The guiding principle for Port Fairy Consolidated School is to provide a high quality education for all students and an opportunity for all students to grow to their full potential – creatively, socially, physically and intellectually.

Our children are our future and we are honoured to be a partner in a child’s journey through life.

Tuesday – Mexican Bean & Corn Burritos
Thursday – Ham & Cheese Toasties

Congratulations

Principal’s Award – Tara Neal
For being an outstanding quiet achiever and supportive friend.

00C – Edie Clift
For showing confidence and using her loud voice during Show and Tell.
Well done Edie!

00W – Archie Van Engelen
For being a happy and helpful member of our class.

1/2D – Serina Doyle
For settling into school life at PFCS so well.

1/2A – Luke Peterson
For always trying his personal best and giving everything a go.

1/2T – Sophie Lockett
For being a friendly and cooperative class member!

3/4B – Taylor Tyrrell-Murphy
For settling so well into 3/4B.

3/4H – Bailey Drewry
For being an excellent helper toward his class mates and teachers

4/5M – George Brayshaw
Settling so well into the Port Fairy Consolidated School routine.

4/5M – Harry Parrett
Having so much enthusiasm for new teaching and learning styles and new school life.

5/6D – Jas Royal
For amazing enthusiasm in Writing and fantastic recount writing.

5/6M – Isaac Dalton
For excellent attention during Maths and completing all work to a fantastic standard.
PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN –

WELCOME EVENT
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter we will hold our ‘Welcome to 2015 Event’ on Tuesday, February 17. This event will run from 4pm until 7pm and it will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with the teachers and gain an overview of the teaching and learning program and general expectations. All classroom teachers will deliver Presentations to Parents at the following times: 4pm, 4:45pm, 6pm & 6:45pm. We have offered several presentations to allow parents to visit different year levels. An afternoon tea of fresh fruit will be provided. We will also have a school community art project for families to take part in.

NEW STAFF
This year we have three new members of staff and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome; Mr Scott Twycross, Mrs Peita Cryer and Mrs Brooke Green. Scott is a beginning teacher who comes to us from Carranballac P – 9 College, in Point Cook. Scott grew up in this area and attended Brauer Secondary College. He is teaching Year 1/2 this year. Peita returns to us on a part time basis from family leave. Before the birth of her daughter, Peita was a long time teacher at PFCS and Brooke is working for us every Thursday this year, replacing Mrs Cynthia McLaren to allow Cynthia to pick up a more significant role as the school’s assistant to the Principal. Great to have them all on board!

ROAD SAFETY
Just a reminder to everyone about the dangers of crossing the road at the eastern car park area! Please take the time to use the designated crossings or move away from the corner before you cross the road. Also, all bikes and scooters need to enter and leave the school via the northern gate on Polding Street. Thank you for your help with this.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Last Friday some students in our upper school took part in their first ‘Information Technology’ (computer) lesson, with Mrs Tracey Gray. Tracey’s program will focus on improving the skills of the students and their classroom teachers and will be delivered to all students in Years 4, 5 & 6. She will also be working to ensure our students become eSmart uses of technology. Tracey will be leading several parent forums in this area over the course of the year.

AIR CONDITIONING
During the next couple of weeks all eight classrooms in the middle building will be fitted with air conditioners. As the prep room is already air conditioned this means that all ten homerooms will enjoy a more comfortable learning environment. This great addition to our school is made possible by our ‘Folk Festivval Fundraising’ efforts.

CIRCUS SKILLS
Every Friday we have the volunteer support of Glen Foster (part time teacher in Melbourne). Glen visits our school weekly to assist with our student leadership program and to teach circus skills. This term he is working with some Year 3 students to develop some circus skills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Glen for his ongoing support of the students at our school.

BREAKFAST CLUB
This year we will be offering ‘Breakfast Club’ for all students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Brakfast will be served from the kitchen at the west end of our top building, commencing at 8:30am. All welcome!

YEAR SIX POLO SHIRTS
It is traditional at Port Fairy Consolidated School for the Year Six students to wear polo shirts that identify their special place in our school. Last week the Year Six students received their complimentary polo shirt. Once again we thank our ‘Folk Festival Fundraising’ efforts which allow us to provide these shirts.

BUS TRAVELLER AWARD
This year we will be recognising our best bus travellers with a weekly award. This award will be nominated by Mr Matt Hoey (our new bus coordinator) and it will be given to those students who contribute to the safety, comfort and well-being of their fellow passengers. Congratulations to Kasey Hocking who received this award at last Monday’s assembly. Well done Kasey!
FOLK FESTIVAL
Please take note that we will be operating our regular ‘School Accommodation, Bed and Breakfast’ fundraiser over the Folk Festival long weekend and we’d appreciate lots of support from our school community! Rosters are currently being filled. Every year it is a challenge to get enough volunteers and we would greatly appreciate any help that you can give. As you can see by today’s newsletter this fundraising effort directly benefits all of our children. A big thank you to Nicola McCartie and Andrea McGifford for their tremendous coordination work! Also a reminder of our ‘Folk Festival Whole School Performance’ that will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at approximately 6pm, in our school hall. Details to be confirmed but keep the date free!

BRAUERANDER HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS
Just a further reminder that our ‘House Athletic Sports’ will take place on Friday, February 20, at Brauerander Park in Warrnambool. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours (Sandpipers/Yellow, Gannets/Red, Lapwings/Green, & Shearwaters/Purple). Our Parents and Friends group will host a barbecue and provide fresh fruit platters. Please contact the school or Jill Gibson if you can help out. Please see Deanne Elliot, our physical education teacher or myself with any concerns. Everybody most welcome!

HOMEROOM REPS’
Currently we are organising a ‘Parent Representative’ for each of our ten homeroom groups. We are keen to have a ‘Go to Parent’ from each grade who can assist with organising support from other parents (from the same grade) with regard to different school activities throughout the school year (eg Folk Festival, Big Breakfast, Christmas Bazaar, etc). By accepting this role you will not be expected to do all of the work and/or attend all school activities. Your job would be to assist with promoting the events and rallying the troops. I am happy to talk further with you about this role if you require more information. If you are able to help out please register your name with your child’s teacher.

HEALTHY LUNCH AWARD
Each week we recognise a student with good food for lunch that is packed in a way that reduces our rubbish. Each of these students receives a free lunch from our school café as a prize. The winner for this week, as announced at Monday’s assembly, was Grace Joosen. Congratulations Grace!

FRUIT CUTTERS
Once again this year we will be providing fresh fruit for all of the students every Friday. If you are able to help with the preparation please let the office know and/or volunteer at school on the day. Thank you to Nadine Cuthbert and Ros Langley for cutting the fruit last Friday.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As stated in previous newsletters we are expecting all children to be wearing the new school uniform this year. ‘Directwear’ have indicated that they have caught up with their back orders. Please come and see me if you have any concerns with this. I welcome any feedback! Guidelines for approved uniform are available from the office as is the ‘Directwear’ business card.

PLEASE REMEMBER
‘We aim for every child to be the best that they can be – without exception!’
‘MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN’
Regards, Mark

Physical Education
It was a fantastic turn up on Tuesday morning for our swimming training for the up and coming South West Zone Swimming Championships to be held in Portland. About 30 students were churning the lanes of the pool with wonderful supportive parents helping to train them. We will be timing swimmers over the next few weeks to see how many can make qualifying times. Good Luck and keep swimming everyone!

Our House Athletics Carnival will be held next Friday the February 20th at Brauerander, Warrnambool. We are very busy practising all our skills in class. Thank you to those that have offered, but I am still looking for any parents that can come along and volunteer their time to help with groups, catering or supervise some of our fun events. You can leave your name at the office or with me. Your help will be greatly appreciated. ... Deanne Elliott
Homeroom Happenings

Prep’s – The Preps have really settled into school life over the last 2 weeks. They are a friendly, excited and happy bunch of students. This week we have been learning the word ‘I’. We have also been reading the big book ‘The Hungry Giant’. In Numeracy we have been practicing our counting and learning how to play the Cookie Game, which helps us recognise numbers.

1/2’s - In Reading we are focusing on the strategy of back up and reread. In Writing we are focusing on writing recounts, and in Maths we are focusing on reading, writing and making numbers. Looking forward to our Welcome Event next Tuesday and the Spelling Star Workshop next Thursday.

3/4’s – Now that we are more familiar with the routines of our teacher and the classroom, the year ahead will be onward and upward! In Numeracy we have begun focusing on Number by constructing and creating our own number patterns. In Writing we have enjoyed establishing our classroom identity with a personal profile called ‘All About Me’ - you’ll see them on our windows. In Reading our focus has been to ‘back-up and reread’. This will assist our comprehension when the text ‘does not make sense’.

4/5M – In 4/5 we are enjoying the school routine. We have been writing applications for Moyneyana House and Somers Camp. We have been learning about odd and even numbers and playing with negative numbers also. In Reading we are getting into a great routine with good fit books and reading to self. We have been working on the comprehension strategy of back up and reread and have begun our spelling lists.

5/6’s - All students have settled in wonderfully to their new classes after our ‘Learning to learn’ focus! We are presently writing recounts, looking at place value and disscussing our favourite books and writing lists of recommendations for each other as well as beginning our spelling and grammar work.

Show & Tell .. with Cynthia McLaren

The best advice I ever received was…. “always keep your word” My grandfather had an interesting life story and over the years he learned lessons about trust.

The most important things I take into the classroom every day are… a love for children and teaching, patience and a favorite picture story book – usually Mem Fox. I also try to have a positive outlook on things and teach the children to have a ‘glass half full’ attitude.

The most important lesson I’ve been taught by my students is... don’t take anything for granted and everybody is different. No two people are alike and we all have our special talents.

The most memorable moment in my teaching career was... unfortunately a sad one, when Bessiebelle Primary School closed. I was the principal there at the time and it was a difficult decision by the entire community. There is always a positive and we held a fabulous school reunion. The closing also enabled me to come to Port Fairy Consolidated School as a teacher.

If I had a magic wand I would...try to create equality across the world, both financially and educationally.
Upcoming Events
Every Tuesday
Walking School Bus from Elizabeth Street, followed by Breakfast Club in the Café.

Every Thursday
Walking School Bus from Elizabeth Street, followed by Breakfast Club in the Café.

Wed 11th, Thurs12th & Friday 13th February
Sungold Field Days

Tuesday 17th February
Welcome Event
From 4 – 7pm.
Finance Meeting

Wednesday 18th February
School Council

Friday 20th February
Brauerander School Sports

Friday 27th February
Celebration Assembly
All Welcome.
Student Leaders
Congress at Deakin

Tuesday 3rd March
Folk Festival School Show & Pasta Night

Friday 6th March
DirectWear Uniform Shop
8.30 – 9.30am.
District Swimming Sports
Folkie Concert

Monday 9th March
Labour Day Holiday

Thursday 12th March
District Tennis Sports

Friday 13th March
Regional Swimming Sports

Wednesday 18th March
Moyne Athletics

Friday 20th March
Regional Tennis

Tuesday 24th March
School Photos

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March
5/6 Dinners

Thursday 26th March
District Athletic Sports

Friday 27th March
Last Day of Term One
Dismissal at 2.30pm.

Student name, class and day of order –

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Café Lunches for next week are:

Tuesday – Mexican Bean & Corn Burritos
Thursday – Ham & Cheese Toasties

Orders can be placed at the office up until 9am on the day at a cost of $5 per child, which includes a piece of fruit at snack time and a delicious home made meal, with a treat at lunchtime.

Fresh Fruit Friday – Roster
Friday 13th February
Clare Hynes & Rachel Ross
(If this does not suit, please call Jenni in the office.)

Spelling Workshop for Prep to Grade 6 parents

On Thursday 19th February at 9am in the School Library, we are conducting a workshop for classroom helpers. Our students’ parents play an important role in our weekly spelling program. We will also be offering helpful hints for home spelling. All welcome.

...Debbie Dowell, Literacy Leader

PRIMARY WELFARE NEWS FROM DANEEL...

This week has marked the beginning of our WALKING SCHOOL BUS initiative. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning (this term) Miss Clarke and myself will be meeting students around 8am at the Elizabeth Street Playground to enjoy a leisurely walk to school, followed by a yummy breakfast. So if you live in or near Elizabeth Street please come and join our Walking School Bus.

I am pleased to announce that following the success of BREAKFAST CLUB in 2014, this year we will have BREAKFAST CLUB open in the café two mornings a week – Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Breakfast Club is a perfect way to start the day – great food and great company! A big Thank You to Port Fairy IGA for sponsoring Breakfast Club this year and donating our bread.

This term, beginning Thursday February 19th and 26th at 1.45pm – 2.30pm we will be running two free come and try YOGA classes for children. Qualified and experienced YOGA teacher, Donella Mulraney will facilitate these classes. Research indicates that YOGA is of great value to children not just for physical flexibility, but also focus, concentration, behavior, confidence, self-esteem, group connectedness and relaxation. If these classes are popular Donella will run a YOGA program at school during lunchtime for the remainder of the year.
Port Fairy Consolidated School becomes a Bed & Breakfast over the Folk Festival Weekend! This is one of our biggest fundraising activities, and requires input from each family at the school. It raises many thousands of dollars which is put directly back into PFCS for the benefit of all children. Please consider where you can best help out, put your name down and return this sheet to the office.

**FOLKIE BED & BREAKFAST ROSTER**
*(PLEASE INCLUDE A CONTACT NUMBER)*

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**Fish On Line Design**
28 Cox Street Port Fairy

Are offering Primary School Age Art Lessons
Cost $25 per session

Phone Paul Walsh on 0437 355 325 or email paul@fishonlinedesign.com.au

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**JUNIOR SOCCER**

Warrnambool Rangers FC will begin their Sub Junior coaching program with two "Come and Try" sessions on **Saturday 14th and 21st February** at St. Joseph's Primary School.

Bromfield Street Reserve
Starting at 9.30 am

Age group 6 to 12 years. Girls and boys welcome.

**Cost: FREE.**

Come along – bring a friend.

For further details phone John on 5561 2397 (after 6pm).

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**Seaside Singing**

A new, social singing group.
Everyone welcome. No experience required. Give it a go!

Mondays 7pm—9pm, during school term
Port Fairy Community House

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**YOGA!!**

ADULTS - MONDAY's 7pm @ Footy Clubrooms
All levels welcome! $15- per class.

KIDS CLASSES in 2015 will be held Tuesdays during school term. 3:45-4:30pm at St Patrick's. Starting 10th Feb. $7- per class.

For any enquiries please phone Donella on 0428654570

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**PORT FAIRY JUNIOR NETBALL 12 & UNDER**

Training will commence on Thursday 19th February at 4.15pm at the Gardens.

Children from Year 4/5/6 who have had Netta experience are welcome to come along and join in.

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**2015 WOLVES JUNIOR SOCCER PROGRAM**

A great way to build fitness, learn new skills and make friends.
Soccer—the world greatest Game.

COME AND TRY
Sunday 15th and 22nd February at Harris Street
9.30-10.30 US -U7 & Under 11
10.45-12 U13 and U16

No pre-registration required – just come along and feel free to bring a friend.
Free Come and Try Nights – Normal Sessions $5

Any queries to our committee members
Carlos Del Rio 0410331177
Lindy Belmon 0457885714

or check out our web page - [http://www.warrnamboolwolves.org.au/](http://www.warrnamboolwolves.org.au/)
or like our facebook page

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**Blue Light FUN RUN**

5Km Run/Walk
Along Port Fairy Rail Trail

28th March

Cost $5 U18. $7 Adult
$20 Family

9am Registrations – Railway Place Port Fairy
Race Starts 10am