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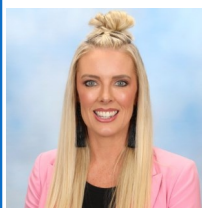
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Newsletter Term 2 Week 8 Wednesday 18th June 2025

Principal's Message



The past fortnight has been fantastic, with a long weekend, exciting events and plenty of fun and learning, the school is buzzing with energy and smiles!

Staffing Update

We're excited to share that Miss Florence has been successful in gaining a new classroom teaching position for the remainder of the 2025 school year. While we're so proud of her achievement, we are also sad to say that her last day at Gwynneville will be Friday, 27 June.

Miss Florence will be deeply missed for her wealth of knowledge, bubbly personality, and the genuine care she shows every day for her students. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our school and wish her every success in this next chapter.

We are currently conducting an expression of interest process to temporarily appoint a new classroom teacher for 1/2 Blue. We will share this information with our school community once a decision has been made.

School Uniform

At Gwynneville Public School we take great pride in our school community—and one of the most visible signs of that pride is our school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform each day helps build a sense of belonging, fosters school spirit, and promotes equality among students. It also reflects positively on our school's image in the wider community.

We kindly remind all students and families that full school uniform is to be worn every day. This includes appropriate footwear, hats, and any other items outlined in our uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform supports a focused learning environment and prepares students for the expectations of the wider world.

We understand that many of our students proudly represent our school in sporting events. To acknowledge these achievements, school representative sports jackets may be worn on Fridays only. On all other days, students are expected to wear the standard school uniform.

Let's continue to work together to uphold our school values, support a culture of respect and unity, and ensure all students arrive at school dressed for success.

School Hats

A reminder that SCHOOL hats must be worn every day during outdoor activities, including recess, lunch, sport and excursions. This is part of our Sun Smart policy and helps keep students safe and protected from harmful UV rays.

We are seeing an increasing number of students wearing branded hats (such as sports teams or fashion logos). These hats are not part of our school uniform.

Please ensure your child wears the correct school hat each day. If their hat is missing, a replacement can be purchased from the Lowes in Wollongong.

Thank you for your support in maintaining our uniform standards and keeping students sun safe.

Early Arrivals at School

Supervision at school does not commence until 8.40am. A large number of students have been arriving before this time. If there are exceptional circumstances and your child has to arrive before official supervision starts, please inform the office.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful Before and After School Care service on site, which provides engaging and enriching experiences for students in a safe and supportive environment. Families needing care outside of supervision hours are encouraged to contact them to discuss available options.

School Holidays

This term has just 'flown by.' The last school day for Term 2 is Friday 4th July. Students return to school on Tuesday 22nd July. Teachers return on Monday 21st July. This is a designated Staff Development Day.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Keep Smiling 😊

Mrs Carroll



South Coast Cross Country

Well done to Ambrose S and Grace H who competed last Friday at the South Coast Cross Country carnival in Nowra.

Ambrose came 15th out of 75 and Grace came 30th out of 70. What a great effort. We are so proud of you both.

School Athletics Carnival

Notes were emailed (K-2) and are on School Bytes for the upcoming Athletics carnival. Please make sure that you give permission and pay via School Bytes by Friday 20th June, if you have not already done so.

Students aged 8-12yrs will attend the carnival at Beaton Park.

Date: Wednesday 25th June 2025.

Time: 11am—2:30pm.

Students aged 5-7yrs will have their carnival on school grounds.

Date: Wednesday 25th June.

Time: 12:00pm—1:25pm.

AFL

Last week was our last week of AFL for students in K-2.

Gymnastics

K-2 students will be participating in a four week program on a Thursday.

Mrs Tracy Devlin



School Uniform Donations Needed

Give your old uniforms a second chance.

If you have any used, clean, current uniforms that you no longer need, please donate them to the school office. Our supplies are running very low.



AWARDS—Week 8 Term 2 2025



K RED	Sebastian D, Nina F, Ryan Z, Levi K
K/1 YELLOW	Isla S, Aaruhi K, Darian K, Maggie P
1 PINK	Ella M, Yukai D, Hareem A, Zayd M
1/2 BLUE	Audrey-Lynn H, Ana D, Jedda B, Adelaide H
2/3 GREEN	Yusuf A, Asha C, Victor D, Akrem E, Indi T, Alexander N, Hamza P, Alexis D, Samuel N, Nyar Z, Sara A
3 LIME	Peach S, Junaina M, Febe Y
3/4 ORANGE	Austin G, Serenity K, Thomas D, Piper P
4/5 BROWN	Esraa M, Rhanna C, Una G, Aleksander N, Gemma J, Emilia M, Netharu W, Hudson C, Mostafa E, Adhil R

Awards will be presented at the assembly on Friday 20/06/25

@ 2:15pm in the school hall.

All welcome.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH AWARD



Chol has demonstrated great initiative by refereeing school sports on his own accord.

IMPORTANT DATES 2025

Term 2

Week 8	
Monday 16/06/25	P&C Meeting
Thursday 19/06/25	Public Speaking
	NAIDOC @ WHSPA
	Sporting Schools Program—K-2 Gymnastics
Friday 20/06/25	Assembly—2/3 Green
Week 9	
Monday 23/06/25	Debating
	P&C Pie Drive Collection
Tuesday 24/06/25	Choral Festival Rehearsal—Corrimal East PS
Wednesday 25/06/25	GPS Athletics Carnival
Thursday 26/06/25	Sporting Schools program—K-2 Gymnastics
Week 10	
Monday 02/07/25	Debating
Thursday 3/07/25	Sporting Schools program—K-2 Gymnastics
	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition—Local Final
Friday 4/07/25	Assembly 5/6 Maroon
	Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Week 1	
Monday 21/07/25	Staff Development Day—No students
Tuesday 22/07/25	Students return for Term 3
Week 2	
Monday 28/07/25	Debating (hosting)
Wednesday 30/07/25	100 days of Kindergarten
Week 3	
Thursday 7/08/25	Choral Festival

PUT ON YOUR
PJS AND JOIN
THE FUN!

GPS SRC ARE EXCITED
TO ANNOUNCE

PYJAMA DAY!

FRIDAY 4TH
JULY!

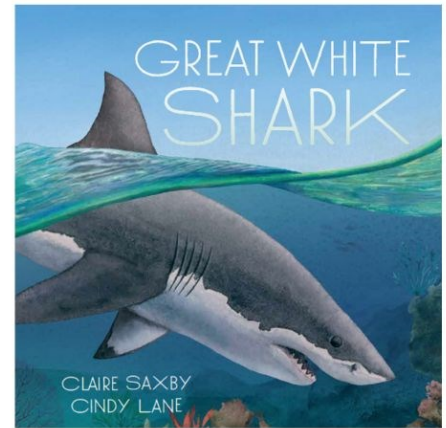
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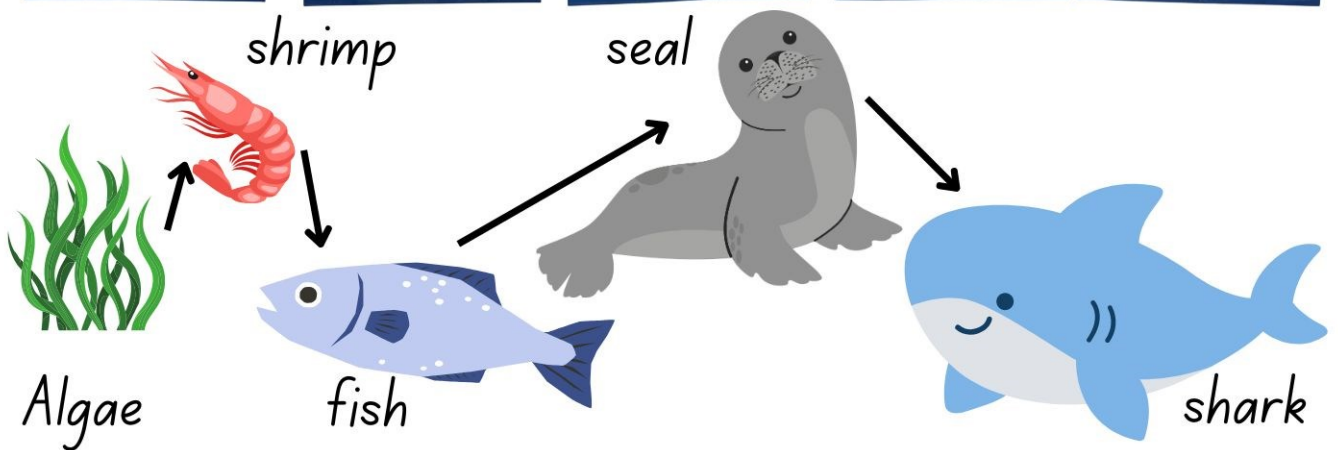
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OR SINGLET TOPS. ENCLOSED SHOES ARE REQUIRED.

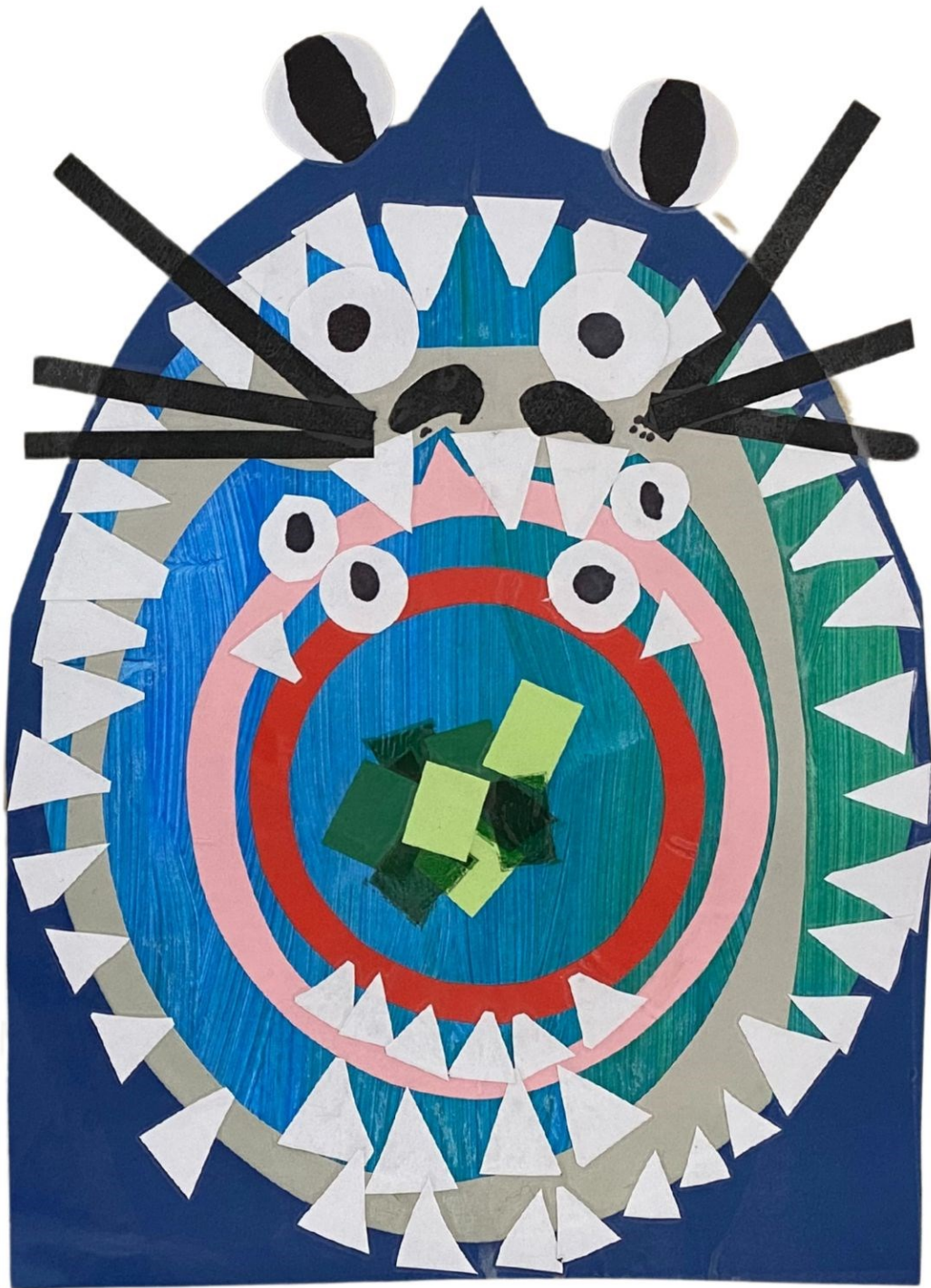
GOLD COIN DONATION

THE FOOD CHAIN

In English, I Pink explored the fascinating text Great White Shark by Claire Saxby. After completing their book study, students created artworks that showed the important role the great white shark plays in the ocean food chain.







INFORMATIVE WRITING

Inspired by Claire Saxby's writing style, the students then created their own informative texts about either the clownfish or the blue-ringed octopus. They loved using facts and creative techniques to bring their marine animals to life!

Amelixa ♡ ♡

CLOWN FISH

Appea

CLOWN FISH

has Appearance

Bright CLOWN FISH Bright orange Scales
with white stripes

and orange fin. they shiny and

smooth

CLOWN FISH

Habitat

Lives in sea anemones they

sea anemones help the

it CLOWN FISH stay safe and

they stay in it.

Diet

CLOWN FISH like to eat
algae and plankton.

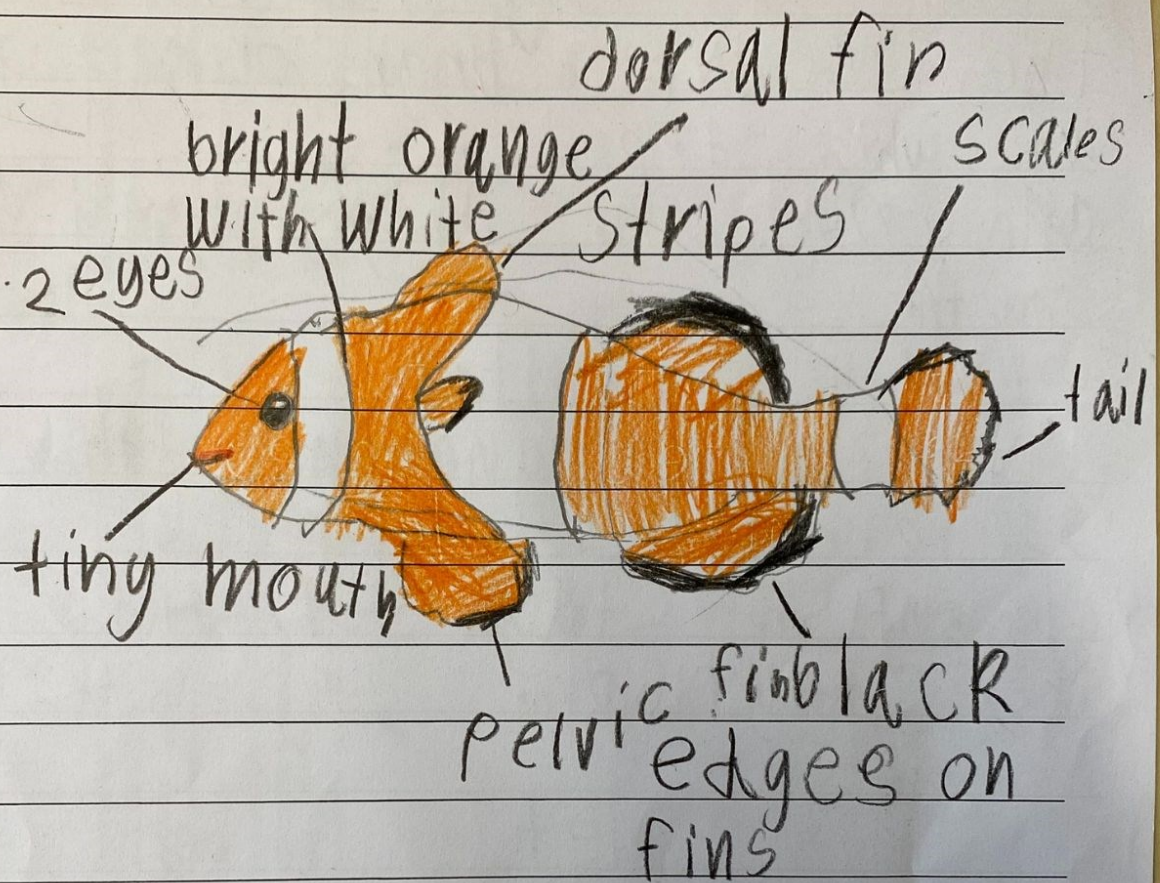
CLOWN FISH

Behaviour

Takes turns guarding eggs with

other clownfish.

Helps clean the sea anemone
by eating little bits.



Elias

blue ringed octopus

Appearance

Blue ringed octopus is small and soft. They have bright blue rings to camouflage and change colour. and they have yellow and brown body and they have eight arms with red and pink suckers to suck their prey.

Habitat

Habitat

Blue ringed octopus live in small rock pools and ^{live} in shallow waters.

You can find them in the coral reefs and you know they are nocturnal. Nocturnal means they stay during the day and come out when it is dark.

Diet

Blue ringed octopus eat crab and small crabs and lites with a sharp beak inside of their face.

They use poison to get their prey and suck their prey into its mouth. The blue ringed octopus hides and waits for its prey.

Behaviour

The blue ringed octopus uses its poison to protect itself and catch its prey. They squirt ink to confuse predators and escape. They stay still to blend in with the rocks and sand. and ^{they} show blue rings when it feels scared or angry.



MATHS GAMES

In Maths, I Pink have had a blast exploring fun and engaging games to strengthen their number sense and skills.



MOTHER'S DAY PORTRAITS

To celebrate Mother's Day, the class created beautiful portraits of their mums and grandmas, showing their love and appreciation through art.

OUR BEAUTIFUL MUMS & GRANDMAS



Zayd M.



Olivia B.



Thinev L.



Amelia J.



Ameliya M.



Anders J.



Astrid W.



Dev S.



Dylan M.



Eamon Z.



Elias C.



Ella M.



Freddie F.



Hareeem A.



Jess W.



Josh M.



Katelyn I.



Linh N.



Maggie K.



Sanadi S.



Shamaila S.



Uzair S.



Yukai D.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

To recognise the importance of Reconciliation Week and celebrate First Nations culture, I Pink created bold Andy Warhol-inspired artworks featuring native bush tucker.







SRC NETWORK OF WOLLONGONG

WITH MISS NELSON

Back in Term 1, I had the pleasure of taking Claudia and Ambrose, our School Captains to the Wollongong Network SRC meeting, where they worked with other schools from the local area, along with high school leaders to make a school goal and learn how to become better leaders. They then placed their goal with the other schools to make an amazing joint artwork/ display.

In Term 2, we had our second meeting at Lindsay Park Public School where Eloise and Eddie worked with a leader from Smiths Hill High School on how to use their leadership qualities in tricky scenarios.

They then came up with a whole school goal for Term 2 and placed this upon a mandela, which is on display in the LPPS hall. The goal "is to fundraise for future improvements for the nature garden."



**TODAY A
READER
TOMORROW A
LEADER**



note to self:
**DO NOT
QUIT**

4/5 BROWN TERM 2 CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

BY MISS ALEXANDRA NELSON



SO FAR IN TERM 2...

In 4/5 Brown this term, we have been extremely busy learning about the genre 'discussion pieces' and in particular, persuasive devices. We have been working hard on making our writing more interesting by including things like rhetorical questions, high modality words, emotive words, facts and statistics. Our favourite topic this term was "should children have access to social media?"

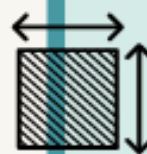
We have also been reading the novel "Bindi" by Kirli Saunders. This novel is about a young girl who plants trees for black cockatoos, explores her local environment playing 44 home, deals with the community struggles of drought and the natural disaster, a bushfire. By the end of the term, 4/5 Brown will be addressing the topic of "is fire a friend or foe?" What do you think?

Also, a big welcome to our new families that have joined 4/5 Brown this term! Everyone has settled in nicely.



MATH TREK INVESTIGATION: IT'S ONLY NATURAL!

4/5 Brown have been investigating lines of symmetry, patterns, estimating and calculating area and perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. The class were then set the task of finding leaves within the playground and using 1cm grid paper to find their areas and perimeters. Wow did we find some unusual and interesting leaves in our nature garden!



MEET MR O'CONNOR

Mr O'Connor has joined our class for the past 6 weeks, where he is learning to become a primary teacher from the University of Wollongong. Mr O'Connor has been coming in on a Thursday for 5 weeks, then from weeks 6-9 he has been teaching a variety of lessons. We are very lucky to be apart of his learning journey of becoming a teacher.







GEOGRAPHY



This term in Geography, we have exploring the study of the natural characteristics of Australia and other places in the world. This included country studies of Australia, China, Madagascar, Brazil and Iceland where the climate, natural vegetation and native animals were explored. Wow, did we learn some new things about Madagascar!

DID YOU KNOW: Madagascar is the world's fourth-largest island, is a biodiversity hotspot with unique flora and fauna, including lemurs and baobab trees. About 80% of Madagascar's animal species are found nowhere else on Earth. The island is also known for its diverse landscapes, ranging from rainforests to deserts and highlands.

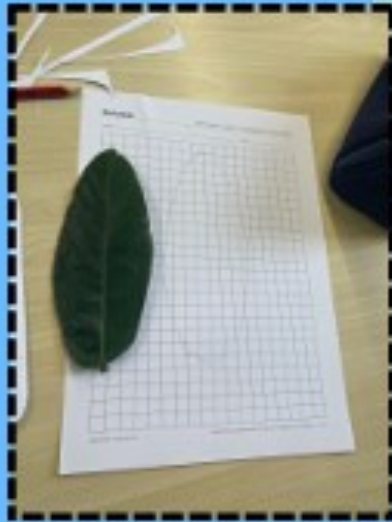


CREATIVE ARTS



4/5 Brown have been working hard at becoming more creative with the use of oil pastels and painting. To brighten our room, we created some amazing Pete Cromer birds and we also, to link with our geography unit and country study of Madagascar, created these sunset landscapes.









DID YOU KNOW?

4/5 Brown have a class pet! His name is Bruce and he is a freshwater yabby. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the class take turns to feed him. Bruce really likes eating frozen peas!

Facts About Yabbies:

Yabbies are found in many freshwater waterways and are extremely hardy. They can survive dry conditions for many years by lying dormant in burrows sunk deep into muddy creek and swamp beds. During the wet season, they can travel kilometres across wet land in search of new waters to make a home. Yabbies typically live for 5 to 7 years. In the wild, their lifespan can be shorter due to predation, as they are a food source for various animals.



1/2 Blue



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to formally advise that as of the end of Week 9 this term, I will be relocating to my home in the Newcastle area so I can be closer to my children.

I have been successful with a teaching position at a new school for the remainder of the year with hopes to continue teaching in the area.

At the moment, a nominated teacher for 1/2 Blue has not yet been decided, however Mrs Carroll will notify you once this has been confirmed. Please rest assured that Mrs Carroll will endeavour to place a wonderful, experienced teacher on 1/2 Blue to look after your child/ren and provide quality teaching and learning experiences as much as I have for the remaining of the year.

If you have any concerns from now until the end of Week 9, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me either prior to or after school.

Kind Regards

Kerryl Florence

1/2 Blue Classroom Teacher



Student Detail updates

Please notify the office if any details have changed such as addresses, phone numbers and emergency contacts.

If any medical details have changed or your child has outgrown their medical condition, please also let the office staff know.





***Canteen open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. View menu and order through
myschoolconnect.com.au***

CHORAL REHEARSAL - Tuesday 24th June

If your child will be attending the Choral rehearsal excursion, please do not place a canteen order for this day. The canteen will remain open for students who are at school.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Wednesday 25th June

The regular canteen menu will be closed this day.

If your child will be attending the athletics carnival excursion, they will require a packed lunch and water bottle.

For the students remaining at school, Mrs Devlin and Mrs Carroll have arranged a meal deal of sausage sizzle, fruit ice pop, popcorn and juice popper, with some fun activities at school in lieu of attending Beaton Park. The canteen will cater to halal, gluten free, vegetarian requirements.

SPRING ROLLS

On Tuesday the 1st of July the canteen will have a limited number of chicken spring rolls and vegetarian spring rolls. These have been made and donated by Chef Chau Nguyen, Van Anh 6P, Hannah 3/4O and Linh 1P using their Vietnamese recipe. All proceeds made from the spring rolls will be donated to the school as a thank you from the family. \$4 Vegetarian Spring Rolls pack of 4. \$4.50 Chicken Spring Rolls pack of 4. Please pre order through myschoolconnect.com.au

The canteen will reserve some stock for manual cash orders for those that do not use My School Connect. Manual orders will only be taken on the day from 9am to 9:10am until stock runs out. The regular canteen menu is still available.




Chicken spring rolls: ground chicken, vermicelli, wood ear mushrooms, dry mushrooms, carrots, onions, coriander, eggs, black pepper, seasoning powder, rice paper. Halal will be sourced.

Vegetarian spring rolls: carrots, taro, onions, green beans, vermicelli, wood ear mushrooms, dried mushrooms, coriander, salt, sugar, flour paper

Cooking oil: sunflower oil

P&C NEWS

 This year, P&C funds will be used to upgrade and purchase laptops & devices for students learning – as well as ongoing contributions towards fun events and excursion costs.

Mon
23/06

Collect your Pie Orders from the school canteen between 8:45 - 9:15am. If you require an afternoon collection please get in (there is limited fridge space) pcgwynneville@gmail.com

Term 3

Wed
23/07

Turn your artwork into treasured items or gifts. P&C fundraiser to transform your child's artwork into a personalised waterbottle, tea towel or mug of your choice. Details coming soon.

Tues
02/09

Fathers and Carers Day Stall. Students can purchase from a range of gifts for their special supports in their lives. A selection of gifts to choose from. Prices range from \$2 - \$15

Sat
20/09

Garden Tidy Up & Working Bee from 8 - 11am
Come join families in our school community for a morning of light garden chores, conversation and fresh air.

TBC

School Disco - Details coming soon!

Join us for our next P&C meeting:

NEW TIME 6pm !!

Monday 4th August (Term 3, Week 3)

To share your ideas, feedback or you require more info, please get in touch:

pcgwynneville@gmail.com



School Bytes

Parent App

Available now!

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Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



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