents.
- Casey Council and Vic Roads both visited the school and were extremely concerned about the drop off zone and the impact it was having on Baxter-Tooradin Rd. Cars were stopped on this road unable to enter the football oval precinct due to the number of cars that were lined up in the drop off area and beyond.
- The Department of Education and Training do not support having a drop off/pick up zone within school sites.
- The opportunity to create more space from the closure was a bonus - it has had a positive impact for our students for 80 minutes a day - as opposed to the convenience for parents for approximately 10 minutes per day. All of our Year 5 and 6 students have this as their play space when playing basketball and four square, freeing up the other two courts for our P- 4 students - this has definitely created a safer environment for all our children to play.
- Pearcedale has two ovals adjacent to the school, providing significantly more parking than most other schools.
- Student safety is paramount! Please drive safely at **low speed**. Allow more time to adequately gain a car park. **Collect your child at the gate and walk them to the car** - you would not allow them to walk through a shopping centre carpark unsupervised!
- Travel clockwise only around the main oval to ensure safe traffic flow.**
- Improved pedestrian access through the old pick up area will be installed on Monday.
- Options for a "walking bus" is in action with Casey Council—meeting at a local park and walking together to school with parents—eliminating some car parking issues.

### LETS WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY!

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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### Term 1 2019

**Tues 12th Feb**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**Wed 13th Feb**

Prep Rest Day

**Fri 15th**

Assembly

**Mon 18th**

Grade 1 Community Night

**Tues 19th**

Grade 3 Community Night

**Wed 20th**

- "Think U Know" Cyber Safety talk - 6pm Staffroom
- Prep Rest Day

**Thurs 21st**

Grade 4 Community night

**Tues 26th**

- Grade 5 Information Night
- Grade 6 information Night

**Thurs 28th**

Prep Community Night

**Mon 25th March**

**CURRICULUM DAY**



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

By Blake Lovell  
And Morgan Tiedemann  
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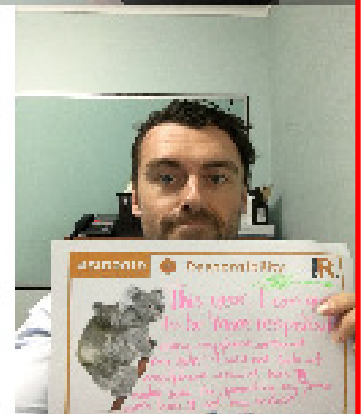
# Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event that was held on Tuesday the 5 of February 2019 to help encourage a better safer internet, with this theme—'Together for a better internet' this encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.



And coming up on the 20th of February there is an information night for parents presented by THINKUKNOW. We are encouraging all parents to attend. If you would like to come, please RSVP through the link on Flexibuzz.





**THINK  
UP  
KNOW**  
Original Presentations

## Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE:

20<sup>th</sup> Feb 6:00pm

LOCATION:

Staff Room

### The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) for more information about online safety and security

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# iParent

This website is a great resource for  
parents.

<https://esafety.gov.au/iparent>

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples' privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they're accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

This presentation is for parents. We can provide a space for children if necessary.

For more information, you can visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) or contact Steve Crowe in the office.



# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING IN PHYSICAL SCIENCE?



## Foundation

We are looking at the way things move and how this can depend on a variety of factors, including their size and shape.

ie: What shapes can roll? What ways can people move? What special features do animals have that make them move the way they do.

## Year One

We are exploring how light and sound are produced by a range of sources and how light and sound can be detected.

ie: What can we hear and see? What allows us to do this? How does light and sound travel?

## Year Two

We are looking at how a push or a pull force can affect how an object moves or changes shape.

ie: How do toys move? What happens when we hold a ball under water and let go of it? What items in our homes do we push or pull?

## Year Three

We are discovering how heat can be produced in a variety of ways and how it can be transferred from one object to another.

ie: What feels warm? Is it being warmed by something else or is it a heat source? How can friction cause things to become

## Year Four

We are exploring a variety of means that forces can be exerted by one object on another, through direct contact or from a distance.

ie: Pushing and pulling tin cans using a strong or weak force. Looking at the how friction affects the movement of an object.

## Year Five

We are learning how light can travel and how light from a variety of sources can form shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.

ie: Why can an object in water look bent? Why can't we see in the dark?

## Year Six

We are exploring how a variety electrical circuits can provide a means of transferring and transforming electricity.

ie: What do we know about batteries? How does a light globe work? How can we make a variety of circuits?

# Sport / P.E News



Hello everyone and welcome back!

We have a very busy Term 1 in the sports department, with a number of clinics and sporting events taking place.

We will be hosting Hockey Victoria and Athletics Australia, who will both be coming to Pearcedale this term and running clinics with selected junior classes which should be fantastic.

On top of that, we have the Year 5 and 6 Water Safety days approaching very quickly. The Water Safety program will once again take place at Mornington Lifesaving Club, located at Mills Beach, with all students having the opportunity to take part in an educative Lifesaving Program that will include Rescues, Resuscitate a Mate, Nipper Boards, Snorkeling, Beach explorations and an IronBoy/Girl competition on the very last day. The Year 5s will be taking part in the program on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, while the Year 6s will be down on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Notes will be sent home very soon.

Also this term we will have a number of students representing Pearcedale at the District Swimming Trials which will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb at Pines Swimming Pool. The team is currently being finalized, therefore members of the team will find out soon and be given more information. Further down the track we will be holding our Senior School Pearcedale Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park, which will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

We have also been very busy finalizing the Sports Houses and shuffling students into the newly created houses. It was our intention to have all *immediate* family members together. If we have made an error and you have immediate family members in different houses, please let us know as soon as possible.

With that we would also like to once again congratulate our new House Leaders for 2019:

<b>Mills (Red):</b>	<b>Cooper L, Charlette S &amp; Peyton G</b>
<b>Fearnley (Green):</b>	<b>Layla R, Brock K &amp; Blake P</b>
<b>Slater (Purple):</b>	<b>Mani C, Riley N &amp; Mason M</b>
<b>Gilmore (Blue):</b>	<b>Hamish B, Kiara W &amp; Jack B</b>
<b>Pearson (Yellow):</b>	<b>Kayden S, Gabby S &amp; Zac D</b>
<b>Bright (Orange):</b>	<b>Ella S, Will C &amp; Haylee K</b>

We look forward to a fantastic 2019!

Thank you,  
Rhonda Peney and Josh Simpson



# What is Accessibility?



**Accessible:** (*adjective*):

- 1: Easy to approach, reach, enter, speak/communicate with, or use.
- 2: That can be used, entered, reached, etc
- 3: Obtainable, attainable.

**Accessibility:** is all about our ability to engage with, use, participate in, and belong to the world around us.

It's something that you mightn't even consider on a day to day basis, however, for the 20% of Australians with a disability, access to education, employment and the community can be difficult and limited ([beaccessible.org.au](http://beaccessible.org.au)).

It is not always obvious to know if someone has a disability. It is therefore important for everyone to adjust their mindset and work towards becoming more inclusive at home, work and school.

The easiest way to achieve this is by normalising disability and removing the stigma. When normalisation occurs, integration will be achieved.

**Let's work together to break down barriers:**

Make it part of your everyday routine to include everyone regardless of their disability. It is my goal this year to help improve our understanding of access in and around Pearcedale Primary School for all people within our community who identify as having a disability. If you know of any areas that you think needs improving, feel free to chat to me about this so we can find ways to break down these barriers and improve accessibility for everyone. Just ask for Jo Heyman at school or drop by my office in the Deaf Facility.

"Hello to all students, parents and carers!

My name is Jess Bastiani and I am very excited to be joining Pearcedale Primary School this year as a psychologist. My background is in group-work, counselling and educational assessments for young persons who have experienced homelessness and trauma.

I will be developing and implementing programs designed to enhance the health and well-being of our students and their experiences at school.

I believe strongly in the ethos that "Together Everyone Achieves More" and it is my aim to work collaboratively with students, parents and staff, to create positive change. By being supportive, empathic and delivering social and emotional learning opportunities in a fun and relatable way, I hope to contribute to the safe and happy community that is Pearcedale Primary.

Please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to getting to know the Pearcedale family."



### **CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE TERM 1 2019**

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 or see attached form

**Applications must be returned by Friday 8th March, 2019.**

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  OR

☐ Foster parent\* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
  - this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
  - I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
  - If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
  - Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
- You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_





# Art Competition

Dear Parents,

This year we are very excited to enter some of the children's amazing art work into the Red Hill Show. The Red Hill show is an Annual event and is held at the show grounds on March the 9th.

If your child would like to enter in one of the categories below, please tick the box and send back the form.

If you would like to be part of this, all forms need to be submitted by  
**Wednesday the 20th -NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**Art work doesn't need to be completed until Tuesday the 6th of March.**

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All Art work **MUST HAVE THE CHILDS FULL NAME AND GRADE .**

Any questions please come and see Kerry in the Art Room

	Art	24	10-12 years Original Artwork any medium
	Art	25	10-12 Years Colouring In
	Art	26	8-10 Years Original Artwork in Any Medium
	Art	27	8-10 Years Colouring In
	Art	28	6-8 Years Original Artwork in any Medium
	Art	29	6-8 Years Colouring In
	Art	30	5 years and under Any Artwork (Original/Colouring)
	ART	32	TOTEM POLE Junior (14yrs & under)

	CRAFT	396	10 - 12 YEARS Greeting Card for any occasion- handmade
	CRAFT	398	10 - 12 YEARS Mosaic Article (coaster, plaque)
	CRAFT	399	10 - 12 YEARS Hand stitching with embroidery or woollen threads to embellish existing items or create new ones. Kits allowed up to 35cm in size.
	CRAFT	400	10 - 12 YEARS Mask
	CRAFT	401	10 - 12 YEARS Hats
	CRAFT	402	10 - 12 YEARS Article of craft not specified anywhere else
	CRAFT	403	6 - 9 YEARS Decorated Shoe Box
	CRAFT	404	6 - 9 YEARS Mask
	CRAFT	404	6 - 9 YEARS Hats
	CRAFT	407	6 - 9 YEARS Article of Craft - not specified elsewhere
	CRAFT	408	6 YEARS & UNDER Any article of craft

## Photography only for grade 6

	Photography	506	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Landscape / Nature
	Photography	507	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Pets / Animals
	Photography	508	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Family / Friends
	Photography	509	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Sport / Action
	Photography	510	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Abstract
	Photography	511	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Macro Category
	Photography	513	JUNIOR SECTION (Under 13 yrs) Black & White - Any Subject

**Tick the box for the ones you would like to enter in (limit 2)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Homework & Quiet Time

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[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

## Welcome 2019!

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and our program. We are excited to have you all with us for Term 1 and beyond.

We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, especially at this time of the school year... that's why we are here to help! We look after children in the crucial times before school, after school – and between terms too. Our care programs are well-rounded, meaningful and affordable, based on 30 years of experience. Most importantly, while your child is at school and in our care, you know that they are safe.

### Register Your Child Now

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If you have an irregular schedule and think that you may need to make changes often and last minute, our Gold Account option provides you with the flexibility to book or cancel up to two hours prior to each session. If eligible, to help you with the cost of child care, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy.

### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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Outdoor Play Time  
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:  
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or call 1300 105 343

## Friendship Day!

### Term 1 is all about making new friends.

For many children, starting school may also involve starting Outside School Hours Care. This major milestone is an exciting time for many children and their families, but we also acknowledge that it can also be an uncertain time as well.

This is why we've created Friendship Day, so we can encourage and support children to form friendships right from the start of the school year.

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate new friendships.

**When** - Stop by your child's school OSHC room to find out when.

**Where** - Your child's school OSHC room.

**How to book** - Visit [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au) and book your session now.

**How to register** - You must be registered to attend. Registration is **FREE!**

You can register an account via [pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login). Once registered select your desired date/s and book in to secure your child's spot. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please visit before or after school and our friendly staff will be available to answer any questions.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our exceptional Customer Care team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to celebrating friendship with you!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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## Accident Insurance



Parents are reminded that the school or Department **does not** hold personal accident insurance for students.

There are a number of affordable Student Personal Accident Insurance packages available. Many are designed solely for students to help protect their family financially in the case of an accident or serious injury.

Parents are encouraged to research available options.

I would also like to remind parents that in the event of a serious incident, the school will make the decision to call an ambulance for a student without regard to parent membership of Ambulance Victoria.

I encourage parents to consider taking out ambulance membership to ensure that they are covered for the cost of the ambulance services.

The school is not responsible for the cost of this service.

## Student Banking Program

Bendigo Bank Pearcedale provide a student banking program whereby the students can bring their banking pouch in on a Wednesday. This will be sent up to the office via your class cash bag and collected and processed by the bank staff.

If you would like to participate, visit the Pearcedale Bendigo Bank to open an account and then remember to bring your savings in on a Wednesday.

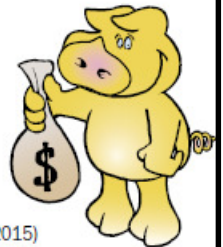
### Catch the savings bug

Bendigo Student Banking

At Bendigo Bank we've introduced our Student Banking Program and Bendigo PiggySaver Account – perfect for primary school aged savers to catch the saving bug.

Drop into your nearest branch at Pearcedale Village Shopping Centre, Baxter Tooradin Road, Pearcedale or phone 5978 7566.

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Pearcedale **Community Bank®** Branch



### 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.

**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.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.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.

Hello to all families,  
It is great to see that the prep children are settling in really well. Preps are taken to their classroom from Before School care by an educator and picked up at their classroom for After School Care. The children have enjoyed catching up with their OSHC friends playing outside on the playground, sandpit and oval.

Inside they have been socialising whilst doing craft, construction, boardgames plus many more activities.

All families not registered with Camp Australia, do not pay anything until you use the service. Children have to be registered to use the OSHC service.

Wendy & Mariena

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