

NEWSLETTER

8th December 2022

Principal's Report

As the school year draws to a close there are many events and activities happening for our students.

Last Friday 45 students from year 3 and 4 participated in the T20 Blast Cricket tournament. Students and staff had an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you to Mr Vann for his organization of the day and to Mr Seton, Ms Dalzotto, Ms Watson, Mr Douglas and Ms Vannes for coaching and supporting the students at this event.

On Tuesday this week our year 1 students attended their excursion to Old Gipstown. The visit was to support their history unit investigating and comparing changes over time including the experiences of family life and exploring the differences in shops, schools, towns, housing, games and movies of now and early settlement. After many of the students participated in a school session of the past, they were very pleased to be going to school in today's times.

This week saw the conclusion of the students' "UP Sessions". This involved the students in years prep to 5 visiting the learning spaces they will be using in 2023. The sessions were conducted by the teachers currently in those years to provide and overview of what the students can expect as they move into their new year level. Students will have the opportunity to meet their home group teacher for 2023 next Thursday morning.

Our senior students in Year 6 also attend a Transition Program as they prepare to embark upon the next phase of their educational journey at their selected secondary college. For all students attending government secondary colleges, their transition day will be Tuesday December 13th.

Tuesday, December 13th is a very special evening, as our Year 6 students will be attending their Graduation evening at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The students and staff are currently organising the final touches and we are all looking forward to celebrating the completion their Primary School education.

Next Wednesday, December 14th we will be hosting our PLPS Christmas Carols event (weather permitting). Our students, with the support of their Performing Arts and home group teachers have been busy rehearsing their songs. All grades are performing as well as our Choir and OSHclub. The children have been working hard to get ready for this exciting event and we sincerely hope you are able to attend. The school gates will be opened at 1.20pm to allow family and friends to enter and set themselves up for the concert, starting at

1.40pm. Students can come to school dressed in white, yellow, green, red or any Christmas themed clothing. Expected finishing time is 3.05pm. Students will return to their learning spaces to collect their bags and will be dismissed at our regular time of 3.15pm.

Our last whole school assembly will be held on Friday, December 16th at 2.30pm. This assembly provides the opportunity for all our students to formally say farewell to our Year 6 cohort and wish them all the best for their venture into Secondary School.

As happens at the end of each school year, there is movement of both students and staff. Staff changes for 2023 include staff returning to PLPS, new staff beginning and some staff moving on to pursue new personal or professional ventures. They are: Lauren Caulfield, Emma Young, Bec Baucke, Vanna Lay, Emily Reeders, Jess Rose'Meyer, Chris Legge, Emily Hunt and Elisa Murphy. On behalf of our school community, I would like to sincerely thank these staff members for the contributions they have made in their various roles over the time they have been at PLPS. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

A reminder tomorrow, Friday December 9th is a curriculum day and students do not attend school on this day. OSHClub is operating a full day program for the families who require this service.

A reminder that our final day for the term and school year will be Tuesday, December 20th. **On the final day, school will finish at 1:30pm.**

OSHClub will be providing their service from this earlier finish time on Tuesday, December 20th. Please note that a program is also being offered for our families for Wednesday, December 21st and Thursday, December 22nd. Please ensure you contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place if required.

A flyer for the school holiday program being provided by OSHClub beginning Monday, January 9th has been posted on Compass earlier today. OSHClub are currently running a promotion of offering a 20% discount on bookings for the January holiday program if the booking is made before December 21st, 2022.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News



DIARY DATES



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 (Gates will open at 1:20pm)

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

Tuesday 20th December: End of Term 4 - **Early dismissal time 1:30pm**



End of Term 4 - 2022

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be **Tuesday 20th December**.

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:30pm**. If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from the earlier time to accommodate families. All inquiries can be direct to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Thank you.

It's Library Stocktake Time!

This is a reminder to students to please return your borrowed library books so they can be scanned in for stocktake.

On Monday 5th December a note went home to all students who still have overdue library books with instructions on how to replace or reimburse the school for any lost items.

If you have any queries about overdue notices or any lost items please don't hesitate to come and see me in the library or office and I will be happy to help.

If you would still like your children to read over the holidays, I would highly recommend visiting and/or joining our local library in Pakenham.

Thank you for your support

Narelle McMillan— Library Technician



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4 & Term 1

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!

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen for 2023 will commence on
Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all staff, students and their families a happy and safe Christmas break.



2022 Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

On November 2nd the Year Fours went to Woorabinda for our first ever camp there. They had a great time learning to light their own cooking fires, riding the zip lines and canoeing down the lake.



YEAR 2 - HISTORY

On Wednesday the 9th of November the Year 2 students completed their history unit "Swamp to Suburb" by visiting several important sites in the Pakenham township.

One of their destinations was the Pakenham train station where students discussed the future changes that will be made to the Pakenham train line and station area.



Students also studied the Pakenham War Memorial outside the library and noted when World War 1 and 2 occurred and other wars where local people were casualties. The stones alongside with the dates of other wars were also discussed.



A Local History Librarian from the Pakenham Library gave the groups a presentation that showed how Pakenham looked in the past and discussed why changes were made. The students were amazed at the old photos showing life in early Pakenham.



Students took a walk down Main Street and compared what changes have taken place over time by looking at photos of several old buildings.



The Main Street walk concluded with students sketching Mr Yakkerboo, from his statue by the pedestrian crossing.



After lunch and a play on the playground, students returned to school by bus. The excursion reflection revealed the interest and learning that had occurred for the students during the very successful excursion.

Year 2 Extended Day

On Wednesday the 7th of December the Year 2 students participated in an extended day at school.

Students participated in a range of activities including co-operative games, an 'amazing race' and a disco as well as having afternoon tea at school that was generously supplied by Foodworks Henry Road and Woolworths Lakeside Square.

The Extended Day provided students with the opportunity to experience extra-curricular activities in a safe environment, providing them with a transitional step towards the school's camping program.



It was so much fun the students did not want to go home at the end of the day. Many thanks to all of the staff who stayed behind to help and to Miss Howard for her light and sound system. It was an awesome night.





MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Pakenham Lakeside Primary School Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 14th December during our Christmas Carols.

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

Christmas Hampers



We would like to acknowledge the major sponsors of our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to...

Shanikas - Pakenham

Cutie Cuts

The Happy Snack Company

LJ Hooker - Pakenham

PLPS Social Club

Coles Lakeside

The Pancake Parlour

Mega Party Discount Store

Spill the Beanz Coffee Shop

The Cheesecake Shop

Cold Rock Ice creamery

Barkers

Bunnings - Pakenham

Fran & Mick Vassallo - Reject

Shop

Maxim Office Group

Madame Flavour

Close to my Heart - Danielle Edwards

Advantage Chemist - Lakeside

DMS Stairs - Hallam

Brumbies Bakery - Pakenham

Designed by Ailish M

Lakeside Fish & Chips

Smokin' Joes - Lakeside

Shavan's - Pakenham

The Décor Corp

Homestead Café & Courtyard

OSHClub

Petbarn - Pakenham

Ajitas Vege Chips

arbonne - JD Albrecht

Thank you also to the many families & staff members that have contributed items to our Christmas hampers



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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



FOODWORKS BOTTLEMART EDENBROOK CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS TRADING HOURS



DATE

HOURS

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24 December 2022)

FoodWorks – 7:30am to 9:30pm

Bottlemart – 9am to 9:30pm

Christmas Day (Sunday 25 December 2022)

FoodWorks – 8am to 8pm

Bottlemart – CLOSED

Boxing Day (Monday 26 December 2022) to Friday 30 December 2022

FoodWorks – 8am to 8pm

Bottlemart – 9am to 8pm

New Years Eve (Saturday 31 December 2022)

FoodWorks – 7:30am to 9:30pm

Bottlemart – 9am to 9:30pm

New Years Day (Sunday 01 January 2023) to Monday 02 January 2023

FoodWorks – 8am to 8pm

Bottlemart – 9am to 8pm

FOODWORKS

Bottlemart

Splash's
learn to swim

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACCELERATE PROGRAM

Jan. 7th-10th
April 11th-13th
July 4th-7th
Sept. 25th-28th

It is a well researched fact that a short burst of Intensive learning accelerates motor skill development

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.

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