

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026 | ISSUE 8

PERANBIN PRESS

The newsletter of Peranbin Primary College

We are three campuses working together

All campuses are child safe schools



Snakes and ladders, a lunch time activity at Baddaginnie

CONTACT US

BADDAGINNIE

57 632 233

STRATHBOGIE

57 905 250 OR 0419 154 505

VIOLET TOWN

57 981 431

E: peranbin.pc@education.vic.gov.au

W: <http://www.peranbinpc.vic.edu.au>

Every day at school counts towards shaping your child's future

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



Harmony Means Everyone Belongs

This week for Harmony Week we were invited to go to Euroa Primary School for a wonderful day of activities. The day started with a performance from Dion Drummond. Dion is a proud Kuku-Yalangi man from north of Cairns in Queensland. Dion is one of Australia's most experienced Indigenous performers, covering both Mainland and Islander culture as a dancer, singer and storyteller. It was fantastic to see all of the Peranbin students joining in with the Euroa students for dancing and singing with Dion.

The children then explored where our names come from and created a collaborative mural of bricks that will sit at the front of Euroa PS. African drumming followed with Abli, and we were very lucky to have a taste of some different foods...YUM!

A big thank you goes to the Euroa PS team for inviting us along – it is great for our students to have the chance to connect with new friends and old.

Welcome to Mr Donati!

Violet Town students will already know Mr Alex Donati, as he has been done some casual relief teaching days with us. Next term Alex will be teaching the Violet Town Senior class while Ms Burley has a knee operation. At this stage it will be for the first 6 to 8 weeks of Term 2. Over the last 3 weeks, Ms Burley has been working alongside Alex so he knows the class routines. The children are enjoying working and learning with Alex, and he is a welcome addition to the Peranbin team. The Education Support staff in the senior room will remain the same and the students will continue to have the learning and wellbeing support that they need. Next Wednesday 25 March, Alex is here again at Violet Town. We invite you to come in on Wednesday for a "meet and greet" to introduce yourself at the start or end of the day.

School Council

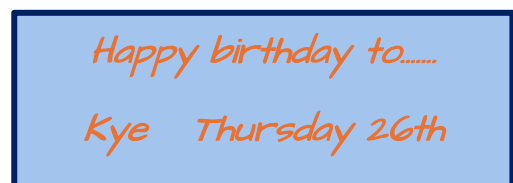
Our second School Council meeting for the year is on Tuesday 31 March at 4.30pm at Violet Town. We have vacancies for parent members on council, so please get in touch if you are interested. There is more information at the back of the newsletter, or you can reach out to me at the school.

Stopwork – Tuesday 24 March

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action on Tuesday 24 March 2026. Based upon the information provided to me, we are expecting some of our teaching staff will be taking part in the strike action. As such, there may be a requirement to make adjustments to our running of classes, such as merging classes or adjusting class content being delivered. It may be necessary children to be transported to the Violet Town campus. Further information about these arrangements will be sent out on Monday 23 March.

Enjoy the weekend – if you are like me, you might be mowing the rapidly **growing lawn at your place.**

Angela

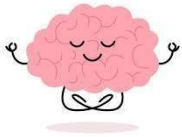


Every day at school counts towards shaping your child's future

Term 1 Calendar 2026

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Term 1 Week 8	16/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	17/3	18/3	19/3 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	20/3
Term 1 Week 9	23/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	24/3 Industrial Action – Stopwork – details to be advised Monday 23/3	25/3	26/3 Playgroup - S/bogie 9:30	27/3
Term 1 Week 10	30/3 Playgroup – Violet Town	31/3 School Council #2 Special meeting and Regular meeting 4.30pm Violet Town	1/4	2/4 End of Term 1 2.30PM FINISH	3/4 Good Friday
MARCH 2026			APRIL 2026		

Wellbeing @ Peranbin



A big thank you to the school community for welcoming me into the Wellbeing role here at Peranbin College! What a beautiful learning space you have, with dedicated, positive staff, and supportive, kind families. I feel very lucky to be working alongside you all.

Over the last few weeks, I've been working closely with staff to develop their skills and understandings of student wellbeing and how it blends in so well with our other curriculum requirements. It's terrific to see so many classes now doing some daily mindfulness, exploring the understanding that our brains need to have some 'calm down' time after the busyness of recess and lunch play. Our staff have also been investigating the concepts of Emotional Literacy and Building Resilience, and last week we explored the Raising Children website which has some terrific resources for families, carers and educators. Check out the site for some handy tips!

raisingchildren.net.au

I look forward to getting to know you all and helping all of our children develop a love of learning in a safe, inviting and inclusive space.

If you have any queries or concerns around Wellbeing issues, please feel free to contact me at the Violet Town campus. I am here Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Andrea Wymond



BADDAGINNIE

Baddaginnie Campus
Clarendon Street
Baddaginnie 3670



Campus Manager:
Dianne Fitzpatrick

It has been a humid, and rainy week at Baddaginnie, and 'yay' the Naplan assessments are over for the year.! The grounds are looking great – thanks Brandon!

This week has been brought to you by the letter Nn.

In Writing this week we have been catching up with a recount about our incursion to the Slithery Little Suckers at Violet Town, and have revisited writing a persuasive piece of writing.

In Grammar we have worked on learning about 'nouns' – and their place in our written and spoken language by playing games, and sorting proper and common nouns.

In Maths, we have continued to work on learning about Number/Place Value, and how to read numbers, write them, understand their value, and count by different starting points.

We have completed some mindful tasks about Harmony Week, and we are so looking forward to going to Euroa Primary on Friday to join in the [Harmony Day Celebration](#).

Student of the week this week is Maverick Dowell, for working well on being a better student. Well done Maverick!

Have a good weekend!

Sarah, Barb and Dianne



REMINDERS:

Reading and spelling every night

Super doopers on Fridays 50c

BADDAGINNIE



Maverick being creative with the white board



*Enjoying books by Enid Blyton,
getting ready for the release of
The Faraway Tree movie*



Lunch time games

Every day at school counts towards shaping your child's future

STRATHBOGIE

Strathbogie Campus

Main Street

Strathbogie 3666



Campus Manager:

Kate Hand

At Strathbogie Campus, we have been focussing on Harmony Day in reading and have been editing our texts in preparation for the upcoming open morning.

In Maths the focus has been on place value and breaking up large numbers to simplify solving problems.



Composing musical accompaniments for the animal movement videos, also a feature of the open morning.

Reminders:

Reading – at least 15 minutes after/before school, signed off by a parent, carer or sibling

Spelling – daily practice Monday – Thursday, test on Friday

Clothing for all weather – please make sure that warm clothing is worn (or packed) for the change in weather patterns

VIOLET TOWN

Violet Town Campus

Tulip Street

Violet Town 3669



Campus Manager:

Monique Ringin

Business Manager:

Kimberley Amott



Violet Town News....

Cross Country

Please wear your runners each day for cross country training for the rest of this term.

In the classrooms....

The students have been working very productively in the classrooms this week as we continue to see the improvements in the concentration levels due to the development of sound routines and high expectations. This has also spilled over and boosted the completion rate of regular homework each school night. A big thank you to all families for your continued support at home and helping to set your children up with good organisational skills, independence and routine.

This week in **Literacy** students have had a reading focus on visualisation in the Junior Room, while the Senior students have had their focus on 'making connections' (self-to-text, text-to-text, and text-to-world). In Writing, both classes have focussed on editing. The Junior Class have had modelled writing and have written sentences. The Senior Class have further developed the forming of paragraphs when writing stories. An enjoyable highlight in writing was also the 'roll-a-dice' story where the roll of the dice determined which character, setting, problem, further complication and solution to their story, a bit like a 'choose your own adventure' style. We are looking forward to publishing these and sharing them.

In **Maths**, students have been learning about number and place value through various activities independently and in small groups. This is further extended and consolidated through our 'Mathletics' program using technology.

Environmental Science

Over the past few weeks we have been investigating the pH of common items and categorising them as 'acid' 'neutral' or 'base'. We found that the soil in our vegetable beds is slightly acidic and discussed the impact of pH on plant growth.

This week we have been building a compost system to recycle our food waste, and continued digging up and incorporating fertiliser into the garden beds.

Auslan

In Auslan we have been learning signs for colours, letters, family members, school, and some everyday signs. We have also been practising these through simple songs (such as Happy Birthday) to further reinforce the learning.

Have a great weekend with your families, and I hope you find some bargains at the VT garage sales around town.

From the team at Violet Town 😊

Reminders:

Monday – Community Policing Visit

Tuesday - Café Lunch Orders

Wednesday – Breakfast Club in the Multi from 8.30am

Friday – Breakfast Club in the Multi from 8.30am

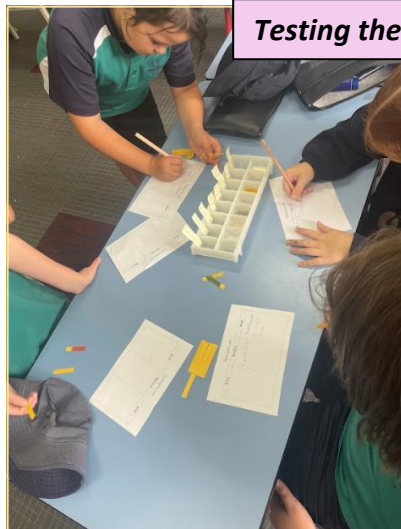
VIOLET TOWN



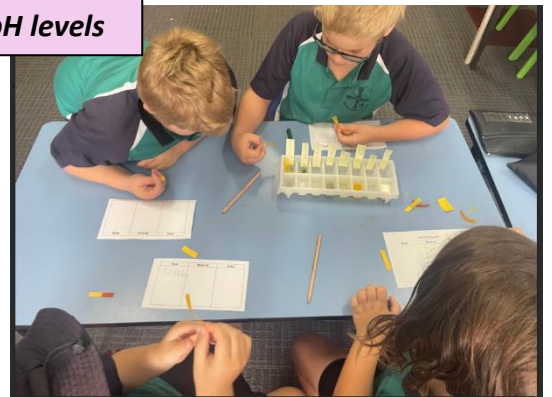
Working outside when the power went off



Junior maths



Testing the pH levels



Seniors

VT Juniors



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monday 27 April **Discovery**
Join us **Night** 2026

Challenge
Empower
Resilience
Respect

Discover the educational opportunities available for your child

5pm BBQ outside Sports Stadium
5.30pm Welcome to families
5.45 - 7pm A practical experience of secondary college.



Euroa
Secondary
College

For information P: 03 5795 2512 Teagan Kohn E: teagan.kohn@education.vic.gov.au
www.euroasc.vic.edu.au euroa.sc@education.vic.gov.au
FB: EuroaSecondaryCollege

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Woolworths 

NET SET GO!

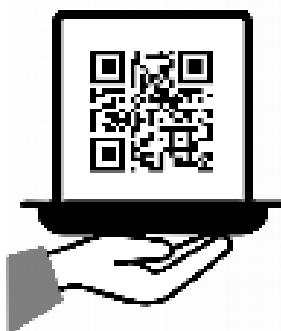
NetSetGo provides children from 5 to 10 years with a positive introduction to netball.

Delivered in a fun and safe environment, the weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure all participants have an enjoyable experience, while developing fundamental life skills.

Register here



Scan me!



or use the link below:

<https://registration.netballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=bd303646-2715-4998-b70a-624b896052ea&competitionId=afc049ae-f13f-4c5e-97f4-2e096ec84e60>

If you have any queries,
please email violettownfnc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PO Box 632, 79 Benalla Road
Shepparton VIC 3632
t. 1300 374 765
e. [gvrlc@gvrlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:gvlrc@gvrlc.vic.gov.au)
w. www.gvlibraries.com.au
ABN 44 381 751 770

Library Information

Free Holiday Fun at the Library

Autumn is a great time to be out and about, and Goulburn Valley Libraries has you covered when it comes to activities that will entertain all ages during the school holidays. Pipe cleaner jewellery making, a dino craft party, marble maze making, basket weaving, a Mario Kart Tournament and so much more will be on offer throughout the two weeks. We are also very excited to have Museums Victoria STEM kits at three of our libraries. Avenel and Euroa will be exploring Astronomy with a range of fascinating, out of this world activities, while the Shepparton Library will be offering Engineering sessions that are sure to engage the whole family. We only have these STEM kits for a short time and places are limited, so make sure you book in and see what they are all about.

If you would prefer to sit back, relax and enjoy some popcorn and a movie, why not bring the family to one of our movie screenings at the Avenel, Euroa, Mooroopna and Shepparton Libraries; *Smurfs*, *The Bad Guys 2*, *Lightyear*, and more. All our holiday program sessions are free to attend, but we do recommend booking a place so that you don't miss out. Pick up a holiday program at any Goulburn Valley Library or find the full schedule at www.gvlibraries.com.au/holidays.

Giant board games are on the move again, giving you the chance to challenge friends and family to a different game throughout each holiday period. See if your library has Giant Connect 4, Chess, Noughts & Crosses, Snakes and Ladders, or one of the other great games that we have available.

Looking for something to do with babies and younger children? All our regular Rhyme & Story Times continue during the holiday period. Shepparton Library will also have their fortnightly bilingual Mandarin Story Time on Thursday 9th April at 10:30am. Come along to any Goulburn Valley Library Rhyme & Story Time or Baby Rhyme Time session to enjoy songs, rhymes, stories and craft for children aged 0–8 years, their families and carers. Give us a call on 1300 374 765 or visit our website www.gvlibraries.com.au to find dates and times for each session. No bookings are required.

Perhaps you just want to relax and read a good book— speak to our friendly staff for some recommendations.

Visit our website to find eBooks and eAudiobooks through BorrowBox or Cloud Library, as well as access to many other great resources such as Storybox Library, Kanopy Kids, LOTE Online for Kids, Comics Plus and so much more.

For more information:

Emma Kennedy
Children's & Youth Services Librarian,
Goulburn Valley Libraries
Tel: 1300 374 765
Email: childlib@gvlibraries.com.au

Euroa Library Holiday Program



Astronomy themed Drop In Craft

Available All Holidays
During Open Hours



Libraries
Change Lives

62 Binney St, Euroa
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Euroa Library Holiday Program



Museums Victoria Astronomy STEM Activities

Wednesday 8th April, 10:00am
Tuesday 14th April, 10:00am



Bookings are encouraged as places are limited.
Phone 1300 374 765 or email euroa@gvlibraries.com.au.
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Libraries
Change Lives

62 Binney St, Euroa
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Euroa Library Holiday Program



Straw Rocket Launchers



Thursday
16th April
10:00am

Bookings are encouraged as places are limited.
Phone 1300 374 765 or email euroa@gvlibraries.com.au.
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Libraries
Change Lives

62 Binney St, Euroa
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Euroa Library Holiday Program



Movie Afternoons:



**Space Chimps 2
Zartog Strikes Back (G)**
Wednesday 8th April, 2:00pm

Lightyear (PG)
Friday 10th April, 2:00pm



**Shaun The Sheep
Farmageddon (G)**
Friday 17th April, 2:00pm

Bookings are encouraged as places are limited.
Phone 1300 374 765 or email euroa@gvlibraries.com.au.
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Libraries
Change Lives

62 Binney St, Euroa
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Violet Town Library Holiday Program



Deco Foam Rainbow Fish

Tuesday 7th April, 10:30am



Bookings are encouraged as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email violettown@gvlibraries.com.au.

Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

|||||
Libraries
Change Lives

Cowslip St, Violet Town
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Appendix A: Fact sheets

Fact sheet 1: School council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that set the broad direction of a school and provide oversight of school decisions and finances. Their roles are guided by rules and laws including Ministerial Order 1280 (Constitution of Government School Councils) 2020, the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017* and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

Who is on the school council?

There are several possible categories of school council membership:

- **parent membership category** – members of this category must make up more than one third of the school council's total membership. A parent member can be any person who has parental responsibility for a student enrolled at the school.
- **school employee membership category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically a member of this category.
- **community membership category** – if a school council includes a community membership category, members are co-opted by a decision of the school council. The decision may be based on their special skills or to provide broader representation of diversity in the school community. Department of Education employees are not eligible to be community members on school council.
- **nominee membership category** – a small number of school councils have nominee members.
- **student membership category** – all schools with a Year 7 and above student cohort have a student membership category with 2 positions allocated, unless they have sought an exemption. Refer to **School Council Elections: Guidance**.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of election and call for nominations in term 1 of each year and let you know where you can get a nomination form.

You can nominate yourself in the parent membership category by filling in the nomination form.

Parent members are required to hold a valid Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) to nominate for a position on school council. The only exception to this requirement is parents who are also teachers and hold a current VIT registration.

If you work at your child's school, then you are not eligible to run in the parent membership category, but you can nominate for the school employee membership category.

If you work for the Department of Education somewhere other than your child's school, then you are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school. However, there is a limit to the number of department employees who can hold office in the parent membership category. Check with your school's principal.

You must return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a nomination form receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

How do I get a Working with Children Clearance, and does it cost money?

You can apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) through the **Services Victoria website**.

School council members are volunteers which means that applying for a WWCC is free.

When applying for a WWCC, parents must:

- nominate the Department of Education as the organisation they are working for when applying for a Working with Children Check
- provide evidence of their Working with Children Clearance as soon as practicable after receiving it (or via the school council nomination form).

What happens if there are more nominations than positions available?

If the number of nominations is greater than the positions available in any school council membership category, a ballot is required to elect members to school council. A ballot means a vote is held to determine which of the nominees are elected to school council.

Each parent/carer who is eligible to be on school council is given a ballot paper to vote. Ballot papers are only given to members of the specific membership category where the ballot is required.

For example, if a ballot is required to determine who will be elected to the parent membership category, each parent/carer of a child at the school are given a ballot paper and are able to vote.

What happens if not enough parents nominate to fill the available parent membership positions?

All nominees will be declared elected to school council. For the remainder of the unfilled positions, the principal will call for a second round of nominations, for a 3 day period.

What happens if the number of nominations equals the number of positions available?

The nominees are elected to school council and the election process concludes. For example, if 3 parents nominate and there are 3 parent positions available, all 3 parents who nominated are elected to and join school council.

How long is the term of office?

Generally, the term of office for all council members is 2 years. The term of office of half the members in each category expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

How often does school council meet?

School council is required to meet 8 times per year and at least once per term.

Meetings are held at the school, generally after school hours. School council members can also join meetings virtually.

If you would like to read more about what happens at a school council meeting, please refer to the **School Council – Meetings policy**.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parent members on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills, experiences and knowledge, which help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. Each school council member brings their own valuable skills, knowledge and life experience to the role. An interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future are the most important criteria.

To successfully perform their duties, school council members may need to gain some new skills and knowledge. Free school council training is available to all school council members. The training helps support school council members with their roles and responsibilities

Code of conduct for school council members

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School council members must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires school council members to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty
- **act in good faith in the best interests of the school** – work cooperatively with other council members and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- **act fairly and impartially** – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- **use information appropriately** – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- **exercise due care, diligence and skill** – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

- **use the position appropriately** – not use the position as a school council member to gain an advantage
- **act in a financially responsible manner** – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- **comply with relevant legislation and policies** – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

The Department of Education provides insurance to school council members. School council members are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith in the exercise of their powers and functions as a member of school council. For further information refer to the **School council – liability and legal proceedings policy**.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. Ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

You might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Remember

- Consider standing for election to school council.
- Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.
- Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.