

Newsletter No. 3

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**We are a
Child Safe School**

**PYALONG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS: TERM 1

Full details of events can be found in the newsletter under Excursion/Activities.

February

Wed 28th—Foundation Rest Day

March

Fri 1st—Kids Helpline 4/5

Tue 5th—Division Swimming—
Selected team

Wed 6th—Parent Teacher
Meetings

Mon 11th—Labour Day Public
Holiday

Thurs 14th—Kids Helpline 4/5

Tues 19th—School Photos

Tues 26th—Cross Country

Thurs 28th—Last Day Term 1

April

Mon 15th—First Day Term 2

Mon 22nd-Wed 24th—Camp 2-6

Wed 25th—ANZAC Day

PLEASE RETURN FORMS

- ⇒ Code of Practice 2024
- ⇒ Camp permission and deposit
- ⇒ Kids Helpline 4/5 Opt Out
- only
- ⇒ Division Swimming Permis-
- sion

Young Leaders

On Friday 16th of February, the Grade 6 students embarked on an early morning journey to attend a Young Leaders seminar. The bus buzzed with excitement as students chatted about the speakers, they were eager to see and engaged in lively conversations and singing. Upon arriving at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, they settled into their seats and observed other schools arriving, some already dancing to the music.

The seminar kicked off with the introduction of Anastasia Woolmer, the Australian Memory Champion. Students witnessed her impressive memory skills as she flawlessly recited a series of numbers called out by a volunteer. Woolmer shared her journey of developing her memory, starting from her days as a ballet dancer to her realization of needing to study and improve her memory skills. She left the audience in awe by recalling the numbers both forward and backward.

Following a short break, Bryson Klein, a Ninja Warrior superstar, shared his story of how rock climbing with his father shaped his skills and led him to become a Ninja Warrior. Then, the eagerly anticipated Jane Bunn, a meteorologist and TV presenter, captivated the audience with her journey into meteorology and her experiences as a TV presenter. Unfortunately, due to overwhelming interest, the students missed the chance to meet her personally.

Lastly, Melissa Barbieri, former Matildas captain and goalkeeper, shared the life events that molded her into the person she is today and expressed her joy in witnessing the growth of the Matildas. Despite not being able to ask their burning questions, students left the seminar with newfound knowledge and inspiration. One of the highlights of the day was learning about Jane Bunn's earpiece during her presentations, revealing the behind-the-scenes aspect of her work.

**Camp permission forms and deposits due
no later than Friday 8th March.**

Foundation Rest Day

Tomorrow (February
28th) is the last rest day
for Foundation students.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

**March
1st—Jakob**

Parents are always very welcome to attend Friday afternoon assemblies.
 Hope to see you there!
 Assembly usually commences at 2.45pm.

SWPBS AWARDS

Our focus this week is:-
I line up quickly when the bell goes.



No awards this week due to assembly being cancelled last Friday.

Hi, My name is Tayla and I am this years school captain along with Brendan.

In my spare time I like to play netball, work on craft projects and go to the beach.

My favourite subjects are art, writing, sport and cooking.

I am looking forward to being the school captain for 2024. I am excited to have the opportunity to organise fundraisers and fun school activities for everyone to participate in and have fun.



MEET OUR 2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hi, I'm Brendan and I'm this years school captain. I like playing sports and my favourite one is soccer. I like hanging out with my friends and my family. I also like to go camping and fishing with my family and riding my dirt bike. I would like to see what goes on this year in Pyalong Primary School.

Pyalong Primary School Policies can be viewed on the school web page.

www.pyalongps.vic.edu.au

Dear Families,

Pyalong Primary School parent/teacher conferences 6th March 2024

On the 6th of March we will be holding parent/teacher conferences. These are designed to allow parents/guardians to share any information about their child that may be useful and provides an opportunity for teachers to let you know how they have settled into the school year. We hope that all parents/guardians will be able to attend these valuable meetings as we know that if we work together and form strong relationships between the home and school, outcomes for children will be as positive as possible. School will operate as normal for students on this day.

Thank you for prioritising this important first meeting.

Kindest regards,

Jess Bowen-Duarte

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

Please book on the below link through Trybookings.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPJZT>

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Last Friday we had a group of 18 students compete at the District Swimming Carnival at the Seymour Outdoor pool. We had several students competing in individual events and a large number of students competing in relays. As we are part of the Small School Cluster group, we are lucky enough to be able to create combined relay teams with Willowmavin Primary School. This is such a great experience for students to be able to build new friendships and work together as a team. Every student gave their all and represented our school with outstanding sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Eric, Tayla, Ayla, Kiera, Teagan, Marley, Clara, Lacey, Audrey, Emma and Saige who have qualified for the next round, Division Championship, on Tuesday the 5th March at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre.



Year 4/5

Each week Mrs. Russell comes in the MARC van (Mobile Area Resource Centre) which is a mobile library stocked with books. However, the service also has a large library of books not on the van which Mrs. Russell can also access. Students can make requests and Mrs. Russell can bring books that cover topics that students are personally interested in or requested by teachers. Mrs. Russell also takes the class for a library lesson each week, exploring books and conducting research.

Inquiry

We have been looking at some aspects of identity and health. Students have considered some personal traits, things they consider in their comfort zone, and eating healthily and staying active. Students viewed some advertisements and considered the health messages conveyed in the ads and whether they trusted the message.



Foundation/Year 1



This term, students are participating in a unit of Drama. So far we have learnt about what drama is and how we can portray different characters and scenarios through the use of our voices and through our body using different actions. Last week, we looked at puppetry, with students having a go at using stick puppets to tell the story of 'Pig the Pug'. The buzz in the room during these sessions highlights student's enjoyment of learning this subject.



Fun at Tennis

EXCURSIONS / ACTIVITIES

CAMP 2024 22nd to 24th April

Grades 2—6 Billabong Ranch Echuca

2024 Camp for Grades 2 - 6 are heading to the Billabong Ranch Echuca. It is a 3 day camp including Transport, Accommodation, meals, and activities.

Activities include Orienteering, Low Ropes Course, Pedal Boats, Archery, Horse Riding, Camel Rides, Beach Volleyball, Bouldering, Bungee Trampoline's and lots more.

Total Cost of the camp will be \$380.00.

This includes all activities, accommodation, food and transport.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per student is required.

The balance can be paid off up until the 15/04/2024.



Please return permission form and \$50 deposit by Friday 8th March. 2024

TENNIS

Tennis coaching started on Thursday 15th Feb

Lessons will be held on Thursdays for 5 weeks—3 more to go.

Thursday 29th Feb, Thursday 7th Mar, and Thursday 14th Mar.

Students will walk to and from the Pyalong Tennis Courts.

This is a fully funded program through Sporting Schools.



DIVISION SWIMMING

Tuesday 5th March

10:00am — 2:30pm

BROADMEADOWS LEISURE CENTRE

Please adhere to event times and also vacate the venue after your events have been completed to allow the event to stay within capacity limits.

A maximum of **ONE** Supervising Adult per swimmer will be permitted.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, volunteers to come and assist with the following;

- ♦ Classroom reading and changing students Take Home Books.
- ♦ Helping in the SAKG—garden
- ♦ Helping in the SAKG—cooking

Please pop in and let the office/teachers know what particular day suits you.

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website

https://www.pyalongps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/collection_statementprimary_school.docx

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE / AMBULANCE COVER

As a public school, Pyalong Primary School does not provide any insurance for lost or stolen property for staff and students. We also **do not** provide any health insurance cover. In the event of an accident causing injury to a child we must call an ambulance to ensure the child receives proper medical attention. The fees for the trip in an ambulance will be payable by the family whose child requires care.

This is Department of Education and Training Policy.

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 0403 357 962.

Pyalong General Store Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available on Fridays only
A new price list/menu was sent home with newsletter 1.

Sun Smart Hats

All children are required to wear wide brimmed hats at school. **No hat = No Outdoor play.** Hats are available from the office for \$8.50 each. Please write your child's name clearly on their hat.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS Tuesday 19th March 2024

School photographs are taken once a year and include individual, family, class and whole school photographs. Money is collected in envelopes and paid directly to the photographers. Students need to be in full school uniform on the day.

Forms will be sent out as soon as we receive them.

Drink bottles

Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle to bring to school each day and fill with water only as we **do not allow** children to drink cordial or juice at school (except for Friday lunch orders).

Breakfast Club Thursdays from 8.00am All Students Welcome

Items being served for breakfast will be cereal, toast with vegemite or honey, baked beans, fruit cups and milk.

Breakfast Club will be run by Brooke Maher.

EFT Payments

EFT payments can be made to the following account

Please quote your surname and brief description of what it is for, (eg: BASC)

Pyalong Primary School

BSB: 083644 Acct: 51579 0937