

## NEWSLETTER

6th May 2021

### Principal's Report

For the first time our house athletics carnival was held off site at the Edwin Flack Athletics Track in Berwick. The students participated in a variety of track and field events throughout the day and enjoyed the opportunity to utilise these facilities. The House results for the athletics carnival are:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Botanic

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Waterford

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Creekwood

4<sup>th</sup> place - Parkway

The athletics carnival also provides the opportunity for our students to qualify to compete at the District Athletics Carnival being held later in term 3. Thank you to Mrs Drew and Mr Seton for the organisation and preparation that enabled the carnival to proceed very smoothly. I would also like to extend my thanks to the many parents who attended the athletics day and provided support and encouragement to our competitors from the outskirts of the reserve.

Tomorrow we have 50 students representing PLPS at the District Cross Country carnival at Toomuc Reserve. We wish them the best of luck in their 2km or 3km runs.

Last Friday students in all year levels would have received their Term 2 Area newsletter. This document has been produced to share information with families regarding the teaching and learning that will take place at each year level this term. It will also outline special events that the students will experience or have the opportunity to participate in during second term, including excursions and incursions.

On Tuesday our Year Prep, 1 and 5 students and staff were treated to a wonderful musical performance from our students at PLPS. Our Prep and Year 1 students put on a great performance of "True Colours" at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The efforts of our children reflected the time and commitment put into concert preparations by our Performing Arts teachers, Ms Dahmen and Mrs Reddan. Thank you also to the children's home group teachers for the support and assistance they have provided to our students. On behalf of our staff, I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to our parents and families for their understanding and support of the children and our Performing Arts program through the provision of costumes. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing for their peers on stage in a theatre setting. Although our families were unable to attend the live performance, I'm sure the performance will be enjoyed immensely when the recording becomes available. Please note orders and payments need to be finalised by Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to all involved for another wonderful musical performance by our children.

One of our key priorities at PLPS is to ensure all staff remain aware of and informed about information and research around teaching practices and approaches that impact positively upon our students' learning. One of the key sets of data which enables us to evaluate how effectively we are achieving this goal is student feedback. One of the major tools we use to gather this important data is the Student Attitudes to School survey which is completed annually by our students in years 4 – 6.

This survey is conducted online and will provide our school leadership team with important information that will be considered when we are

making future decisions around staffing, professional learning and development, resourcing of future programs and curriculum development. The survey's framework is developed around the following key domains:

- effective and engaging teaching practices
- teacher/student relationships
- student learner characteristics
- social engagement
- student safety
- student health and wellbeing.

The period in which our students can complete the survey begins today and closes on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Important information about the survey, including the option to withdraw your child from the survey, was distributed to parents of students in years 4, 5 and 6 on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Once our student responses are completed and aggregated, we will be able to access our school's report to inform our discussions. I look forward to sharing the findings from the survey with our school community.

Next week our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Our students will participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - Language conventions and writing
- Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Reading
- Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - Numeracy

The tests in these various disciplines provides parents with an understanding of how individual students are performing in these areas at the time of testing. Pamphlets detailing further information for parents were distributed to our year 3 and year 5 students on Monday.

NAPLAN testing is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting program and this NAPLAN data complements assessment that is conducted on an ongoing basis by our teaching staff in the learning spaces. Individual student reports will be returned to the school later in 2021 which are then distributed to parents and students.

Tomorrow we farewell Ms Jeric for a period of time, as she commences her maternity leave. Last Friday Ms Gillam also began her maternity leave. We wish both of them all the best as they begin their families.

Yesterday we held our Mother's Day stall that allowed students to purchase gifts for mums or other significant female figures in their lives. A special thank you to the members of our Parents and Friends group for their preparation and organisation of the stall, together with our education support staff who assisted with the stall throughout the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish all our Mums a very happy Mothers' Day for this coming Sunday.

**Kerrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Friday 7th May: District Cross Country (selected students only)

Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th May: Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Friday 14th May: Application for Year 7 Placement 2021 form due back to school

Monday 24th- Friday 28th May: Education Week!

Monday 2nd August - Wednesday 4th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Camp (Year 3B, 3C & 3O)

Wednesday 4th August - Friday 6th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Camp (Year 3J, 3M & 3R)

# DON'T FORGET!



**Book Club**  
ORDERS ARE DUE

 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club orders are due back by:

*May 7th 2021 - Issue 3*

You can place your child's order online at

[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or use the LOOP app.



# True Colours Junior Concert 2021

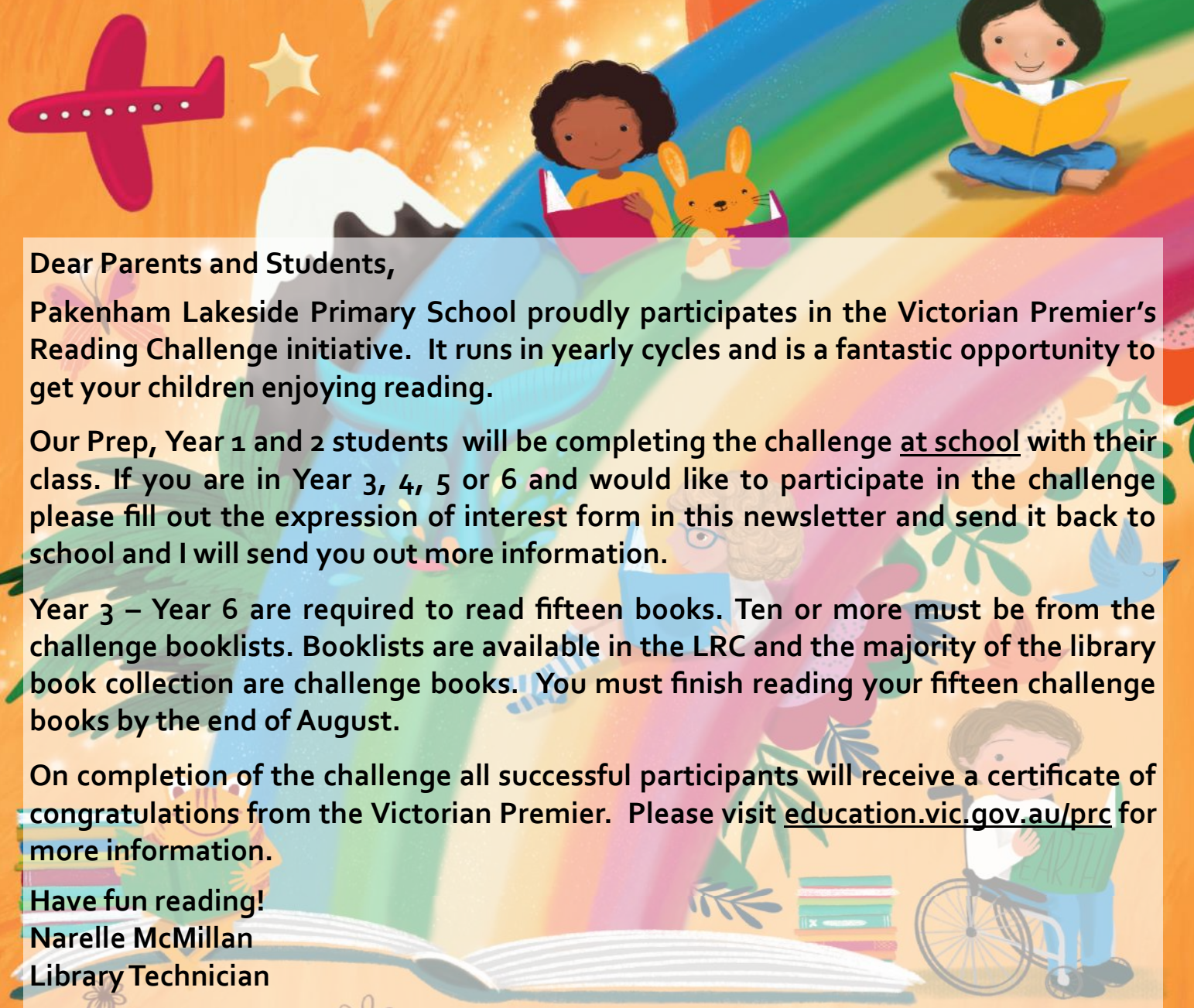
On Tuesday, the Prep and Grade One students performed in their Junior Concert, "True Colours". All of their songs were about different colours and their costumes were so bright and amazing! It was an exciting day and all of the performances were fantastic. All of the students put in a great effort when singing their song and performing their actions and did a wonderful job. The students loved having the opportunity to wear their costumes, get ready in the fancy dressing rooms and perform in a real theatre for an audience of their peers. The day ran very smoothly and was a highlight for many. All of the teachers were very proud of the efforts and behaviour of the students.

We would like to thank the community and parents of these students for providing amazing, colourful costumes and for being so positive and supportive of the concert format in this post-COVID season. We, and the students, are really looking forward to sharing our performances with the community soon on a DVD / USB that can be ordered from the school office.

Mrs Reddan and Ms Dahmen.







Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

Our Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier. Please visit [education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://education.vic.gov.au/prc) for more information.

Have fun reading!  
Narelle McMillan  
Library Technician

# OPEN UP A NEW WORLD



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



If you are in Yr3-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade.....  
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# LAMONT BOOK FAIR

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# True Colours Junior

## Concert 2021 DVD/USB orders

As a result of us not being able to host our school community at the local theatre due to number density restrictions we are making a copy of the recording available to be purchased. The recording can be purchased either in person at the office, over the phone or by returning the form that was sent home Wednesday 5th May. DVDs are \$20 and a .mp4 copy on USB is \$25.

Orders will be open until Wednesday 2nd of June. The recording will take approximately 4-6 weeks to arrive and will be sent home with students unless otherwise specified.

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[www.allstarsdefence.com.au](http://www.allstarsdefence.com.au)



# Newsletter



## Partnerships within OSH

As part of our term 2 focus, we have been prioritizing building strong partnerships with the families of OSH and the children of OSH.

We have been teaching the children about the partnerships OSH shares with the school, families and community.

We have also been teaching the children about acceptance and building partnerships at school, at OSH, in the community and at home.



## Friendly reminder

If you have a child with an allergy or medical need who attends OSH please ensure you let the service coordinator know please, as you need to complete medical plan prior to starting at OSHClub.

Also, we wanted to remind our families and community that we are a nut free service. We appreciate everyone's support and understanding.



## Parent & community update

### Routine update

Recently at OSH we introduced a new routine. This routine is working well at OSH.

The children are being fed faster and get to enjoy eating picnic style each afternoon in the gym. Feel free to ask our friendly team about our routine.

### Cooking corner

Do you want more easy, yummy and healthy recipes to try at home? Well look no further we are excited to introduce OSH cooking corner where each month the educators will share some healthy and yummy meals that the children at OSH enjoy. We know how hard it is to find time to cook and we want to make it easier by supporting our families, community and children by sharing our recipes. If you would like to share your recipe, please email us at [pakenhamlakeside@oshclub.com.au](mailto:pakenhamlakeside@oshclub.com.au) or stop pass our OSH room!



## OSH Clubs

We are excited to announce that OSH will be introducing OSH Clubs very soon! Be sure to stop by our OSH room to give us some suggestions or you can call, text or email us your feedback and suggestions!

We are very excited to introduce this new and exciting addition to OSH!





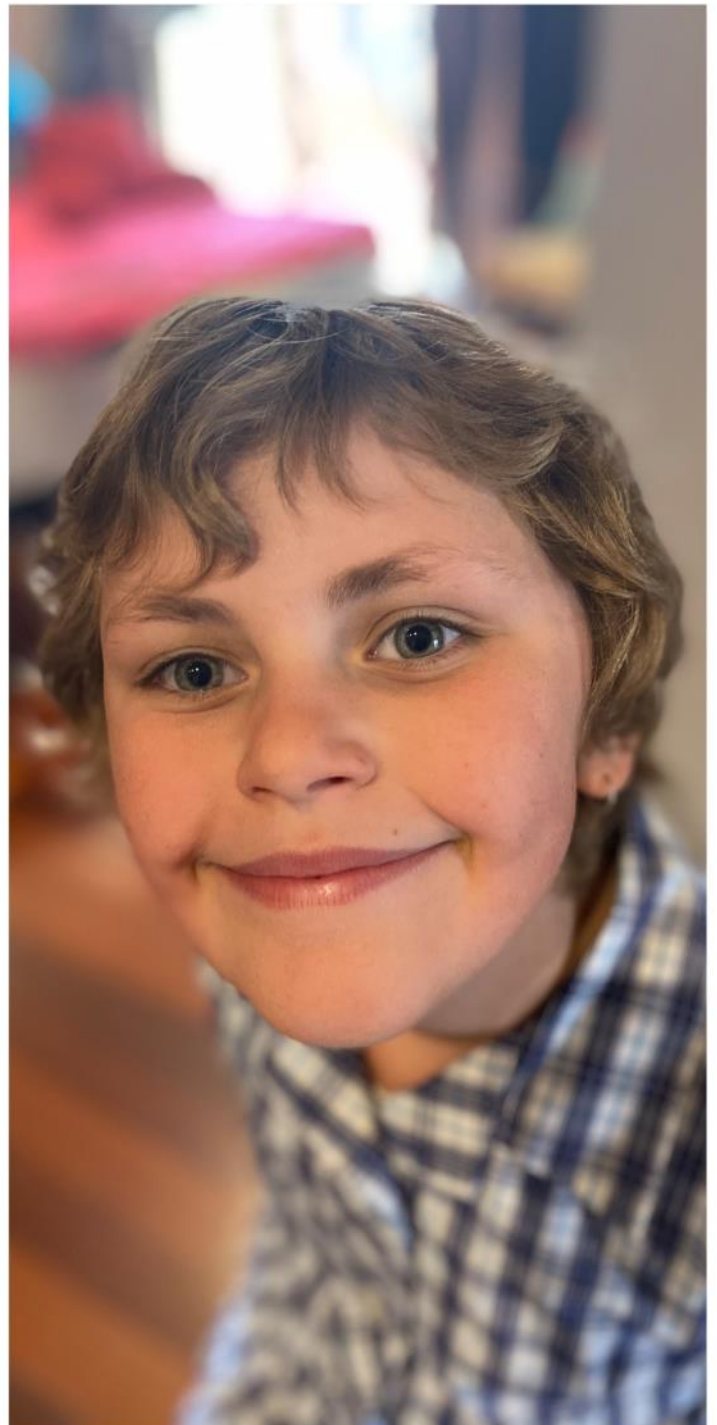




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## Providing spare clothes for your child

During winter our yard can get very wet and muddy. It is a great idea to pack a spare set of clothing in your child's school bag that they can change into if they require a change of clothes at recess and/or lunchtime. This saves getting a phone call during the day to bring some spare clothes up to school for your child.

Spare clothes are a great idea for children of all ages -  
**even the big kids!**

## WINTER GERMS

Unfortunately there are many germs around at this time of year. If your child appears to be unwell, please keep them at home so as not to spread any illnesses which may impact on other students learning.

## Use of Staff Car Park

In the interest of safety, parents and students are NOT permitted to access the school through the staff car parks before or after school.

Staff car parks are out of bounds to all pedestrian and motor traffic other than staff themselves.

There are multiple pedestrian paths/access points to facilitate SAFE entry to our school.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the kerbside doors, away from traffic.





# Officer Auskick 2021



Auskick Centre of the Year 2019  
Casey Cardinia Region

**Officer Recreation Reserve (Western Oval)  
20 Starling Road Officer**

**Sunday's 9:00am to 10:30am - Begins 18 April**

To register go to [www.playafl/auskick](http://www.playafl/auskick) and find the Officer Auskick Centre

**LET'S DO THIS**

LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS, GET OUTSIDE AND MAKE SOME FRIENDS. PLAY SUNCORP NETSETGO AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE.



VENUE

Cardinia Life, 4 Olympic Way Pakenham

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

Net – Wednesdays 4.00-4.50pm, Set – Wednesdays 5.00-5.50pm

START DATE

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

CONTACT

For more information contact: [netball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au](mailto:netball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au)

Find your nearest centre at [play.netball.com.au](http://play.netball.com.au)

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