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NEWSLETTER 23rd March 2023

Principal's Report

It has been a busy time at PLPS over the past two weeks.

On Tuesday the students and staff were dressed in an array of colour for our school Fun Run. The students demonstrated much effort and perseverance to complete the respective distances of their races. The support and encouragement students demonstrated towards each other was pleasing to see. Through their participation, all students were able to contribute points to their house team total. Congratulations to all the students who participated. The overall house results from the Fun Run will be announced at our next assembly.

From this event, we will also be selecting our inter-school team. They will compete and represent PLPS at the District cross-country in term two. Thank you to the many parents who came along to support and barrack for the children as they competed in their events.

Final preparations are being made in readiness for our year 5 students to head to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat for their camp. They are departing Monday morning next week and returning to school on Thursday afternoon. We look forward to them sharing their learning and experiences when they return.

Information for our year 6 camp was posted on Compass earlier this week. Our year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra from October 2nd to 6th. This camp provides our students with an outstanding opportunity to experience learning directly associated with their inquiry unit of work, in civics and citizenship. As part of the camp program, students will visit a number of buildings, sites and attractions associated with the development and role of government in Australia. To assist with our planning and the financial commitment to the camp, parents are asked to indicate whether their child will be attending the camp. This can be completed through the consent form on Compass, together with the payment of the deposit, due on April 26th.

Today was the final session for our Cultural Dance Program. Students and staff have thoroughly enjoyed learning the variety of dances being taught by the Footstep Dance Company. The students will have the opportunity to perform what they have learnt to other year levels next week. The conclusion of the program also coincides with our casual dress day, where students were encouraged to wear a touch of orange to highlight and celebrate Harmony Day.

Students were also invited to donate an item to be included in the Easter Hampers. A big shout out and thank you for the generosity of our families for the many donations today. Thank you also to the many families who have already purchased tickets for the raffle. The raffle will be drawn and announced on Wednesday, April 5th.

Next Tuesday, March 28th, Mrs Webster and Mrs Krstevski will have the pleasure of accompanying our eighteen student leaders into the city to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. GRIP Leadership is a values driven, independent organisation who develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. The values driving the organisation are; Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. Some of the topics to be covered throughout the day are: Leading the Way, Generosity and Ideas to Lead the Way. Our student leaders are looking forward to participating in a day of learning and development, together with having the opportunity to use and implement their ideas and learnings when they return to school.

The first of our 2023 school performances will be at the Cardinia Cultural Centre starring our Prep and year 1 students. Children and staff have been working hard in Performing Arts classes learning and rehearsing their songs. The performances are early next term on the evenings of Tuesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 3rd. Important information was posted last week in regard to purchasing tickets. For all shows at the CCC, tickets need to be purchased through their ticketing system. This can be done online, via phone or in person at the CCC. For further information please contact CCC on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

The annual Premier's Reading Challenge is about to begin for 2023 and once again I'm pleased to inform our community that PLPS will be participating. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to encourage our children to read books and appreciate reading as an enjoyable recreational pursuit.

Miss McMillan has outlined more information in this week's newsletter, including the participation of our Prep to year 2 students and an expression of interest form for students in years 3 to 6. If parents are interested in their children participating in this program, they are welcome to contact Miss McMillan, our library technician.

With school holidays fast approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is providing their vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Parents who are currently using the service will receive information from OSHClub. For parents who are not currently using these services all inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017 or 1300 395 735.

Thursday, April 6th is the final day of our first term of 2023 and will conclude at the earlier dismissal time of 2.15pm. Parents need to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children at this earlier dismissal time. Our OSHClub will be operating from this earlier time to support parents and families who require this service.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

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

Tuesday 28th March: GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Friday 31st March: Year 2 Toy Science Incursion

Friday 31st March: Summer Lightning Premiership - Year 5/6 Selected Students

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Monday 3rd April: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Wednesday 5th April: Year 4 to Year 6 - Athletics Day

Wednesday 5th April: Easter Bonnet Parade - Prep to Year 2

Wednesday 5th April: Easter Raffle Drawn

Thursday 6th April: End of Term 1 - Early Dismissal time 2:15pm

Monday 24th April: Term 2 commences

Tuesday 25th April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

The best part of me is my beautiful white teeth. They are the best part of me because they help me eat yummy foods. My teeth are as sharp as a knife - Thomas L 3D

The reason that my legs are the best part of me is because they are helpful for running and they are also fast. They are flexible and they help me move. Ellie 3L

The best part of me is my tongue because it's pink, helps me talk and without it I wouldn't taste anything. It's super dotty like a ladybug. -Bryanna 3M A HEART IS STICKY LIKE A DOG'S SLOBBER. ITS
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SHAPE . IT HAS RED AND BLUE VEINS AS WELL AS
TUBES THAT ARE LIKE TREE BRANCHES. IT LOOKS
DISGUSTING AND THE COLOUR IS REDDISH PINKISH
AND ALSO VERY BUMPY.- AMELIA 3M

The Best Part of Me

Written by Year 3 Students

I chose my nose because I like smelling the delicious food that my mum makes. My nose is also very important for breathing. My nose lets me breathe in and out the fresh air. Mannat 3M

The best part of me is my long legs because I like running and playing footy and soccer and cricket and if i didn't have them I couldn't run from danger.

Ella 30

My caring and helpful heart is important because it helps me stay alive. It also is important because I can have happy and amazing feelings like love for others like family and friends. - Evie 3D

My hair is brown and pretty. My long wavy hair waves in the wind. - Isla 3D



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Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

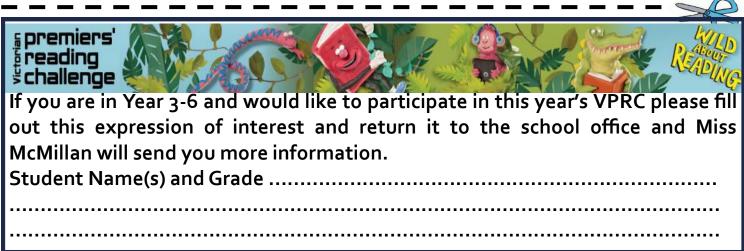
Our Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier.

Please visit <u>www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge</u> for more information.

Have fun reading! Narelle McMillan Library Technician



Lunch Boxes & Drink Bottles

Attention: Parents

Could you please ensure you label all lunch boxes and drink bottles so these can be returned to students should they misplace them.



Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for Term 1 will be:

Thursday 6th April.

The first day for canteen for Term 2 will be:

Thursday 27th April.



LATE ARRIVALS

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

late pass, parents
will receive a text message
at 11:30am advising of
their child's absence.

Staff Carpark

Our school carpark is for staff parking between 8.30am and 3.45pm on school days by order of the School Council.

During these times parents are not permitted to park in the school carpark.

The carpark is not permitted for use for dropping off and picking up students or for leaving your car unattended while collecting your children.

This is to ensure the safety of all students in the school.

Thank you

IMPORTANT MESSAGE Sharing of food

Sharing of food items is NOT permitted at PLPS, due to reasons associated with health, safety and family beliefs and choice. Food cannot be distributed to other students: this includes food items to celebrate birthdays. Non-food items can be shared for birthdays, if so desired.

When food items are being used within the teaching and learning programs at school, communications will be posted on Compass to parents and carers outlining the food items being used. Parents will have the option to discuss implications for their child or opt out of these activities.



Hats

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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!



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.

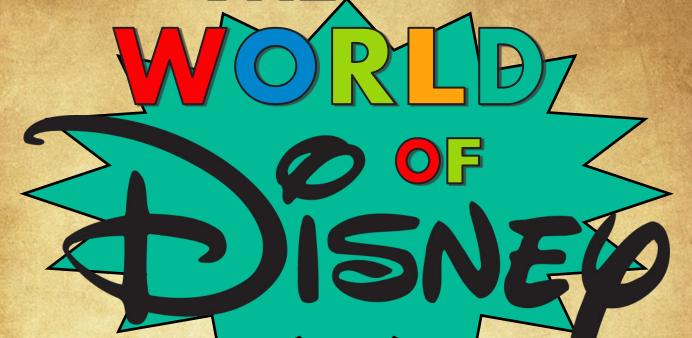
Parking Around the School

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.

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School Proudly presents



Starring our Prep & Grade 13 Tuesday 2nd May - Wednesday 3rd May Cardinia Cultural Centre

Please note: All tickets for PLPS concerts being performed at Cardinia Cultural Centre are now required to be purchased through the CCC, not at our school office.

Tickets are now on sale for our Prep and Year 1 families.

Prices are – Adults \$18 and Children (under 16 years) \$15. Children aged 3 years and under are free when not occupying a seat (sitting on your lap). Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone or in person at the CCC. If you have any queries regarding ticket purchasing, please contact the Cardinia Cultural Centre on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm. In order to ensure that there are no families left without tickets, a maximum of three tickets in total can be purchased per family over both performances. This decision has been taken to ensure that as many immediate family members as possible can see our children perform. Our venue has a seating capacity of 356. Any tickets that have not been sold during the first round will be available to purchase when a second round sale is advertised on the 1st of May.

This is the live link to purchase concert tickets with-

https://CARDINIA.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/106489

DVD & USB recordings of the performance will be available to purchase. More information regarding purchasing will be distributed at a later date.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts for 2023 are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2023 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you are new to our school this year or if you would like to apply for the first time, please complete an application form and return it to our school office as soon as possible. **Applications** for the CSEF program for 2023 close on 23rd June 2023.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page - https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources.

Check with our school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Kerrie Kingston-Gains

Principal



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

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CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- · on the first day of Term one
- · on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent,
 and
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- · Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- · Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30th January 2023) or term two (24th April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- · Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- · Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

- 1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.
 - Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
 - If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
 - If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.
- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23rd June 2023.



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





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or call our team on 1300 887 624.

WANTED Under 11 Boys

Born in 2012 & in Grade 5

We have spots available in our Under 11 team for the 2023 season and it doesn't matter if you haven't played before.

Play in a great team
Fun & safe environment
Enthusiastic & dedicated coaching staff
Great ovals to train and play on

Come & Try!

Wednesdays

Between 5pm-6pm

Heritage College 66 Starling Rd Officer



What's on

Cardinia



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











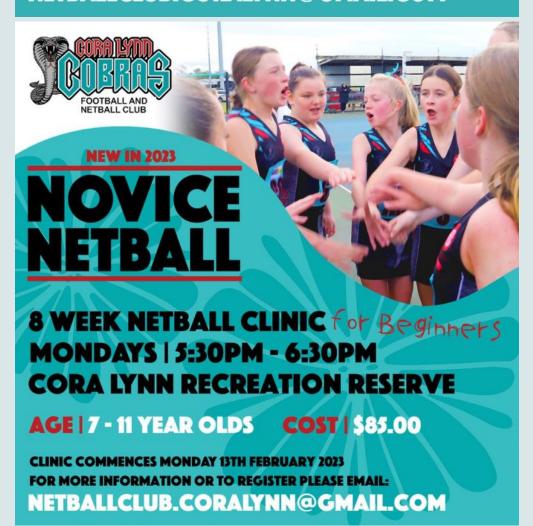
Other sections also accepting new members: Cub Scouts (8-11yrs): Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Scouts (11-15yrs): Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm



TRAINING MONDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM CORA LYNN RECREATION RESERVE

AGE 17 - 11 YEAR OLDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:
NETBALLCLUB.CORALYNN@GMAIL.COM





JOIN THE FUN!

Officer & Surrounds - T1 All Girls Auskick Centre

Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve
Sundays February 26th - March 26th
9am - 10am



For more details, contact lachlan.modica@afl.com.au

GRADE 6 INFO NIGHT

All Families Welcome REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Date:

Tuesday the 4th of April
<u>Times:</u>

4:30pm to 6:00pm

or

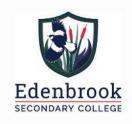
6:00pm to 7:30pm

<u>Location:</u> Officer Secondary College



REGISTER VIA TRYBOOKING:

https://www.trybooking.com/CGPJJ



College Open Night!

We welcome prospective families to attend our College Open Night

Date: Wednesday 3rd May 2023.

Time: 6:30pm.

Location: 133 Henry Road, Pakenham.

Commencing at 6.30pm in the Cuthbert Stadium, the night will begin with a Principal's address followed by a tour of our college.

No bookings required.

Like and follow us on socials!





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GRADE 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHT

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023

- Friendly and Caring Environment
- Supportive Learning Communities with Modern Learning Facilities
- Extensive Sports, Music, Creative, and Performing Arts Programs
- EduNet's BYOD Bring Your Own Device Program
- Compass Education School Management System

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- Transition from Grade 6 to Year 7

- Our Learning Communities and Facilities

- Excellence Program - S.E.A.L.

- School Bus Program

- Inclusive Education Program

- Extra-curricular Activities

- College Experiences







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: Friday

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



