

**Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Your Best**



PYALONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Established 1878
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We are a Child Safe School

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Brooke Maher - Sport & Wellbeing, Erin Peterson—Student Wellbeing Leader

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

February

Wednesday 25th—Kids Helpline
Grade 2/3

Wednesday 25th—Parents and
Friends Hot Lunch (Orders 23/2)

Friday 27th—District Swimming,
Seymour Outdoor Pool

March

Thursday 5th—Division
Swimming, Broadmeadows

Monday 9th—Labour Day Public
Holiday

Wednesday 11th—NAPLAN
Day 1

Wednesday 18th Young Leaders
Grade 6

Thursday 19th—Regional
Swimming, Water Marc

Monday 23rd—NAPLAN last day

Thursday 26th—Kids Helpline
Grade 2/3

Friday 27th—Kids Helpline Gr 4/5

Monday 30th—Kids Helpline
Grade 5/6

April

Wednesday 1st—Parents and
Friends Hot Lunch

Thursday 2nd—Last Day Term I
2:30 dismissal

Cluster Swimming Carnival



Congratulations to Eddie, Henry, Sid, Archie, Blaise, Jax, Harry, Willow, Kiera, Lacie, Isla, Montana and Regan who will be competing in the District Swimming Carnival in Seymour on Friday 27th February.

Happy Birthday

No Birthdays this week



SAFE
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YOUR BEST



SWPBS AWARDS

Friday assembly—Fortnightly usually commences at 2.50pm. All Welcome



**Our focus this week is:-
Have a positive attitude.**

**Next Assembly will be on Friday 20th February at 2:50pm.
Assembly will be conducted fortnightly.
ALL WELCOME**

Pyalong General Store Lunch Orders
Lunch orders are available on Fridays only starting on **Friday 20th February.**

Meet Our School Captains



Kiera

Hi, my name is Kiera and I am one of the 2026 School Captains. I have an older sister and a younger brother as well as a dog called Tilly. I enjoy swimming, cooking, playing netball, going to the beach and going to the lake with family. I have been at Pyalong Primary school since prep, and I am looking forward to being a leader in the school this year.



Sid

Hi, my name is Sid. I'm one of the School Captains for 2026. I have lived in Pyalong all my life and have been at Pyalong Primary since prep. I live on a 510 acre sheep and cattle farm with my parents and my younger sister. My dog's name is Joe. I play cricket for the Pyalong Pirates and hope to play footy this winter.



Home Reading

Please ensure your child is completing their daily home reading. This is the only required homework. Diaries need to be completed and handed in each day for checking.



Before and After School Care

Bookings can be made directly with the office on 5785 1291 or by calling Mandy on 0460 022 546 (Please note new mobile number and delete the old number). Please ensure bookings are cancelled by 1:30pm if not required to avoid being charged.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Friday 7.00am—8.45am
Monday—Friday 3.30pm—6.00pm



In After School Care we have weeded our planter boxes, put in new soil and planted some Sweet Pea and Australian Native Flower Mixes.

Fingers crossed we see some beautiful flowers before Easter.

Grade 2-6 Camp - June 1-3
Alexandra Adventure Resort
Total Cost \$380

Forms have been sent home today. A **\$50 non-refundable deposit** per student is required by **Friday 6th March**. Balance can be paid off up until **Monday 25th May**.

Foundation Wednesday Rest Day—February

During February, Foundation (prep) students will have Wednesdays off as a rest day.

Remaining Rest Days—18th and 25th February.

CHILD SAFE POLICY

As per our Child Safe Policy if you are Volunteering or Visiting at the school you are required to sign in and out at the office. A Working with children check (WCC) is required for all volunteers. Jess will provide a Child Safety information briefing for volunteers.

Don't Forget Your Water Bottle!



Bottles must contain water only

Head Lice - Nits

Parents are asked to check for, and if required, treat their children for head lice and nits.

There have been notifications of nits / head lice at Pyalong Primary School.

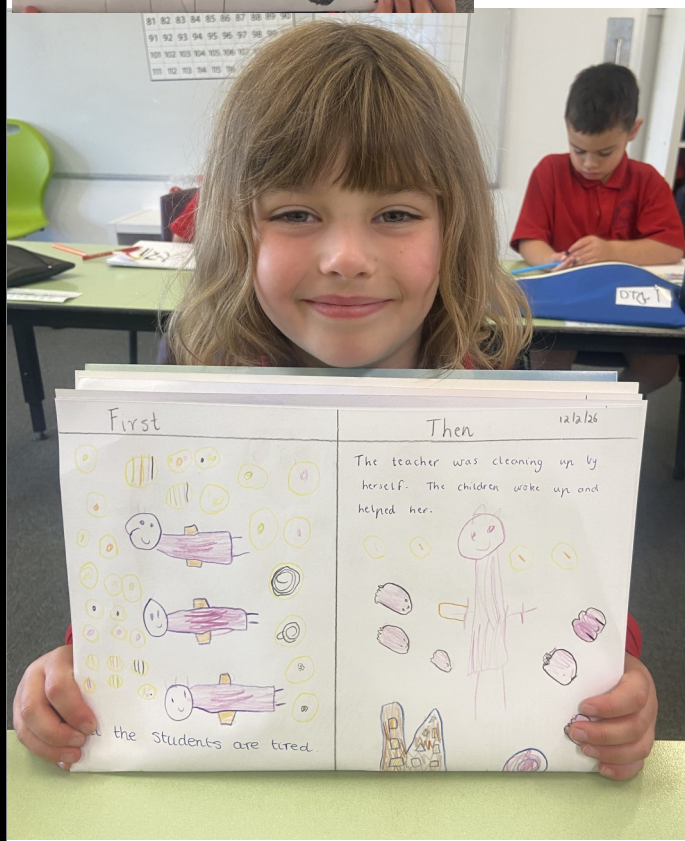
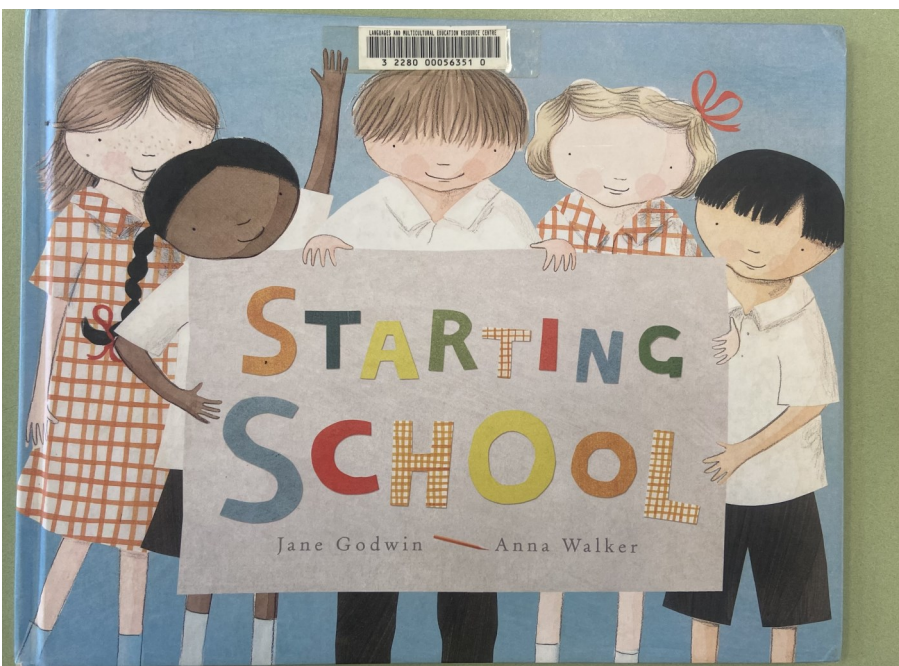
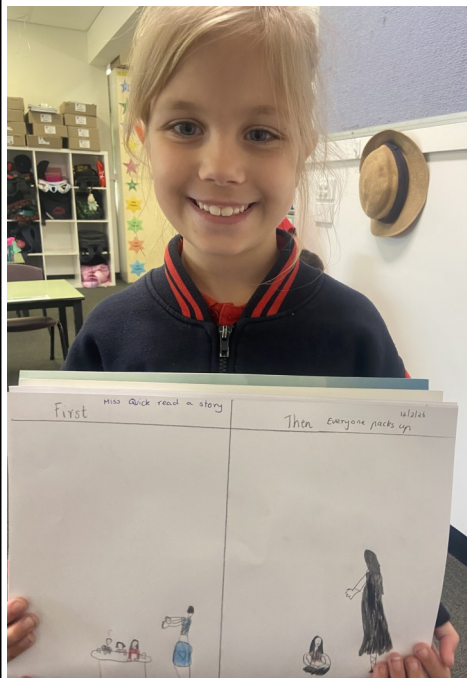
Children with live lice must be treated before they can return to school.



Classroom News

For the past few weeks we have been reading the text called Starting School. Using this text, we have been practising skills such as predicting and making text-to-self connections. This week, we have been looking at the skill of retelling which involves stating the events that happened in a text in order. Here is some of our retell work.

Foundation
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Classroom News

belt belt belt
 hip hip hip hip
 hip hip hip Rilt Rilt
 Rilt Rilt help help
 help & help block
 block block The
 magpie landed on the
 Bot in the ran

Jake

Grade 2/3

May I have another
 of chocolate cake
 Please

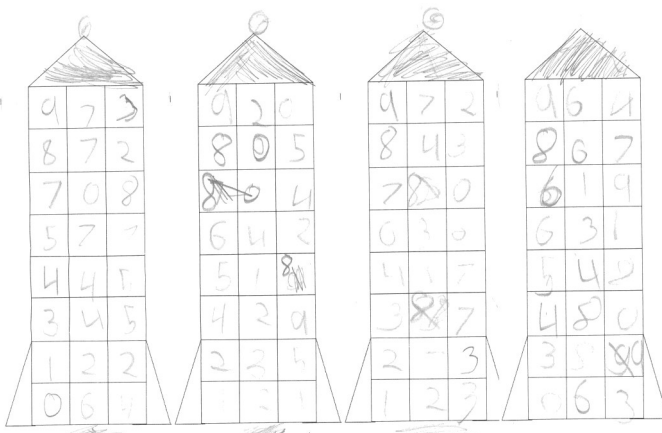
Zara

Would my dream about
 the mole come true?
 activate activate
 storm storm
 elbow elbow
 milkshake milkshake
 fly fly fly fly
 pyt python python

In the Year 2/3 class we have regularly been practicing handwriting, focusing on letter size, shape, and position. Handwriting is still an important skill that needs regular practice to master. Samples shown here are by Zara, Jake and Riley.

In Maths, we have been focusing on Place Value, looking at the different value that a digit has depending on its place in a number. Students have been enjoying Rocket Place Value, where they have to decide how to arrange two or three digits and put them in ascending order to enable them to 'blast off', as shown in Mia's work.

Rocket Place Value – Roll 10-sided dice (0–9). Use digits to create a number, place number in rocket. Goal is to fill rocket with numbers in ascending order.



Mia

fog fog fog fog fog fog fog
 fog fog fog fog fog fog fog fog
 quit quit quit quit quit
 quit
 sad sad sad sad sad sad sad
 quack quack quack quack
 fig fig fig fig fig fig fig

Riley

Look at these paintings
 we did at school today.
 zest zest zest zest zest
 zest zest zest zest zest
 breeze breeze breeze
 breez zip zip zip zip

Classroom News

Angus

$$\begin{array}{r} 551 \\ + 125 \\ \hline 676 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3562 \\ + 1310 \\ \hline 4872 \end{array}$$

This week in maths students have been practising adding and subtracting using the vertical algorithm. This includes equations that require regrouping. We will continue this in week 4.

Lachlan

$$\begin{array}{r} 8271 \\ + 1864 \\ \hline 10135 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5812 \\ + 2144 \\ \hline 7956 \end{array}$$

Grade 4/5

On Friday the 6th of February, the Grade 5/6 students travelled to Lake Nagambie to take part in an Open Water Safety session led by instructors from Life Saving Victoria. Throughout the session, students were involved in a variety of practical and engaging activities designed to build their knowledge and confidence around open water safety. They learned important skills such as identifying potential hazards in open water environments, understanding how to stay safe around water ways, practising safe entry techniques and how to respond appropriately in emergency situations.

The session provided valuable hands-on experience and helped students develop a greater awareness of how to make safe and responsible decisions when enjoying time in and around open water.



Grade 5/6



Parents and Friends News

Wednesday 25th February is Croissant Day! Parents and Friends first Hot Lunch for the year will consist of a croissant, Zooper Dooper, fruit and cordial. Students have a choice of a plain, Nutella, ham and cheese or cheese croissant. The cost per child is \$5. Order forms have been sent home and are due back by Monday 23rd February.



If you can help with preparing and serving this lunch, please contact the office. A current Working With Children Check is required.



Community News



BOYS ELIGIBLE ALL AGE GROUPS

2026 KBNA Winter Season Information

TRAINING DAY
TUESDAYS
FROM 3 MARCH

NETSETGO,
UNDER 9 &
UNDER 11
FROM 3.45PM

UNDER 13,
UNDER 16
FROM 4.45PM

IMPORTANT DATES
ROUND 1 - 2 MAY
NO GAMES - 6 JUNE &
4 JULY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
GAME DAYS - 27 JUNE
& 11 JULY

GAME DAY
SATURDAYS
TERMS 2 & 3

UNDER 9 - 9AM
UNDER 11 - 10AM
UNDER 13 - 11AM
UNDER 16 - 12PM

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN!**

AGE GROUPS
BOYS ELIGIBLE ALL AGES

NETSETGO - PREP,
GRADE 1 & NON-PLAYING
MEMBERS (TERM 2 ONLY)

UNDER 9 - 2018 & 2017
UNDER 11 - 2016 & 2015
UNDER 13 - 2014 & 2013
UNDER 16 - 2012 & 2011 &
2010

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PYALONG NETBALL CLUB

NetSetGo @ 10.30am
u9 and u11 @ 11am
u13 and u16 @ 11.45am

Clinic Day Saturday 28 Feb

Meet the committee, ask questions and get a taste of netball before training starts on Tuesday 3 March
Free Sausage Sizzle
Limited other canteen items available for purchase

Community News

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KILMORE DISTRICT HOSPITAL GARDEN PARTY
 1 Anderson St, Kilmore
SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- Teddy Bear Hospital
- Jumping Castle
- Handball Competition
- Food Trucks & Coffee Cart
- Live Music - Provided by 'A.C.K' & Northern Health Choir
- Craft activities
- Devonshire Tea

BARRYPLANT

The Teddy Bear Hospital hopes to provide children with a positive healthcare experience in a fun and interactive way. There will be several fun activities and an 'Operating Theatre' where children are invited to bring along a loved toy that may need some TLC in our sewing room. The Teddy Bear Hospital Entry is \$5, with proceeds going towards the NH foundation.

Become a Berry Street foster carer

In our community, some children are not always able to live with their family.
 Become a foster carer and support a local child at a crucial moment in their life.

Enquire today
berrystreet.org.au/fostercare
 Ph. 1800 816 037



**Starting
Friday
20th
February**

LUNCH ORDER MENU 2026

AVAILABLE FRIDAYS ONLY

HOT FOOD

Party pie	3 for \$2.00
Four n' Twenty Pies	\$3.00
Four n' Twenty Sausage Rolls	\$3.50
Mini Pizza –ham & pineapple (or pizza pocket)	\$2.50
Dim Sims with/without soy sauce	3 for \$2.50
Hot Dogs with/without sauce	\$3.00

DRINKS

Juices (250ml)-	
Orange, Apple, Apple/Raspberry, Apple /Blackcurrant or Tropical	\$1.50
Water -600ml	\$2.00
Pop Tops (250ml) -Orange, Apple or Apple/Blackcurrant	\$2.00
BIG M 250ml-Chocolate or Strawberry	\$2.60

SNACKS

Choc Chip Muffins	\$2.50
Cookies –Smartie or Choc Chip	\$2.50

- Please note, due to stock shortages sometimes substitution will occur, but every endeavour is made to supply as close as possible to what is ordered.
- Please ensure all lunch orders are written on a paper bag with the order, child's name, classroom teacher's name and correct amount enclosed. For food hygiene reasons, change cannot be returned with the child's lunch order.
- Orders can also be placed at the Pyalong General Store, directly, if change or paper bag required.

Thank You.