

**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/Mitchell Maceod- Gr4/5, 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

**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**—Grade 2-6 Camp

**Thursday 4th**—Division Cross Country

**Thursday 4th**—Young Leaders Grade 6

**Friday 5th**—Curriculum Day

**Monday 8th**—King's Birthday

**Friday 12th**—Arts Centre Excursion—whole school

**Thursday 18th**—State School Spectacular Rehearsal Murchison

**Tuesday 23rd**—Kids Helpline grade 5/6

**Next Assembly  
Friday 15th May  
at 2:50pm.**



We hope all our Mums had a wonderful Mothers Day. The children in BASC had a great time making these Mother's Day 3D hearts for their Mums. We used hot glue to attach scrunched up crepe paper and then added a special message or photo.

From what we have heard our Mums loved them.



**May  
19th—Del  
- Grace  
- Harry**



**SAFE**  
**KIND**  
**YOUR BEST**



# SWPBS AWARDS

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



**Our focus this week is:-  
Tell a teacher if there is a problem.**

**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**.

## Welcome Mr Macleod

Hi, my name's Mr Macleod and I'll be sharing the teaching of grade 4/5 whilst Mrs Wilson is on maternity leave. I was a High School teacher in the past, teaching mostly Science and environmental subjects, but a bit of everything really. I'm very happy to make the switch to teaching primary school, especially at such a lovely school. Pyalong seems a real community and everybody's been very friendly. I've got two boys of my own, the youngest just having started High school this year. I really enjoyed being a stay at home dad for a lot of their primary schooling. Now I'm ready to get to know your students, which I've already been doing for a little while, as I have done some volunteer days prior to starting at Pyalong officially. I look forward to getting know everybody, and am very happy to know the parents too, so please reach out if you would like to.



## Farewell and Thank You Leanne

I wish to share that I will be leaving Pyalong Primary School, with my last day on Friday (15/5). It has been a delight and an honour to work with so many wonderful students and dedicated teachers during my time here. I'm grateful to be leaving with so many positive memories from the past five years. I am leaving to take up a position closer to home but will always remember my time at Pyalong fondly.



**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](http://vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep).

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

**Dietary Requirements for Camp**

Please notify the office (Heather) of any dietary requirements your child has for camp.

Coeliac, Gluten free, Dairy free, Lactose Free, Egg Free, Fructose Free, vegetarian, other.

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  
**53FH4WVQ**  
[theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://theschoolphotographer.com.au)

# READING NIGHTS



Brax  
Lachlan  
Theo



Spencer  
Chloe  
Ellie-May  
Dotti  
Lenny  
Grace  
Matilda  
Clara  
Montana



Mia H  
Jakob  
Beronica  
Lucas  
Aidan  
Talon  
Bobby  
Lexie  
Scarlett  
Regan  
Kobi  
Ryan



Abbie  
Orli  
Maddie  
Willow  
Del  
Katelyn  
Sid  
Isla  
Angus  
Scarlett  
Kiera Ma

**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

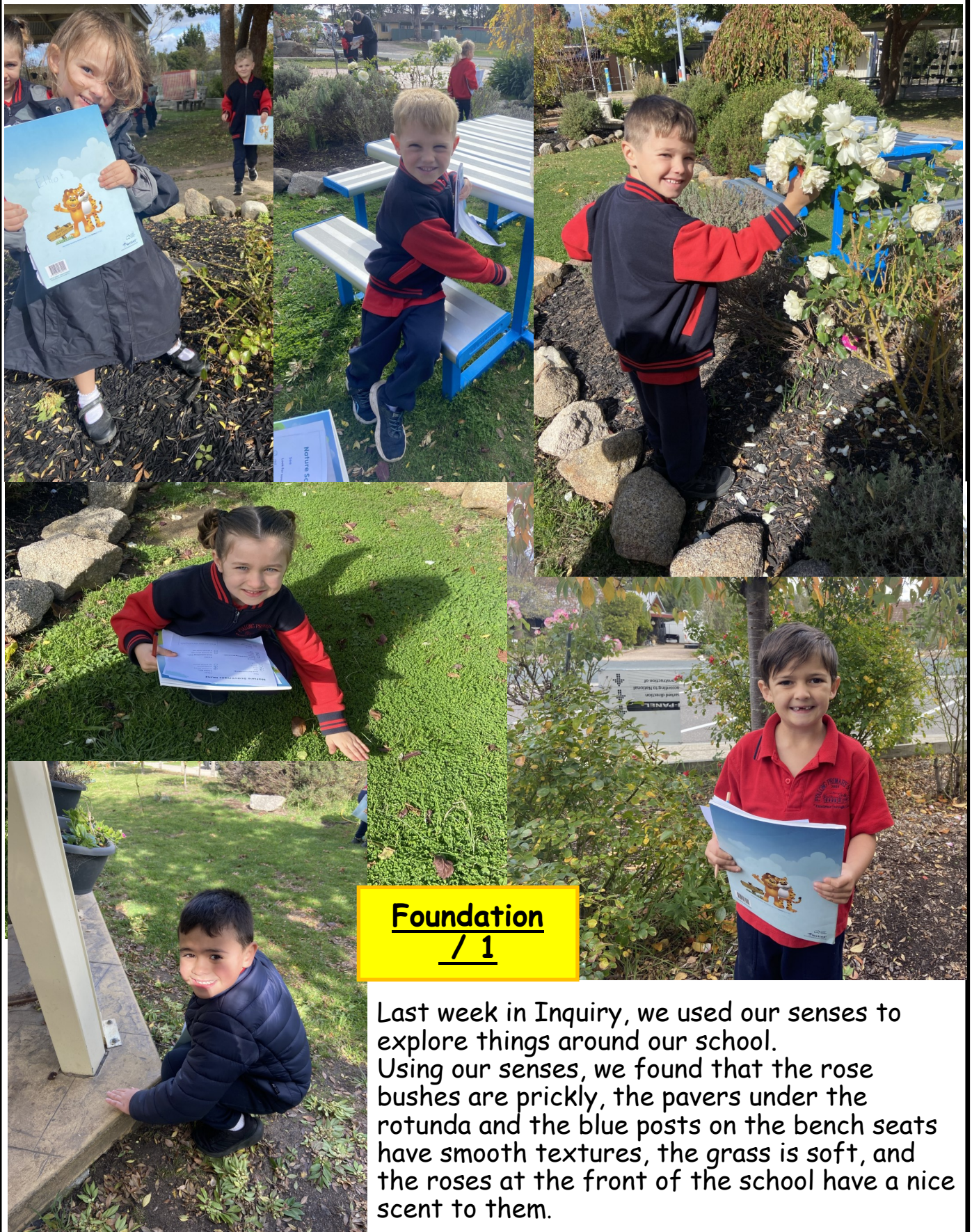
### HOURS OF OPERATION

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.

# Classroom News



**Foundation**  
**/ 1**

Last week in Inquiry, we used our senses to explore things around our school. Using our senses, we found that the rose bushes are prickly, the pavers under the rotunda and the blue posts on the bench seats have smooth textures, the grass is soft, and the roses at the front of the school have a nice scent to them.

# Classroom News

Slip  
Slop  
Slap  
Put  
on a helmet

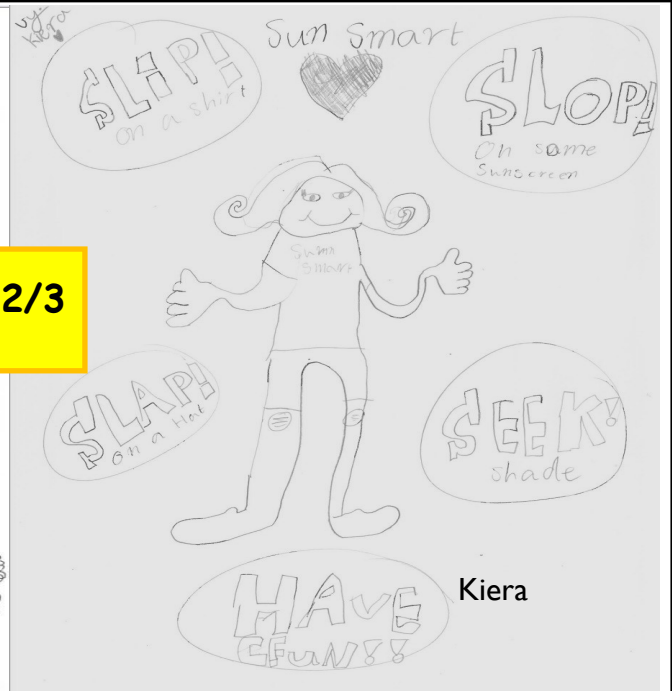
Harley

Put  
on some gloves

Slide  
on  
stuff  
to  
protect  
you



Grade 2/3



Kiera

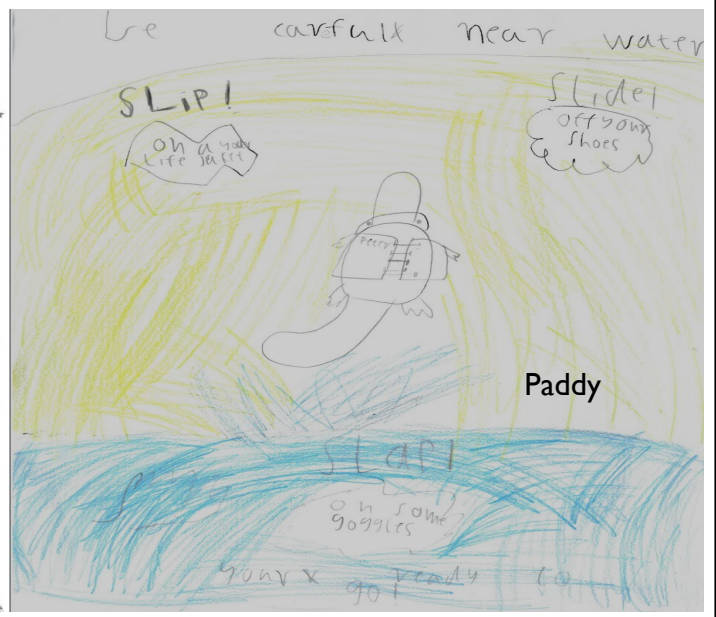
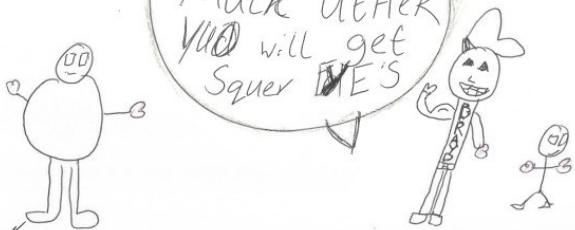
In Humanities, we have been looking at places and spaces in the community and have had a focus on emergency services and safety within the community and keeping yourself safe. After watching some short commercials and looking at the Slip, Slop, Slap campaign, students were asked to come up with their own poster for a safety awareness campaign.

DONT PLAY VIDEO GAMES TO MUCH



DoNT play GAMES to Much UthEr You will get Squer E'S

Kobi



Paddy

# Classroom News



The last few weeks in science we have been investigating erosion caused by water. We created a model using natural materials and used water to simulate rain. Students had to consider ways to reduce erosion on their modelled landscape and test their landscape by pouring water down their rivers. We will continue to explore how and why the earth's surface changes over time by investigating wind, sand and soil erosion caused by human activity.

**Grade 4/5**



**Grade 5/6**

The Grade 5/6 students have been hard at work demonstrating their Literacy and Numeracy learning from our recent units of work. They have completed a range of assessments to showcase the excellent growth and progress they have made throughout the year.

# Community News

Raffle  
Irish Auction  
Coin Toss  
TRIVIA!

## TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

ADULTS ONLY!

Saturday 30 May  
Doors open: 6pm  
Trivia starts: 6.30pm  
Pyalong Recreation Hall

Tickets: \$20 per person (max 10 per table)  
Purchase from:  
[pyalongnetballclub.square.site/events](http://pyalongnetballclub.square.site/events)  
BYO drinks and nibbles  
Casual attire



### 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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### 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 cosy 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.

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.

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.

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Ph. 03 5822 8100  
[berrystreet.org.au/fostercare](http://berrystreet.org.au/fostercare)