



WEEK 2 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pony Poo

Our annual Pony Poo (Moo Poo) is being organised for Friday the 24th of October. This year all families are asked to bring along a picnic dinner. There will be organised fun games & activities, and of course a horse that is locked in a gridded paddock. \$500 is up for grabs for the lucky winner. All that you need to do is purchase a plot of land and then hope for the best.

Drinks, lollies and small packets of chips will be on sale. (cash only sales) Picnic tables and rugs will be available for families to use.

More details will be sent home today so please check your child's reader packet.

Driving in the school grounds

When driving within our school grounds, all road rules must be followed. Vehicles exiting the school grounds must give way to those entering through the front gate. Please ensure the speed limit of 10 km/h is strictly observed at all times. I Thank you for your cooperation in this area.

2026 Prep transition Program

The Prep Transition Program continues tomorrow. All families are invited to join in fun activities in the Library. The fun activity sessions will be held every Tuesday 9:00-10:00am in the Library. Parents will be required to attend these activity sessions with their children. Families may choose to attend some or all of these sessions.

The 4 week '*compulsory*' transition program begins on Tuesday the 18th of November and runs for 4 weeks, ending on Tuesday the 9th December, Orientation Day for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the transition program please do not hesitate to come and see me.

School Calendar

School Calendar is now available on your COMPASS App. All school events and important dates have been published. This is a closed calendar and is only available to those who have COMPASS. Hard copies can be printed by the school for families requiring it, but please note that your hard copies may not always be up to date. Feedback on the introduction of this calendar will be greatly appreciated. Please direct it to either myself or Renae Williamson.

Bike Education

Bike education lessons will begin on Thursday the 16th of October and will run for 4 weeks.

Students are encouraged to ride their own bikes during the program.

Students who do not own a bike or can not bring their own bike to school will be able to use a school bike.

If your child needs to use a school bike can you please let me know so that I can allocate a suitable bike for their use. Please note that we have a limited supply of larger bikes. All bikes will be safely stored in the shedatorium during the program. Each student needs to bring a clearly labelled bike helmet.

If there is any parent who is able to help out with bike maintenance please let me know as this will help to ensure a smooth running of the program.



Watering the garden

The drought has seen our water tanks empty and so we are now watering the garden beds by hand using the hose connected to the 'mains'.

If anyone has a few spare minutes and would like to help water our garden beds it would be greatly appreciated.

Long Service Leave

Mrs E will be taking a few days long service this week and we welcome back Mrs Miller who will take Gr 1/2 in her absence.



Our No hat- No play Policy resumes for Term 4. School hats must be worn when playing outside. Students will have one week's 'grace' either find or purchase new hats. Students without a hat in week 2 will be required to only play under a hard shelter roof.

Grade 6 Graduation

Preparations for Graduation are well and truly underway. Family photos are required for student presentations. Hard copy photos can be sent in as we are able to scan the photos, creating digital versions.

Notes sent home

- Grade 6 Graduation
- Grade 6 Transition Program

Have a great week,
Moira Ross



Everleigh & Ben

We hope you had a wonderful day celebrating your special day.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Eden - for being a caring and resilient student.
- Luke - For moving up a level in reading.
- Hollie - For having a great start to the term.
- Violet - For always being a bright and friendly member of the class.
- Amelia -For always being organised and on task.
- Isabella-For always showing responsibility and honesty.
- Billy B -For working hard to understand clauses in sentence writing.
- Ryder L -For great creativity in poetry lessons.



READING NIGHTS AWARD

50 Nights Reading

Luke

75 Nights Reading

Clementine

100 Nights Reading

Evie

125 Nights Reading

Brian, Ryder L

150 Nights Reading

Danny

175 Nights Reading

Everleigh, Aoife, Blake

200 Nights Reading

Amelia, Una, Billie Mc

225 Nights Reading

Poppy, Benji, Genevieve, Iris, Mark

250 Nights Reading

Ella, Lucy

275 Nights Reading

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Important Dates

October

- 14th Optional Prep Transition session 9:00-10:00am
- 16th Bike Education begins
- 21st Optional Prep Transition session 9:00-10:00am
- 22nd Gr 6 Transition session at Pentland PS
- 24th Pony Poo/ Moo Poo 5:30-8:00pm
- 25th Bacchus Marsh Flower Show - Shire Hall
- 28th Optional Prep Transition session 9:00-10:00am
- 29th School Photo Day



November

- 4th Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
- 5th Parents & Friends Meeting
- 11th School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Remembrance Service - Coimadai Memorial Park
- 12th CLUBS begin
- 17th Glasses for Kids
- 18th Transition Day for 2026 Prep students
Glasses for Kids
- 25th Transition Day for 2026 Prep students

December

- 2nd Transition day for 2026 Prep students
- 3rd Parents & Friends Meeting
- 5th Working Bee 2:00-4:30pm
- 9th Orientation day for all students
School Council Dinner Meeting
- 10th Graduation
- 11th Fun Run
- 15th School Concert - Shire Hall 6:30pm
- 19th Last day of school

Smile Squad Oral Health Packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home.

The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure.

Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

About Smile Squad: Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary, secondary and specialist school students.

You can access free dental for students by calling your local community dental clinic Western Health and asking for a Smile Squad appointment.

Visit the Smile Squad website at:

www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au to learn more.