

NEWSLETTER

4th May 2023

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of our school community for another exciting and productive term of learning, together with many other activities. On behalf of our community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have commenced their schooling at PLPS this term.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, we were treated to a wonderful musical performance from our students at PLPS. Our Prep and Year 1 students put on two great performances of *"The World of Disney"* for very appreciative audiences at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The efforts of our children reflected the time and commitment put into concert preparations by our Performing Arts teachers, Ms Dahmen and Ms Vanderveen. Thank you also to the children's home group teachers for the support and assistance they have provided to our students. On behalf of our staff, I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to our parents and families for their support of the children and our Performing Arts program through the provision of costumes and purchase of tickets. Your efforts are much appreciated. Congratulations to all involved in another wonderful musical performance by our students.

Our second production for 2023 is the Dance Concert, *"Monsters & Magic"* starring our students in years 2, 3 and 4. This event will be held on Tuesday, June 13th and Wednesday, June 14th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. There will be three performances including a matinee performance on Tuesday at 11.30am, in addition to the two evening performances commencing at 7:00pm. We look forward to another great performance from our students.

Information regarding ticket sales and costumes has been communicated to our families via Compass. The first round of tickets became available today. For all shows being conducted 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.

With the beginning of Term 2, our 2024 enrolment process has commenced. We have already had a significant number of inquiries, particularly around Prep enrolments and the process around enrolling your child to attend PLPS. Enrolment packs are now available for collection from our general office. We will also be conducting school tours and information sessions for parents on May 11th, May 25th, June 8th and June 22nd, commencing at 9.30am. Interested parents are asked to contact our office on 5940 9532 to register their attendance to

visit and view our school on their preferred date.

By now parents of our year 6 students should have received their individual Transition packs containing information and an application form which needs to be completed and returned to school no later than Friday, May 12th. It is very important that parents ensure the application forms are returned by this date so we can forward the requests on to each relevant secondary college. Thanking you in advance for your assistance and support in this important process.

Our year 2 students are doing a great job participating in their swimming program which commenced on Monday. The program includes a series of 8 lessons at the Cardinia Life Centre and will conclude next Friday, May 12th.

Tomorrow (weather permitting), we have 52 students from years 4 to 6 competing at the Pakenham District Cross Country at Toomuc Recreational Reserve. We wish them the best of luck in their events.

One of the major events in our second term calendar is Education Week where we have the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students. Education Week will commence on Monday, May 15th and concludes on Friday May 19th. The theme for this year is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate' which celebrates physical activity, hands on learning and student voice in education.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week. An Education Week special edition newsletter will also be produced showcasing our students' achievements. Further details will be distributed soon.

We will be conducting our Lamont Book Fair throughout Education Week. Students and families have the opportunity to purchase quality literature to read and enjoy together. Families may also like to purchase a book to donate to our school library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a label placed inside the book.

The **Book Fair** will be open each day next week from 8:30am-9:00am and 3:15pm-4:00pm in our school library.

Tomorrow students in all year level areas will receive their Term 2 Area newsletter. This document has been produced to share information with parents regarding the teaching and learning that will take place at each year level. These will be distributed to the students and will also be posted on Compass.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 29th April - Friday 9th June: Yr 5/6 Winter Interschool
Sports

Monday 1st May - Friday 12th May: Year 2 Swimming Program
(Year 2's do not swim on Wednesdays)

Friday 5th May: Pakenham District Cross Country
(Selected Students only)

Wednesday 10th May: Mother's Day Stall

Monday 15th May - Friday 19th May: Education Week

Monday 29th May: Curriculum Day - (Students do not attend
school on this day)

Tuesday 13th - Wednesday 14th June: Monsters & Magic Yr 2, 3 & 4
Dance Concert

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.



DON'T FORGET!

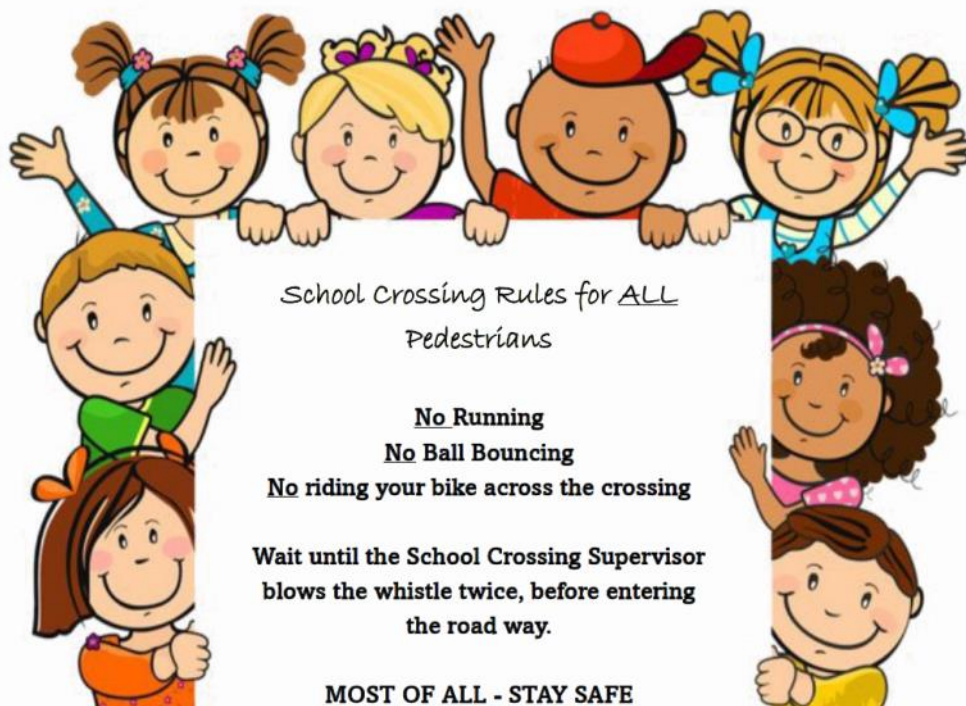


 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

8th May



Year 5 Camp

Sovereign Hill & Narmbool



My favourite thing on camp was going into the mines, even though it scared me a bit. It taught us about the mines and it was something I had never done before.

- Samara Styles-Platt

I enjoyed gold panning. I found a little flake of gold and it was really fun trying to find the gold and getting wet and looking at different rocks and things.

- Shree Rautela



My favourite activity on camp was going underground in the mine. It was really cool to see all of the machines, see how dark it is and to learn about all of it.

- Hollie Ireland





I enjoyed going into all the shops on Main Street. I bought lots of lollies and looked at all of the things they used to make, like horseshoes at the blacksmiths. I liked watching the lollies being made too.

- Samuel Oliver



I liked going into the mines. I liked seeing all of the facts about what is there and seeing the drill.

- Alby Fairclough



Our favourite activity was the AURA light show. The 3D movie and the fire special effects were really interesting. The backstory was really cool.

- Amaya Kennaugh and Jasmine Timothy



MONSTERS and **Magic**

Tickets for our Year Two, Three and Four Dance Concert are now on sale. Information was posted on Compass. If you would like to order tickets, please contact the Cardinia Cultural Centre via their phone or online.

First round sale is a limit of 3 tickets per family. Please purchase your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Second round sale begins Friday 9th June if there are any tickets remaining. The concert performances are on - Tuesday 13th June Matinee @11:30am, Tuesday 13th June @7pm and Wednesday 14th June @7pm.



If you would still like to order a recording of both nights performances of our Prep and Grade One Concert "The World of Disney"

**Please call or visit the office on 5940 9532
DVD for \$25 or USB for \$30**

Mother's Day Stall



We will be holding our Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday 10th May.

There will be a range of gifts for \$4.00 and under.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send along money in an envelope with their name and grade on the front and a plastic bag to put their items in.

Each grade will be taken over to the Mother's Day Stall throughout the day to have the opportunity to purchase some of the fantastic gifts available!

Attention Parents/Carers

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 zone and areas around the school.

Thank you.





**victorian
premier's
reading
challenge**

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 www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician

2023

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If you are in Year 3-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerrie Kingston-Gains', written in a cursive style.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School 5504

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes No

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____

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.

3. 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**



Edenbrook
SECONDARY COLLEGE

2024 YEAR 7 SCHOOL TOURS TERM 2

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

School Tour bookings are 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 EACH TUESDAY
THROUGHOUT TERM 2**

PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM.

133 Henry Road, Pakenham 3810

P: 03 5943 9200 E: edenbrook.sc@education.vic.gov.au



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL VIA COMPASSTIX

[HTTPS://COMPASSTIX.COM/E/ERR5F0BCY7](https://COMPASSTIX.COM/E/ERR5F0BCY7)