

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **9th February 2023**

## **Principal's Report**

I would like to welcome everyone to our 2023 school year. We are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting and enjoyable year of learning as we continue to see our children grow and develop as contributors to our school community at PLPS.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families who have joined our PLPS school community. We have 107 Prep students who commenced school last Thursday and it is a great credit to Ms Ashley Clarkson, our Prep staff and the children as to how well they have settled into our school routines. We have also had a significant number of new students in years 1 – 6 enrol. I hope 2023 is the beginning of a wonderful relationship between our school and new families to our school community.

As well as many new students beginning at our school, we also have a number of staff who have joined or returned to our teaching team. I would like to welcome back Ms Bree Hunt, Ms Vanessa Wilson, Ms Emily Nation and Ms Sabrina Jin. I would also like to welcome the following new staff:

- Year 4 - Ms Esther Allan and Ms Tanisha Poole
- Year 3 – Ms Danielle Macreadie
- Year 1 – Ms Kara King and Ms Kristen Windust
- Digi Tech – Mr Caleb Collins
- Mandarin – Ms Jianqing Wu

The month of February sets the trend for a busy first term and there are some key dates for parents to include in their diaries.

On Tuesday this week, parents received information on Compass regarding our 'Meet the Teacher' conversations. The meetings have been scheduled for Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> after school from 3:30—6:30pm. This meeting provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and introduce themselves, as well as share any information that parents believe may impact upon their child's learning in 2023. Parents can book their preferred conversation time/s. via Compass. Bookings opened yesterday, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Bookings will close to parents at 12noon on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first of our year level newsletters for 2023 will be distributed to parents at the 'Meet the Teacher' conversations. The newsletter will share with parents the key areas their children will be engaging in this term, including reading, writing, mathematics and our inquiry units. As well as curriculum material, important dates for each year level and other important information for parents about some of our school processes, are also included. We hope this assists parents with an understanding of the learning your children will experience during term 1.

This Friday our senior students in years 5 and 6 commence the summer inter-school sport season against other local schools in the district. Our school teams will participate in the sports of cricket, basketball, volleyball, tennis and softball. It was great to see many students have a go at a new sport, particularly the softballers. As well as endeavouring to perform at their best and trying to achieve success, our students are also aware of their responsibilities whenever they represent our school in the wider community. There is an expectation that our students exhibit a strong sense of sportsmanship, respect the umpires and their decision-making in all games and encourage their teammates. We look forward to the enjoyment our students have through their participation, accompanied by excellent attitudes. Thank you to Mr Vann for his organisation and supporting our students in

their preparations for the games. We wish them all the best of luck and fun.

Over the school holiday break, you may have noticed work being completed in our playgrounds. The current works are emergency drainage works. The project has been funded and overseen by the Department of Education and includes larger storm water pipes being installed to enable high volumes of water to exit our site in severe weather events. This project is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. A second drainage project, again funded and overseen by the Department of Education to install drainage across the remainder of the eastern end of the school grounds is expected to begin in term 2. Once completed, we will be able to further develop our playground. Our students have begun to provide their ideas and thoughts on the additions they would like to add to our playground. I look forward to sharing further information on the projects later in the term.

Last week our year 6 students who have aspirations for leadership positions in 2023 collected their leadership applications. Our student leadership team is made up of our two school captains, eight house captains and a number of student representative council captains. As part of the application process, our students need to:

- demonstrate an enthusiasm to lead and encourage our student body to participate and contribute to the ongoing development of our school
- demonstrate and outline their ability to be positive role models for all students
- demonstrate their ability to think and act in ways that reflect our school's core values—how they "live our values"
- be representatives of our school, when required, out of school at community events.

The applications, together with speeches and conversations with the applicants, will be considered for selection by members of our school's leadership team. Parents of year 6 students will be notified of when the student leadership positions will be announced.

Each year our School Council elections take place during the first term. This year we have five parent vacancies. Our School Council plays an important role in the progress and development of our school across many areas including governance, educational directions and policy development and ratification. It also monitors our financial situation and oversees our school's operating budget and expenditure programs. School Council is also a forum where important school community issues that impact upon our school and our students can be discussed and analysed. If you are available and willing to attend a meeting that last 60-90 minutes once a month, have an interest in your child's school and how we can continue to provide an effective and engaging education to our students, this may be an opportunity for you to make a contribution to our school community.

Please note the time frame below for your information:

- Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – notice of election and call for nominations
- Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – closing date for nominations, 4:00pm.

If you would like further information or wish to clarify anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 5940-9532

**Kerrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Friday 10th February - Friday 24th March: Summer Interschool Sports

Monday 20th February & Tuesday 21st February: 'Meet the Teacher' Conversations

Monday 27th March - Thursday 30th March: Year 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

### PLPS Bucket Hats



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



### ICY POLE FRIDAY

We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 1

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

## Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in 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!

Today marks one week of school for our Prep students and we could not be more proud of the fantastic start they have all made to their schooling!



# first week of SCHOOL



In our classrooms we have enjoyed learning many new and exciting things together. We have been completing Literacy and Mathematics tasks as well as practising using our fine motor skills with craft. We have had fun learning songs to help us remember our expectations as well as practising collecting and being responsible for our own belongings.

**The Listening Song**  
*(to the tune of Frere Jacques)*  
Eyes are watching,  
Ears are listening,  
Lips are closed,  
Hands are still,  
Feet are very quiet,  
You should really try it.  
Listening well, listening well.





While we may still be learning one another's names, we have been developing connections with our peers and have been enjoying making new friends.



A daily highlight is our nice hike to the Prep playground where we have enjoyed having our buddies teach us how to use the equipment and supporting us in taking turns.





**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**

## Scholastic Bookclub 2023

Bookclub offers a convenient way for you and your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a range of reading levels and interests and are offered at reasonable prices. The wide range of newly published titles and old favourites represents a thoughtful mix of books from Australian and international publishers.

Bookclub operates at least 8 times a year. Your children will have already received their bookclub brochure, which has the order form inside. Simply select any books you or your child would like to purchase and return the order form to the school, with correct payment, or order online with LOOP for credit card purchases by the closing date (FEB 15<sup>th</sup> for Issue 1). The school sends all the orders in together, and then the books are delivered to the school. The books will then be delivered to your child's classroom to take home.

Furthermore, the school receives free books from Book Club that allow us to regularly update our class and school libraries with just-published and favourite books.

There is no obligation to order, but I know of no better way to encourage reading than to give children the opportunity of choosing their own books.

Yours Sincerely,

Narelle McMillan

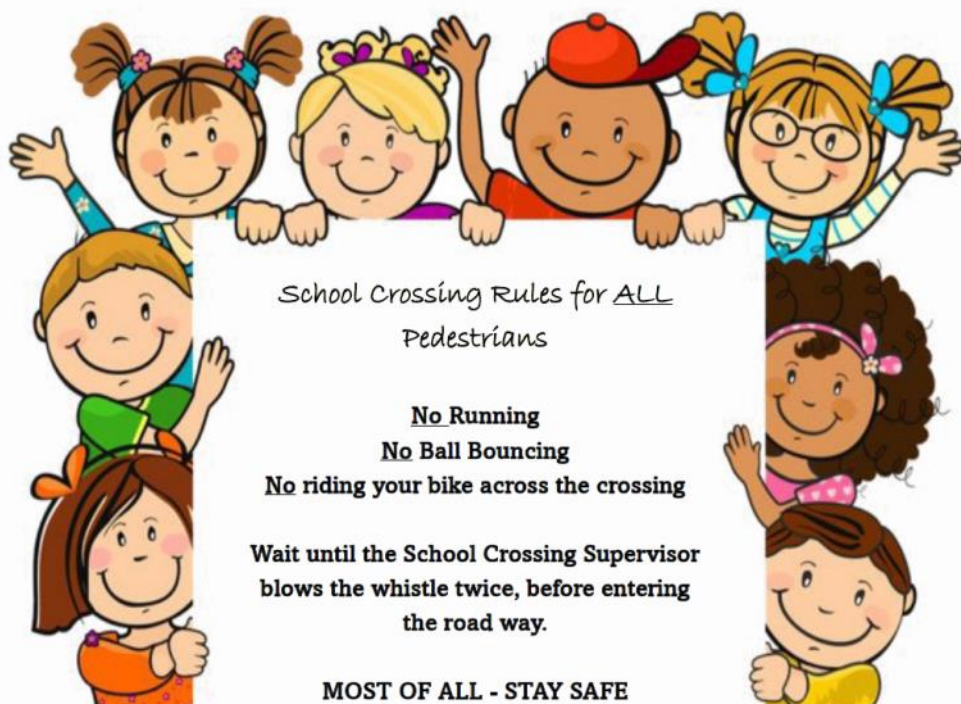
<p><b>DON'T FORGET!</b></p> 	
 <p>orders are due: <b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>LOOP</b> is the Scholastic Book Club <b>Linked Online Ordering &amp; Payment</b> platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: <b><a href="http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP">www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</a></b></p>  



## Attention Parents/ Guardians

Please be aware of the parking restrictions on both Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

The Cardinia Council enforces the parking restrictions and regularly monitors the parking zones and areas around the school.



*School Crossing Rules for ALL  
Pedestrians*

**No Running**

**No Ball Bouncing**

**No riding your bike across the crossing**

**Wait until the School Crossing Supervisor  
blows the whistle twice, before entering  
the road way.**

**MOST OF ALL - STAY SAFE**



## Cardinia Playground Upgrades

Last year the Parks and Planning Department from Cardinia Council visited Pakenham Lakeside Primary School and gave students the opportunity to participate and have their say in what they would like to see included in the selected playground renewal program.

Thank you to all students who participated and gave their feedback in this activity.

The Cardinia Council are pleased to advise that the chosen playground designs have been awarded for Parman Avenue Reserve, Creekwood Park and The Parkway in Pakenham.

The concept plans can be viewed at <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/playground-renewals-2023> which show the proposed landscaping layout and surrounds.

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



## 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.**

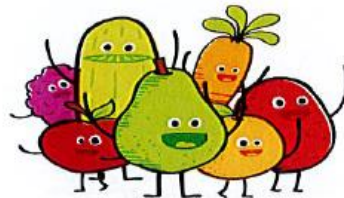
We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

## Nude Food Fridays



PLPS began their weekly 'Nude Food Fridays' in week 1 of this term.

**What is Nude Food?** Nude food is food without excess packaging such as extra plastic bags, paper bags, wrappings or cling wrap. The purpose of "Nude Food Fridays" is to promote a healthier environment in the school yard. Having a healthier environment means less rubbish around the schools and it also displays PRIDE in our environment and the importance of keeping it clean and safe!



*The benefits of packaging "Nude Food" also includes:*

### **Improve Your Child's Nutrition:**

Creating waste free snacks and lunches reduces the consumption of packaged, processed foods and increases the intake of fresh, whole foods. Compared to fresh foods, pre-packaged food often contains more kilojoules, fat, salt and sugar. Avoiding those quick, pre-packaged snacks reduces waste and ensures better nutrition for your child.



### **Reduce Landfill:**

Australia is the second highest producer of waste per person in the western world! School lunches are contributing to this, with the average lunch-toting child generating around 30kg of litter a year. You can do your bit to reduce this by packing a school lunch without including any unnecessary packaging, yoghurt suckers, small tubs, zip-lock bags, paper bags or cling wrap. By reducing the amount of excess packaging this will reduce the amount of waste that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill.



## Nude Food Fridays



### **Save Money:**

Avoiding pre-packaged foods and buying foods in bulk can save time and money. Even better, a home-made carrot and apple muffin/frittata/muesli slice will have a much greater nutrient value AND you can control the amount of sugar used, avoiding preservatives and additives completely. By making your own lunchbox goodies, you can then purchase the raw ingredients in bulk too – instead of buying a 6 pack of yoghurts, purchase a large tub and make up individual, leak proof containers for lunch. For more information go to: <https://www.nudefoodday.com.au>

### **Examples of Nude Food**

Nude Food includes a wide array of options, as long as there is no extra packaging. This could include:

- A sandwich in a reusable container
- A sectioned lunch box with snacks in compartments
- Yoghurt in a reusable container
- Muesli bars and snack in reusable containers and wraps
- Fruit and berries in a reusable container



## BABY MASSAGE CLASS

For parents, step-parents, grandparents, and carers of children aged 0-12 months.  
Join us for a free 6-week program to share and experience a different way of connecting with your child

Noticing and understanding your baby's cues

Creating a stronger bond with your baby

Using massage and other communications to comfort, soothe and settle your baby

Growing your skills and resources for more confident parenting

**DAY:** Fridays 17/2, 24/2, 10/3, 17/3, 24/3, and 31/3

**TIME:** 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

**WHEN:** 17 February - 31 March

**WHERE:** 75 Army Road, Pakenham

**COST:** FREE

INQUIRIES:  
Vanessa Hammond 0429 454 693  
vanessa.hammond@anglicarevic.org.au  
Register via the QR or email Vanessa







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  
FEBRUARY OPEN DAY!**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS







AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



## An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

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



# JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY OPEN DAY

Register now at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc](https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc) or phone 03 9859 6499



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**Scouts**  
VICTORIA



## BECOME A JOEY SCOUT WITH LAKESIDE PAKENHAM SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for enthusiastic  
5-7 year olds ready for lots of fun to become Joey Scouts!  
Challenge yourself, get into the great outdoors and make lots  
of new friends!

Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm  
Henry Family Children's Centre

Contact us today for a free 'Come and Try' night!  
Please email [LPSG.Membershipenquiries@gmail.com](mailto:LPSG.Membershipenquiries@gmail.com)



Joey  
Scouts



Cub  
Scouts



Scouts

Other sections also accepting new members:  
Cub Scouts (8-11yrs): Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm  
Scouts (11-15yrs): Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesideScoutGroup>







# U9 & U11 PLAYERS NEEDED

FOR THE 2023 NETBALL SEASON

FOR SATURDAY & WEDNESDAY COMPS

TRAINING MONDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
CORALYNN RECREATION RESERVE

AGE | 7 - 11 YEAR OLDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:

[NETBALLCLUB.CORALYNN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NETBALLCLUB.CORALYNN@GMAIL.COM)



NEW IN 2023

# NOVICE NETBALL

8 WEEK NETBALL CLINIC *for Beginners*  
MONDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
CORALYNN RECREATION RESERVE

AGE | 7 - 11 YEAR OLDS    COST | \$85.00

CLINIC COMMENCES MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:

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**Edenbrook**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

# 2024 YEAR 7 SCHOOL TOURS NOW OPEN

**BOOKINGS  
ESSENTIAL**

**School Tour bookings are now open for students wishing to enrol in Year 7 2024 at Edenbrook Secondary College, for families residing permanently within our zone.**

**These tours will be conducted by a member of the College leadership team and will provide an opportunity to see our school.**

**To check eligibility for enrolment at Edenbrook, please go to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>**

**TOURS WILL RUN FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAYS  
PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM.**

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**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL VIA COMPASSTIX**

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