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.

Macaroni Cheese
Egg & Bacon or Spinach Filo Pies

Congratulations
Principal’s Award – Tiani Quirke
For always doing her best and having a smile for everyone.

00C – Bailey Stenhouse
For being a fabulous class member and for always offering to help his teachers and friends when they are in need.

00W – Jessica Kelly
For showing fantastic listening skills in her first week of school. Well done Jess!

1/2D – Clayton Burford
For settling so well into school at P.F.C.S.

1/2A – Jade King
For being a focused, organised and enthusiastic learner.

1/2T – Brooke Bartlett
For displaying great leadership skills by helping others choose ‘Good Fit’ books, also for making a great start to 2015!

3/4B – Reign Batty
For being a willing & eager helper for his classmates with technology.

3/4H – Isla Tweedly
For settling well into her new school and already knowing the names of the whole class!

4/5M – Brody Scott
Trying his hardest to settle into the routines of grade four life.

5/6M – Luka Warne
Excellent ‘Gallipoli’ pre assessment task.

5/6D – Eren Zehir
Excellent ‘Gallipoli’ pre assessment task.

Our delightful new Preps!
A big welcome to our thirty-eight new Preps for 2015! They made a great start last week and we enjoyed meeting them all at Monday’s assembly. Welcome also to the eleven new students who have transferred to us from other schools. We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with our school.

This year we will hold our ‘Welcome Event’ on Tuesday, February 17. This event will run from 4pm until 7pm. It will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher/s and gain an overview of the teaching and learning program and general expectations. A schedule of teacher presentation times will be published shortly. An afternoon tea of fresh fruit will be provided. We will also have a school community art project for families to take part in.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new, ‘Year 6 Student Leaders’ for 2015. Congratulations to; Meg Dixon (Ambassador), Niamh Howard (Ambassador), Mitchell Sholl (Ambassador), Max Green (Ambassador), Zoe Hart (Sandpiper Captain), Bob Lang (Sandpiper Captain), Ela Yildirim (Gannet Captain), Eren Zehir (Gannet Captain), Audrey Gibson (Lapwing Captain), Paddy Conlan (Lapwing Captain), Millie Kenna (Shearwater Captain), Harrison Hocking (Shearwater Captain). We wish them all the best with their leadership duties this year.

Just a 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. More information to follow. Please see Deanne Elliot our physical education teacher or myself with any concerns. Everybody most welcome!

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.

Congratulations to Dean, Nicole and Lexie Dwyer on the arrival of their daughter and sister, Bronte Belle. We look forward to meeting Bronte in the coming weeks.

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 Jacob Taynton. Congratulations Jacob!

Please note nominations for ‘School Council’ open today. We have five parent vacancies and two staff vacancies. Nomination forms can be collected from the office and they close on Thursday, February 12. Our first meeting for 2015 will be on Wednesday, February 18 (this is for the current School Council only). New councillors will begin at our March meeting.
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. Begins tomorrow!

FOLK FESTIVAL
Please 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 etc will be issued in the coming weeks. 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!

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As stated in previous newsletters we are expecting all children to be wearing the new school uniform this year. I appreciate that we have had some delays with ‘Directwear’ but I have been thrilled with the efforts of our families to meet the new requirements. 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.

SHOW AND TELL
This year we are beginning a new weekly news item called ‘Show and Tell’. Each week a member of staff will respond to a list of prompts. I will get the ball rolling this week!

Staff member of the week: Mark Chapman: Principal

The best advice I ever received was….From my Grandfather who reminded me to appreciate the ordinary things in life and to count my blessings.

The most important things I take into the classroom every day are….When I was teaching every day the most important thing I took into the classroom was a sense of humour. I also had quality picture story books close at hand.

The most important lesson I’ve been taught by my students is….That every individual is unique and they bring something special to the group.

The most memorable moment in my teaching career was…. During my first year of teaching we had some visiting circus performers called ‘Doug and Slug’ and I was the lucky teacher picked out to be part of their act. My memory tells me they threw knives at me (but the years may have embellished the story!!) I do remember being frozen with terror!

If I had a magic wand I would….Build a roller coaster at the back of the school. Fantastic sea views and a great way to clear your head and re-focus!

PLEASE REMEMBER
‘We aim for every child to be the best that they can be – without exception!’

‘MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN’
Regards, Mark
Homeroom Happenings

**Prep's** – A big welcome to all our new preps and families. What an amazing first week it has been. We have been busy learning all about school life this week - where to put our bags, when and where to line up, when we need to put our hand up, where to put our readers etc. It has been very busy!

1/2’s – Thank you everyone for settling into the new School Year and classes so well. This week is “Learning to Learn” which involves getting to know your activities, setting class boundaries and testing. Please check diaries for stickers that highlight learning and class organisation.

3/4’s – Welcome to 3/4 B & 3/4H! We have spent this week getting to know each other better and how the routine of our classrooms work through Learning to Learn. We are looking forward to a great year together.

4/5M – We have settled into our new room and year 4/5 life well. We have welcomed two new students into our room and recognized many familiar faces. We have spent our first two weeks developing routines through the Learning to Learn program and have begun our testing. Our specialist timetable has commenced and today we went to cooking.

5/6’s - The “Learning to Learn” program has seen the year five children organize themselves into their new surroundings and the grade 6 children begin their roles as leaders of the school and they participate in the ‘Buddy Program’. We have looked at all of the curriculum areas and begun our ‘Gallipoli’ Project’. Both classes have enjoyed an excellent start to 2015 with much to look forward to!

**Before and After School Care**

2015 has seen large numbers of children being enrolled with Out of School Hours Care. In compliance with Regulations, it is essential that I have an enrolment form on file before I take your booking. (If you require another form please ask for one at office.)

**Physical Education**

Welcome back to Physical Education for 2015. What an exciting year we have ahead of us with lots of opportunities to practise and play a wide variety of sports. This term our focus will be on our athletic skills with our House Carnival being held in 4 weeks on Friday the 20th February at Brauerander Park in Warrnambool. Any parents/family members who are available to assist on this day please see me or leave your name at the office. It would be very much appreciated!

Next week we will begin our swimming training/tryouts for the upcoming South West Zone Swimming Championships being held in Portland on Friday 6th March. Training starts at 8:00am to 8:30am at Belfast Aquatics each Tuesday for the next four weeks. I am able to walk students to school after their training session. To qualify for this event your child must be aged between 9 & 13 years of age (turning 9 before Dec 31st this year) and meet qualifying times. We will time students over the four weeks of our training. Notes will go home today and will be available at the office.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Brooke Green and all the students and family members who participated in the Warrnambool Surf to Surf Fun Run. Because of their amazing efforts we were able to win the $1,000 for our school PE program again. Thank You!

Finally any students in Year 5/6 interested in trying out for a position in the Moyne team for the Regional Tennis Championships can leave their name with me or at the office. Students interested must be playing competitive tennis to participate at this level.

... Deanne Elliott
**Upcoming Events**

Every Tuesday
Walking School Bus from Elizabeth Street, followed by Breakfast Club in the Café at 8.30am.

Every Thursday
Walking School Bus from Elizabeth Street, followed by Breakfast Club in the Café at 8.30am.

Wed 11th, Thurs 12th & Friday 13th February
Sungold Field Days

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

Wednesday 18th February
Finance Meeting
School Council

Friday 20th February
Brauerander School Sports

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 & Wednesday 25th March
5/6 Dinners

Thursday 26th March
District Athletic Sports

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

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**Instrumental lessons (keyboard/guitar)**

with the Jammin Factory commence back on Thursday the 5th of February at P.F.C.S.

Please contact Mick for information
0431170747
jamminfactory@bigpond.com

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**Café Lunches for next week are:**

**Tuesday – Macaroni Cheese**

**Thursday – Egg & Bacon or Spinach Filo Pies**

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.

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**Fresh Fruit Friday – Roster**

Any parents who are interested in spending an hour each Friday morning, preparing our fresh fruit, please let Jenni know so that I can prepare a roster for term one.

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**Sports Day Canteen**

**Friday 20th February**

Anyone who may be able to assist on this day with preparations for the canteen, (cutting fruit, etc.) please leave your name at the office.

.. Thanks, Jill Gibson.

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**Dear parents and students:**

This term the Chinese Mandarin classes will be running every Monday afternoon 3:30pm to 4:30pm, starting from next week 9th of Feb.

This term we will run 6 sessions (due to the Folkie long weekend), and the tuition fee will be $120.

Please feel free to come to see me if you have any enquires and suggestions. Thank you for supporting your children’s learning.

Thank you,
Anna Han
Green Science News

Chook carers and water system creators:
Thank you to the Quirkes and the Condons for taking care of our chickens over summer. The families fed the chickens and made sure they were safe. Thank you very much. Thank you to the Webb/Lang family for the installation of the watering system last year. This summer we really noticed the difference... with our summer produce. Thank you....

Rubbish free lunches:
Welcome back to 2015. We have started off the year with a wonderful recycling relay. We have been investigating how long it takes for our waste to break down by setting up experiments and thinking about the impact of plastic on our environment. We are encouraging all families to prepare rubbish free lunch boxes at home. It is wonderful to see anytime fruit snacks and great lunchbox ideas. All preps have been given a rubbish free lunchbox to start the year with a buzz... our rubbish free lunch award is still running and of course our café prepares fresh meals as part of our kitchen garden program. So many different ways to celebrate rubbish free lunches.

Soap making workshop: Kitchen Garden Workshop 22nd FEB
If you would like to learn the basics of making olive oil soap we have organized a kitchen garden fundraiser workshop. It's the perfect way to start the year learning a new skill, meeting wonderful people and making soap. We've had such a great response the first workshop is fully booked out.... So join us in the kitchen garden on Sunday 22nd of February at 10am – 1pm for a soap making session. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Cost $40 per person. BYO: 2 600ml cartons, oils and dried flowers. Book at the school office or “Like” the Port Fairy Kitchen Garden Facebook page.

ICT: Information Communication and Technology classes start.
This week we start the first of our Information Communications and Technology (ICT). We will be looking at the rules and responsibilities of using devices at school to start us on our E-SMART journey. We will also begin with an App of the Month. This month we will be using EXPLAIN EVERYTHING. A great educational app that allows the students to write, take photos, draw, talk and explain what is happening in their work. This App allows us to understand what students are thinking and gives them an opportunity to share their understanding in many different ways (visually, talking, and writing).

Community connections:
Our Threatened Coastline - Posters from the Coastal Hazard Community Exhibition are on display in the school for the next six weeks.
There are six posters in all that show what could happen to Port Fairy's coastline if erosion goes on unchecked. A survey accompanies each poster so you can have your say about what's important to you.
Moyne Shire Council are developing a coastal adaptation plan for Port Fairy and wants you to have your say. The Port Fairy Coastal Group are conducting the surveys to capture the views of the community and write a report that will be part of the coastal adaptation plan.
This is an opportunity to share knowledge and ideas and participate as a community in an important planning process that affects us all. Please do have your say.
For more information please visit our website at www.pf cg.org.au and like the Port Fairy Coastal Group Facebook page.
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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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

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

Junior Soccer
Warmambool 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).

Vegetable Surf Groms
Supported by Quiksilver
Vegetable Surf Groms is a National Junior Development Program for 5-12yr olds that encourages kids to participate in surfing. Whilst having fun is our top priority, we aim to get your groms up and surfing in no time.
PORT FAIRY TERM 1
INTENSIVE Weekend, 14&15 March 9-1pm
EASTER Program, Good Fri– Easter Mon 9-11am
Register now and get your Quiksilver or Roxy backpack full of goodies. $120 + $25 Surfing Aust. registration fee. Limited 16 spots so book early.
To book go to: www.gosurf.com.au
For more info call Fiona: 0408 310001