

**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/Mitchell Macleod- 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

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 No Students at School

Monday 8th—King’s Birthday

Friday 12th—Arts Centre Excursion—whole school

Wednesday 17th—Regional Cross Country Kilmore Trackside

Thursday 18th—State School Spectacular Rehearsal Murchison

Monday 22nd—Bunnings Incursion F/1

**Next Assembly
Friday 29th May
at 2:50pm.**

Walk Safely to School Day
We had a wonderful turn out for Walk Safely to School Day on Monday. Forty three students gathered at the General Store and walked to school. A delicious healthy breakfast was enjoyed by all once we arrived at school. Thank you to everyone who supported this day.



Happy Birthday

May
30th—Kiera Ma



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SWPBS AWARDS

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

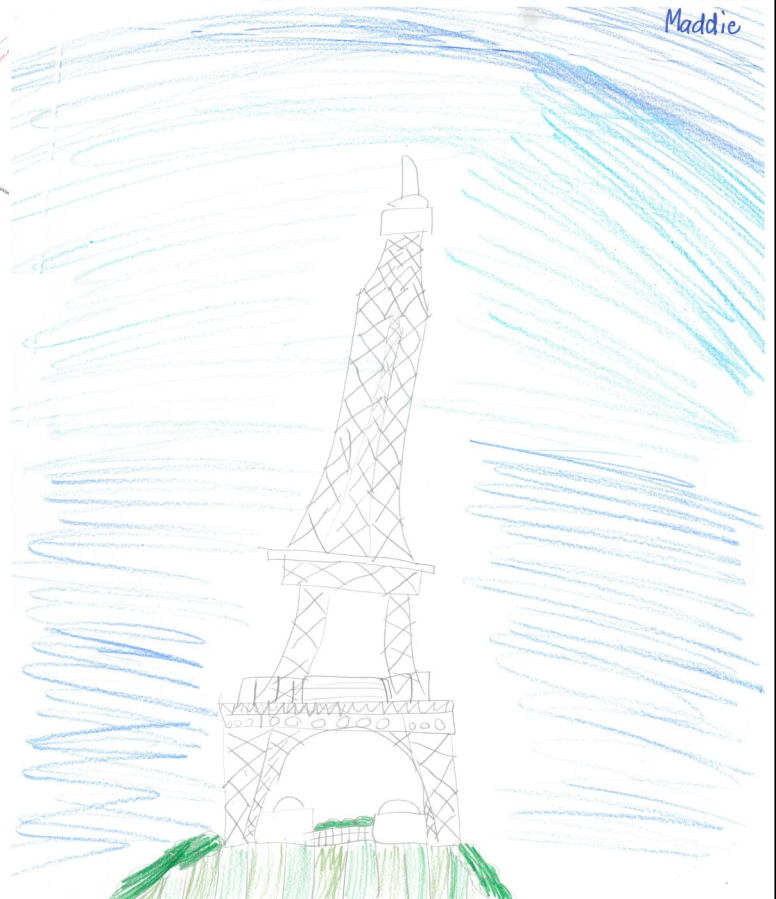
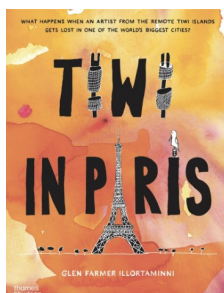


**Our focus this week is:-
Treat people's things well.**

BUDDIES



Every second week students have a session after lunch on Friday with their Buddy group. The groups are made up of students from all different year levels across the school. The pictures shown here were drawn by some buddy groups after listening to the 2026 Short-listed book "Tiwi in Paris".



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.

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



Grade 2—6 Camp

Monday 1st —Wednesday 3rd June

**Bus departing at 8:30am
Monday 1st June**

Returning by 3pm Wednesday 3rd June

Students to bring their own packed lunch and refillable water bottle to camp on Day 1.

Students must wear school uniform to and from camp.

A list of what to bring was sent home a few weeks ago.

Remaining Lunch Order Days Term 2

Friday 29th May—Lunch orders available

Friday 5th June—No Lunch Orders

Friday 12th June—No Lunch Orders

Friday 19th June—Lunch Orders Available

Friday 26th June—No Lunch Orders



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.

READING NIGHTS



Francis
Henry
Max
Otis
Dray



Kiera Mis
Brayden
Aleeyah
Ellie-May
Zara
Harriet
Clancy
Paddy
Cormac
Ellie F



Lacie
Jane
Jack
Archie
Regan
Katie
Lexie
Jakob
Talon
Angus



Before and After School Care

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

We have recently welcomed Rebecca Spratt to our little family. Rebecca will be in the After School Care Room on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesday's and Fridays. Rebecca comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience in early childhood education and has already made some great connections with the children.

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



In Art, we have been learning about clay. We have finally done some work with clay. We learnt how to make pinch pots and some of us made our own things - Ella.



Foundation
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Classroom News

Cubes Net

Abbie

8 vertices vertex
 3D shape
 6 faces - square
 12 edges

Cubes net

Cormac

8 vertices vertex
 3D shape
 6 faces - square
 12 edges

Cube net

Talon

8 vertices vertex
 3D shape
 6 faces - square
 12 edges

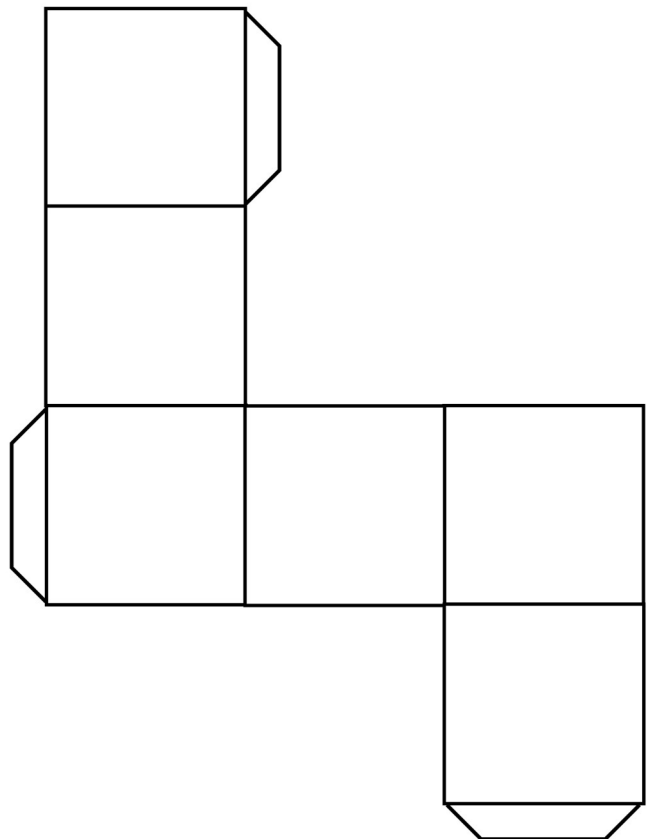
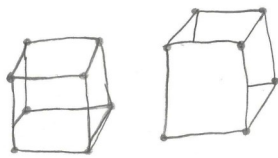
In Maths we have been looking at cubes and describing their features, drawing them and making them from 2D patterns. The 2D patterns are referred to as nets. The class were perplexed when they found some nets that looked like they would make a cube but didn't quite come together. Do you think the pictured net will make a cube?

Grade 2/3

Cubes

Net
 8 vertices vertex
 3D shape
 6 faces
 12 edges

Beronica

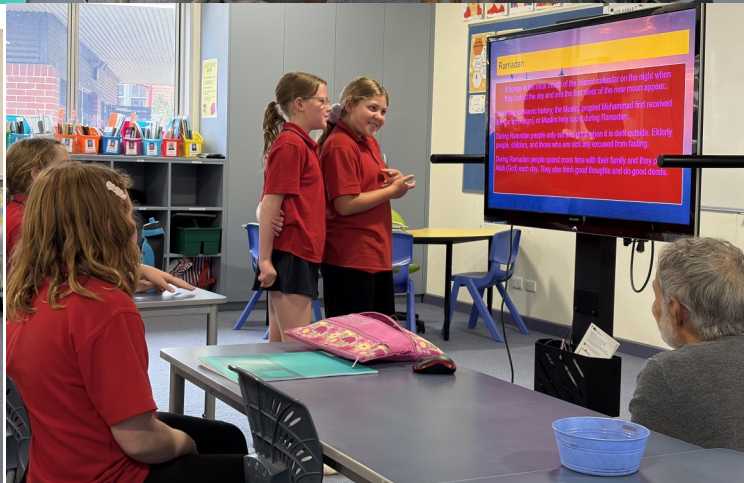
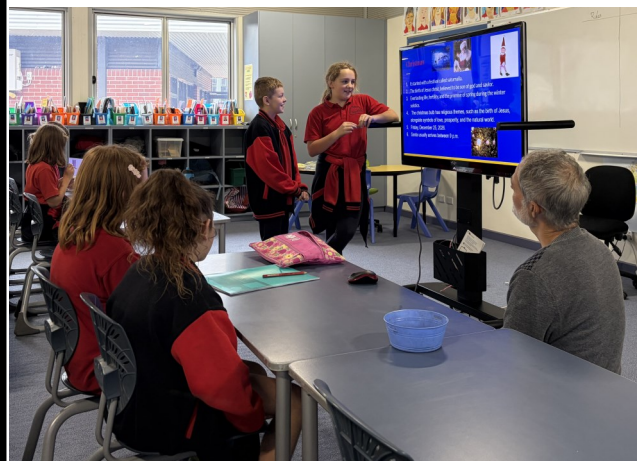
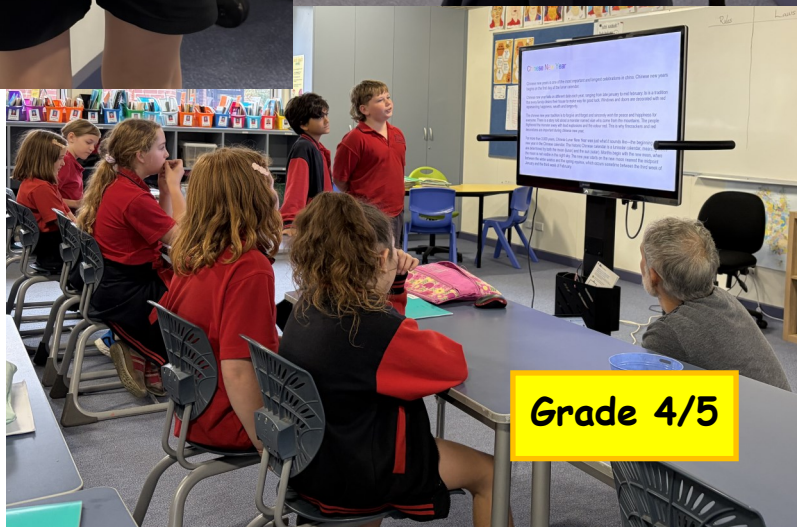


Classroom News



In humanities this week students worked in pairs to share a presentation that they created based on cultural celebrations. They researched different cultural celebrations such as, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan and Diwali and documented their findings. We then discussed the similarities and differences between the celebrations.

In Art students explored patterns and drawing with oil pastels.



Classroom News

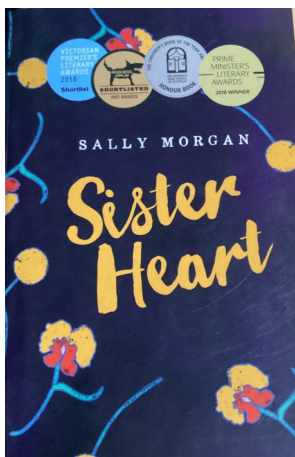
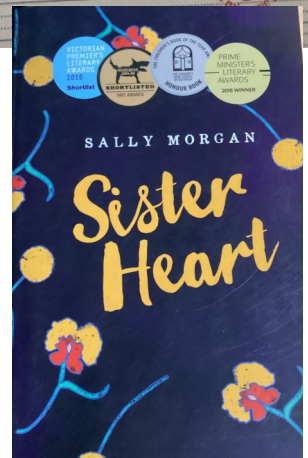
In Grade 5/6, students have been reading the book *Sister Heart*, which tells the story of a young Aboriginal girl who was taken from her family as part of the Stolen Generations and moved into a government institution. Throughout the unit, students have explored the themes of identity, resilience and survival, while developing a deeper understanding of Australia's history and the importance of family, culture and belonging. Today, students were given the opportunity to write a paragraph explaining Annie's journey and how these themes are reflected throughout the text.

25/May/26

Through Annie's journey in *Sister Heart*, we see how children from the stolen generations found way to stay strong, even when everything familiar was taken from them. Annie felt the need to run away because she wanted to be free and see her family. The ~~immense~~ immense challenges Annie faced included, being taken away from her home, being stuck in a jail like environment even though she did not do anything. Annie overcame or navigated these situations and emotions by, dealing with them in a healthy way and making friends. Running away was not just about freedom - it was Annie's quiet rebellion, a way to keep the memory of her family and home burning bright in her heart.

Through Annie's journey in *Sister Heart*, we see how children from the stolen generations found ways to stay strong, even when everything familiar was taken from them. Annie felt the need to run away because she wanted to see her family and speak her language again. The immense challenges Annie faced included getting hit by the teacher and the harsh adults there. Annie overcame or navigated these situations and emotions by with the crying tree and laughing stone. Running away was not just about freedom - it was Annie's quiet rebellion, a way to keep the memory of her family and home burning bright in her heart.

Grade 5/6



Through Annie's journey in *Sister Heart*, we see how the children from the Stolen Generations found ways to stay strong, even when everything familiar was taken from them. Annie felt the need to run away because she missed her family and wanted to go home. The immense challenges Annie faced included being physically mistreated, given another name that wasn't her own. Running away was not just about freedom - it was Annie's quiet rebellion, a way to keep the memory of her family and home burning bright in her heart.

Community News



All teams at home!
Fundraising items and activities
throughout the day
Try out our famous canteen!

**PYALONG
NETBALL CLUB**

Round 5
Saturday 30 May

Fundraising for
National Breast Cancer Foundation

- 9am - u9 v Wandong White @ Pyalong
- 10am - u11 v Wandong White @ Pyalong
- 11am - u13 v Seymour Black @ Pyalong
- 12pm - u16 Gold v Kilmore Navy @ Pyalong
- 12pm - u16 Black v Kilmore White @ Pyalong

Raffle
Irish Auction
Coin Toss
TRIVIA!

**PYALONG
NETBALL CLUB**

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

BYO drinks and nibbles
Casual attire

Community News



Bendigo - Monday 29 June,
Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July

Shepparton • Thursday 2 July
& Friday 3 July

Geelong - Monday 6 July,
Tuesday 7 July, Wednesday 8 July

Program is also in Bendigo Monday 29th,
Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1st July.



Holiday Footy Frenzy

Please complete the details below to register for one or two days of football fun!

Contact Shawn McCormick 0420 938 138 if you have any queries.

Do you love your footy? Want some real fun?

Then get along to the **Deakin Reserve, Shepparton** for a football based holiday program.

THE PROGRAM WILL RUN ON THURSDAY 2ND JULY & FRIDAY 3RD JULY

8.30am to 4.30pm

The program is applicable to ages ranging from 5 to 14.

Separate programs will run for 5 - 10 year olds and 11 - 14 year olds
WE ENCOURAGE BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE INVOLVED.

All participants will receive a football! The program will include various Australian Rules Football skill based clinics, healthy lifestyle and nutrition components and structured round-robin football matches, with an emphasis on fun!

Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided.

Payment can be made on the day (cash or EFT)

1 day - \$85

2 days - \$160

Link to register is below -

[Holiday Footy Frenzy](#)

Facebook Page - [https://](https://www.facebook.com/HolidayFootyFrenzy)

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