

NEWSLETTER

13th October 2022

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of our school community after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable break. On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our six new students who have enrolled at PLPS and are continuing their education at our school.

Our term 4 is looking very busy with many activities planned as we seek to continue our focus on teaching and learning, and ensuring a successful conclusion to our full year back onsite at PLPS.

For our year 6 students, it will be their final term of primary school learning before they embark on the next phase of their educational journey at their respective secondary schools. To commence their final term, most of our year 6 students set their alarms for an early start when they arrived at school last Monday at 6:30am to prepare for their departure to Canberra for their camp. The students and staff had a jammed packed week of interesting and fun experiences. As Principal, I was very proud to see and receive positive feedback from our staff team, our coach drivers and the workers at the attractions, about the manner in which our students conducted themselves when visiting the attractions and their interactions with the educators and guides. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all staff members for the time and commitment they contributed to the camp.

With the beginning of term 4, it is timely to reflect on the crucial importance of school attendance and punctuality. Our teachers and other support staff will continue to work with all families and our students to maximise their learning, growth and development for the remainder of the 2022 school year.

One of the major influences on whether your child is likely to achieve their potential at school and then later in life, is their attendance patterns at school. Research indicates strongly that those students who are frequently absent or late to school are less likely to achieve the maximum potential with their learning. They are also at risk of becoming disconnected from their peers and this has the potential to impact upon their social development within our school community.

Students who arrive late on a regular basis are missing out on important discussion time that often helps to link learning sequences together, as well as missing out on important conversations about the day's learning program and instruction. Students who are frequently absent do not have the same opportunities to develop important teacher/student relationships which are a key feature of our student support. Also, students who are regularly late or absent may become

socially disadvantaged as their friends and peers continue to develop friendship groups with others in their absence. Your child's desire to be punctual and attend school will be influenced by many factors. Our school will continue to support all of our students and their families. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child around attending school, please contact the school so we can support you and continue to assist your child with their learning and development.

You are the most important person in your child's life and you can assist your child to be an excellent school attendee by:

- helping your child to be organised with their time and being prepared for school
- setting up routines around school mornings
- aim to have your child at school every day, unless they are unwell
- plan holidays during end of term breaks
- instill the "value" of education by speaking about the importance of regular attendance
- contact our school if you require support or assistance.

Remember ***"Every Day Counts"***.

Congratulations to our PLPS All Star girls basketball Hooptime team. Last Friday the team competed at the regional finals in Dandenong and won their way through to the State Finals. The girls representing PLPS at the state finals on Monday, November 21st are; Hannah Wilson, Abby Loftus, Peyton McCandless, Harper Lubbe, Jasmine Costigan, Kythea Nelio and Lillie Blacka.

The beginning of term 4 does signify the need for all our students to be wearing their sunhats. The wearing of sunhats is an excellent habit to develop and one that we strongly encourage at school. Although our current weather is wet rather than sunny, I would ask all parents to assist us in developing this important life skill. If parents require a school sunhat for their child, they may be purchased from the PSW store in Officer or at the school office.

A reminder our staff are participating in a common professional practice day on Tuesday, October 25th. Students do not attend school on this 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 you are encouraged to contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 19th October: Southern Metro Regional Athletics (selected students only)

Monday 24th October - Friday 4th November: Year 1 Swimming Program

Tuesday 25th October: Student Free Day (students do not attend on this day)

Tuesday 1st November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (students do not attend on this day)

Wednesday 2nd November: Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion

Wednesday 2nd November - Friday 4th November: Year 4 Somers Camp

Monday 7th November - Thursday 10th November: Year 5 Beechworth Camp

Monday 21st November: State Girls Basketball Hoopetime Finals (selected students only)

Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4.

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

Please remember to label your hats too!



2023 Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2023 are now open.

Enrolment Packs for 2023 can be collected from the school office or by contacting the office on 5940 9532.



ICY POLE FRIDAY

We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 4.

Icy poles are \$1.40 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.

Year 6 PLPS Canberra Camp 2022

By Yusra and Jamey

Last week, the Year Six Cohort went on camp to the Australian Capital Territory. We went for five days and four nights and had an extremely great time. The duration of the bus trip to Canberra was ten hours with stops for recess and lunch. We arrived at school at 6:30 am in Monday morning excited for the adventure ahead.

Monday 3rd October



The first part of our trip felt like the longest one, so people were getting a bit tired and fell asleep on the bus. Once the first stop was over everyone had a lot more energy for the rest of the bus ride. Most people got all their energy out when we stopped which made the ride a lot more fun and enjoyable. In the last hour of the ride we got our camp activity booklets which kept many of us engaged.

After we arrived at the motel, we were handed our keys and had some time in our cabins with our roommates. That night, we had a games night. We completed different challenges in groups we were able to choose from. We all went back to our cabins and went to sleep that night.



Tuesday 4th October



Once everyone woke up the next day we got ready in our cabins and went to eat breakfast. After breakfast, we continued on with our day and did many fun activities. While we were on the way to Old Parliament House, we saw embassies and high commissions of countries around the world. The buildings were very well decorated and we had lots of fun looking at them.

When we finished, we went to Old Parliament House and learnt about the House of Representatives and the Senate. When we were in Old Parliament House we had two tour guides to show us around and tell us how they did things such as deciding a new law and how that process went. We also had to wear white gloves so we didn't put any fingerprints on any valuable items in the house.

We stopped for a snack then went over to the Electoral Commission and got to hear about how new laws are made and how they vote for new members to parliament through the preferential voting system. We got to do a role play so we could see how it feels to vote and how preferences are used. Everyone was so entertained and engaged since it was really fun. Next we went to Parliament House. Once we arrived the teachers took us to the Lego room which had a Lego version of the new parliament house. Once our tour guides were ready they took us through the House of Representatives and Senate. It was a lot like old parliament house but they had some new rules since it is more modern and it was much larger due to more representatives in parliament.

That evening we went to the Dinosaur Museum and learnt about what dinosaur life was like more than 60 million years ago and the three eras of the dinosaur period. These three eras involve the Triassic (the early Jurassic), the Jurassic (the middle Jurassic) and the Cretaceous (the late Jurassic.) We visited the aquamarine period, the jungle period and the desert period too.



Wednesday 5th October

On Wednesday we proceeded to do the same morning routine as Tuesday and then headed onto the buses to start our day. First we went to the Government House where we got to learn about the Governor-General who replaces the King when they are deciding law in the House of Representatives and the Senate.



We then visited Geoscience Australia. We had two guides named Joe and Katy. Joe informed us about earthquakes and different rocks and minerals, and then we set out to explore the amazing artifacts. Then, Katy informed us about how the earth was formed.

During the day, we also went to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). There were a range of different exercises that we could use such as, bike and canoe races, a skiing simulator, a basketball hoop, a balance scale and many more sporting activities. It was very fun, we got super sweaty and we had a great time.

The National Capital Authority was the last thing we did on Wednesday. There, we learnt about Australia's history during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. There, we saw the different names that were suggested for Canberra, and completed an activity in groups where we had to design Canberra using our own likes and dislikes.

Thursday 6th October

Thursday was our second last day, after we got ready and ate breakfast we went to the Royal Australian Mint which is where they make coins. Our tour guide Andrew took us to see what currency they used as money in the 1790s-1810s which happens to be rum. We also got to see how coins are made nowadays, but don't you think it's weird that people make money to earn money?

After the Royal Australian Mint, we visited the National Museum and the National Library. At the library, we saw ancient newspapers that go back to the eighteenth century. Then, at the National Museum we heard about stories and looked at paintings and other artifacts.



In addition to the museum and library, we also visited the Australian War Memorial. We learnt about the Turkish-Australian war in 1915 at Gallipoli. There was a list of all the names of people who served in the war carved on the stone with poppies around their names.

When we were finished we went to Mount Ainslie. When we got on the top of the mountain, the view was amazing that we could even see Parliament House and all around Canberra. At the bottom of the hill we could also see rabbits jumping and finding food.



The last thing we did on Thursday was trivia. Like Monday, we had to form groups. One of the activities we did was silent karaoke. In silent karaoke, you had to select a song and then make the best performance. The judges were the teachers. We all had a great laugh at some of the performances and it was a great way to end our camp.

Friday 7th October

All the year 6 students and teacher woke up for another long bus trip. When we arrived back at school we saw most people's parents or siblings or guardians to pick them up. As you can see, we had a lot of fun during camp and it was an amazing experience.





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KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

We invite our 2023 Year 7 Students and Parents to our Information Night and for Pizza and BBQ Thursday 3rd of November from 5pm - 6:30pm, or alternatively please contact the College to book an on-site tour.

For further information, please contact Mr Todd Slater (Assistant Principal) or Ms Yvette Galavovic (Year 7 Learning Community Leader.)



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Our school aims to provide a quality education for all students:

- Friendly, caring environment
- Supportive Learning Communities complemented by a strong House system.
- SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) Program for gifted students.
- Extensive Sports, Music, Creative and Performing Arts programs
- State of the Art Year Level Learning Centres.
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program.

Learn more information about:

- Transition from Grade 6 to Year 7.
- Our Learning Communities and facilities.
- SEAL Program application process.
- School Bus Transport.
- Inclusive Education Program.
- Extra-curricular programs provided by the school, including the instrumental Music Program.
- Hear from our students about their school experiences.

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Library membership is FREE and we DO NOT charge overdue fines.

Please complete the membership form attached and return it to Pakenham Library or to your school or kinder.

Free membership will get your child:

- A limited Edition Sid the Sloth Membership Card
- A limited Edition Sid the Sloth Library Bag
- Entry into a competition to win either a \$100 Lunar Drive In voucher or \$100 Toymate voucher

At Pakenham Library you can:

- Borrow books for fun and to improve your child's literacy
- Borrow books to help you with the Premier's Reading Challenge or other reading challenges
- Borrow non-fiction books about all sorts of things to extend your child's reading interests and learning
- Borrow bilingual children's books to read in your home language and English.

Pakenham Library offers a free space to study and hang out, free children's and adult programs, free Wi-Fi, free use of computers, gaming consoles, many free online resources, staff who can help with finding information and more.

We can't wait to see you at the library.

Kind Regards,

Ivy Tucker
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- You are responsible for all items borrowed on your card or any card held by your children or de-pendents under the age of 18.
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The Golden Rule – Respect the rights of all library users to have an enjoyable and pleasant experience.

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1. Our libraries are shared spaces where everyone can come together to read, create and learn.
2. We love sharing our stuff, but you need to be a member to borrow items or use equipment – so join the library – it is free!
3. We love good humour and it is ok to have fun in our libraries. Happy noise is OK, but yelling is not.
4. You are welcome to bring food and non-alcoholic drinks into our library as long as you are consid-erate of other library users, equipment and materials.
5. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for the people in your care at all times.
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- ✓ Skills Practice
- ✓ Ideal for Beginners
- ✓ Modified Games
- ✓ Match Play
- ✓ Suitable Equipment

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**Location: Pakenham Lakeside Primary School, 23
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Day: Saturdays

**Start Date: 8th October (no classes 29th October due to
Melbourne Cup weekend)**

End Date: 3rd December

**Times: 5 + 6 year olds - 10:00am to 10:45am
7 to 9 year olds - 10:45am to 11:30am**



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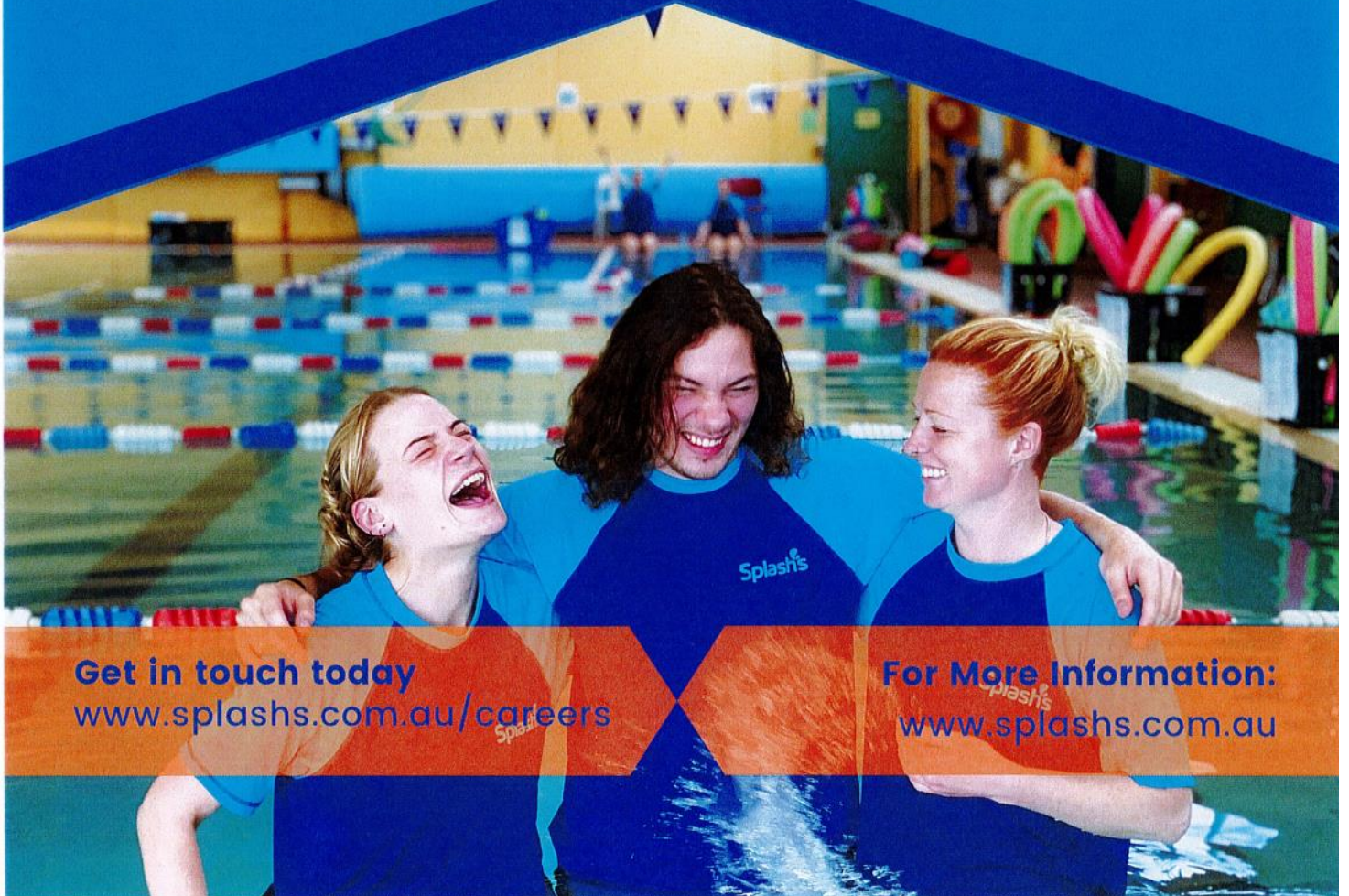
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