



Diary Dates - Term 3 and 4

SEPTEMBER

- **Wednesday 2nd September** - Indigenous Literacy Day
- **Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 4th September** - Father's and Special Person's Day Stalls during 1st Lunch
- **Saturday 5th September - Garden Club**, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (come when you're free, no requirement for full duration and no experience necessary)
- **Monday 7th September - Whole School Excursion to Edenvale Farm**
- **Friday 11th September** - 5/6 Sports Gala Day
- **Saturday 12th September - Trivia Night School Fundraiser** in School Hall, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Adults only, tickets on sale now
- **Monday 14th September - Friday 18th September** - Swimming all week
- **Monday 14th September - School Council** 6:00 pm (on-site)
- **Tuesday 15th September - School Assembly**, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm in School Hall, parents, carers and family welcome
- **Friday 18th September - End of Term 3** (2:30 pm finish)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- **Monday 21ST September - Friday 2ND October**
- [Click to view Their Care Spring Holiday Program](#)

OCTOBER

- **Monday 5th October - Start of Term 4**
- **Foundation transition begins Monday October 12th from 9.30 - 10.30am**
- **Tuesday 13th October - 5/6 Roman Exhibition**

NOVEMBER

- **Monday 2nd November - Curriculum Day** (no School)
- **Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday** (no School)

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

Leadership Team Report

It has been great to have some lovely Spring weather over the last few days to start the week off. We only have three weeks before the end of Term 3 and there are still a number of special events and activities to look forward to before we finish up.

Notes about our yearly swimming program will go home this week. These do need to be signed on paper and returned to the school. Swimming is a very important part of the school curriculum and takes a lot to organise so please send these back as soon as possible.

Information regarding the 2027 Foundation Transition program went to families via email last week so please let us know if you did not receive it. The program starts on Monday in the second week back next term (see dates left) and runs until early December alternating between Mondays and Wednesdays.

We are very much looking forward to the whole school excursion to Edendale Farm this Monday. All students F-6 will be attending this program as it is supporting work on biodiversity that is done as part of the Science/STEM specialist program and classroom investigations. A big thanks to Mary and our School Council grants group for their amazing efforts in being awarded a grant from Junior Landcare to support this excursion.

A huge congratulations to all of the students that went along to the local schools' District Athletics day last week to compete. We saw some amazing efforts and personal bests achieved and as always the behaviour of our students in supporting and cheering each other on was exemplary. Thanks to Cameron, Josh and Deb for attending with the group and to all of the parents and carers that came along to support us!

Have a lovely week!

*Douglas &
Tessa*



What's been happening recently

Book Week

Pender's have had an amazing book week filled with reading, listening, drawing, writing and creating. We started off the week with a scavenger hunt of The Symphony of Stories Characters, Phineas was extra tricky to find! Each grade chose a book week book to explore deeper and present to the rest of the school at assembly. There were so many great books to choose from. We also had Teisha and Katie come to share their book with us, Litoria and her Wetland Friends. Chris, one of our amazing ES and author of The Howler, did a writing and character workshop with the 3-6s. Thank you, Chris! The library was filled with fun activities and broccoli (from Dear Broccoli) and the Eiffel Tower (from Tiwi in Paris) to name a few... Thank you, Jaime! We had such a fun filled book week!

By 1/2F



Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion

On Friday August 28th all of the 3-6s went to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra! We saw lots of different instruments like the piano, violin, cello and trumpets. Each different musical piece sounded like a different animal. Our favourite was the platypus. It was very calm and had our favourite instrument, the piano. We also liked the Cocky Rocky! It was about a cockatoo and had a jazz sound to it. Now to conclude, overall we had a great day!

By Ivy and Henry



Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Thanks to Felicity for running the spelling bee at school and a huge congratulations to Arman who is progressing to the State Championships! We are very proud and all of us will be cheering you on.

District Athletics

On Wednesday the 26th of August, students from Pender's Grove who were interested in competing in Athletics made their way to the Coburg Harriers Athletics Club to compete against other schools in the area.

Although there were many nervous students, once the day was up and running everyone was having fun and happy to compete in their events. It was a bit chaotic when some of the track events competed with the field events, but somehow we made it work and everyone had a go. In between events, we had fun talking to our friends from other schools who were there to compete as well.

We knew there were some great athletes that we were up against, but we still gave it our best and were able to bring back some First, Second, Third and Fourth ribbons for most of the events we competed in. Everyone had a great day and we were happy to represent Pender's on the day.

by Oscar



Coming up at Pender's Grove

Trivia Night and Silent Auction

Our Annual Adults only Trivia Night is Saturday 12th September, 6 - 10 pm!

Tickets available here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/penders-grove-2026-trivia-night!>

This is a fundraiser but most important is your company, so if you love trivia or just want to spend time with the Pender's community, come along!

Tables are of 8 people - if you don't know that many people don't worry, just write TBC when you select your ticket and we'll sort it out! We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Our Silent Auction is live via this link:

<https://www.32auctions.com/pendersgroveauction2026>

There are some brilliant items to bid on way below market value including food and beverages, entertainment experiences, gym memberships, health and wellness, books, vinyl, art, nurseries, music, taekwondo and swimming lessons. All proceeds go to the school - bidding ends 8 pm Trivia Night.



PENDER'S GROVE SILENT AUCTION SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

PENDER'S GROVE 3806

Local business and families have donated fantastic items including but not limited to:

- Food and beverages
- Family experiences
- Health and Wellness
- Holiday
- Books and Vinyl
- Art

Our online Silent Auction is now LIVE - bidding closes 8 pm Saturday 12th September at School Trivia Night
All money raised goes to the school and every bit helps!



Father's Day and Special Person's Day Stalls

Stalls will be held during First Lunch on:

- Wednesday 2nd September
- Thursday 3rd September
- Friday 4th September

They will be run with the help of the Grade 5/6 Students.

Gifts range from \$1 - \$10 so students can select a present for their loved one. All funds raised will go to the school.

Thank you to Sonder, Sophia, Fran and Mark for their efforts arranging this, and to our student volunteers!



Cameron is on the hunt for 2 litre soft drink bottles for our Year 5/6's new inquiry projects (no smaller bottles please). We have a collection bin at the office.





Victorian
Landcare
Program

Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

We are grateful to Mary from our School Council Grants Committee for securing a grant which will see our whole school go on an excursion to Edendale Farm to learn about biodiversity, waterways and the importance of Indigenous plants.

Part of the grant includes tube stock plants to increase the biodiversity at the

school and plant Indigenous plants that will thrive in our climate, resulting in more sustainable gardening practices (for example a reduction in required watering).

Our Garden Club volunteers have worked hard to prepare the grounds for students to plant these, with another Garden Club session coming up this Saturday 5/9, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. All are welcome including kids with parents, no experience necessary - BYO gardening tools if you own some!



Junior
Landcare

Community Announcements

PENDER'S PANTRY



Our Community Cupboard is open to everyone during Office Hours - it has non-perishable staples including canned goods, cereals, pasta, as well as toiletries and hygiene products.

If you're able to add a few items to donate to your groceries, please feel free to bring them in and give to the front office.



Music Lessons



Instrumental Lessons

Monday to Saturday
from age 4 to adult

Piano (from age 4)
Vocals (from age 5)
Guitar & Bass (from age 6)
Ukulele/Loog (from age 5)
Violin (from age 4)

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