

NEWSLETTER

4th August 2022

Principal's Report

Although it is only early term three, already planning has commenced for our 2023 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 2023. Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. If you are intending to enroll 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 sessions and school tours have been scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th and August 24th at 9.30am. If you would like to participate in one of these sessions, please contact the school office on 5940 9532 to make a booking as numbers are limited.

An open afternoon for parents and students to visit the current Prep learning spaces has been scheduled for Monday, September 12th, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Learning spaces will be open for students to participate in a variety of activities and meet our current Prep and Specialist teachers.

Yesterday, our Preps students were very excited and had an enjoyable day celebrating being at school for 101 days. It is incredible the amount of learning and growth they have demonstrated over this time. The students celebrated through participating in some special activities such as making cookies to take home and bringing along a special lunch for the day.

One of the highlights of our school calendar is the celebration of Book Week. The theme this year is "Dreaming with eyes open.." and the celebrations will take place from Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August. One of the highlights will be students coming to school dressed as their favourite book character on Tuesday, August 23rd. Each year level will also organise some special activities or events within their learning space to promote the love of reading and books.

The sporting calendar has been very busy of late and continuing to fill with Hooptime and final playoffs for some of our winter sports teams. On Friday, August 12th thirty eight students from years 5 & 6 will be attending Hooptime at the Cardinia Life Stadium. Many thanks to Mr Vann and Mr Seton for their organisation and preparation for our students to attend this event.

Three of our winter sport teams have been successful at the recent division competition and have proceeded through to the next round of competition. Our girls T-Ball will be competing on Monday, August 15th and our boys T-Ball on Tuesday, August 16th in Mornington. Our boys soccer will also be competing on Tuesday,

August 23rd at Casey Fields. Thank you to the parents who are assisting with transport to each of these events. We wish all the teams the best of luck.

Our year 2 students be attending an excursion to Gumbuya World next Wednesday, August 10th and will participate in learning activities to support their learning in their Unit of Inquiry on Australian Animals. These types of learning experiences enable our children to make real life connections to the learning that is taking place at school.

Next Thursday, August 11th, "Reptile Encounters" will be setting up in our year 1 learning space, bringing with them many mini beasts for our students to enjoy. The students will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of these creatures to extend their knowledge and understanding of mini beasts and the important role they play in our lives.

Over the past couple of years, COVID regulations have limited the role parents and volunteers have been able to play within our classrooms. As these regulations are no longer in place, we would like to invite parent helpers and volunteers back into our classrooms. There will be COVID safety measures parent and classroom helpers will need to adhere to.

In our last newsletter, an overview of the new Child Safe Standards were outlined. As part of the updated guidelines and policies, all volunteers will be required to participate in an induction session on child safety and wellbeing. Induction sessions will be conducted on Tuesday, August 9th 2.30 to 3.15 and Friday, August 19th 9.00 to 9.45am for parents and volunteers. If you are interested in assisting in our classrooms or our excursions, a link will be posted on Compass tomorrow for you to book a place for the date you can attend the presentation. Further dates will be offered and advertised later in the term. Volunteers will also need to bring a copy of their Working with Children Clearance for school records. If you would like any further information, please contact our school office on 5940 9532

We are currently finalising our plans for the year 3 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort and are very much looking forward to taking our students on camp once again. The students will be heading to camp on Wednesday, August 24th and return on Friday, August 26th. Important information has been sent home recently and is required back at school by tomorrow, Friday, August 5th. This camp presents a wonderful opportunity for our year 3 students to participate in outdoor education activities; focusing on their personal development and values education. We look forward to them sharing their learning and experiences when they return.

A curriculum day involving our staff in professional learning has been scheduled for Thursday, September 8th. This is a student free day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day's program to support our parents and families on this day. If you require this service please contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 10th August: Year 2 Gumbuya World Excursion

Thursday 11th August: Year 1 Mini Beast Incursion

Friday 12th August: Year 5/6 Hooptime (selected students)

Monday 15th August: Girls Tee-Ball Competition (selected students)

Tuesday 16th August: Balls Tee-Ball Competition (selected students)

Thursday 18th August: Additional Photo Catchup Day

Thursday 18th August: Year 6 Graduation Photo

Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August: Book Week

Tuesday 23rd August: Boys Soccer Competition (selected students)

Wednesday 24th August: Prep Book Week Incursion - Carp Productions

Wednesday 24th August - Friday 26th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Adventure Camp

Thursday 8th September: Curriculum Day (students do not attend this day)

Monday 12th September: Prep open afternoon 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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!



2023 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2023 are now open.

To register for a school tour and/or to receive an enrolment pack please call 5940 9532 or visit www.plps.vic.edu.au or the school office.

Victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge



Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

2022

A reminder to all the grade 3 - 6 students who are yet to finish the challenge, that you need to finish your reading and send in the completed chal-



We've been learning for a while,
In fact, 101 days!
We can spell, read and write,
We can count in many ways.
We've had fun and made good friends,
But it isn't over yet.
Let's keep going, going, going,
And see how smart we can get!





**101 DAYS
SMARTER**

Available now at the office.

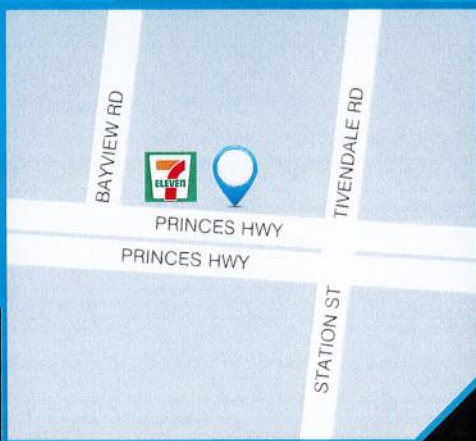
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MAKING YOUR SCHOOL LOOK GREAT

Pakenham Upper Tennis Club

Welcomes our new Head-Coach, Alex Petropoulos

Offering Coaching for all ages from Beginners to Advanced levels | Hitting Partner | High Performance

Private Coaching

Private Lessons

1hr: \$80

Semi-Private Lessons (2 people)

1hr: \$40 per person

Semi-Private Lessons (3 people)

1hr: \$30 per person

Junior Development Squad - Competitive

45min: \$20 per person

Junior Groups (13-18 years) – Social

45min: \$18 per person

Kids Groups (4-12 years) - Social

45min: \$16 per person

****Ask about our discounts for Social Groups*

Cardio Sessions

From \$20 per person

4 Synthetic Grass Tennis Courts with Lights

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