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The newsletter of Peranbin Primary College

*We are three campuses working together*

*All campuses are child safe schools*



*Learning about the Australian flag at Baddaginnie Campus*

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# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



## Week 4 Round Up

### Downball at Peranbin: Bringing Back the Fun

This week at Peranbin has been especially lively, thanks to the popularity of downball! At Violet Town, downball became the centre of many conversations, reminding us of its lasting appeal—something that has sparked discussion in the past as well (a big thanks to Skye and Abi for jogging my memory 😊).

Together, we all agreed that the main goal is to enjoy ourselves and have more fun while playing downball. Recently, however, there have been moments when the rules were changed partway through the game, which understandably led to some frustration among players.

To help everyone get back to enjoying the game, I decided to step in as Principal and reintroduce the “Old School Rules” for downball. Today, with these rules in place, the games have been fantastic—there have been plenty of smiling faces and a renewed sense of enjoyment on the court.

We’ve based our rules on those found on the Downball Australia website, which you can access here: <https://www.downballaustralia.com.au/rules>. Additionally, screen snips of the rules are available on the back of this page for you to read at your leisure.

### Upcoming Events at Peranbin

There are some exciting activities planned for next week that we are all looking forward to. On Thursday, the Slithery Little Suckers program will be visiting Violet Town. This is a wonderful opportunity for students from all campuses to come together and share in the experience.

Families are warmly invited to join us for this special event. We anticipate that it will be an engaging and memorable occasion, promising loads of fun and enjoyment for everyone involved. With the unique theme, expect plenty of smiles and some ssssssensational surprises along the way!

### School Council

A big thank you goes out to all the school council members who attended our first meeting of the year on Tuesday night. Your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated as we begin another busy and rewarding year together.

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 24 March. The exact start time will be confirmed and communicated closer to the date.

In addition, information regarding the nomination process for School Council and details about the upcoming election will be sent out next week. Please keep an eye out for these details if you are interested in getting involved or learning more about how the council operates.

Enjoy your weekend,

Angela



*Happy birthday to.....*

*Jakson*

*Friday 27th*

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# OLD SCHOOL RULES



## Leaving your square

You can only leave your square for 4 reasons:

- To hit the ball
- To avoid the ball
- To change squares
- To receive the ball
- after a rally ends
- A player is NOT allowed to leave their square to deter other players from hitting the ball

## Beginning a rally

- Ball must bounce in your own square first
- Serve must be above knee height



## Liners

- Occurs when the ball touches any part of the playing line that connects the playing squares
- The rally is then forfeited and the Queen serves to restart the game
- If a player can hit the ball without hesitation, then the rally can continue

## Illegal shots

- FULL - when the player hits the ball into another players square, without bouncing it in their own square first
- DOUBLE BOUNCE - ball bounces twice in a players square before OR after playing a shot
- OUT OF BOUNDS - player hits the ball outside of the playing lines
- DOUBLE TOUCH - when a player hits the ball with any part of their body more than once
- CARRY - player hits the ball with a cupped hand



## Going out

- When a player goes out, they move to the back of line
- Every other player below them moves up one square

# OLD SCHOOL RULES



## Playing a shot

- Ball must bounce in your own square first, followed by another players square
- Players have the option to return the ball before it bounces in their own square

# Term 1 Calendar 2026

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>FEBRUARY 2026</b>					
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 4</b> Parent teacher interviews	16/2 Playgroup – Violet Town	17/2 School Council #1	18/2 Prep students day off	19/2 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	20/2
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 5</b>	23/2 Playgroup – Violet Town	24/2	25/2 Prep students day off	26/2 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	27/2
<b>MARCH 2026</b>					
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 6</b>	2/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	3/3	4/3 Prep students last Wednesday off	5/3	6/3
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 7</b>	9/3 Labour Day Public Holiday	10/3 Pupil Free Day School Wellbeing Professional learning all staff	11/3 Preps come to school on Wednesday from this week onwards	12/3 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	13/3
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 8</b>	16/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	17/3	18/3	19/3 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	20/3
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 9</b>	23/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	24/3 School Council #2 Special meeting and Regular meeting	25/3	26/3 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	27/3
<b>Term 1</b> <b>Week 10</b>	30/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	31/3	1/4	2/4 <b>End of Term 1</b> <b>2.30PM FINISH</b>	3/4 Good Friday
<b>MARCH 2026</b>			<b>APRIL 2026</b>		

# BADDAGINNIE

Baddaginnie Campus

Clarendon Street

Baddaginnie 3670



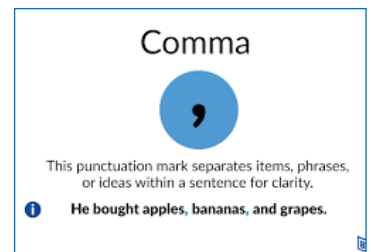
Campus Manager:

Dianne Fitzpatrick

Another warm week at Baddaginnie, and the grounds are looking lovely thanks to time and attention from our groundsman, Brandon, who dropped in this week to give them a tweak!

This week has been brought to you by the letter Tt – for Taylor, tiger and toe.

In Writing we have continued to work on writing narratives – focusing on good sentences, punctuation and stories that show a setting, and a good flow of ideas. Juniors have worked on punctuation – full stops, capital letters, and recognising and using other ending punctuation. Seniors have worked on activities that show their understanding of using the comma.



In Maths we have been working on Time. During the week, we have focused on reading and matching analogue and digital times. Seniors have had a focus on how to read 24 hour time.



On Tuesday it was Pancake Day – a special thanks to our brilliant cooks and helpers – Katana and Savannah - we all enjoyed pancakes at recess – with a choice of toppings. Special thanks to Sarah, and Ms Jung also for their support and supervision. Only 35 days until Easter folks!

Next week we hope to attend an incursion in Violet Town – **“Slithery Little Suckers”** on Thursday at 11.30 am. The children will be transported in private cars – Sarah’s and Miss Fitz’s. Please look out for a permission note to cover the journey.



Have a great weekend,

*Sarah, Barbara and Dianne*

## REMINDERS:

- Spelling homework and reading nightly
- Super-doopers on Fridays – 50c
- Incursion to Violet Town on Thursday

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# BADDAGINNIE



*Pancake Day at Baddaginnie*



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# STRATHBOGIE

Strathbogrie Campus

Main Street

Strathbogrie 3666



Campus Manager:

Kate Hand

This week sure threw us a curly one on Wednesday with a prolonged power outage. We enacted our emergency procedures and we relocated to Violet Town for the day. We managed to get lots of work done (our new laptops worked PERFECTLY with the wifi) and even enjoyed a bowl of warm popcorn for wellbeing. We didn't think eating popcorn and learning "everyday signs" during Auslan was a good idea.

Something new this week was beginning our Touch Typing program, which has a comprehensive and enjoyable approach to learning which fingers match to the many keys to help us become more efficient and accurate typists.

There was also a spot of skipping starting yesterday. This is inspired by watching Bluejuice's Broken Leg film clip. The band are participating in a jump-rope competition and they (and their competitors) perform some amazing tricks.

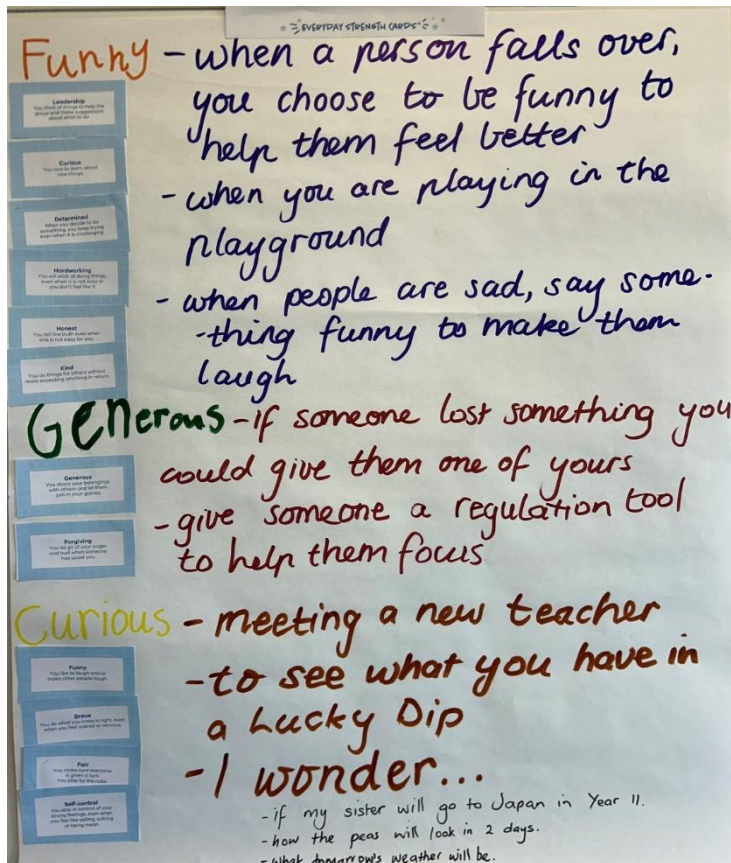
Our resident koala was spotted up above us on Thursday when we were using the long rope to practice running in and skipping. It was an unexpected but welcome audience. Pip was lucky enough to watch the koala move along the ground and back to the Koala Tree after school.

## Reminders:

- ☺ Nightly reading—sign off in the homework book
- ☺ Spelling—Mon.—Thurs.—in the homework book
- ☺ Tuesday—Sim works with us on our wasp art piece
- ☺ Friday—Nic Thorne for MACC Art Van



Have a lovely weekend, Barb, Vic and Kate



Our Wellbeing lesson focus in Personal and Cultural Strengths and this week we worked at naming and defining 12 strengths.

We discussed some actions that would show these strengths in action. We talked about how it could be in class, in the playground or at anytime outside of school.

Our poster shows some of our ideas for funny, generous and curious.

Given the amount of conversation, it was clear that everyone has a strong sense of the many strengths they see in others as well as in themselves.

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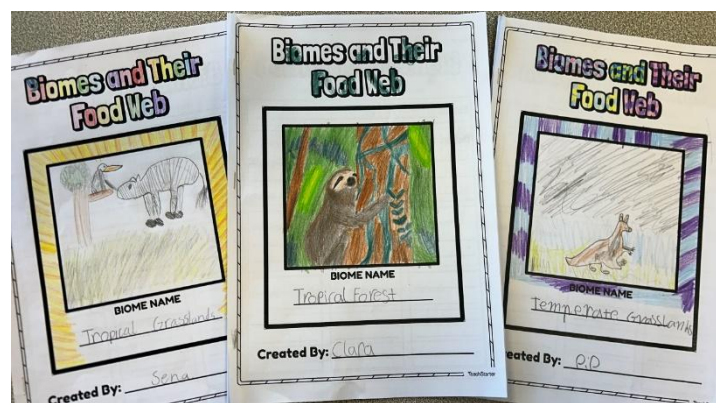
# STRATHBOGIE

Our unit of work this term is around Living Things and over the past couple of weeks we have taken a look around the campus with focus eyes on possible ways we could increase the number of plants or make spaces inviting for animals and our own eyes.

We also made our own newspaper pots and planted some peas. Last Friday we had 1 out of 15 seeds poking through the soil in its pot. As of this week we have just over a third breaking through, with more than a couple sprouting their first leaves.

Yesterday, the kids created some impressive front covers to depict their chosen Biome for ongoing study. They also were introduced to a Matrix of tasks that build in complexity of applying skills and knowledge. This will drive their learning (as it did for Space in Term 4 last year).

We will ultimately display and present our work at the end of term, with an open invitation to our families, friends and community.



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# VIOLET TOWN

Violet Town Campus  
Tulip Street  
Violet Town 3669



Campus Manager:  
Monique Ringin  
Business Manager:  
Kimberley Amott

## Violet Town News....

### Environmental Science

This term we are learning about 'Soils' and how to investigate through experiments.

Last week we set up an experiment to observe the long term effect of UV rays on a range of common materials (cotton fabric, metal, glass, paper and wood). This is set up in the vegetable garden and will run all year.

This week we began collecting and comparing different soils. We have also begun clearing out the garden beds, in preparation for new plantings later in the term.



### Reminders:

- Home reading and spelling tasks.
- Tuesday - Café Lunch Orders
- Wednesday – Breakfast Club in the Multi from 8.30am
- Friday - Lunches (order forms to be returned by Thursday please)
- PE – Juniors Wednesday, Seniors Thursday (please remember runners & drink bottle)

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# VIOLET TOWN

VT Juniors learning days of the week and months of the year



Environmental science



VT Junior P.E



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## ***From Robbie Rae***

Palya (hello), from Ltyentye Apurte, pronounced Ginger Porter and otherwise known as Santa Teresa with a population of 500 people in the East MacDonald Ranges – locally known as East Mac. I've nearly finished my second week here before I pack up and leave the beautiful Pitjantjatjara people and head back to Alice Springs for a night.

When we arrived there had been huge rainfalls and the Todd River that runs through the centre of Alice Springs was a raging torrent in flood. Normally it is a dry river bed where they run The Henley-on-Todd Regatta, a "boat" race held annually in the typically dry sandy bed of the River! You might like to Google it and see some funny photos.



Santa Teresa is 80 kms east of Alice Springs, 40 kms of which is dirt road which was full of ruts, water over the road, slippery boggy mud and lots and lots of corrugations. After a nail biting trip we made it to the town. Being one of the most catholic towns in Australia – (80-90% of the population) a striking white church welcomes you at the entrance of a barren, sparse landscape.



The next morning was straight into meeting our students and starting lessons. To say they are enthusiastic is an understatement. No one was shy, not one has said they didn't want to put their face in the water, in fact they walked in and before we could say anything they had jumped in the pool. They range from Pre-school to Year 7-8 although the school does go up to Year 12. The numbers attending change daily, Friday is a very quiet day as a lot go into Alice with their families.

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The Pool, well that's 25 metres and L shaped. The surrounds and facilities are quite stark and not as well kept as Violet Town. But the enthusiasm of the kids makes up for all that. They are very keen to learn but would also love it to be free time instead. They grow up going to the waterholes on family outings so very used to the water.



I think we've taught them quite a few skills. You can hear them reciting "chicken, aeroplane, slider" as they do their lifesaving backstroke. They are very affectionate and very giving. The teachers have all been very supportive and they have lots of local teacher support workers. So, as you give instructions there is someone translating in their language.

They all speak English but a lot of the time there is a mixture of both. We did have a lesson off some of the boys the other day teaching us some words. We soon found out that they were the "naughty" boys teaching us and were told maybe not to use those words!

Tomorrow, Friday we are having races and games as a reward for hard work then the school is going to have a BBQ for everyone. The school is like Violet Town and is next door to the pool. After lessons finish at 1.00 we go home and come back at 3.00 to spend time with anyone that uses the pool.

We will pack up on Monday and back to Alice for the night before we head out to Utju, - Areyonga which is 220kms west of Alice Springs in the West MacDonal Ranges, locally know as West Mac.



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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## NAVIGATING NEURODIVERSITY

An 8 week program for parents of children  
with Autism

- Learn and share alongside other parents and carers
- Discuss current evidence-informed information about autism
- Learn effective strategies and access practical tools for supporting your child and family
- Hear from autistic guest speakers

### Topics Covered:

- Understanding Autism
- Exploring your role as a parent and carer
- Supporting your child with emotions
- Understanding and supporting sensory needs
- Understanding your child's nervous system
- Understanding masking

This is a free group program for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 years with Autism (or suspected Autism). Bookings required.

Mondays, 20th April - 22nd June 11am - 1pm.

ICYMHS office, 66-68 Faithfull St, Wangaratta

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