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Pender's Grove Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates 2025 Term 3

27/10 Foundation Transition Session 9.30-11.00am
3/11 Curriculum Day (No students at school)
4/11 Melbourne Cup Day
13 & 14/11 Grade 5/6 Camp
16/11 Garden Club 8am-12pm
3/12 Art Show
8/12 Big Day Out
10 & 11 /12 Grades 2-4 Camp
17/12 Yr 6 Graduation
19/12 Last Day of Term 4 (2.30 finish)

Leadership Team Report

Thanks so much to all of the families that came along to last Saturday's garden club or in the days since, and especially to Itamar for his organisation on these days. We have been able to do more planting and improvements in our front yard and in the gardens around the library and having regular shorter working bees in our gardens has really been working well. The next is to be held on **Saturday November 16th** so please come along if you can. If you can't make it to these days we are always open to parents and carers coming in during the day to work in our garden. You will need to have a Working with Children Card but we can help with this if needed. A huge thanks also to the parents that have been working hard to complete our new sensory room/quiet space in the LN building. This space will be of great benefit to lots of our students that sometimes need somewhere quiet and calm to be for a time.

It has been great to see Andrea back at school since last week. Please note that this means that we are able to extend our office hours back to 8.30am in the morning. Welcome back also to Dayle who has returned after a restful break on Long Service Leave. Please note that Vicki is currently also on leave but returning to the tutoring and performing arts programs mid next week and LeeAnn will be taking some Long Service Leave from next week for three weeks.

A reminder today about arrival time in the mornings before school as we have noticed a few students arriving at school really early when there is no one in the school yard. Please note that our staff are not on yard duty until 8.45am so if you need to arrive at school prior to this please make use of the Before School care program that is available from 7.00am. We do appreciate that some students are choosing their time to leave home to walk or ride a bike but it would be helpful if parents and carers could follow up with students about how long the trip takes and the best time to leave home. On days when our breakfast club is running students participating in this may be in the LN building eating during this time (8.30-8.45) but teacher supervision in the yard does not begin until 8.45am.

We are currently working on our organisation of the class structure for 2026 at Pender's. If you currently have children in Years F-5 and are planning on leaving the school at the end of the year could you please let us know at the office so that we can include this in our planning. Likewise if you have any friends or family that are still to confirm an enrolment for next year could you encourage them to do this as soon as possible especially if they live outside our enrolment zone. Our Foundation Transition has now started and we want these new students to be able to attend as many sessions as possible.

Thanks to everyone for doing such a great job for the last two weeks wearing their broad brimmed school hat as it is required by our Sunsmart policy in Term 1 and 4. A reminder that we have hats available for purchase in the office if you need one or a spare. As mentioned last week - we do have lots of shade outside for when students do not have their hat at school but a hat is needed for times when we can't avoid being out in the sun.

Lastly today a note for parents that drop off and pick up their children by car to please be mindful of our neighbours as they need to be able to access their driveways and properties during these times also. We know that parking can be difficult but please make sure that you are not blocking driveways, private parking areas or the road when you are dropping off and picking up.

Have a lovely week,
Douglas & Tessa



COMPASS
 School Manager

Compass communication is now active at Pender's Grove

The Compass Parent Portal is an online portal that allows you to access up-to-date information about our school and your child's progress. The portal is accessible via the web and also via the Compass School Manager App (available for download via the App store on your device).

To log in you will require your unique family username and password that were provided by email in August and July of this year. Additionally Pender's Grove school website has a link for families to access Compass

<https://www.pendersgroveps.vic.edu.au/for-parents/school-app-info/>

If you are having trouble finding the Compass link for our school, go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for our school to access our link.

Please see us at the office if you need help navigating Compass.

Pender's Community Food Pantry Now Open

The pantry provides long life food items, personal care items and cleaning products.

All donations are welcomed.
 The pantry will be open daily for both drop off and pick-ups.

**All donations are welcomed
 and appreciated**

