



Diary Dates - Term 2 and 3



MAY

- **Wednesday 20th May** - Education Week Open Day, 2:40 pm - 3:30 pm, Maths Focus
- **Tuesday 26th May** - National Sorry Day
- **Wednesday 27th May - Wednesday 3rd June** - National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- **Tuesday 2nd June** - School Assembly, 3/4G Presenting, 3:00 pm in Hall
- **Saturday 6th June** - Garden Club, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at School
- **Monday 8th June** - Public Holiday - no OHSC operating
- **Thursday 12th June** - F-4 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- **Tuesday 16th June** - 3-6 Immigration Museum Excursion (no Assembly on this day)
- **Thursday 18th June** - Winter Solstice Event at school, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday 20th June** - Garden Club, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at School
- **Monday 22nd June** - School Photos
- **Monday 22nd June** - School Council meeting on site from 6:00 pm
- **Tuesday 23rd June** - Semester 1 Reports distributed via Compass
- **Friday 29th June** - Last day of Term 2, **school finishes at 2:30 pm**

JULY

- **Monday 13th July** - Start of Term 3
- **Thursday 16th July** - F-2 Bundoora Park excursion
- **Monday 20th July** - Parent Teacher Interviews, 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Tuesday 21st July** - Parent Teacher Interviews, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
- **Thursday 23rd July** - School NAIDOC Celebration (NAIDOC Week 5 - 12 July during School Holidays)
- **Monday 18th August** - **School Curriculum Day, no students at school, TheirCare OHSC is operating**

Please check the **Compass** calendar for updates or our **website** here:
www.pendersgroveps.vic.edu.au/for-parents/calendar

Leadership Team Report



It has certainly been a busy and exciting few weeks here at Penders Grove! Our school has been buzzing with activity with kinder visits, District Athletics and lots of staff professional learning.

With Douglas away during this busy period as well, I would like to sincerely thank our staff, students and families for their flexibility, support and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see our school community continue to work together so positively.

One of the highlights of the past few weeks has been our Year 6 students visiting local kinders to read with small groups of children.

This program has provided a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to develop their leadership, confidence and communication skills while also building strong connections within our local community. It has been lovely to see the positive relationships forming between our students and future Pender's Grove learners. Plus, a huge shoutout to the ES staff and parents helping out with the visits, they couldn't happen without you!

We have also had students representing the school at District Athletics, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship, resilience and school pride throughout the day.

Congratulations to all students that went and represented our school so well and a special shout out to Parker who has progressed to Regionals.

Our staff have also continued to engage in valuable professional learning, with Nick and Tessa recently attending a two-day Mental Health in Primary Schools program.

The training provided practical strategies and new insights to further strengthen the strong wellbeing foundations already in place at Pender's Grove.





Our staff have also been continuing their work to deepen their understanding of the new Victorian Curriculum and strengthen our instructional model. This important work, led by Nick, Tessa and Department staff, is helping to build consistent, high-quality teaching practices across the school to support improved student learning outcomes.

Douglas returns next week from his leave and he and Tessa will be off site at the Principal's conference. While Douglas and Tessa are out Dayle will be onsite if you need anything.

Have a wonderful week, Tessa

Reminders

Enrolment forms for Foundation 2027 for siblings now available at the office or via our website. Reminder to please return Consent to Publish forms if you have not yet done so.



Education Week

Monday 18 - Friday 22nd May

Education Week is an annual event designed to bring students, teachers and communities together on open days to showcase and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victorian Public Schools.



Thanks to all who attended yesterday - it was lovely to have people experience our wonderful school in action including Specialist Classes. Thanks also to our staff for their efforts.

Our next session is tomorrow from 2:40 - 3:30 pm with a mathematics focus.

School Council Update

Mother's and Special Person's Day Stalls

A huge thank you to our volunteers, creators and donators who made our Mother's and Special Persons's Day stalls so wonderful, with an extra special thank you to Mary and Phil for coordinating.

Not only did people get spoiled with great gifts, but we raised over \$1000 for our school! Thank you for all of the work going into planning upcoming activities including Andy for Winter Solstice, Mary, Sophia and Andrew for this year's NAIDOC celebration and Mary, Bec and Sonder for Trivia / Auction.

PGPS Clothing Pool

If your child needs to change their uniform, due to getting wet or an accident, we are happy to accommodate by using clothes from our clothing pool. However, please ensure the uniform item given to your child is laundered and returned to the school as soon as possible.

We endeavour to assist any student with a change of clothes if needed, and appreciate you returning stock in a timely manner ~ thanks so much!
If you have any items of uniform you'd like to donate our clothing pool please contact the office.

Community Library

If you have any books that you're happy to donate please add to the community library in the accessible cubby in the playground at the front of the school - kids can grab books to read during lunchtime or in outdoor spaces.

Please add directly to bookshelves / have students add to them to avoid a collection growing at the office.

