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# Pender's Grove Primary School Newsletter

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## Diary Dates 2025 Term 2

- 13/6 Breakfast Club meeting with Tessa 9am
- 16/6 Assembly (Fdn E presenting)
- 17/6 School Council 6pm
- 20/6 Winter Sports Gala Day (Year 5/6 interschool sport)
- 23/6 School Photos
- 28/6 Garden Club 8am-12pm
- 30/6 Assembly (12L&N presenting)
- 3/7 Semester 1 reports sent home
- 4/7 End of Term 2 (2.30pm finish)

## Leadership Team Report

A reminder to everyone this week as the weather has started to get colder to please make sure your child has warm clothes to wear during the day even if they are just in their bags as we have been getting a number of requests for spare jumpers and jackets. Please note too that there are lots and lots of lost and forgotten jumpers and jackets both on pegs outside classrooms and in lost property so please come in and have a look if your are low on winter wear!

Olive and Aiden represented Penders Grove PS at division cross country event on 5th June 2025. It was a glorious winter day in Melbourne and they did their very best over a 3km course at Bundoora Park. The top 10 runners for each age group move through to the next round (regionals). Olive finished 16th and had a terrific run. Aiden finished 5th in a time of 11 min 20sec and will move through to regionals which will be on 18th June 2025. Congratulations to both Olive and Aiden for their efforts!

In case you missed it last week – in the last two weeks of this term we will be trialling a slightly different structure to our day (see last week's newsletter for details). I know that some students are worried that this might be a permanent change but please be assured at this stage it is just a trial. We will be wanting feedback from everyone re. how it went and what the pros and cons were when we go back to our usual timetable again at the start of Term 3. We know that the longer morning will be a bit strange but we are sure that some students will also like the very short afternoon after the second break so we will see how we go!

We have had some queries about timing on reports and parent teacher interviews as we move into the end of the semester. Student reports are currently being written by teachers and will go home at the end of this term (first week in July). Parents teacher interviews will be held on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> (in Term 3) and will be held via Webex. This day is scheduled as a curriculum day so interviews will be held across the day and into the early evening. Information about this will be sent home when we get closer to the date.

Lastly today a reminder again for parents of students that are starting with us in Foundation next year that enrolment forms are available from the office and on our website for siblings of students already at the school or for students that live in our enrolment zone. We are also more than happy to receive applications for enrolment from new families outside our zone. If someone you know would like to have a tour of the school regarding Foundation next year please get in touch with our office to make a time. Please also don't forget about our weekly Community Storytime session for pre-Foundation students which is on every Thursday from 9.00-9.45am in our library.

Have a lovely week and weekend,  
Douglas and Tessa

## Breakfast Club will be starting at PGPS! Why have a breakfast club?

The School Breakfast Clubs program is a partnership between the Victorian Government and Foodbank Victoria to address the rates of hunger and disadvantage in the classroom. There are significant consequences of not eating a healthy breakfast that impact negatively on a child's learning and overall wellbeing. Teachers report that students can lose more than two hours of learning time each day when they arrive at school hungry.

Tessa is going to co-ordinate the program but is hoping to have some help from our wonderful community. If you would be interested in potentially helping Tessa (this could be in an admin way, preparing food etc, every bit helps) please come to an informal meeting to get things started.

**Where:** Penders Grove Staff Room

**When:** Friday 13th June, 9am

If you can't make this time, but would still like to be involved please let us know via the office.

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# Winter Solstice

**Thursday, 26 June 2025  
5PM - 7PM**

**A Free Winter Celebration for  
Pender's Grove Families!**

**Lantern Parade  
Marshmallow Toasting  
Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate  
Sausage Sizzle & Warm Soup  
Face Painting and more....**

**Winter fun for all ages!**

**Event Partners**

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for Cocoa**



## Winter Solstice

We have planned a beautiful event and need some hands to make it happen. **There are still a few places to fill on the roster.** We're looking for volunteers to spend 30 minutes cooking on the BBQ, making /serving soup, selling second hand uniform items and on the set up and much more.

If you can help, please add your name to the roster in the office or online here:

<https://bit.ly/penderswinter>

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your class rep or Anna on 0419 819 768.

The Community Events Sub-committee





DATE

SAT 28TH JUNE

TIME

8-12PM



# Pender's Garden Club

We meet monthly to:

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- Plant flowers, veggies & herbs
  - Learn about sustainable gardening
  - Care for our school garden
  - Make new friends who love the earth
  - Have tons of fun outdoors!
  - Run by parent volunteer Itamar
  - All ages & no experience needed!



## Grow. Learn. Connect.



School Photo Day Information flyers have been sent home today



SCHOOL  
PHOTOGRAPHY

PENDER'S GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Monday 23rd June**

### **SIBLING ORDERS**

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Monday 23rd June**



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