

NEWSLETTER

24th November 2022

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all of our students, Ms Lowndes and Ms Bennett for our wonderful Art Show on Tuesday evening. There were many families and friends at the Cardinia Cultural Centre to view and celebrate the artwork the students have completed throughout the school year.

This wonderful exhibition was brought together through the many hours of preparation and organisation carried out by Ms Lowndes, Ms Bennett and many others who committed their time and energy to prepare and set up the exhibition for the evening. Thank you also to the members of staff who worked with our Visual Arts teachers to ensure a successful evening.

The entertainment provided by our school choir and the 'Wearable Art' catwalk show were very enjoyable and lots of fun. The Golden Brush Awards were also announced and the recipients of these awards for 2022 were:

Year Prep - Sadie PO, Billie PB, Saylor PK

Year 1 - Achiro 1H, Liam 1H, Tylah 1E

Year 2 - Bryanna 2F, Alyse 2D, Kenneth 2H

Year 3 - Eva 3V, Shunuo 3B, Neelam 3D

Year 4 - Emilia 4R, Matilda 4L, Chloe 4C

Year 5 - Jasmine 5A, Ethan 5U, Aaliyah 5W

Year 6 - Alyssia 6R, Shaeley 6R, Hayley 6W

The Principal's Choice award recipient - Yuei from 3L

Congratulations to these children on their wonderful artistic achievements this year. Thank you to Ms Dahmen and Ms Reddan for preparing the choir for their performance.

On Monday our All Star girls basketball Hooptime team competed in the State Hooptime competition at Dandenong Basketball stadium. The team comprised of Hannah, Abby, Peyton, Harper, Jasmine, Kythea and Lillie from year 4. The team had an outstanding day, winning four of their six games, thus being one of the top eight teams in the state. This is a best result ever for an All Star team from PLPS. Thanks to the many parents who assisted with transport and who came along to support the team throughout the day, the girls really appreciated everyone being there. Thank you to Mr Seton for the preparation and coaching of the team. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Last week our School Council convened for the November meeting and considered a number of important items on our agenda, including the school summary report of our 2022 NAPLAN reports. The five areas being assessed are Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Number. Within these areas, the measures recorded in the reports are the school mean, percentage of students in the top two bands and the percentage of students in the bottom two bands. Over all the results demonstrate an improvement in the majority of these areas. The other measure in our reports is the percentage of students in the top two bands in comparison to similar schools and our network. The percentage for our students in the top two bands is higher than the network average percentage in all areas in year 5 and year 3 except for one area being 1% from the average. Our students, staff and families can be extremely proud of the

learning that has been achieved.

Information for some of our school camps scheduled for 2023 will be shared with families in the near future for students moving into year 5, and early next year for students moving into year 6. The cost of camps will need to be increased for 2023 due to a number of factors. These include a general increase in the amount camps are charging to attend, the increase in transport and fuel costs and the recent changes to the industrial agreement for school staff to include payments to staff who attend school camps. To ensure we can continue our camp program, we are endeavoring to keep camp cost to a minimum.

The terms of the new industrial agreement has also had an impact on the number of school events we are able to host outside of school hours. To enable us to continue to stage events our students and families have enjoyed, a change of time or format has been required.

You may recall, in May this year we received notification that our school had been allocated substantial funding to install much needed drainage at the eastern end of our school grounds. I am pleased to inform our community we have recently had a meeting to begin this project. The project will be managed by the Department of Education's Victorian Schools Building Authority. Last week we met with representatives from VSBA, the architects and engineers to begin the planning of the work required. With many steps to be completed, we are hopeful of works beginning mid 2023.

An additional drainage project has also been funded by DET, in order to increase the pipe capacity to facilitate the exit of water into the storm water drains. This work has been scheduled to begin once the students have finished, due to its proximity to classrooms.

Yesterday, we concluded the formal transition program that supports our new prep students prepare for the start of their formal schooling. At the conclusion of the sessions, the students collected a bag containing a picture story book and other helpful items they can use at home. However, there are also strategies and activities being organised to assist our current students with being prepared for their 2023 year level. A timetable has been constructed where each year level is able to move to next year's learning spaces and work with different teachers. Our teaching staff will also take the time to hold conversations with the students outlining some of the expectations and differences the children may experience as they advance through primary school into their next year level. These sessions will begin next Friday.

Our last curriculum day for 2022 will be Friday, December 9th. On this day the staff will be collating and analysing all our student data in preparation for developing goals, actions and strategies in readiness for 2023 classes. 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

Friday 2nd December: Year 3/4 T20 Cricket Blast (**selected students**)

Tuesday 6th December: Year 1 Old Gipps town Excursion

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

Tuesday 13th December: Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 14th December: PLPS Christmas Carols at 1:40pm

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

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the kerbside doors, away from traffic.

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Parking Around the School

Street parking is available along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

Please be courteous to our surrounding residents, when parking, dropping or collecting students from school - obey parking signs, **do not park in or over driveways and do not litter.**

We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

2022 Canteen News

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



2023 Canteen News

The first day for
Canteen in 2023 will
be on Tuesday 31st
January.



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.

Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4.

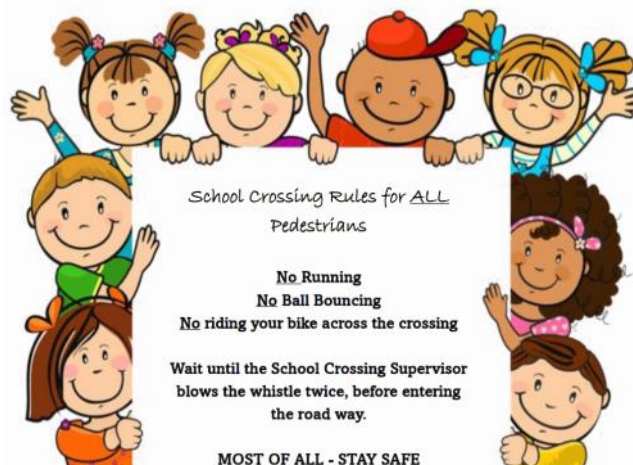
It is strongly recommended that all students have their hats on when they play at recess and lunch time out in the yard.

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 5 BEECHWORTH CAMP

THE OLD PRIORY

"We stayed at the Old Priory which was really nice. The rooms were all different sizes and I was in a room with all of my friends. The food was really delicious, we ate healthy burgers and chicken schnitzel with potato bake. At night we had a bonfire and my favourite activity was gold panning." - MATTHEW

HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

"On the 2nd day of grade 5 camp we got to visit the great Beechworth Courthouse. We acted out the time when Ned Kelly was at the courthouse. People from the audience got picked to act out roles from the time it really happened. This was very fun and I enjoyed it lots." - CHASE

OLD BEECHWORTH GAOL

"My favourite highlight of year 5 camp has to be the Beechworth Gaol. In the gaol the year 5's got to see the courtyard, inside the cells and a replica of Ned Kelly's armour. We also learnt about a boy named Thomas and his prison mates and how they escaped the gaol cells, along with how the prisoners got treated." - KAYLEIGH

Year 5 Beechworth Camp

Beechworth Honey

"MY FAVOURITE PART OF CAMP WAS THE BEECHWORTH HONEY SCHOOL. THE REASON WHY BEECHWORTH HONEY WAS MY FAVOURITE PART WAS BECAUSE WE GOT TO TASTE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HONEY AND THEY WERE GOOD. I LIKED ALL OF THEM." - FAITH

ICE CREAM AND LOLLY SHOP

"I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THE LOLLY SHOP. IT WAS FULL OF COLOUR JUST LIKE MYSELF. I GOT TO BUY AND EAT LOLLIES. I ALSO GOT TO BUDGET AND MAKE DECISIONS MYSELF WHICH IS SOMETHING I HAD TO WORK ON. SO THAT'S WHY THE LOLLY SHOP WAS MY FAVOURITE PLACE. NEXT ON MY LIST OF FAVOURITE PLACES WAS THE ICE-CREAMERY. THE ICE-CREAM WAS EVEN BETTER THAN EVERY ICE-CREAM SHOP I HAVE EVER BEEN TO. IT HAD THE CREAMIEST ICE-CREAM EVER." - ZAHARA

GOLD PANNING

"WE WENT GOLD PANNING AT LAKE SAMBALL. WE USED A PAN AND HAD TO SWIRL AROUND THE SAND IN THE RIVER TO FIND THE GOLD. EVERYONE'S SOCKS AND SHOES GOT WET, BUT IT WAS REALLY FUN. I DID NOT FIND ANY GOLD, BUT SOME PEOPLE IN MY GROUP DID. CHASE ALSO LOST SOME GOLD IN THE LAKE." - MICHAEL

Year 5 Beechworth Camp



Historic Courthouse



Honey Experience



Glenrowan



Gold Panning



Beechworth Gaol



Burke Museum

What's Happening in Physical Education: Hooptime!

On Monday the 21st of December, 7 of our girls in years 3 and 4 participated in the State Basketball Finals at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. The girls played magnificently all day with their teamwork and determination, a great example for us all. The girls won 4 out of their first 5 games before losing their 6th game in the quarter finals. To put this achievement in perspective there were approximately 200 schools entered in the All-Star Girls competition across the state this year so to finish in the top 8 is a wonderful achievement and a record for our school.

Thank you, to all the parents and family members who came and supported the girls throughout the day. Hooptime has been a great success this year and we look forward to doing it again in 2023.

Xavier Seton



Christmas Raffle

Opportunity for businesses
to donate to the
Pakenham Lakeside Primary School
Christmas Raffle

Dear PLPS Community,

Our school, along with our Parents Group is beginning to put together hampers for our Christmas Raffle. We are asking our school community and other businesses if they may be interested in donating a voucher, gift card or product from their business for the hampers. All donations would be much appreciated. A list of businesses who donate will be published in our school newsletter for the remainder of 2022 to promote and thank all contributors. Donations can be delivered to our office or pickup can be arranged if required.



BECOME A FARMER FOR A DAY



Experience Country Life In The City

DEC/JAN School holidays

(Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Ages 7-13

8.45 am -1.00pm

Morning tea and lunch provided

Fun activities getting behind the scenes and experiencing farm life.

Cost is \$70 per child

To make a booking or if you would like to know more please call Chesterfield farm on 97631588 between 10am and 4pm weekdays.

School holidays at Cardinia Cultural Centre

Capture Claus Christmas Exhibition

Friday 2 December –
Friday 23 December

Free Kids' Workshops

Every Tuesday and Friday

Sea of Light

Saturday 14 January –
Sunday 29 January



For more information and ticket sales,
visit www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au
or call our team on 1300 887 624.

What's on
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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

