

NEWSLETTER

10th November 2022

Principal's Report

It has been a very busy couple of weeks at PLPS with a variety of camps, incursions and excursions involving many year levels across the school.

Last week our year four students had their three day camp to Woorabinda. Although the weather was quite wet, particularly on the first day, our students involved themselves in all the activities offered at Woorabinda Camp. It was great to see many students attempt some of the challenging and new activities such as the high ropes course, with many overcoming their nerves and completing the course.

Today, our year five students and staff returned from another very successful camp at Beechworth. Although weary from their activities, the four-day camp once again provided some wonderful experiences for our children in one of Victoria's most beautiful and authentic historical towns. I had the opportunity to join our students and staff in Beechworth on Tuesday and Wednesday. I thoroughly enjoyed the many stories the students shared with me as well as participating in some of the experiences with them. It was wonderful to hear the positive feedback I received from the tour guides and our staff about the manner in which our students engaged in the experiences, the prior knowledge they shared, together with the respectful and courteous way they conducted themselves whilst interacting with the public.

Well done to everyone involved with both of our recent camps. On behalf of our students and parents, I would like to extend my appreciation to our staff for their commitment and support of your children as they assisted the students to ensure they had an enjoyable time, whilst participating in the various activities on our camps.

Last Wednesday, our prep students participated in their first excursion and enjoyed a fun filled day at Chesterfield Farm. The farm visit supported their current learning of living and non-living things as they investigate animal features and their body coverings. Highlights from the day included; a cow milking demonstration, a tractor ride and hand feeding the large animals.

Yesterday our year two students went exploring in Pakenham to investigate the indigenous history of the area and the changes that have occurred as the suburb of Pakenham has grown developed over time. There were many things the students enjoyed. When at the library, the students were enthralled with the photos of the main street and the differences between now and then.

Today our year six students participated in the "Just Like Me' Water and Sanitation incursion to support their current unit of inquiry. The program looks at water and sanitation in Australia

and around the world. It involves the students participating in activities to better understand how clean and safe water can affect health and education. The workshop provided an opportunity for the students to view this issue through the lens of a child living in poverty or in a developing country, and how the lack of basic rights impacts children now and into the future.

Last week a poster advertising the events and times for the PLPS ART show was distributed on Compass. We are looking forward to showcasing and celebrating our students art work on opening night Tuesday, November 22nd at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The show will open at 3.30pm and will conclude at 7.00pm. Please refer to the poster for specific event times.

On Friday, October 28th, all families with students currently in Prep to year five received information via Compass for book packs and parent payments for 2023. As indicated in this information, our **book packs will need to be ordered online**. If parents are wanting to order the student book packs through our preferred supplier Maxim, **orders need to be placed and paid for by Wednesday, January 11th, 2023**. A notable change for 2023, is there will be no book collection day. All the book packs ordered will be delivered to the students learning spaces ready for them to use on their first day of the school year.

With term 4, the planning and preparations for the 2023 school year are well under way. We have commenced the development of our staffing plan for next year. The key driver of this plan is having an accurate figure regarding our student enrolments for next year. Currently we have 105 Prep students enrolled to commence their formal education next year at PLPS. Enrolments have also been received for students in other year levels across the school. Thank you to those parents who have taken the opportunity to inform the school that their children will not be attending PLPS next year. If you are aware that your child will not be attending our school next year, could you please contact our school office on 5940-9532 to let us know. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated and allows us to accurately plan for 2023.

Forty-two students from years three & four will be representing PLPS in 5 teams at the district T20 Blast Cricket tournament tomorrow. We wish them the best of luck. Please ensure everyone has their hat and sunscreen, as the UV rating is currently very high.

Tomorrow, our school captains, Keira and Will are leading a small commemoration for Remembrance Day. Thank you to our year 3 students for their Remembrance day art work currently being displayed in the office foyer.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 11th November: Year 3/4 T20 Cricket Blast (selected students)

Tuesday 15th November & Wednesday 16th November: Year 3 Hands on Science IncurSION

Monday 21st November: Year 3/4 All Star Girls Hooptime (selected students)

Tuesday 6th December: Year 1 Old Gipps town Excursion

Friday 9th December - Student Free Day (Students do not attend on this day)

Monday 19th December: Year 6 Big Day Out – Gumbuya World

PLPS ART SHOW 2022

Cardinia Cultural Centre

Opening Night
Tuesday November 22nd
3.30pm – 7pm

5pm Choir
Performance
Wearable Art
Catwalk Show
Golden Brush Awards

Adults \$5 Kids Free



Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for Term 4 will be on Thursday 8th December.



DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
21st November



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.

LATE ARRIVALS

Every child arriving after the 9am bell must come to the school office to collect a Late Pass to take to their teacher.

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!



PLPS Bucket Hats

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

Year 1 Swimming

Splashes - Pakenham

Harper 1L – I loved doing the rocket arms and using the board to help my put my face water.

Connor 1L – I like doing the backstroke and diving to the bottom of the pool.



Carlton 1E – I loved swimming when I was kicking with the board.



Ryan 1E – I liked kicking and using my arms to swim.

Brody 1D – I loved playing games and doing the rocket glide.



Logan 1D – I loved swimming in the water and playing games.

Hannah 1H – I got to swim in the deep end, it was so fun!



Lincoln 1H – I got to play with the sinkies and doing backstroke.



Mysha 1Y – I like swimming in the pool.



Merry Mission



Every year, Windermere's **Merry Mission Appeal** brings joy and comfort to hundreds of families at Christmas time.

Please help our Scouts collect food and gifts for the Merry Mission.

Food donations:

We need non-perishable items such as:

- Long-life milk, juice
- Breakfast cereal
- Tins of fruit and vegetables
- Packets of rice, pasta and noodles
- Tins of tuna, chickpeas etc. (protein items)
- Bottles of pasta sauce
- Biscuits or other treats



Gift donations:

Please donate a gift that a child would like to receive at Christmas, particularly for young teenagers.

Please leave gifts unwrapped so they can be allocated to children appropriately.

Donations can be dropped off at **Pakenham Lakeside Primary School** at the hall on these meeting nights:

- ** 7:00pm, 15th Nov (Cubs meeting night)
- ** 7:00pm, 17th Nov (Scouts meeting night)
- ** 6:30pm, 30th Nov (Joeys meeting night)

For more information:
Email Lakeside Scout Unit -
lpsgscouttroop@gmail.com





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2022 Launch Term (Nov 15th - Dec 17th 2022)

2023 classes (beginning 30th Jan 2023).

We offer:

- Tiny Tots
- Tiny Tumbles (coming 2023)
- Ballet & Pointe
- Tap
- Jazz
- Contemporary/Lyrical
- Hip Hop
- Acrobatics
- Performance classes
- ATOD Ballet exams

**Visit our website to enrol
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SES Pakenham

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY



Saturday 19th November 2022
11AM – 3PM



780 Princes Highway, Pakenham

Learn about the SES with fun for the whole family!



Free entry



Sausage sizzle



Road crash rescue demonstration



Interactive displays





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
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Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Christine Anu. You may have seen our girls perform at the National Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II, the AFL Grand Final or on the recently released 'I Still Call Australia Home' campaign for Qantas.

Now accepting 2023 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



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