

NEWSLETTER

22nd July 2021

Principal's Report

It was great to see our students and staff return to school for the beginning of term three last Monday, after the holiday break. I enjoyed sharing stories with the students about the many experiences they enjoyed throughout the school holidays.

Unfortunately, in the current climate, circumstances can change very quickly, and we have once again been required to revert to remote and flexible learning. I would like to thank and commend our staff, students and our families for their flexibility and understanding with the current arrangements. We are all hopeful of returning to school next week.

As outlined in previous correspondence, a priority for our students is the connectedness to school and their peers. The daily Google Meets for each year level provides the opportunity for teachers and students to get together and interact. It has been great to see so many of our students participating and being involved in their Google Meets.

All the information, links and learning tasks for our students are available on their Google Classroom. Students are able to contact and interact with their teachers also through Google Classrooms.

With information and exposure sites for COVID-19 regularly and rapidly changing and being closer to our area, can families please keep up to date with the latest health advice enabling swift responses or action to be taken if required.

There have been some staff changes for the beginning of term 3. I am pleased to welcome Rachael Bennett back to PLPS and our teaching team. Rachael has returned from family leave to join Sherryn Lowndes in our Visual Arts team. I would like to welcome two new members joining our PLPS team, they are Steven Runting and Casey Howard. Steven has joined the year 5 and 6 teaching team to facilitate and assist with our in-class support program. Casey has joined our year 2 team. She is replacing Aisha Phillips, who is finishing tomorrow afternoon and commencing her maternity leave. We wish Aisha and her family all the best with their new addition to the family.

We received some exciting news over the school holidays. On behalf of our school community I would like to congratulate Stephanie Nellen in year 6 on her achievement of being selected for the Victorian state basketball team. There are further details together with a photo of Stephanie in her Victoria state uniform in this newsletter. We wish her the best of success with this opportunity she has secured.

Although it is only early term three, already planning has commenced for our 2022 school year with a number of management processes commencing, including the crucial strategies around our staffing profile for next year. The main component around this key planning aspect is ensuring we have accurate data around our student enrolments for 2022.

Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. If you are intending to enrol your child for Prep at PLPS for next year, it would be much appreciated if you can address this so your child may participate in our Transition program, which will be beginning early next term. If you are aware of any families who are considering our school for their child next year, it would be much appreciated if you could encourage them to contact our school and arrange their enrolment. Thank you for your support and assistance with this important part of our planning for the future.

Information and school tour afternoons have been scheduled, but due to current restrictions will once again need to be postponed. All families who have booked to come along next week will be contacted with further information. At this stage we have been able to facilitate one information and tour afternoon and it was lovely to meet prospective parents and students and share with them the educational opportunities provided at PLPS. We look forward to when we can facilitate these sessions once again.

We are currently finalising our plans for the year 3 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort and are extremely hopeful that the restrictions will change in time for our staff and students to attend as planned. Information has been posted on Compass outlining what is required for us to be prepared for camp. We will be eagerly awaiting Victorian Government and Department of Education guidelines in relation to school camps and will communicate this to year 3 families as soon as it becomes available.

Towards the end of last term, you may have seen some staff and students wearing our new school beanie. The beanies are a new addition to our uniform list and have been a very popular item for the colder winter weather. The beanies can be purchased for \$12.50 at the school office or through the PSW uniform shop in Officer.

Our school photos are scheduled for next Thursday, July 29th. If this date needs to be re-scheduled, this information will be communicated as soon as possible.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Thursday 29th July: Whole School Photos

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)

CSEF

Applications for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) have been extended to Friday 13 August.

The CSEF helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Families with a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply.

The means-tested concession cards must be valid on either:

- the first day of Term 1 (Wednesday 27 January 2021)
- the first day of Term 2 (Monday 19 April 2021)
- the first day of Term 3 (Monday 12 July 2021).

If you haven't already applied for CSEF this year or if your circumstances have recently changed, please visit our office to complete an application form.

If you are unsure whether you are eligible, please contact the office on 5940 9532.

STATE TEAM SUCCESS

We received some wonderful sporting news over the school holidays. Stephanie Nellen from 6W was one of thousands of under 12 students across the state to take part in the Team Vic selection trials. Talented students from all over Victoria were nominated by their schools for various sports. The process involved students taking part in a series of trials with the aim of eventually being picked for the Victorian state team. Steph was nominated for basketball and after 3 tough rounds she was finally informed that she was successful in making the team. To put this achievement into perspective, she is the first student in the school's 13-year history to make it all the way and be selected for one of the Victorian teams in any sport. We are all very proud of Steph and wish her every success for the rest of the year.



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Outside School Hours Care



Cooking corner Recipe of the month

Cauliflower, Cheese & Chicken Patties
(Great for a sneaky veg meal)

Ingredients.

1 Small Whole Cauliflower.

500g Chicken Mince.

2 Cloves Garlic crushed.

1 Egg beaten.

1 Tablespoon Chopped Parsley.

2 Cups Pizza Cheese mix.

or alternatively use

1cup mozzarella.

½ Cup grated Parmesan.

½ Cup Grated Cheddar.

Salt & Black Pepper.

1-2 Cup Panko crumbs. (to coat)

Olive oil for cooking.

METHOD:

Bring a large pan of water to the boil (don't salt it).

Cut the cauliflower into florets and cook until tender & soft.

Drain and allow to cool slightly before chopping into small pieces.

Add garlic, chicken mince, egg, Cheese, parsley to the cooked chopped cauliflower.

Mix well until combined and the cauliflower has broken down further.

Use a ¼ cup measure (3 tablespoons) and divide the mixture into patties.

Place panko crumbs onto a plate and coat the patties with the panko crumbs.

Place a large heavy based fry pan over a medium heat.

Add a splash or two of olive oil.

Cook the patties until golden on each side.

(Don't have temp. to high as they will brown before chicken mince is cooked thru)

Drain patties on paper towel.



What's new @ OSH

Our team is growing

During vacation care we welcome two new permanent educators to the OSH team. We welcome James & Julienne. Both are studying to become teachers & have developed wonderful bonds with the children that have attended OSHClub. We are so happy to have them both join our team!

Changes to breakfast @ OSH

Recently at OSH the educators & coordinator have been discussing the menu & as a team we have decided to no longer provide toasted sandwiches every morning. We feel toasted sandwiches, wraps ect are a special and should be placed on the menu at least once to three times a week but no more than that. We want to encourage the children to eat other things too. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



Our Snapshot:



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Did you know?

Did you know that recently we implemented OSHClub's?

Do you know what OSHClub's is?

Would your child like to join an OSHClub?

Want to know more information?

As part of the OSHClub we have implemented Club's. This term our clubs are art which is held every Tuesday & Sports which is held every Thursday.

Come & be apart of an OSHClub today!



Parent & community update

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.

It is the responsibility of families to ensure they are providing correct information regarding their child's medical condition. We can no longer accept children who have expired medical paperwork or no medical paperwork due to the health & safety of the child. Each term this is checked by the coordinator & it is the family's responsibility to update these as needed & requested by OSHClub.



Friendly reminder

Please ensure if your child is absent, you text or call the service phone to let the educators know please.



Donations

At OSHClub we always welcome donations. If you would like to donate resources to our service, please come pass our service. We are located next to the gym, on the side of the carpark. We appreciate any donations including but not limited to, books, toys, building resources, barbies, dolls, kitchen accessories, paper, pens ect.

We believe it's important to recycle and re-use.

Thank you



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