

**Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Your Best**



PYALONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Established 1878
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We are a Child Safe School

Principal: Jessica Bowen-Duarte

Teachers: Laura Straghan - Grade F/1, Stephen Cadusch - Grade 2/3, Michelle Gyton-Taylor / Louise Wilson- Grade 4/5, Tayler Gready/David Close - Grade 5/6, Michelle Gyton-Taylor - Indonesian
Brooke Maher - Sport & Wellbeing, Erin Peterson—Student Wellbeing Leader

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

March

Thursday 5th—Division Swimming, Broadmeadows

Thursday 5th—Grand Prix Grade 6. Bus departs 7:45am

Friday 6th—Camp deposits due

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 1
2:30 dismissal

**Grade 2-6 Camp
Monday June 1st—
Wednesday 3rd June**

District Swimming

Last Friday, 27 February, a team of swimmers from Years 3-6 took part in the District Championships Swimming Carnival at the Seymour Outdoor Pool. Our students demonstrated outstanding effort throughout the day, not only in their events but also through their excellent sportsmanship. Our relay teams included students from Willowmavin, Tallarook and Pyalong Primary Schools, providing a wonderful opportunity for students to work together and connect with peers from other schools.



Well done to the following students who have qualified to represent Mitchell District at the Division Swimming Championships this Thursday in Broadmeadows:- Eddie, Kiera, Lacie, Archie, Isla, Samantha and Blaise.



**March
5th—Isla
5th—Henry
10th—Francis**



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SWPBS AWARDS

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



**Our focus this week is:-
Use toilets during break times.**

**Next Assembly will be on Friday 6th March at 2:50pm.
Assembly will be conducted fortnightly.
ALL WELCOME**



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.

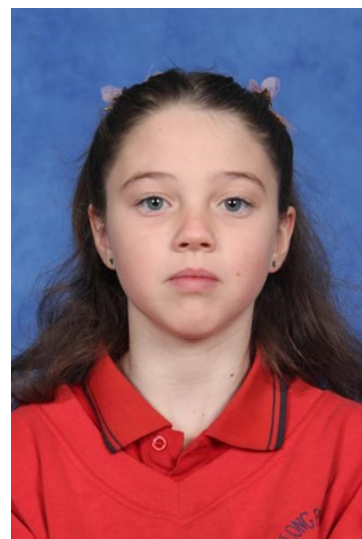


Meet Our School Vice Captains



Eddie

Hi, I'm Eddie. I am one of the Vice Captains for 2026. I've gone to Pyalong Primary School my whole life. I like playing cricket and play for the Pyalong Cricket Club. I like playing VR, which I just got for my birthday. My family and I enjoy travelling and have been around Australia. My best holiday was Broome!



Lexie

Hi, my name is Lexie and I am one of the Vice Captains for 2026. My favourite colour is purple and I hate bees! I have 3 dogs and 1 cat, I am the favourite in my family for our dog Rex. Art is my favourite subject at school and I enjoy being creative. I am also looking forward to cooking classes with Mrs. B!

Before and After School Care

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Friday 7.00am—8.45am

Monday—Friday 3.30pm—6.00pm

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.

In week 3 our After School Care Service underwent an Assessment and Rating through the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority (VECRA). This consisted of reviews in 7 National Quality Areas. The service received a rating of Meeting NQS in 6 of those areas and an Exceeding in the Area of Relationships with Children. This is a fantastic result for our Service. During the onsite visit, the children were complimented on how well they look out for each other and include everyone in the activities they do. If you would like to read the full report it will be available at the sign in/out desk in the After School Care Room.

State School Spectacular This Is Me!



Students participating in State School Spectacular attended their first dance rehearsal last Tuesday at South Morang. This year's theme is "This Is Me!". They started learning six of the eight dances they will perform in the production.

Classroom News

This week in Inquiry, we learnt about help seeking, including different situations that involve seeking help and people in the school that can help us. Using our puppets, we role-modelled how to ask for help in times of need.



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Classroom News

Last week we had an online session with Kids Helpline on the topic of Emotions. They explained feelings and emotions, named and discussed a range of emotions, and provided some strategies for dealing with strong emotions. They also provided information on ways that students can contact the Kids Helpline. Students were interested and asked relevant questions and enjoyed the activities.



Grade 2/3



Grade 4/5

In Science we have been exploring properties and materials. Last week we investigated absorbency by predicting, measuring and observing different materials for their absorbency. We tested paper towel, baking paper, tissues, sponges and nappies.

We soaked each material in water, squeezed out the water and measured how many millilitres were absorbed. The students had such a great time exploring and predicting their thoughts.



Classroom News

In Grade 5/6 we have been working on a variety of team building challenges in order to fine tune our cooperative learning skills.



Grade 5/6



Excursions

Grade 2-6 Camp June 1-3

Alexandra Adventure Resort
Total Cost \$380

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

Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix

Grade 6—Thursday 5th March
Cost \$25—Travelling by Bus
Bus departs Pyalong Primary
7:45am
Returns to school at approx.
3:30pm

Full school uniform and hat must be worn.
Bring snacks, lunch and drinks.
Students may bring a small amount of spending money.

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

GAME DAY
SATURDAYS
TERMS 2 & 3

UNDER 9 - 9AM

UNDER 11 - 10AM

UNDER 13 - 11AM

UNDER 16 - 12PM

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

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

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN!**

pyalongnetballclub.square.site

Permanent Care

Could you provide a long term, caring and nurturing home for a child?

What is Permanent Care?

Permanent care provides a child with security, stability and life-long relationships in the care of a family when they are unable to live at home.

Permanent care arrangements allow for children to grow up in a loving and nurturing environment with adults who are committed to promoting their development so they can reach their full potential.

Children are usually aged up to 10 years when they move to their permanent care family with efforts made to ensure siblings are kept together. A permanent care order granted by the Children's Court transfers custody and guardianship to the permanent carer.

What is a Permanent Carer?

We are seeking committed and motivated people who can provide a stable, secure and nurturing environment for a child. Permanent carers need to have the time, commitment, understanding and love to help a child gain trust and to feel secure within their permanent care family.

What support does a Permanent Carer receive?

Support is provided to permanent care children and families, including a level of financial assistance towards the day-to-day expenses of caring for a child/ young person.

Want to find out more?

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a permanent carer and providing a home for a child, you are welcome to attend an information session:



Session 1 (in person):
Tuesday 24th March 2026
5:30pm-6:30pm
Venue details provided upon registration

OR

Session 2 (online):
Wednesday 29th April 2026
6:00pm-7:00pm online
Login details provided upon registration

You can register your interest to attend one of these sessions by contacting the Permanent Care Program:
Email: ppccen@dhhs.vic.gov.au

For further information please visit our webpage [Permanent care - DFFH Services](https://services.dhhs.vic.gov.au/permanent-care)
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BERRY STREET

Your home can change a life

Become a foster carer with Berry Street

What does a safe place look like to you? Maybe it's a cozy bedroom, a lively kitchen, or just the feeling of belonging. For a child who has experienced trauma, a safe place is more than a location—it's a chance to recover from their trauma and thrive.

At Berry Street, we believe every child deserves a chance to heal and thrive. That's why we're looking for people like you to become foster carers for local children in need.

You might be single, in a partnership, have a family of your own, or rent your home. You could be a young professional or enjoying retirement. There is no "typical" Berry Street foster carer—only a person with an open heart and a spare room.

Our carers are a diverse community from all walks of life. They do wonderful work to give children the support they need to grow, develop, and feel safe.

Learn more

Ph. 03 5822 8100
berrystreet.org.au/fostercare

