

**Be Kind
Be Safe
Be Your Best**



" Excellence Through Unity "

PYALONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We are a Child Safe School

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Michelle Gyton-Taylor - Indonesian, David Close - STEM, Brianna Bell—Student Wellbeing

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

July

Thursday 24th—STEM outreach incursion al classes

Monday 28th—Cluster Athletics Meadow Glen Epping Whole School

Tuesday 29th—Tee Ball division final—Mill Park

Tuesday 29th—100 days of school celebrations, Foundation/I

August

Friday 22nd—Common Curriculum Day

Thursday 28th—Wednesday 3rd Sept—Swimming Lessons, whole school

September

Friday 5th—District Athletics, Meadow Glen Epping

Friday 16th—Division Athletics Meadow Glen Epping

Friday 19th - Last Day of Term, 2:30 dismissal

**Well Done
Taree!**

100% Attendance Cooking Session

Last term, the special reward for achieving 100% attendance, was a delicious cooking session. As a well-deserved treat, they learned how to make chocolate truffles from scratch. The session was not only a celebration of their commitment to attending school every day but also a chance to explore new skills in the kitchen. The students had a fantastic time measuring, mixing, and shaping their own truffles. It was a wonderful way to recognise their outstanding attendance.



2025 Curriculum Days
Friday 22nd August
Thursday 18th December

Happy Birthday

July
23rd — Jax
27th — Mia H



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YOUR BEST



SWPBS AWARDS

Friday assembly usually commences at 2.45pm.
All Welcome



Our focus this week is:-

Be Organised.

No awards this week as there was no assembly last day of term 2.

Welcome Mrs Rice

Dear Pyalong Primary School Community,

I hope you have all had a lovely, restful break and got to spend some time with the people you love doing the things that make you smile.

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the Acting Principal at Pyalong Primary School for Term 3, and I feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a warm and connected school community.

It was a pleasure to visit during the final week of Term 2 and spend time with the students and staff. From the moment I stepped onto the school grounds, I was struck by the calm, welcoming and positive atmosphere. It was clear that Pyalong Primary is a special place built on strong relationships and community values.



I would like to acknowledge the wonderful leadership of Jess, whose work and commitment to the school has laid such a strong foundation. It's clear that Jess is deeply respected and has created a culture of care, high expectations, and continuous improvement. My intention this term is to continue to support the great work already happening at Pyalong Primary and ensure consistency, stability and a strong sense of connection for all.

A little about me: I've worked across several schools in Victoria in both teaching and leadership roles, most recently at Portarlington Primary School. I'm passionate about building inclusive, supportive, and high-achieving learning environments where all students and staff can thrive. My approach is student-centred, with a strong focus on ensuring every student feels a deep sense of belonging. I also believe in creating fun, positive school environments where everyone looks after each other and feels safe, connected, and valued. On a personal note, I'm a proud mum of six adult children, and I'm lucky to have gained a few extra family members through their wonderful partners. We have two much-loved dogs: Ollie, a gentle giant Rottweiler, and Brocky, a very cheeky French Bulldog. My partner and I enjoy camping and we recently travelled through the beautiful Flinders Ranges in South Australia, a spectacular part of this beautiful country of ours...highly recommend it. We also love the freedom of riding motorbikes and going on rides whenever we can, although the recent weather has put a bit of a pause on this.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and working together to make Term 3 a positive, productive and fun experience for everyone. Please don't hesitate to say hello, introduce yourself or pop in for a chat.

Warm regards,
Renata Rice

HAPPY 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Next week, on Tuesday the 29th of July, students in F/1 are holding a special day to celebrate reaching 100 days of school. Students are invited to dress up in the theme '100 days older'. Think walking sticks, grey hair, hair rollers, slippers, braces etc. Students will be completing lots of fun activities, including having a classroom party. Families of F/1 students are kindly asked to bring a food item/plate to share to support this. Please note that for any home made items of food, we ask that the ingredients are listed please.

Please reach out to Miss Straghan if you have any questions about this celebration.



Pyjama Day



The last day of term 2 was Pyjama Day. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food to add to our collection for Love In Action, Wallan. They were pleasantly surprised at the quantity and variety of things we had collected.



Kids Helpline Session

On Tuesday 29th July the 2/3 class will be participating in a kids help line session. The session will be around cyberbullying and the importance of being safe online. This is an opt-out session so if you would not like your child to be involved in the session please let Mrs Pritchard know beforehand.

Rugby Sports Sessions

At the end of last term, we were fortunate to welcome John from the National Rugby League (NRL) Development team to our school. John delivered four exciting and interactive sessions with our students, each filled with energy, learning, and fun. Throughout the sessions, students had the opportunity to develop essential rugby skills such as passing, catching, and teamwork, all while participating in a variety of enjoyable and inclusive games.





READING NIGHTS



150

Scarlett
Otis
Willow
Kiera Ma
Abbie
Katelyn
Del

125

Ryan G
Ayla
Abbie
Regan
Jack S
Talon
Angus
Lucas Ma
Eddie
Thomas
Lacie
Jakob
Madeline
Kobi
Isla

100

Lenny
Eric
Sid
Zara

75

Beronica
Chloe D
Katie
Emma



50

Ollie
Francis
Jane



NAPLAN Individual Student Reports

Dear Families,

Earlier in the year in March, your Year 3 and/or 5 child completed NAPLAN testing. Each child has received an individual student report showing their results for literacy and numeracy skills. These reports will be sent home in your child's bag in the next few days, please keep an eye out for them. NAPLAN testing is only one aspect of your child's assessment; your child's teachers complete extensive ongoing assessments to support your child's learning throughout the whole year.

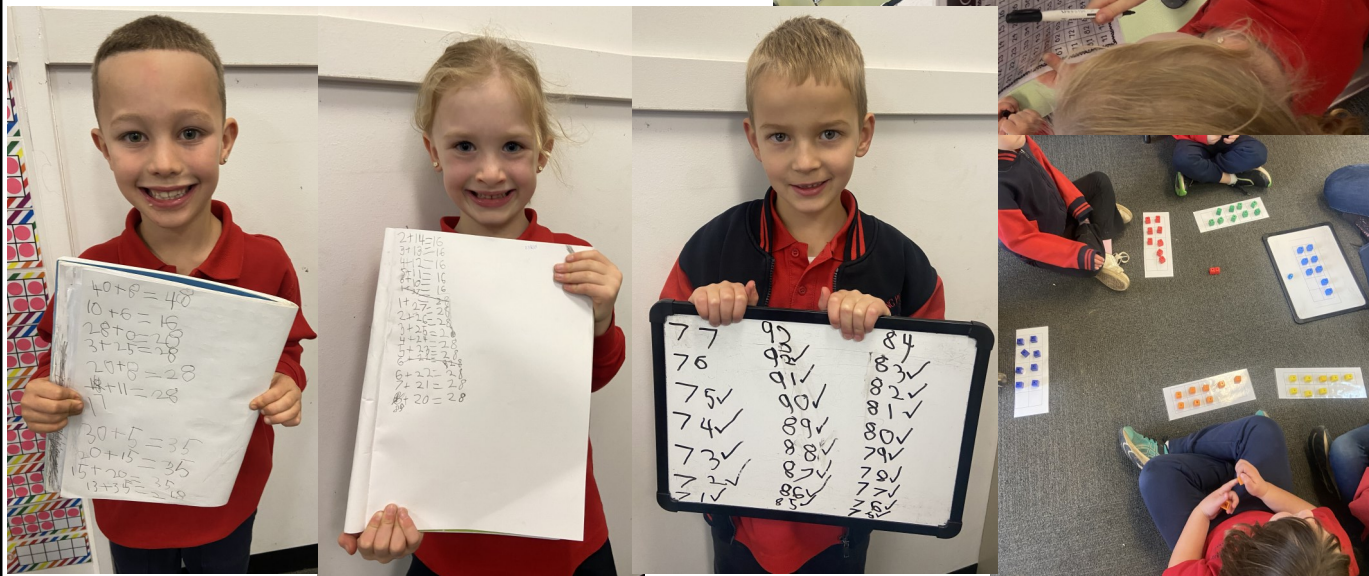
If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN reports, please don't hesitate to contact either your classroom teacher or myself.

*Regards
Renata Rice
Acting Principal*

Classroom News

To end Term 2, we had a big focus on addition and subtraction in F/1. We learnt different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems and practised modelling addition and subtraction stories with different materials. Here is some of our amazing work from both our fluency activities and Maths lessons.

Foundation / 1



Grade 2/3 were scientists experimenting in the last week of term 2 in STEM. The experiment was called "Walking Water" and involved making the colour from textas travel along paper towel using "walking water".

Grade 2/3



Classroom News

Travel Expo Success!

On Tuesday, July 1st, the Grade 5/6 students hosted a school-wide Travel Expo. They showcased the incredible learning they've done in Inquiry this term, sharing information about different countries and what people need to know when preparing to travel to these destinations.

Staff and students from across the school attended the presentations and learned all sorts of fascinating facts about places around the world. The Grade 5/6 students did a fabulous job, and their audience thoroughly enjoyed the expo!

Grade 5/6



Cluster Athletics Day Monday 28th July

Our Cluster Athletics Day will be held on **Monday 28th July** at the **Meadow Glen Athletics Track** in **Epping**.

Students will be travelling by bus, which has been kindly funded by our Parents and Friends Club. The bus will **depart promptly**

at 8:30am, so please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

To be prepared for the day, students will need:

- To be wearing full school uniform and appropriate footwear.
- To bring a **water bottle** and **packed lunch** (please note no **pie warmers**)

We're looking forward to a great day of fun and participation!

Division Tee Ball Tuesday 29th July

Congratulations to our Tee Ball team who have qualified for the Division competition! The event will take place on **Tuesday 29th July** at the **Mill Park Softball Reserve**.

The competition will begin at **10:00am**.

Students must:

- Wear their **full school uniform** and appropriate footwear
- Have a **water bottle** and a **packed lunch**

Parents to provide transport.

We wish our team the best of luck for a great day of competition!

PYALONG AUSKICK
ANNUAL RAFFLE



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Want to win some amazing prizes?
Grab your tickets now and help support our local Auskick kids!

All proceeds go towards keeping equipment up to date and rewarding the kids with end-of-year prizes.

This raffle is proudly supported by a range of fantastic local businesses- let's get behind them as they get behind us!

TICKETS

\$2 per ticket
\$10 for 6 tickets
\$50 for 40 tickets

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE AT PYALONG
GENERAL STORE OR
CONTACT CHLOE DAVIES

**DRAWN
THIS
SUNDAY**



SUNDAY 27TH JULY @10.30AM



PYALONG RECREATION RESERVE

