



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6, Friday 29th August



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

9th - School Council Meeting 4.45pm
8th, 15th - Prep Fire Safety Program
19th - End of Term Early finish 2.15pm

OCTOBER

6th - Curriculum Day
9th - Prep 2026 #1 Transition Session 9-10am
13th - Yr 6 Passport to Success Program starts
23rd - Prep 2026 #2 Transition Session 9-10am
28th - Prep 2026 #3 Transition Session 9-10am

NOVEMBER

6th - Prep 2026 #4 Transition Session 9-10am
13th - Prep 2026 #5 Transition Session 9-10am &
Prep Parent Information Session
21st - Curriculum Day (Professional Practice)

DECEMBER

9th - Whole School Transition Day 9-12.30



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow this term is flying by!

This week we have had approximately 40 Student Support Group meetings run across the school. We would like to thank our parents and carers, teachers and professionals for joining us as we celebrate progress and identify next steps for our students.

We have welcomed Kylie Scandolera to our team and she has been spending time in classrooms getting to know our amazing students and staff. Miss Kylie is our 'Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) teacher; she has previously worked at a variety of schools in the Geelong region and was most recently at Colac West PS. If you would like to meet with Kylie about your child or any family needs please contact the school office via phone or email. We have also welcomed some new students to our school community. We welcome Adam in year 6, Amelia in Year 2 and next week we will welcome Stella in Year 1 and Lola in Year 4.

Last week a number of our Year 5/6 students participated in the District basketball competition. Mr. Benn, Miss Smith, Keira and Mariah Wilson (PST) supported our students on the day. We are incredibly proud of the persistence, resilience and pride our students showed on the day. Thanks to those families who came along too!

We would like to thank our families who came along last week to support our Book Week celebrations and our Maths night. These events are so special for our students and we appreciate you taking the time to join us at school.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Please come and see us anytime!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Principal Team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

STAFFING NEWS!

We would like to congratulate Morgan Devlin on her recent engagement to her fiancée James! We wish her well as she prepares for her wedding and wish them a lifetime of happiness together!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey is now open. The eldest student in each family will have come home with a letter that outlines how to log into the survey to share your thoughts on how the school is supporting you and your child.

We encourage all families to complete the survey as this helps us to both celebrate our successes and identify areas of need moving forward. If you need assistance with the process please contact the school office.

VSBA BUILDING UPGRADES

Surveying has been happening this week for our undercover upgrade. We will be hosting a number of VSBA representatives and our local member on the 12th or 13th of September to celebrate the start of our project. We are still on track for our works to be completed over the school holidays.

There will be some temporary entrances created for the 3/4 classrooms whilst the preparation and works are being completed. We are looking forward to having a lighter, brighter, safer and more user friendly space for our students to enjoy!

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

A reminder to parents/carers to please monitor your students engagement online. There have been a number of recent incidents reported to staff around students who are under age having access to social media and/or posting or viewing inappropriate content.

Tiktok and *Snapchat* have been a common platform that is causing some social challenges for students and we encourage to remove your child from these platforms as both have age requirements for users to be 13 or older. Please refer to our [Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement](#) on our school website which has some great ideas and resources around digital technology use in the home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a number of volunteers to be part of a termly library blitz. We are hoping to find a group of 6-8 helpers who could assist in tidying a section each in our school library once a term. As much as we encourage students to return texts to the correct location, over time many books end up in the wrong place and a tidy up is required.

This can take some time if tackled by one person but we are hoping by having a small team who can assist once a term it will help us keep the library tidy and organised for our staff and students. If you are keen to help please send an email/ClassDojo to Blanche or Carmen.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

Our School Council plays a vital role in our school. If you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback about our school please feel free to contact any member of school council or email our School Council President at pinkpawprincess@hotmail.com.

Our school council representatives for 2025 are:

- Natalie Edwards (President)
- Calista Davis (Vice President)
- Amanda Wright (Secretary)
- Allison Fogarty (Treasurer)
- Morgan Foster (Community Representative)
- Meagan Morris (Parent Representative)
- Lyn Wilcock (Parent Representative)
- Penny Winbolt (Parent Representative)
- Rachel Smith (Parent Representative)
- Donna Parsons (DET Representative)
- Michelle Stewart (DET Representative)

The next school council meeting for term 3 is on Tuesday the 9th of September. * Note - change of date.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Gratitude

Paying attention to what I have.

Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives.

Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy

Understanding others' feelings and showing kindness and compassion.

Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity.

Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness

Paying attention to what's happening right now.

The practice of **mindfulness** is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

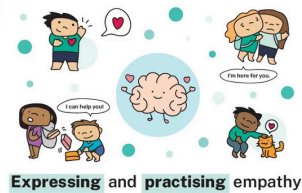
Emotional Literacy

Labelling, understanding and expressing my emotions.

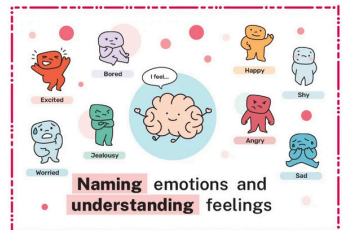
Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills.

When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable

Expressing and practising gratitude



Practical mindfulness tools and strategies

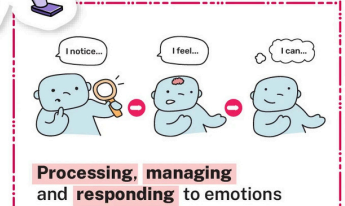
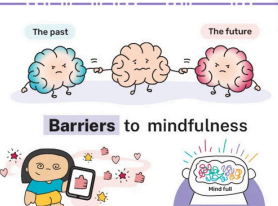
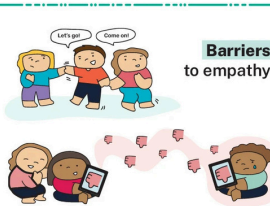
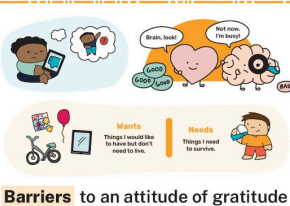
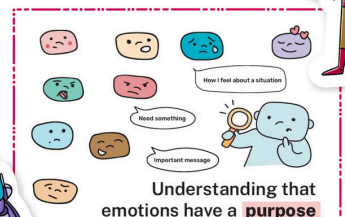
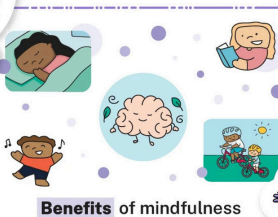
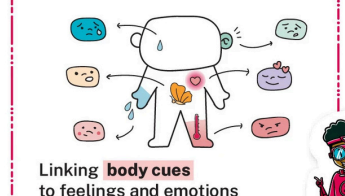


Learning how to form everyday gratitude habits

Strengthening connections



Applying new skills and knowledge





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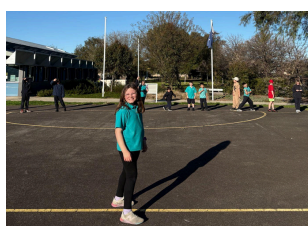


KELLY CLUB NEWCOMBUPDATE

What's been happening in Term 3...

We've had such a fun-filled time at OSHC lately! A big warm welcome to all the new faces who have joined us – it's been wonderful seeing our group grow. From delicious creations in our Funtastic Fridays cooking sessions, to endless colouring sheets, picasso paintings and many happy hours spent on the playground, there's always something exciting happening each day!

As the weather starts to warm up, we've been getting outside on the court and enjoying class favourites like **Farmer Sam!** It's been great to see everyone active, laughing and joining in together.



What's new in term 3: FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

Introducing Funtastic Fridays! We're excited to launch Funtastic Fridays – a brand-new way to end the week with fun and excitement! Each Friday, children can look forward to a special activity, from creative challenges and cooking classes to action-packed outdoor games. This week's theme is Food, Glorious Food, where we'll be kicking things off with a hands-on cooking class to make a delicious treat. Let the Friday fun begin!

THEME: CREATIVE + ACTIVE FUN Term 3 week 7 01/09/2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!
8:30 - 9:45 am	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game
10:15 - 11:30 am	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits	Afternoon Tea - Fruit and Veg platter, pancakes	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and cookies	Afternoon Tea - Fruit and veg platter, cheese and cookies	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits
12:00 - 1:00 pm	FARMER SAM 	BOBS & STATUES 	PAINT MARKERS 	BEADS 	FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS: BAKING COOKIES
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Tidy Up/Outside	Tidy Up/ Outside	Tidy Up/Meditation	Tidy Up/Outside Play	Tidy up/Outside Play
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities



Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder to all families to **please remember to book** your children in before attending Kelly Club for before and after school care. This helps us keep track of numbers and ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. We can't wait to see all your smiling faces soon!



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.com.au

BOOK WEEK IN 1/2B



"BOOK AN ADVENTURE"

TO CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK, OUR CLASS EXPLORED A RANGE OF ENGAGING TEXTS, INCLUDING MIGALOO THE WHITE WHALE. STUDENTS ENJOYED DISCUSSING THEIR FAVOURITE STORIES AND AUTHORS, AND SHOWED THEIR CREATIVITY BY DESIGNING THEIR OWN BOOK COVERS BASED ON BOOKS THEY LOVE. IT WAS A FANTASTIC WEEK FILLED WITH IMAGINATION AND LEARNING!



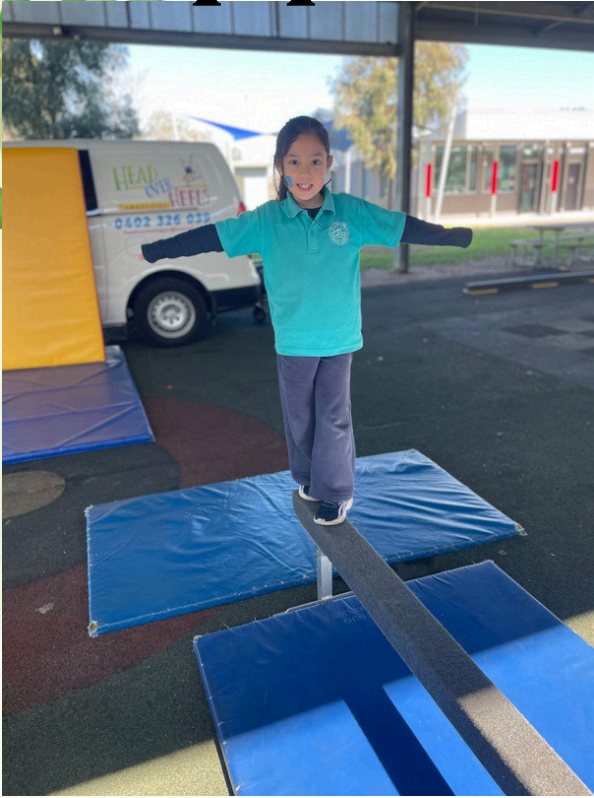
What's been happening in 1/2V....



It has been a very busy and exciting term in 1/2V! One of the highlights was Book Week, where students had the chance to dress up as their favourite book characters. The classroom was full of colour, creativity, and lots of smiles as we celebrated a love of reading together.



What's been happening in 1/2V....



This term we also welcomed back Gymnastics. The students have been enjoying the chance to learn new skills and movements, building their strength, balance and confidence each week.



What's been happening in 1/2V....



In Mathematics, our Grade 2 students have been exploring the concept of length. They have been busy measuring objects around the classroom and playground, learning how to use meters and centimeters to compare and record their findings. We are so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm in 1/2V—it's shaping up to be a wonderful term!



Melie



NPS

We would like to
invite all younger
siblings of NPS
students

Sunshine Circles



What is Sunshine Circles?

Sunshine Circles® group gives you the opportunity to support your child to practice self-regulation skills and to feel encouraged to have a go at achievable challenges. Facilitators will lead playful, cooperative, and nurturing activities to create a fun, caring, accepting and encouraging experience. The goal is to enhance children's social, emotional and cognitive development while creating an opportunity for joyful moments together.

AFTERNOON
TEA
PROVIDED



Wednesday- 2:15pm-3pm

