

NEWSLETTER

24th March 2022

Principal's Report

It has been a busy couple of weeks at PLPS welcoming back events and activities for our students.

Last Monday we conducted our 2022 Leadership assembly where we recognised and acknowledged our 2022 team of student leaders.

I am pleased to announce our student leadership team for 2022:

School Captain: Keira Nguyen

School Captain: William Tuck

SRC Captains

Alyssa Law-Doll, Megan Halkyard, Liz Stoupansky, Molly Dobell, Sinuki Dissanayake, Ruby Vanderveen, Lakshanya Vats and Evie Spinks.

House Captain – Botanic: Lily Whitford

House Captain – Botanic: Harrison Lora

House Captain – Creekwood: Harper Pierce

House Captain – Creekwood: Kayden Judd

House Captain – Parkway: Jess Foster

House Captain – Parkway: Egere Feyera

House Captain – Waterford: Kiera Hellyer

House Captain – Waterford: Levi Harkness

Congratulations to our student leaders and I look forward to working with you during 2022.

Today, March 24th, Mrs Webster and I will have had the pleasure of accompanying our eighteen student leaders into the city to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. GRIP Leadership is a values driven, independent organisation who develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. The values driving the organisation are: Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. Some of the topics to be covered throughout the day are: Leading the Way, Generosity and Ideas to Lead the Way. We are all looking forward to participating in a day of learning and development, together with having the opportunity for our students to use and implement their ideas and learnings back at school. I look forward to reporting back to our community in later newsletters.

This week our students have recognised and celebrated Harmony Week with a variety of activities. Please see the report Mrs Krstevski has compiled with an overview of the week. With orange being the colour representing Harmony, students are encouraged to add a splash of orange to their casual outfit on Friday.

On Monday we conducted our annual School Fun Run and House Cross Country event for all students in years Prep to Six. Through their participation, all the students contributed points to their house total. It was great to see students decked out in their house colours, this created a sense of fun and comradery. In addition to the house competition, our cross country was aligned to our school's fun run which is a fundraising event. I would like to sincerely thank our school community for their fundraising efforts and contributions. I look forward to sharing with our school community the final figure raised and how the funds can be used to support our students learning and development. I would like to thank Mr Vann and Mr Seton for their organisation, and also the many parents and family members who came along to support their children and cheer them on from the side lines.

From this cross-country event, we will also be selecting our inter-school team, which will compete and represent PLPS at the District cross-country next term.

Recently, information pertaining to our Easter Raffle being organised by our PFA was communicated to our families. Tomorrow, March 25th, students are invited to donate an item to be included in the Easter Hampers, as well as participate in a casual dress day. It is expected suitable and regular clothing and enclosed footwear to be worn. Thank you to the many families who have already purchased tickets for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, April 6th.

With school holidays fast approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is providing their 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 will be included in the OSHClub Newsletter that will be uploaded on Compass. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

On Friday, April 8th, our first term of 2022 will conclude at the earlier dismissal time of 2:15pm. Parents need to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children at this earlier dismissal time. Our OSHClub will be operating from this earlier time to support parents and families who require this service.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 18th February - Friday 25th March: Summer Interschool Sports

Friday 1st April: Year 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership

Friday 8th April: Last Day of Term 1 - **Early Dismissal time 2:15pm**

Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th May : "That's Not My Name!" Junior Concert

ICY POLE FRIDAY



We will be selling
lemonade icy poles at lunch time on
Fridays during term 1.

Icy poles are \$1.20 each and can be
purchased from the Canteen.

**Note: The last day for Icy Poles in Term 1
will be Friday 1st April.**

Canteen

The last day for Canteen
for Term 1 will be
Thursday 7th April.

The first day for canteen
for Term 2 will be
Tuesday 26th April.



PLPS Bucket Hats

We currently have our old
style bucket hats available
for sale from the office at
the discounted price of
\$10.00

These hats are no longer
available at PSW.

Hats



Hats are part of our school uniform in
Term 1.

It is strongly recommended that all students have
their hats on when they play out in the yard at recess
and lunch time.

Please remember to label your hats too!

Year 3 Inquiry

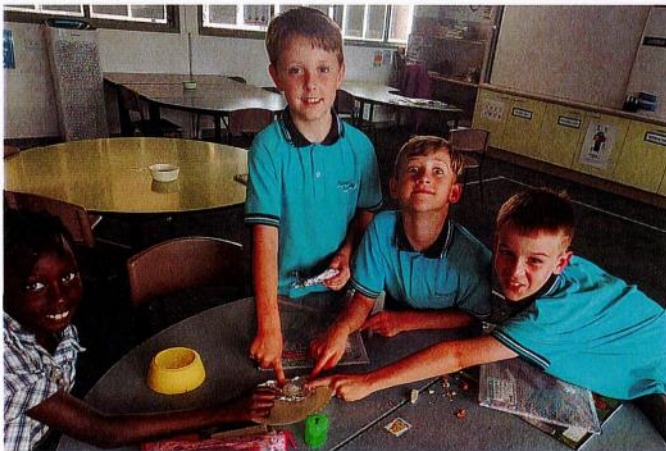
The Year 3 students have been exploring heat throughout our Science unit called 'The Heat Is On'.

Students have been safety conducting heat themed science experiments that focus on how heat energy can be produced, conducted and transferred.

What materials insulate?

For this experiment students were given a range of materials to choose from and an ice cube. The aim of the experiment was to create the best insulator to keep your ice cube from melting

"We keep warm by using a blanket as an insulator"
Zara, Emaleigh and Ivy



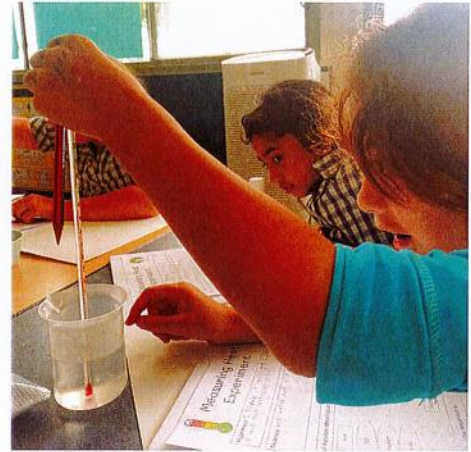
"The foil is made of metal and that conducts heat"
Blessing, Kurtis, Harry and Nathan



"We used cotton balls because wool is an insulator"
Boston and Alisa

How does heat change?

For this experiment students learnt how to measure heat using a thermometer. They discovered that overtime boiling water will cool and become the same temperature as the room it is in.



"The water was hot, but now it is just warm"
Sandali and Tori

"The red inside the thermometer keeps going down"
Oliver and Lilly

What are the sources of heat?

For this experiment students learnt how heat energy can be produced through 3 sources- kinetic, electrical and chemical.



"Rubbing the balloon on my head made my hair stand up"
Roy, Ridhay, Joanne, Zoe and Noel

"The baking soda made air go into the balloon and blow it up"
Sherilyn, Nathan, Harley, Olivia and Ivy

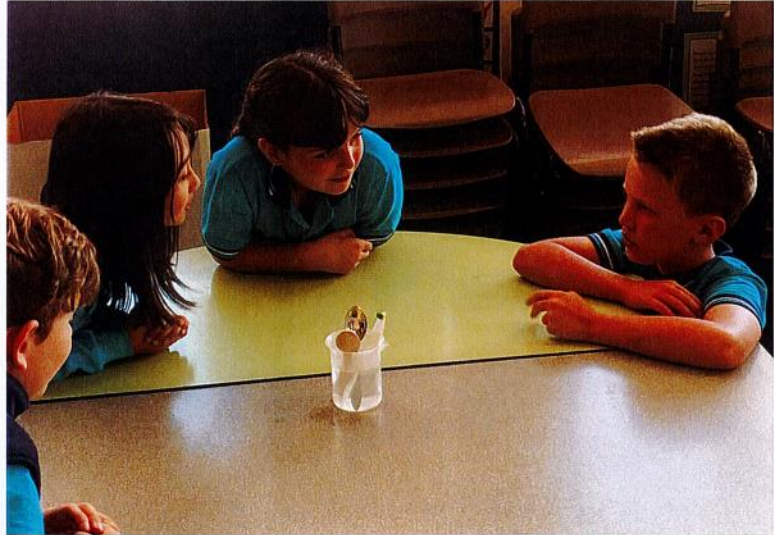


How is heat transferred?

The aim of the experiment was to discover which material was the best conductor of heat. Whilst doing so, students learnt how heat energy is transferred from one object to another.

"Wood was not good at transferring heat. It came last"

Mitchell, Eliza, Haileigh and Lincoln



"The heat was transferred from the hot water to the spoon. The hot spoon melted the butter and made the bead fall"

Yuei, Scarlett and Isabella

"The metal spoon was the winner. It melted the butter first"

Kainen, Athiei, Ivy, Accaylia, Radeesha and Mehardeep



School Fun Run

What a great day we all had at the *School Fun Run*! Congratulations to all our students, parents and teachers who got out there and made our day such a blast!

It's an exciting time as we now get to focus on the prizes you've worked so hard to achieve. We are still fundraising until the **Monday 28th March** so please keep fundraising.

If you have already hit your fundraising target, why not increase it and either get a better prize, or a 2nd prize? We still need to raise **\$2000** so don't be afraid to share your link some more. After that date you will be able to log on to your profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au to order your prize.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have selected a 'Goal' prize, this will not be ordered for you – you still need to log on to order your prize.



That's not my Name!

Tickets for our Prep and Grade One "That's Not My Name!" Junior Concert have now gone on sale. Order forms were sent home with every child and put on COMPASS. If you would like to order tickets, please either send the form back or call/visit the school office.

First round sale is a limit of 3 tickets per family.

Please purchase your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Second round sale begins Monday 2nd of May if there are any tickets remaining.

**The concert performances are on
Tuesday 10h May & Wednesday 11th May @7pm**



Round 4 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is NOW OPEN!

Do your children love sport and getting active? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost associated with your child's sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible children must be Victorian residents, aged 18 and under and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as Medicare card.

Additionally, special consideration also applies for children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students. Please refer to the Program Guidelines for more information.

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Sporting pursuits, swimming lessons and outdoor active recreation programs are examples of eligible activities under the Program.

The Program encourages kids to re-engage or to participate for the first time in new activities by reducing the cost of participation which can be a significant barrier to participation.

You can claim one voucher per eligible child in round 4.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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 for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician



If you are in Yr 3-6 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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NEWS

The SRC will continue with our Project teams this year. Here is some information about our Project Teams and our first initiatives this year.



Planet protectors aim to keep our school yard environment clean and tidy, look after our plants and nature and help protect our planet. We wear BLUE jackets when helping outside. If you see us at lunch or snack, please come and say hello! The Planet protectors planted some plants and trees around the school a few years ago and they continue to grow! Please make sure you look after our plants and don't step on them when you are outside playing. Also, a quick reminder to please wear your hat outside for the rest of this term and to take minimal rubbish outside. We continue with our Nude Food Fridays initiative.

Nude Food Fridays:

Don't forget that Nude Food Fridays have already started this term!

EVENT FACTS	
<p>WHAT IS NUDE FOOD DAY?</p> <p>Nude Food Day is a nationwide initiative from Nude Food Movers in conjunction with Nutrition Australia.</p> <p>Nude Food Day was created to educate and encourage kids, parents, teachers and schools on the importance on packing healthy, rubbish free lunches. It's all about spreading the Nude Food message "Healthy Body + Healthy Planet" all around the world.</p>	<p>HOW DOES IT WORK?</p> <p>Schools, teachers, students who are encouraged to celebrate any day or everyday throughout the month of October.</p> <p>They can celebrate as little or as big as they like! Some schools have a nude food picnic, run waste audits, hold class room lessons focused on surrounding health and environment and others run 30 day Nude Food Lunch challenges.</p>
<p>FAST FACTS!</p> <p>The event has been running for 8 Years and counting!</p> <p>Over \$80,000 given back to schools and wider community</p> <p>Over 2,000 Schools involved since inception</p> <p>Participation of over 1 million students</p>	<p>In 2017 we launched the Nude Food Grant School Program!</p> <p>NUDE FOOD GRANT SCHOOL PROGRAM</p> <p>Helping Aussie Schools - ONE GRANT AT A TIME</p> A row of colorful cartoon fruits and vegetables including a green cucumber, a purple eggplant, a red tomato, an orange, a green pear, a red apple, and a carrot.

Earth Hour/Tech Free Hour

At our first meeting for this year, the SRC have decided that they would like each classroom to implement a "tech free hour" on Friday 25th March to acknowledge Earth Hour, which takes place annually on Saturday March 26th. The purpose of this day is to highlight the importance of protecting our planet and nature and raise awareness that consuming energy at our present high levels is having a negative impact on our planet. For more information you can go to:

<https://www.earthhour.org.au/>



The Social Saviours team help students in the yard when someone has no one to play with or when they are having problems with friends and other students in the yard. The aim of the Social Saviours is to help students solve these problems or direct them to the nearest yard duty teacher. We wear the RED vests when we are in the yard so you can easily see us. Please come to us if you have a problem and ask for assistance. We also have a Buddy Benches you can sit on where buddies can come and join you! We also aim to highlight social events during the year. The first event we would like to celebrate is Harmony Week.

Coming up

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is celebrated in the week of 21st – 27th March. The aim of Harmony Week is to recognise diversity and multiculturalism in Australian through inclusive activities. Harmony Week is all about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. The theme is "**everyone belongs**". At PLPS, students will be taking part in activities that promote inclusiveness and the theme of "everyone belongs".

Preps are learning about diversity in families and making buddies.

Year 1 students have been reading about how we are all different and making a "people" display to show that even though they we are all different, we all belong.

Year 2 students will be making a Harmony Day display around this year's theme "Everyone Belongs".



Year 3 students will be making people chains where they will design their own person (in traditional dress or their favourite outfit) and then the people will be linked together to create a chain.



Year 4 students will be mapping their ancestry or country of origin on a cohort world map. They will also create a "Everyone Belongs in Year 4" banner where we acknowledge the different races, cultures, backgrounds and religions we have.

Each Year 5 student traced around their hand and decorated it. All hands were then put into a peace sign display with a banner reading "We are all different and special" "Everyone belongs". We discussed what Harmony Day represents and why it is important to celebrate it!



Each day the **Year 6 students**, as part of their Community Meets, will be reading texts that link to diversity, perspective and inclusion. Students will be discussing these themes during the week and linking these ideas to our History unit which explores immigration, including the challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas, and encouragement and mutual respect. Students can choose to wear a splash of orange tomorrow Friday 25th March, on our Free Dress Day to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia and celebrate Harmony Week.



The Classy Classroom Project Team aims to find ways to make sure that our classrooms are a great place for learning. It's about feeling safe in your classroom environment, knowing that it's okay to ask for help if you need it, having a go and being supported by your classmates. It's also about feeling comfortable - having an orderly environment and feeling that you belong. At the beginning of each school year, students become familiar with our school values; what they mean and what they look like in the classroom; INTEGRITY, RESPONSIBILITY, TOLERANCE, RESPECT AND CO-OPERATION. Each year level also develops their classroom expectations at the beginning of each year in collaboration with the students. Here is an example of the classroom expectations that have been developed by the teachers and students in the Year 6 Team:



Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle and Casual Dress Day Reminder

Tomorrow **Friday 25th March** students are invited to donate an item to be included in our Easter raffle prizes and participate in a casual-dress day. Suitable footwear and clothing are expected to be worn, no thongs or singlets please.

To highlight the conclusion of Harmony Week, students may like to add a splash of orange to their casual outfit.

The Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 6th April and winners will be acknowledged via a Compass post that afternoon. There will be a hamper and winner drawn from each home group!

Suggestions for items to donate may include wrapped Easter eggs and chocolate, Easter themed items, soft toys, books, small games and colouring books.

If you would like to buy additional raffle tickets they can be collected from the school office.

Funds raised will contribute to the Parents & Friends Association (PFA) initiatives that benefit all students. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PLPS Parents & Friends





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6pm

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