



# Cycle 3, 2018 newsletter



PIVS & KVS Friendly Netball Match  
2018

PIVS Team Players—Nate, Callum,  
Abbey, Georgia, Aerin, Xavier, Willow,  
Jasmine, Seb, Tate & Isabelle

## Significant Dates for Cycle 4, 2018

### Birthdays

#### June

Oscar, Oliver & Jess

#### July

Chloe & Emma

Monday 28th May **Student Free Day**

Tuesday 29th May **First Day of Cycle 4**

Monday 11th June **Queens Birthday Public Holiday**

Wednesday 27th June **Last Day of Cycle 4**

Thursday 28th June **Student/Parent/Mentor Interviews**

Friday 29th June **Student/Parent/Mentor Interviews**

## Netball PLP by Jenny

We've had a really exciting PLP this cycle with netball as a focus. The students immersed themselves in learning the various techniques with such enthusiasm. Ball handling skills improved dramatically throughout the cycle - the fumbles became clean catches, the throws better directed, goal shooting more accurate. Footwork consistently improved and the nuances of the game became more apparent. The five weeks culminated in a friendly match against our sister school Koonwarra. The game was played in a spirited manner and displayed friendly rivalry and cheerful banter. The morning finished with a shared lunch at the courts in Wonthaggi. The enthusiasm and commitment to this PLP was inspiring, and it has been a joy to be part of.



KVS & PIVS Students having a breather court side.



Isabelle, Xavier, Jasmine defending at its best.



It's a goal!



Will it the ball make it in?



Jess, Jenny & Aerin



Action shot on the court.

## Sustainability Expo by Fiona

It was an exciting whole-school Out 'n' About this cycle at the Sustainable Schools Expo held at the Inverloch Hub. 'Waste Not Want Not – Living better with less' was the overall theme for the day. Over 400 primary school students from around Gippsland attended the event, which showcased sustainability in action at schools and within the wider community. Our students attended workshops on a variety of topics including the principles of renewable energy generation and storage, how to make a Boomerang Bags from a pillowcase, and a presentation about plastic pollution in the ocean by Mike Cleland. At lunchtime everyone enjoyed a game of Marshmallow Tiggy with the KVS students who were also attending the event. It was great fun having everyone out together.



## Self Defence PLP by Abby

This cycle, one of the PLPs that I was lucky enough to be part of was the Self Defence PLP. One of our very own parents, Pete Wolf, facilitated this awesome PLP in which we learned all about the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. We learned that Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu was adapted by Hélio Gracie from traditional Japanese Jiu-Jitsu. The adaptations made it easier for people of all shapes and sizes to be able to undertake the



Nate, Callum & Pete



Tate, Xavier & Pete



Isabelle, Abbey, Georgia, Willow, Jasmine & Fenn



Ebony & Riven



Georgia & Jasmine



Abbey, Aerin & Pete



Jiu-jitsu fun



Abbey, Aerin, Georgia, Xavier, Isabelle, Jasmine & Willow

sport and defend themselves regardless of their strength. The kids had so much fun learning moves such as the 'Shark Bite', the 'Forward Break Fall', 'Back Break Fall' and the 'Wrist Lock'. We also had heaps of fun and so many laughs in the timed escapes. Thanks so much Pete for teaching us all these super cool moves, hopefully we never have to use them!

## Foundation Cooking by Jess



Oscar



Saoirse



Camila & Saoirse



Beni

Fun times with the Foundation students; cooking our special morning tea for playgroup day.

## PIVS Playgroup by Jess

Wednesdays are always extra fun at school with our little playgroup friends popping in for a play. The Foundation students bake a special morning tea and there are special moments around every corner! We've had a lovely cycle painting, listening to sweet ukulele tunes, picking olives, wandering, and cooking twisty, damper stick doughnuts on the campfire. Oh, the life of a playgroupier!



## Kitchen Garden by Jess

After week one of Kitchen Garden this cycle, we noticed that the olive trees at school were heavy with fruit, so we promptly threw our plans out the window and started picking!



Happy harvesting!



OMARU



Harvesting with the experts.



The interest in both picking and processing olives was super high across the year levels and we spent most of our time together this cycle in delicious brine-y olive-land!

We asked many questions, researched, measured, predicted and processed. We looked into how olive oil is made and what we can do to improve the health of our trees and yield for next year. The older groups finished the cycle with an Out 'n' About. Level 2-4 students headed to Abby's house where we were blown away by her super-sized olives, and the 5/6 group had an



Riven



Harry



Isabelle & Abbey

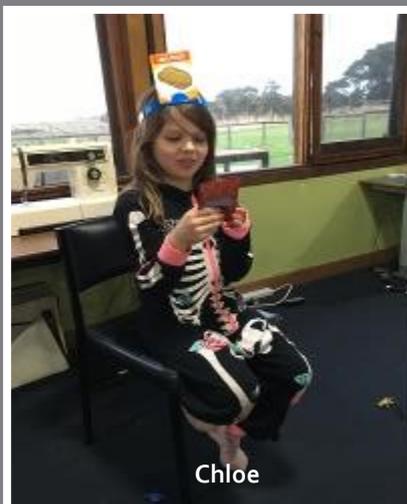


Eli

incredible experience helping harvest at Omaru, a local olive farm.

## Sleepover Challenge by Fiona

Camps and away-from-home adventures are a big part of the school's philosophy and what better way to practice staying away from home overnight than the inaugural School Sleepover Challenge. Nine students found a spot to set-up their camp bedding and sleeping bags in the main room of the school along with Jess and I. We had heaps of fun being at school in the dark and went on a night walk visit of all the cubbies while our scrumptious feast of personal pizzas was cooking. When we were all snuggled in for the night we watched a movie on our giant bedsheet screen and laughed and told stories until everyone eventually drifted off to sleep. The children did a terrific job facing their personal sleepover challenge and I'm sure will be feeling more confident about the camps coming up later in the year. The Sleepover Challenge will be a regular fixture on the PIVS calendar.



Chloe



Riven



Time for dessert

## Younger Years Out 'n' Abouts by Emma

This cycle, the Foundation and Level 1 students have started going on a regular Friday afternoon Out 'n' Abouts. There was much excitement as we prepared for our first outing, as this was the first time on the bus for some of the children. We were treated to a beautiful sunny afternoon for our trip to



Beni on a boat ride with Oscar & Camila



Camila, Eli, Scarlett, Lois, Beni, Cruz, Oscar, Saoirse, Harry & Tee-Jai.



Tee-Jai, Lois, Saoirse & Beni

Erehwon Point Reserve playground. The kids really enjoyed challenging themselves with some new play equipment; the monkey bars and the whizzy dizzy were particularly popular. The following week we went to the Surf Beach Community Park which has lovely gardens and a big space for lots of running around. We took some balls with us and the children played soccer and football, hide and seek or just relaxed in the sun chatting. In weeks 3 and 4 the afternoons were not so sunny, so we headed to the Cowes Library to escape the cold. We enjoyed story times run by the Librarians, got to borrow some books, played chess and enjoyed sitting together and sharing stories.

## Younger Years Review by Emma

Cycle 3 was an exciting and busy few weeks for the Foundation and Level 1 students with weekly Out 'n' Abouts, a whole school excursion, and the introduction of contracts.



Nature Journaling  
Lois, Saoirse, Oscar, Scarlett, Beni, Eli, Cruz, Harry,  
Tee-Jai & Camilla

After practicing with a group contract in Cycle 2, the Foundation students were ready and excited for their own daily contracts. The Foundations were very keen to see what was planned for each day and enjoyed ticking off activities when they were completed. It was nice to see the Level 1s guide the Foundation students using contracts by helping them to read what was on their contract.

We have begun Nature Journaling on Thursday afternoons in which we have gone out into our school environment and recorded what we have seen, heard, felt, and smelt.

The Younger Years have also have started their own research project based on a sparked interest about Komodo Dragons. We have used our library visits to get some books about Komodo Dragons to answer questions we had and to learn some interesting facts which we made into posters.

The Younger Years students have really come together as a group this cycle. It's nice to see close friendships forming and the group working together, helping each other and sharing their ideas and interests in sparks times and in learning times. Well done on a great cycle Foundations and Level 1s!

## Older Years Review by Abby

The Older Years have had a super productive cycle. Some highlights include the Level 5/6's Simile Song Collections and our Power Flowers.

The Power Flowers are up on display and certainly brighten up the space in a very psychedelic kind of way. The kids made these as part of a unit on growth mindset. The kids were asked to think about their "self-talk" and what they might say to themselves at a time that they are feeling challenged in one way or another. The flowers are all very individual and unique with lots of beautiful petals of positivity and inspiration.

The Level 5/6 writers wrote their own song lyrics as part of the Figurative Language theme we have been working on all cycle. They were also asked to design a CD cover symbolic to their song. All the final products were sensational, filled with lots of sassy similes and metaphors.

All the kids wrote from personal experiences and feelings. One student who wishes to remain anonymous wrote specifically about their feelings around the task on hand. I love how the final product turned out, what do you think?

### SONGS by anonymous

Good songs are hard to write  
They make me feel confused  
Every time I start a verse  
It makes me feel bemused

Verse, verse, chorus, verse that is what they say  
Every time they start that up I try to get away

Pens on paper ink on screen  
Harder to write than they seem  
When I hear someone else singing like a breeze  
I feel jealous and sour like curdled cheese

Verse, verse, chorus, verse that is what they say  
Every time they start that up I try to get away

Sitting at a table not knowing what to write  
Others writing pages with real good might  
Now I write faster than a bee making honey  
When I think of how hard it was, I think it's quite funny

Verse, verse, chorus, verse that is what they say  
Every time they start that up I... go away



In Numeracy all levels have been working on addition and subtraction, with the Level 2s making their own Rainbow Fact cards and the Older Years working on lots of different mental math strategies.

Overall, it's been a rewarding cycle. Thanks to all the students for adapting to some new tasks and systems like the Spelling Matrix and other Contract changes. Looking forward to another super cycle after the break.

## PLPs Next Cycle

### Chess

with Abby and the PICAL Chess Group

### One Act Play

with Jenny and Jo Hockett

## Village High School Update by Fiona

So what do you think of our high school logo...? Launched this cycle at our information session for current PIVS families, feedback on all things VHS was overwhelmingly positive. Our website is live and work on the school site in Ryanston continues to bring the grounds of the former Archies Creek Primary School back to life. Enrolments open to prospective students on the 1st of June. 'Like' the Facebook page to keep up to date with progress.

