



Pearcedale Post



A message from our Principal - Simon Anderson

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week we held our first School Council Meeting for the Year. School Council is such an important group who work tirelessly with a vision for whole school improvements. Our wonderful School Council is made up of the following parents and staff:

Sandie Miller	Ruth Fitzsimmons	Danielle Curtois
Ally Combridge	Donna Williams	Ben Wilkinson
Hayley Pope	Brooke Skilton	Jeff Mead
Aleesha Wood	Heidi McDonough	Donna Holland
Simon Anderson — Executive Officer		

I am pleased to advise that following the AGM, Ben Wilkinson was re-elected as the President of School Council with Donna Williams continuing her role as Vice President. Hayley Pope has taken on the role of Secretary and Ally Combridge is Treasurer. Last year the School Council achieved so much and I am sure this School Council will be just as successful.

FRONT CAR PARK

We have a number of parents who require disabled parking when they pick up their children in the afternoon. Could I please ask all other parents to refrain from using the front office car park at this time, to enable these parents to park. It has never been permissible to park here solely for collection purposes. Thank you for your support.

BEACH WEEK

This week, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been enjoying a wonderfully organised program of beach and swimming activity at Mills Beach Mornington. I have been attending each day and I am delighted to say how superb our children have been. They have attempted each activity with enthusiasm and willingness to try new things, they have shown great respect to all leaders and have supported each other—wonderful Pearcedale ambassadors. Thank you to Josh Simpson and Rhonda Peney for organising such a wonderful week....another experience the children will remember fondly.



BUSHFIRES

Over the past few days we have seen devastating fires across Victoria, which fortunately has only seen property damage but no lost lives. It is times like these that it is important to consider how lucky we are that this has not impacted us personally, but also places other issues into perspective. Have a wonderful long weekend everyone!

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

Mon 11th
Labour Day Public
Holiday

Wed 13th
Parent Helper Course
2:30pm

Fri 15th
Assembly

- Mon 18th**
- Young Leaders Day
 - School Captains
 - Prep Community Helpers day

Mon 25th March
CURRICULUM DAY

- Wed 27th**
- Grade 4 - 6 Athletics Day
 - Regional Swimming Carnival

Fri 29th
Assembly

Sun 31st March
SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Fri 5th April
Term 1 ends at 2:30pm

Tues 23rd April
Term 2 begins



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Information.
Download it today!!



Sports Report

A HUGE well done to all the Year 5 and 6 students that have just completed the Water Safety program at Mills Beach, Mornington. Over the 4 days we experienced very different conditions, with beautiful sun shining one day and rain, waves and strong winds the next.

Regardless of conditions, the students showed resilience and pushed through, completing all the activities that had been organized, including Paddle Boarding, Water Rescues, Snorkelling and much, much more.

We would also like to congratulate all the Pearcedale students that represented the school at the recent District Swimming trials. We had 25 students compete at the Pines Pool on Thursday morning and were very pleased with the sportsmanship and the efforts of all the swimmers.

Congratulations to Paylin C, Josh B, Ryder M, Brady D, Archie T, Ava W, Jorja M, Zev H, Liz T, Charlotte B, Peyton G, Tiah C, Tyson C and Jack B who have all qualified for the Divisional level. We wish you all the very best.

A reminder that the Divisional swim will take place at Pines Pool on Wednesday the 13th of March.

Have a fantastic week,

Mrs Peney & Mr Simpson



Accessibility

5 tips on making your business more accessible:



Ensuring your workplace or business is accessible benefits both you and the person with a disability. It opens up your service and workplace to a wider audience while allowing freedom and ease of access for everyone. Below are ten tips to help get you started-

- 1- **Contact:** Allow your customers to contact you by SMS, email, facebook messenger and by phone. This will enable them to reach you and in turn improve your business.
- 2- **Provide wheelchair access to your building/workplace.**
- 3- **Go paperless:** Electronic documents allowing people with visual impairments to change font size and background colour of the text.
- 4- **Keep clutter to a minimum-** Many people with mobility issues have trouble navigating around cluttered workplaces. Narrow walkways make wheelchair navigation particularly cumbersome. A clean workplace benefits everyone.
- 5- **Make your websites accessible-** Providing captions on all videos and voice overs on your websites ensures everyone has equal access to all information conveyed on your site about you and the services you provide.

Instagram...do you know all the facts?

Instagram is a popular social media platform that alarmingly is being used by an increasing number of primary school students. Fundamentally, any primary school age users are lying about their age as Instagram clearly states:

Basic Terms

1. You must be at least 13 years old to use the Service.
2. You may not post violent, nude, partially nude, discriminatory, unlawful, infringing, hateful, pornographic or sexually suggestive photos or other content via the Service.

Worryingly, many parents are either unaware of their child's account or have seen fit to give permission. I often hear parents remark that Instagram is allowed for their pre teen because they have their account on private and they have their mum as a follower. Unfortunately the risks of Instagram for "immature users" has grown dramatically with some new features:

- Users can now send private, disappearing images/videos (just like Snapchat)
- Users can now broadcast themselves live and conversely view other people's live, unfiltered broadcasts



Instagram

It is becoming more common place that schools are dealing with online issues that spill over into the classroom and playground. This is particularly so where underage students are using social media apps that they are clearly not developmentally equipped to handle. Most importantly, decisions around children and social media must be made with an informed and knowledgeable adult. In this ever changing online world, parents are continually challenged to keep up with the latest apps, what is and isn't suitable. Whilst there are many places to find info online, here are two of the best:

Australian eSafety Commissioner

Heaps of up to date info on all apps and games, as well as where and how to report cyberbullying and a dedicated parent section (iParent)

Common Sense Media

Your one stop shop for app, game and even movie reviews. Find out the dangers and suitability of the latest and greatest digital trends.

Let us not forget that social media can be a very positive and powerful medium, highlighted most recently by activist hashtags #welcomerefugees #metoo #blacklivesmatter #ridewithme #armmewith that have had a genuine impact on our society being a better place. There will be plenty of time to be part of this positivity when our children grow up, just not yet!

Marty McGauran

Cyber Safety Presenter and Education Consultant

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 Pearce Dale 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.



Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Parents only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of these changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments: students who have started or changed schools in 2019 or if the parent did not apply for CSEF at the school in a previous year.**
 - **changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in a previous year.**
- Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

There is a criteria that must be met:

Eligibility

On the first day of term one (29 January 2019) or the first day of term two (23 April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:
- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- OR they must be a temporary foster parent
- OR the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Please bring your valid card to the school office to apply.



From September, 5 things to remember

Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

From September, Victoria's UV levels are on the rise, so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide* whenever you are outside. Check the daily sun protection times – you can find them on the free [SunSmart app](http://SunSmart.app), online (sunsmart.com.au), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free SunSmart [widget](#). If you can't check the sun protection times each day, make sure you use sun protection every day from September to the end of April in Victoria. Don't just wait for hot, sunny days.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it's cool or cloudy

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child's skin covered with cool clothing today?
2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?
3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child's hat protect all of these areas?
4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun's UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?
5. **Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.** If practical, help protect your child's eyes with sunglasses. Are your child's eyes safe in the sun?

A note about vitamin D

The sun's UV is the best natural source of vitamin D.

From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

For further information contact:
SunSmart
Ph: 9514 6415
Email: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
Web: sunsmart.com.au



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LIFESTYLE & WELLBEING



MENTAL HEALTH 101: STRESS AND ANXIETY

The editor and founder of Parent Guides, Eileen Berry, with special guests from headspace and PoPsy, will inform and spark open, honest and meaningful conversations with parents around all-things Mental Health. Free event - Bookings essential - Visit www.bunjilplace.com.au/mental-health-101

Free event, bookings essential.

See tinyurl.com/cclevents for more events.

BUNJIL PLACE STUDIO

Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren

Thursday 28 March

• 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs, register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit 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 105 343

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

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.

Camp Australia are running for all New enrolments the first session will be free.

Kind regards!

Mariena Rodrigo

we make kids smile
www.campastralia.com.au

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of <<\$>> per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



Walk for the Kids



On 28th of April, 2019, we will be running (or walking) our annual fundraiser the WALK FOR THE KIDS. It's an event we hold at the Casey Fields Athletic track to emphasise the importance of exercise for children as well as raise some much needed funds for the Royal Childrens Hospital Foundation. ALL funds raised are donated.

This year we aim to raise \$5,000-

The event starts at 9am and finishes at 12pm. All you need to do is come down, theres no start time, walk as many laps as you feel like then make a donation! Get your morning exercise and feel REALLY good at the end. This is also a pet friendly event so bring the puppy dog!

Also this year we will be asking the children to get sponsors, per lap! (Kind of like the MS Readathon).

WHEN: 28th April 2019

WHERE: Casey Fields Athletics Track - 160 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East

TIME: 9am - 12pm



Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

Autumn 2019 school holiday dates:

- Week 1: 8 April, 9 April, 10 April, 11 April, 12 April
- Week 2: 15 April, 16 April, 17 April, 18 April

Cost: \$80.00 per day, or \$220 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).

Maximum 16 children per day.

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

Moonlit Sanctuary

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

Phone 5978 7935

Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au

Open daily between 10am and 5pm



Learning Advisory Service

Are you looking to build new skills for work, further education or fun?

A free employment and learning session will help you find new skills close to home.

Speak to a Learning Engagement Support Officer about learning opportunities in the City of Casey or a Reconnect team member about possible learning support.

Visit the Learning Advisory Service at

Endeavour Hills Library

Monday 4th of March 10am – 12pm

Bunjil Place Library

Thursday 7th of March 11am – 1pm

Hampton Park Library

Friday 15th of March 10am – 12pm

No appointment necessary

For further information, contact Kim on 0448 082 765

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Moonlit Sanctuary KEEPER CLUB

Go wild these school holidays!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keepers Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, they will get up close to many animals including dingos and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14. Cost: \$80



moonlitsanctuary.com.au | t. 5978 7935 | e. bookings@moonlit-sanctuary.com



Grade 2's

2JT~Matilda
2LH~
2MC~Tristan
2PF~
2RF~Oscar

Grade 3's

3DD~Max
3JS~Darcy
3KV~Jasper
3PB~
3RM~Teleah
3TH~Lucy

Grade 4's

4AG~Chloe
4GC~Clodagh
4RB~Cody
4RJ~Harrison

Grade 5's

5BB~Will
5JM~Ethan
5LS~Oscar
5MS~Evelyn

Grade 6's

6CH~Aston
6KM~Georgette
6KW~Zahra
6TD~Brock

Grade 1's

1AH~Chloe
1HC~Evi
1KM~Hunter
1LB~Sam
1LM~Nate
1NH~Warwick

Preps

PAU~Ryan
PEP~
PJA~Ivy
PJB~Levi
PJG~Indi-Lee
PMC~Xavier
PNL~Hudson

Specialists

Science~Claire 4AG
ART~5MS & 1LM
Performing Arts~
Digi Tech~1NH
P.E.~3JS & 4AG
Health~
Auslan~

Week 4

22nd Feb 2019

Super Star of the Week

Grade 2's

2JT~Alexis
2LH~Fern
2MC~Bella
2PF~
2RF~Harper

Grade 3's

3DD~Lazar
3JS~Oscar
3KV~
3PB~Brandon &
Sienna
3RM~Luca
3TH~Anthony

Grade 4's

4AG~Jaxon
4GC~Ziva
4RB~
4RJ~Gemma

Grade 5's

5BB~Toby
5JM~Taylor
5LS~Annabelle
5MS~Jack

Grade 6's

6CH~Peyton
6KM~Shayla
6KW~Madelyn
6TD~Hila

Grade 1's

1AH~Chance
1HC~Kai
1KM~Paige
1LB~
1LM~Indigo
1NH~

Preps

PAU~Harper
PEP~Beau
PJA~Keegan
PJB~Mackeely
PJG~Jack
PMC~Grace
PNL~Ted

Specialists

Science~3KV & 5BB
ART~
Performing Arts~6TD
Digi Tech~Max 2JT
P.E.~4RB & 6KW
Health~
Auslan~4GC

Week 5

1st Mar 2019

Super Star of the WEEK

