

## NEWSLETTER

### 3rd September 2020

## Principal's Report

The live Google Meet classes have been a highlight for our staff and students over the last fortnight. The feedback from our students has been overwhelmingly positive. For many of us, interacting with others is what we would like to be doing more of each day.

Overwhelmingly, the students have expressed how much they have missed their teachers and their friends. Being able to chat with teachers and friends has enhanced the learning and lifted everyone's spirits.

Our teachers and education support staff have loved the opportunity to connect with our students, being able to see everyone on the screens, answering questions and providing instant feedback has been enjoyable. The social interactions and playing games such as trivia competitions, scavenger hunts and 'Guess Who' has provided time for students and teachers to simply spend some time together.

Considering the difficulties faced throughout the term, it is great to see the learning being completed by our students.

Many students have been having a go and working through some problem solving tasks in Mathematics. They have demonstrated strategic thinking and very creative responses to the tasks.

Our year 2 students have designed and created some interesting items that could be used in the home that have been built using things from nature. The ideas and creations were broad and innovative.

It has been interesting hearing from the year 6 students and their learning and understandings from their unit of "Discovering Democracy".

Our year one students enthusiastically got involved in their Fruity Friday theme and the Preps funny face videos certainly made us smile.

This week I also had the opportunity to get some ideas and opinions from our year 3 students. In the form of a letter, the students are writing to outline why they believe

PLPS is a great place to learn. A few letters have arrived today and I look forward to reading them and gaining some insight and feedback from our students in year 3.

Since our school commenced operating in 2009, one of our key priorities has been 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.

The survey has traditionally been completed in term 2. Due to Covid-19, it is anticipated our students will complete the survey early next term. The questions being asked within the survey will also differ slightly from past years due to the remote and flexible learning program.

This survey will be 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.

With term three school holidays approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is again providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Please note that only students who are enrolled at our school will be eligible to participate in the vacation care program.

Parents who are currently using the service will receive information from OSHClub. For parents who are not currently using these services, a flyer outlining the vacation care program has been included in this newsletter for your information. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

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

**NOTICE - ALLERGY** - Please ensure all food is nut free

**EX** CURSION

**IN** CURSION

**Monday 21 September**

**A BURST OF COLOUR**

IN-SERVICE

Who doesn't love a bit of colour? Join us as we splash about in our own world of colourful fun.



**Monday 28 September**

**CLAY CRAZY**

IN-SERVICE

Let your imagination come to life as we get our hands dirty moulding and sculpting with clay. What will you create?



**Tuesday 22 September**

**A DAY IN THE OUTBACK**

IN-SERVICE

Today we head outdoors. Saddle up and ride into the wide brown land that we call the great Australian Outback.



**Tuesday 29 September**

**CLICK AND KNIT**

IN-SERVICE

Learn the craft that our nannas used to do as we hear the click clack of the needles and create our own woollen crafts.



**Wednesday 23 September**

**A THEATRICAL WORLD**

IN-SERVICE

Lights, camera, action! Children will love being the stars of their own show. Recreate your own version of myths, legends & fantasies!



**Wednesday 30 September**

**DISCO FEVER**

IN-SERVICE

Come dressed in your shiniest disco gear and get set for a day filled with foot-stomping music and crazy dance moves!



**Thursday 24 September**

**ALIEN ADVENTURE**

IN-SERVICE

Making alien spaceships and playing space games is just a few spacey things we are going to do today.



**Thursday 01 October**

**EVERY CHILD IS UNIQUE**

IN-SERVICE

From your fingerprint to your personality, every child is unique. Today we will celebrate the uniqueness of our little community.



**Friday 25 September**

**AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS**

IN-SERVICE

What makes a great story? Let your creativity flow as we discover the world of books and drawing today!

Get the paper out guys lets makes some books



**Friday 02 October**

**MOVIE MANIA**

IN-SERVICE

Are you a movie buff? Let's get the popcorn ready and test your knowledge on some classic movies. Lights, camera, action, here we go!



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Vacation Care

**OSHClub**  
Before & After School Care



### Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

### What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



### We are a child safe organisation



### What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



### Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

### Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



### Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au). Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing [oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au](mailto:oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au)

### Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit [www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ](http://www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ)

### Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0438 559 017 for staffing purposes.





# Your Community- Your Say



Council would like to hear how children would like to share their ideas about their community.

Provide feedback online by visiting:

<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/your-say/child-survey>

Closes: 6 September 2020



For more information: Contact Nat Noonan, Community Engagement Officer [n.noonan@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:n.noonan@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 1300 787 624

Web: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)



# Art Smart Online

## FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

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- The kids will produce amazing art!
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