

**Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Your Best**



PYALONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Established 1878
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Pyalong, Victoria, 3521

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

May

Friday 8th May—Grade 6 to Year 7 placement forms due

Thursday 14th—State School Spectacular Rehearsal Murchison

Monday 25th—Full payment for Camp due.

Wednesday 27th—Parents and Friends Hot Lunch

Friday 29th—District Cross Country Broadford Motorcycle Complex

June

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

Monday 8th—King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 18th—State School Spectacular Rehearsal Murchison

Tuesday 23rd—Kids Helpline grade 5/6

Wednesday 24th—Parents and Friends Hot Lunch

Friday 26th—Last day of Term 2
2:30 dismissal



On Friday afternoon the Grade 6 students conducted our school ANZAC service.



Please Return Forms

Grade 6 to Year 7 placement forms due by Friday 8th May

**Next Assembly
Friday 1st May at
2:50pm.**



No Birthdays this week.



SAFE



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SWPBS AWARDS

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



**Our focus this week is:-
I keep my hands and feet to myself.**

Grade 2-6 Camp—June 1-3
Alexandra Adventure Resort—Total Cost \$380
 A **\$50 non-refundable deposit** per student was required by Friday 6th March.
 Balance can be paid off up until **Monday 25th May.**

Pyalong ANZAC Ceremony



We had a great turnout at the Pyalong Anzac Ceremony, with nearly half of our students attending. They did a fantastic job of representing their school, themselves and their community.



Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, **it's time to enrol**. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 31 July 2026**.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

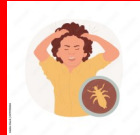
Pyalong Primary School use the VicStudents portal, the department's new online enrolment system, for Foundation (Prep) enrolments for 2027.

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.



As per School Policy, ALL students with shoulder length or longer hair MUST tie their hair up. Hair ties are available at the office.



Smile Squad is coming to Pyalong Primary

Dear Pyalong Primary families,

The Smile Squad team from Seymour Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by August 20th.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages. Do I need to attend my child's appointment? No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer. The Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

The School Photographer.

A friendly reminder to

ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS!

You still have time to place your order!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

TO AVOID A LATE ORDER ADMINISTRATION FEE HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW OUR PACKAGES AND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

Pyalong Primary School
VISIT OUR WEBSITE & ENTER THIS CODE
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theschoolphotographer.com.au



Cross Country

What a beautiful day we had last Friday at our Cluster Cross Country! Students in Grades 3-6 participated in 2 km and 3 km races around the golf course, while students in Foundation-Grade 2 ran races around the oval and enjoyed a range of activities.

We were very fortunate to have the Pyalong Parents Club organise a special lunch for all students. Congratulations to all students who have qualified to compete at District Cross Country at the Broadford BMX Track on Friday the 29th May.

A special thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, whether in the kitchen or out on the track encouraging students. We couldn't run these events without your support—THANK YOU!



READING NIGHTS



Odin
Francis
Addison
Nola
Sam



Paddy
Zara
Cormac
Kiera Mi
Jakob
Beronica
Lucas
Kobi
Hamish
Archie
Ryan
Eddie
Lilly
Harriet
Jack
Angus
Del
Ellie
Aleeyah
Lexie
Mia
Clancy
Jake
Brayden



Abbie
Isla
Maddie
Orli
Willow
Lacie
Katelyn
Kiera Ma
Sid
Archie
Katie
Jack



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.

AFL Clinic

Today we were fortunate to have a representative from AFL Victoria visit our school and run football clinics with each class. Students had a wonderful time participating in a variety of engaging activities that helped develop their skills, teamwork, and confidence. It was fantastic to see everyone actively involved and having fun throughout the sessions.



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).

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

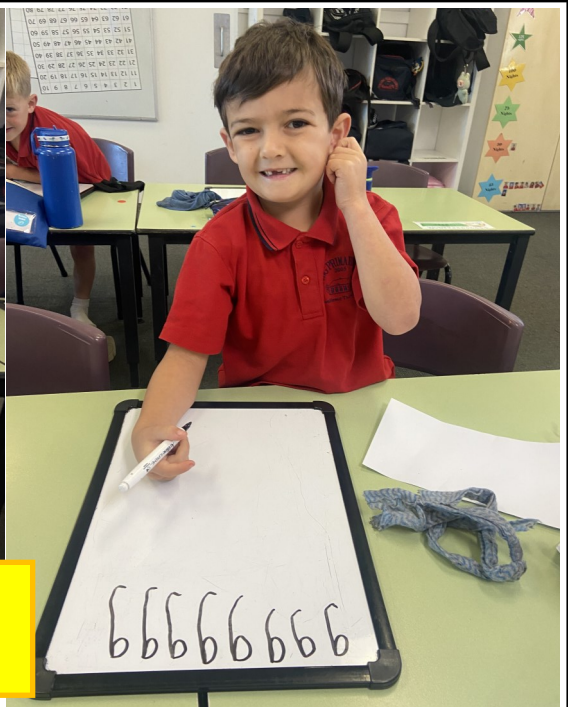
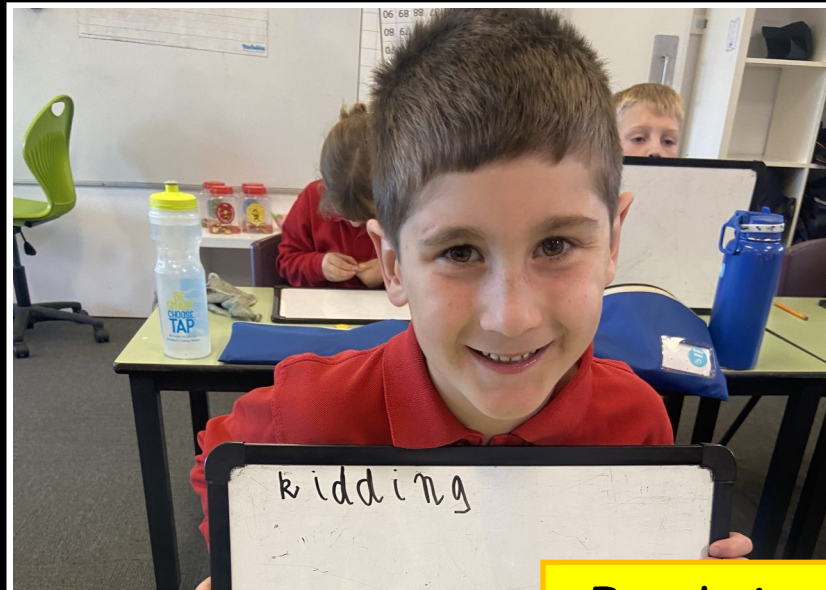
Please ensure bookings are cancelled by 1:30pm if not required to avoid being charged.



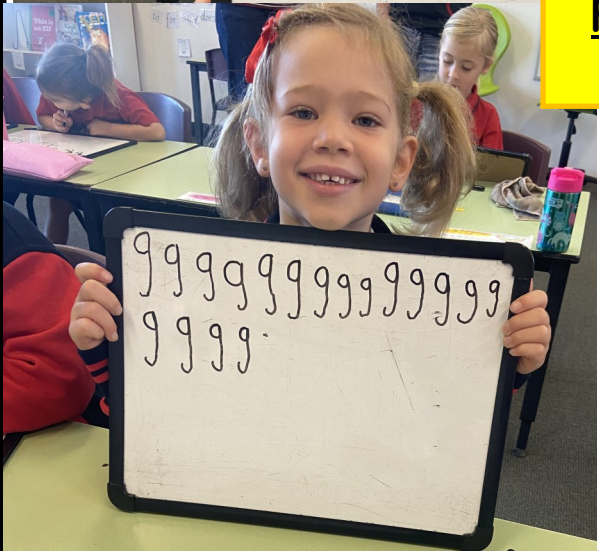
This week in After School Care we created a beautiful wreath for the Anzac Day march. We hot glued red petals to create flowers and used a black button for the centre piece. We also added a small tab that had the children names recorded. These were all then pinned onto a polystyrene ring. Matilda and Spencer placed it at the Memorial Garden on Anzac Day.



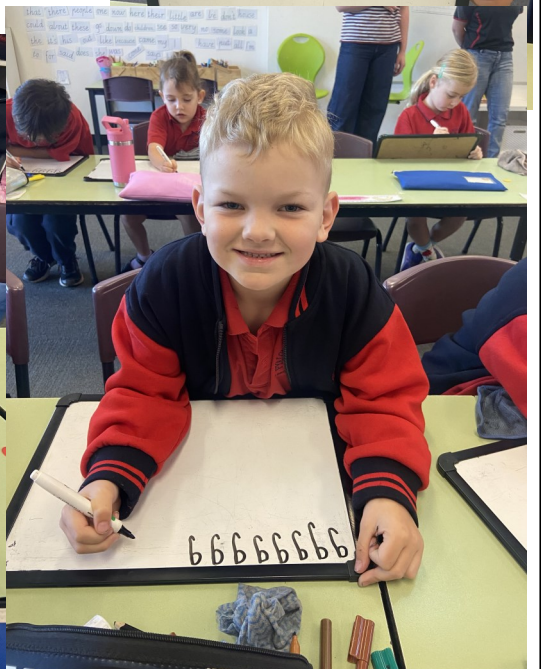
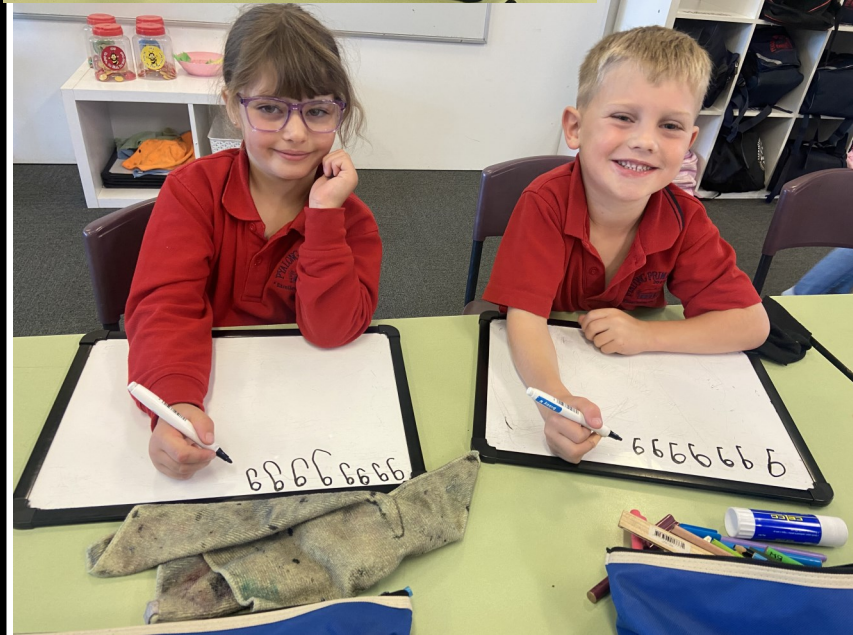
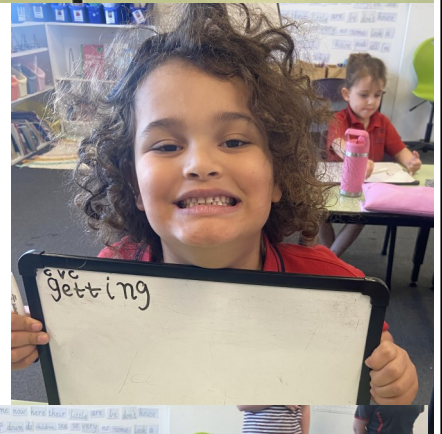
Classroom News



Foundation / 1

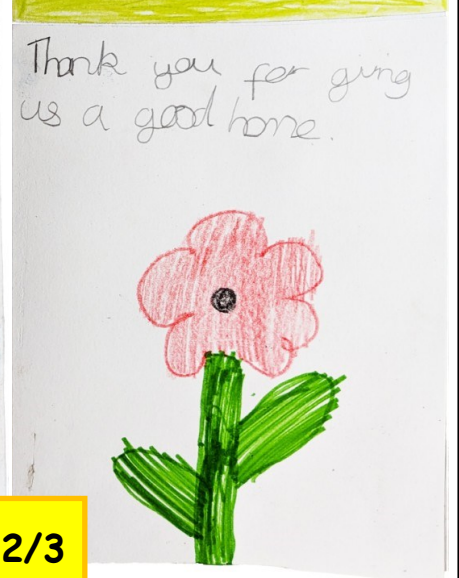


In F/1, we are continuing to practise our handwriting and spelling. We are learning the correct formation of letters and then applying this when writing words. We hope you enjoy seeing our amazing writing.

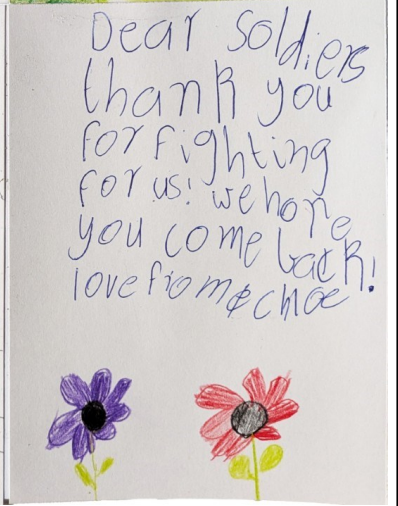


Classroom News

Following a great day at the cross-country races, the Year 2/3 class made some cards for Anzac Day. The cards were then put together and laid with the wreath that we made at the Anzac Ceremony on Saturday. The cards helped to show what the students understand about the meaning of Anzac Day.



Grade 2/3

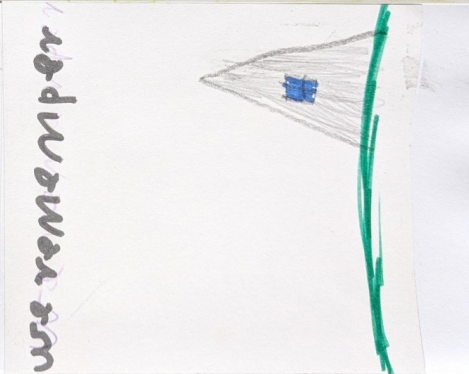
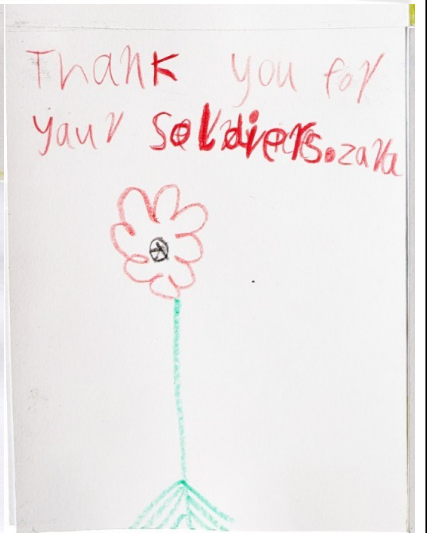
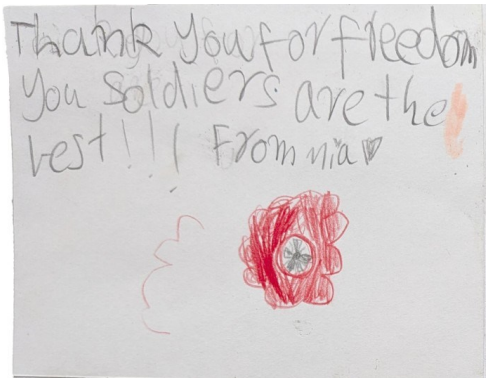


Classroom News

thankyou for fighting for our country soldiers



Grade 2/3





2027 ENROLMENTS

Pyalong Primary School is a small school located approximately 15 minutes from Kilmore, Lancefield and Heathcote.

If you have a child commencing Foundation in 2027, we warmly welcome you to a tour of our school. If you would like to learn more about Pyalong Primary School or book a tour, please call our principal Mrs Jessica Bowen-Duarte on 03 5785 1291. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.



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Community News



Let Them Play

TENNIS PROGRAM

For children who are Autistic or Neurodivergent

Let Them Play Tennis is a friendly and fun beginner program for children with Autism or who are neurodivergent and is designed for children aged 7-12.

Our trained coaches understand that every child learns differently and we aim to create a warm, safe and supportive place where children can enjoy being active.

What the Program Includes:

- 6-week tennis program
- Weekly 45-minute sessions
- Player profile – to help us understand your child's needs
- Coach profile – so families can get to know the coaches
- Social skills activities to help children feel confident and connected
- New tennis and movement skills each week
- Reflection time – children share what they enjoyed and what they want to try next which helps build confidence, independence and emotional awareness
- Post-program feedback – families can share their experience



Program Details:

Wallan	Kilmore	Broadford
Wednesdays 29 April – 3 June 2026	Thursdays 30 April – 4 June 2026	Fridays 1 May – 5 June 2026
4:15pm – 5:00pm	4:30pm – 5:15pm	4:30pm – 5:15pm
\$30 total for 6 sessions	\$30 total for 6 sessions	\$30 total for 6 sessions
Maximum 8 participants	Maximum 8 participants	Maximum 8 participants

What's Included:

- All equipment provided on the day
- A **FREE tennis racquet and balls** at the end of the program

To Register or Ask Questions:

Contact Sharna Farallia at Valley Sport
0421 039 733 or sharna@valleysport.net.au

This program is delivered with support from Omnia Community Health, Valley Sport, Hello Tennis (Woodbridge & Kilmore), Melissa's Tennis Coaching and Tennis Victoria. Funded by VicHealth.



TO REGISTER OR HEAD TO
<https://valleysport.net.au/let-them-play-tennis/>



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

Pyalong Auskick Centre

Sunday | 9:30am - 10:30am

Starting 3rd May | Pyalong Rec Reserve

Auskick Coordinators | Chloe Davies & Kane Webb



REGISTER NOW



Let Them Play Tennis Coming to Mitchell Shire!

Announcing that the Let Them Play Tennis Program is coming to Mitchell Shire this April, creating more inclusive opportunities for children to get active, build confidence and connect through sport.

Designed for children aged 7-12 who are Autistic or neurodivergent, this six-week beginner program offers a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where every child can participate in a way that works for them.

Delivered in partnership by Valley Sport, Omnia Community Health, Hello Tennis, Melissa's Tennis Coaching and Tennis Victoria, the program goes beyond just learning tennis. Each session combines skill development with social connection, helping participants build confidence, independence and a sense of belonging.



PYALONG AFL Auskick FUNDRAISER BBQ

Join us for a fun morning of footy, food, and community!

BBQ FUNDRAISER

- Raising money for:
- New Auskick Equipment
 - End-of-Year Celebration
 - Goodie Bags for the Kids

FOOTY BOOT SWAP

Empty Your Cupboard & Find a New Pair That Fits!



Sunday 3rd May 9:30am

Pyalong Recreation Reserve

Bring your family, your teammates, and your appetite!

All Welcome – Come Support Our Auskickers!

