

## NEWSLETTER

### 14th July 2023

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of our school community after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable break. On behalf of our students and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students who have enrolled at PLPS and are continuing their education at our school.

There have been some staff changes for the beginning of term 3. I am pleased to welcome Elise Dickson and Melissa Ostler back to PLPS and our teaching teams. Elise has joined the year 1 team and Melissa the year 3 team. I would like to welcome some new members joining our PLPS team. Annalise Bohl, Xavier Reddan and Monique Pickthall have expanded our Education Support team and providing support to students and staff within the learning spaces.

The beginning of this term also sees our year 6 students commence their final semester of learning at primary school, before they embark on the next phase of their education at secondary school in 2024. A letter regarding the placement offers for secondary schools will be distributed next Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> to our year 6 students.

This week at PLPS we have been celebrating NAIDOC WEEK. A variety of activities were conducted throughout the week. In addition to activities within the learning spaces, our student leaders have organised and implemented story time sessions in the library during lunch times for each of the year levels, together with a dance session today in the gym, for all interested students. Our indigenous students have also contributed to a collaborative piece of artwork for the Cardinia Schools Network. The students have enjoyed learning and participating in these activities throughout the week.

We are currently finalising our plans for the year 3 camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort and are very much looking forward to taking our students on their first school camp. The students will be heading to camp on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and return on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to all year 3 students and families, to confirm participation in our year 3 camp, please ensure a response has been enacted via Compass. This is either providing consent, together with the corresponding payments to secure a place or declining the offer. If you have any difficulties with this process, please call our school office for assistance.

This camp presents a wonderful opportunity for our year 3 students to participate in outdoor education activities; focusing on their personal development and values education.

From the Winter Sport Lightning Premiership Day late last term, two of our teams won their competition. Our soccer team and girls T-Ball will now be competing in the Cardinia Division competition next Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be competing at local venues and parents are invited to come along and support our teams. We wish them the best of luck next week.

A reminder that Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> is our school photo day. All orders for school photos need to be purchased online or by phoning MSP directly.

Please refer to the news item on Compass posted in the last week of term for information detailing the photo packages and timelines. Please note, it is important all students are at school on time, as class photos will begin at 9am.

Once again in 2023, the Department of Education has allocated two professional practice days for all teaching staff. One of these days will be allocated as a common professional practice day. Thus, students do not attend school on this day. The common professional practice day has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Year level newsletters for term 3 will be posted on Compass next Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. This newsletter has been produced to share with parents information regarding the teaching and learning that will take place at each year level this term. It will also outline special events that the students will experience or have the opportunity to participate in during third term, including excursions and incursions.

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

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 20th July: Year 3/4 Hooptime (Selected Students)

Friday 21st July: Cardinia Division Winter Finals - Soccer & Tee-Ball (Selected Students)

Thursday 27th July: Year 5/6 Hooptime (Selected Students)

Wednesday 26th July: Whole School Photos

Monday 7th August: Year 4 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Excursion

Wednesday 9th August: Year 2 Gumbuya World Excursion

Tuesday 15th August: Common Professional Practice Day

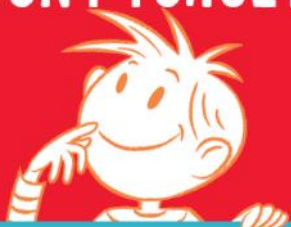
(Students do not attend school on this day)

Wednesday 23rd August - Friday 25th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Adventure Resort

Monday 2nd October - Friday 6th October: Year 6 Canberra Camp

Monday 9th October - Wednesday 11th October : Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**

orders are due:  
24th July

### LATE ARRIVALS

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

### EARLY LEAVERS

Should parents wish to collect their child/children from school early, they must sign them out at the office. Please allow yourself extra time for collection as we only call students to the office once parents arrive.

Our lunchtime runs from 1:40-2:25pm and it can be extremely difficult for students to hear announcements whilst playing outside. If you need to collect your child during this time could you please arrange to collect them before or after lunch.

## 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.



## Medication

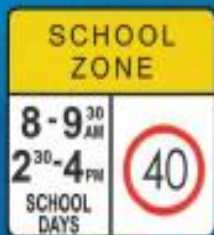
There are times when your child will require medication during school hours. If this happens the medication needs to be brought to the office and a medical authority form must be filled out by a parent or carer. Students must not keep medication in their bags.

Thank you



# School Zone Safety Information

## Understanding the signs around school zones



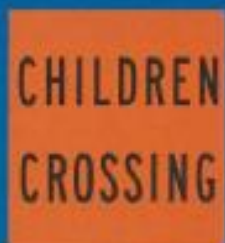
### 40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



### No parking

It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.



### Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



### No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



### Yellow edge lines

Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.

## Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children's crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, ie. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

## What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors, away from the traffic.





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**2023 SOFTBALL  
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM**



**8-14 YEARS**

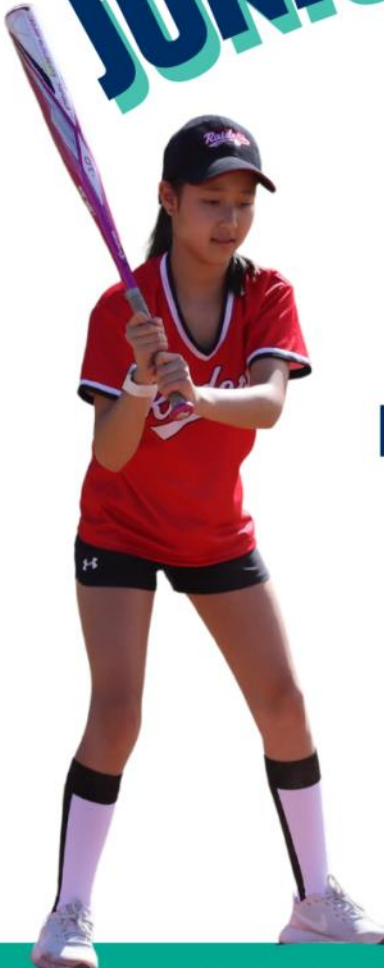
**BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE**

**\$70 PER PERSON**

**SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES**

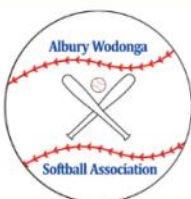
**6 WEEKS**

**JULY 29 TO SEPT 2**



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