PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION REPORT TERM 4 2026

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

All Creatures Great And Small





This term, students are learning about animals, exploring their basic needs and discovering what makes different animals unique. We recently enjoyed a fabulous excursion to Myuna Farm, where students had the opportunity to observe and learn about a variety of farm animals. Throughout the term, we will also explore the characteristics of birds and learn more about some of Australia's unique native animal.



In Maths, students are continuing to develop their understanding of place value and its importance in counting and ordering numbers. They are exploring the relationship between addition and subtraction, sharing objects equally and investigating simple fractions. They are also learning to interpret maps and use coordinates, while developing their measurement skills through practical activities involving mass and length.



In Reading, students are continuing to strengthen their decoding skills and develop greater reading fluency, accuracy and confidence.
In Writing, the focus remains on exploring and constructing a variety of sentence types to enhance meaning and add detail to their work.
Across both Reading and Writing, students are exploring and practising a range of text genres, developing their understanding of the different features and purposes of each.



Foundation

All Creatures Great And Small

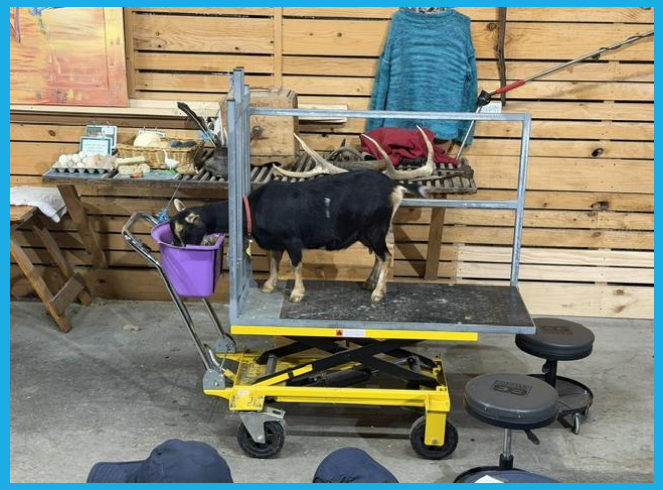














Foundation



YEAR 1

Our Extreme Wildlife Incursion was lots of fun!



LITERACY

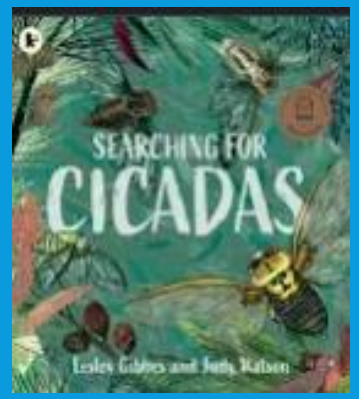
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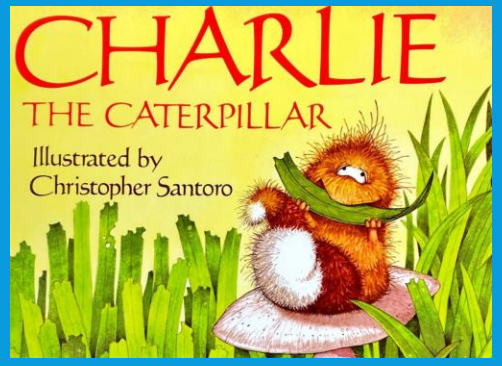
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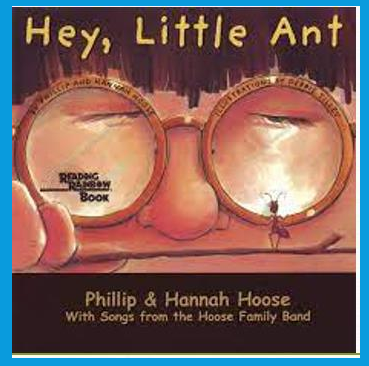
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Thorax
Abdomen
Antenna
Exoskeleton
Larvae
Pupa
Nymphs
Pollination
Habitat
Nocturnal
Diurnal
Pupation
Nectar

Mentor Texts this Term!









MATHS

Learning through:
Discovery, Exploration, Manipulatives and Explicit Teaching!

- Following directions and understanding grid references.
- Recognising number patterns.
- Expanding numbers and understanding place value.
- Repeated Addition
- Exploring a range of addition and subtraction strategies.
- Measurement (centimetres).
- Problem Solving.

Year 2 SNAPSHOT

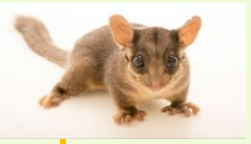
Places, Paws and Plants

Welcome back for our final term of Year 2!

We have another exciting term ahead as we explore our new topic, *Places, Paws and Plants*. Students will discover the wonderful diversity of Australia as we learn about our states and territories, their capital cities, unique features and their floral and faunal emblems. We will explore some of Australia's amazing natural attractions, including the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru, Ningaloo Reef and The Twelve Apostles. Through a range of engaging activities, discussions and investigations, students will develop their understanding of Australia's landscapes, wildlife and plant life, while building a greater appreciation for our beautiful country.







LITERACY:

- Reading – visualisation and making inferences, predictions and connections.
- Writing – information reports, note taking, narratives, persuasive writing and ICT skills.



NUMERACY:

- Fractions – halves, quarters, eighths.
- Time -to the quarter.
- Subtraction – with and without regrouping
- 2D and 3D shape including flips, slides and turns
- Number patterns
- Graphing and data



Don't forget our weekly homework expectations of a minimum of four nights of reading and Mathletics tasks.
Reading diaries to your teacher on Mondays!

What's happening in Year 3

Literacy

Students are enjoying our class novel *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, exploring character development and strengthening their comprehension skills. Vocabulary studies focus on word meanings, synonyms, antonyms and using new words in context. In Writing, students will continue developing their skills across a range of text types and in Spelling students will focus on prefixes, suffixes and root words to build vocabulary and spelling knowledge.

Maths focus...

- Solving Common Fractions
- Chance Experiments
- Location/Maps
- Multiplication/Division (x3/x4/x6)
- Capacity
- 2D Shapes and Symmetry
- Numbers in the tens of thousands/place value
- Shape Transformations

Homework

- **Practice automatic recall of the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s 6s and 10s times tables each night.**
- **Aim for 1000 Mathletics points every week**
- **Read aloud to an adult every night**

Inquiry

This term, students are exploring festivals and celebrations from around the world. They will learn about different traditions, customs and the cultural significance of celebrations, developing an appreciation for cultural diversity. Students will also participate in art and cooking experiences to further explore how people celebrate around the world.

Camp

Students are looking forward to their upcoming camp at Portsea next month. Students will participate in a range of fun and engaging activities designed to build teamwork, independence and confidence. We are looking forward to a wonderful experience filled with new challenges and lasting memories!











Welcome to our final term of Year 4! We have an exciting term ahead as we dive into our inquiry topic, Waves and Waterways. Students have begun exploring the importance of water as a precious natural resource, investigating local waterways, the water cycle and the ways people impact our environment. Through our novel study of *Storm Boy*, we will journey to the Coorong in South Australia, discovering its unique landscapes, wildlife and the importance of protecting our waterways.

Bayview Adventure Camp

We kicked off Term 4 with an exciting adventure to Bayview Adventure Camp in Grantville! Students enjoyed a range of fun and challenging activities that encouraged teamwork, resilience, independence and stepping outside their comfort zones. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships, build confidence and create lasting memories as we celebrated our final term together in Year 4!

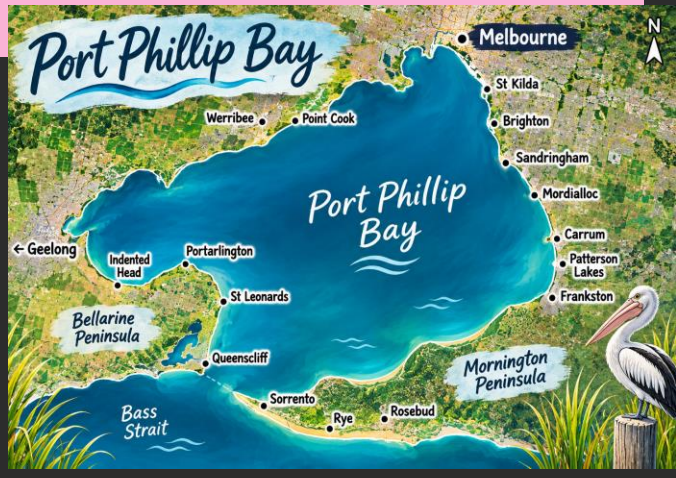
HOMEWORK REMINDER

A friendly reminder that students are expected to earn 1,000 Mathletics points each week and read aloud to an adult every night.

LITERACY & NUMERACY

This term, students have been exploring Storm Boy, developing comprehension, figurative language and writing skills through a range of text types.

In Numeracy, we have been strengthening our understanding of number operations, fractions, decimals, measurement, money, and chance & data through practical activities and problem-solving.









Bayview
ADVENTURE CAMP

Year 5

Maths

The key concepts covered this term will be

- Working with fractions, including fraction operations.
- Financial Mathematics with a focus on budgeting, spending and saving, income and expenses.
- Collecting and displaying data
- Chance and probability

Integrated Studies

We are completing our unit on the Australian Goldrush at the beginning of this term. Then we are moving on to our Economics Unit. We will learn about being a consumer, consumer rights and responsibilities, needs and wants, budgeting and work.

Sovereign Hill Camp!
In week 2, Year 5's will journey to Ballarat for our day excursion at Sovereign Hill. We then head to Adekate Camp for two days of exciting outdoor activities.





English

The key areas of writing we will focus on this term will be writing explanations, diaries from a miner's perspective, information pieces on our research about the Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade. We will be using class mentor texts on our topics. We will continue with reading fluency, weekly spelling and grammar focus, weekly library, comprehension and locating information in range of texts.



Year 6

Maths

The key concepts covered this term will be

- Working with all types of numbers
- Data analysis
- Graph design
- Chance and probability

Integrated Studies

We are completing our unit 'CHEMISTRY CHAOS' at the beginning of this term. Then we are moving on to our GRADUATION preparation.

CHEMISTRY CHAOS
In week 2, Year 6s completed an educational session on chemistry. Students observed and completed a range of experiments with our visiting professor.

INTERSCHOOL sport begins week 3 with 5 rounds of SUMMER sport.

Basketball and cricket teams competed or will be competing at the district level in Term 4.



English

Writing procedures, class mentor texts on our topics, reading fluency, weekly spelling and grammar focus, weekly library, comprehension and locating information in range of texts.



Robocup National Event 2026



During the recent school holidays, six students from Year 6 travelled to Canberra with their families to participate in the Robocup Nationals for 2026.



Our two teams did extremely well, bringing home one trophy each! That brings an end to the competitive robotics season, with six trophies for the year and our best results ever!

Special thanks to the parents who took the time and effort to give students this opportunity.

The Sapphires (Amelia E & Luna I) – 3rd place Onstage (from a field of 21).

Terminal Velocity (Ben W, Nathan H, Joel S and Charlie S) – Resilience award for Soccer (from 51 soccer teams).





STEAM – TERM 4

YEAR LEVEL	TOPIC
Foundation	How Things Move
Years 1 & 2	Minibeasts & Life Cycles
Years 3 & 4	Engineering & the Design Process
Year 5	Robotics Intro & Adaptation of plants & animals
Year 6	Energy Transformation



Chess club every 2nd Monday with Miss Jade







Kitchen Gardens every Tuesday with Celia







Year 2 Life Cycles

Visual Arts









TALENTED ARTISTS

for November and December 2026

Zoe Eddie 2C and Kobe J 2A

for exploring Hundertwasser inspired landscapes using bright colours, patterns and abstract trees to create colourful collage artworks.

Art Room Update:

This term, students have been engaged in a variety of exciting **Threads and Textiles** projects to develop their skills in sewing, knot-tying, wrapping, and weaving.

Students have learnt to tie a range of knots, including an **easy knot shaped like an e**, an **X-knot** rolled off the finger, a **square knot, knotting two threads together** and a **quilter's knot**. Some year levels will also practise the **running stitch** or **blanket stitch**.

Upcoming Projects:

- **Foundation:** Students have made finger puppets and embellished them with a variety of colourful, cut-out textile pieces.
- **Years 1 & 2:** Young artists will wrap wool around cat templates to produce brightly coloured **wrap cats**.
- **Years 3 & 4:** Students are preparing looms to weave wool and construct decorative **owls**.
- **Years 5 & 6:** Students are currently sewing a blanket stitch. These skills will be combined to make **hanging stars**.

If time permits, students will also take part in a **Christmas activity**.

REMINDER – 2027 PREPARATION

Please remember to have an art smock ready for next year.
If this year's art smock still fits, it can be washed and ready to go for 2027.

Physical Education

Term 4 Events

Week 1: Kingston Division Athletics
Week 1: Patterson District Tennis
Week 2: Kingston Division Girls Basketball
Week 3: Kingston Division Boys Cricket
Week 3: Kingston Division Boys Basketball

Best of luck to all our sporting participants



Term 3 Highlights

District/Division Athletics

A fantastic performance from our District Athletics team at the Patterson District Athletics carnival. Congratulations to those who represented the school! A special shoutout to Indy P (Triple Jump), Harrison M (Discus), Roy H (Discus) and Annabelle D (Shot Put) who set Patterson District Records in their respective events.

From the fantastic performances we had at Patterson District we had a team of 18 students who qualified for Kingston Division. Kingston Division Athletics was held on the first Thursday in Term 4, always a strong level of competition our students applied themselves with great endeavor. Good luck to Ryan F (Triple Jump) from Year 4 who has progressed to the Southern Metro Region to be held later this term.

Water Safety Program:

During Term 3, Our Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 students completed their water safety program at PARC. Students participated in a range of fun and meaningful activities to improve their skills and awareness around water. A vital component of their Physical Education program giving students confidence around the water.

Education Week:

Our whole school sports day was a hit in week 7 for Education Week. A huge thank you to the Year 5 students who acted as group leaders and Lucy D for her excellent work as resident DJ. The students enjoyed honing their skillls in a fun and active environment



PHYSICAL EDUCATION – TERM 4

YEAR LEVEL	TOPIC
Foundation	Fundamental Movement Skills Kick, Throw, Roll, Run and Dodge
Years 1 & 2	Kickball Soccer Basketball Newcombe
Years 3 & 4	Tee Ball Volleyball Basketball Netball
Year 5	Cricket Basketball Volleyball Kickball
Year 6	European Handball Ultimate Frisbee NFL Flag

Chinese
Term 3 Learning Highlights

Family Members · Colours 颜色
Students learnt vocabulary for family members and colours through games, crafts and songs.

Chinese Character Writing 汉字书写
Through character tracing and poster-making, students practised writing Chinese characters and explored their distinctive structures and stroke order.

Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋节
Students explored the Mid-Autumn Festival through traditional stories and mooncake design activities, learning about the festival's traditions and cultural meaning.













Chinese: Term 4 Learning Focus

Language Learning

All year levels: Consolidate vocabulary for numbers, family members and colours.

Foundation–Year 2: Learn vocabulary for body parts through songs, games and actions.

• **Years 3–6:** Use simple sentences to express preferences.

Chinese Bookmark Design Competition — Years 1–6

Students will explore Chinese cultural elements and incorporate them into their own bookmark designs, developing their cultural understanding, creativity and artistic expression.







Performing Arts

What's On in Performing Arts

Term 4 is an exciting time in Performing Arts, with preparations underway for our end of year Christmas Concert and special performances by our Senior Choir in the local community!

Our Senior Choir will begin rehearsing for their special end of year performance at our local Retirement Village. Choir rehearsals will now take place every Monday at recess.

All students from Foundation to Year 6 have begun rehearsing their items for our Christmas Concert, which will be held on Wednesday 9 December, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Families will be provided with information regarding costume colours and requirements for their child's year level in the lead-up to the concert.





Performing Arts: Term 4 Overview

Throughout Term 4, students across Foundation to Year 6 will develop their musical skills, confidence and ability to work collaboratively as they rehearse and prepare to perform for an audience.

Foundation: Students will develop confidence through singing, movement and performance. They will explore tempo, dynamics and expression while learning to perform for an audience.

Years 1–2: Students will focus on keeping in time, following cues and working together. They will develop confidence and performance skills through regular rehearsals.

Years 3–4: Students will focus on timing, expression and teamwork. They will rehearse and refine their performances using feedback to improve their presentation.

Years 5–6: Students will focus on musical expression, coordination and stage presentation. They will refine their performances through rehearsal and feedback, developing confidence and teamwork.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful celebration of music and performance with our school community at the end of the year!