

NEWSLETTER

27th July 2023

Principal's Report

Although it is early in term 3, planning for our 2024 school year is currently underway. The main component around this key planning aspect is ensuring we have accurate data around our student enrolments for 2024. Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. The Department of Education has introduced a statewide enrolment timeline for Prep enrolments. All families who would like to enroll their child at PLPS in Prep for 2024 are requested to notify the school by Friday, July 28th, 2023. Confirmation of enrolment will be communicated to families by Friday, August 11th.

If you are intending to enroll your child in Prep at PLPS for next year, or know of families wanting to enroll their child, it would be much appreciated if this can be addressed as soon as possible to ensure all information regarding our Prep Transition program can be communicated in a timely manner. Thank you for your support and assistance with this important part of our planning for the future.

In the last week of term 2, our school improvement team met with Department of Education personnel to discuss our school's progress so far this year against the goals and targets set out in our Annual Implementation Program (AIP). Our progress towards our AIP goals is steady with an emphasis on embedding responsive teaching techniques across the curriculum areas and teachers continuing to build their knowledge and capacity to provide an engaging and effective writing program for our students. In writing, students and teachers have benefitted and enjoyed the techniques implemented, thus providing multiple ways to interact within our writing program.

I would like to acknowledge the work and time of Mrs Ross, Mrs Webster, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Phillips, our Learning Specialists, who put together a presentation that best illustrated the ongoing work and professional learning of our staff and how this learning has been transferred and implemented within our learning spaces.

Currently, all our staff are participating in presentations outlining their contributions to our school wide goals, the teaching and learning programs and the positive impact to student learning outcomes. Presentations to the Principal Class Team and Learning Specialists began last week and will continue over the next few weeks. The presentations provide an opportunity for teachers and education support staff to reflect on their work in semester one within their year level or curriculum area teams. The teams also share with the school leadership the next steps for our students throughout semester two.

Recently information was communicated to schools regarding reforms to NAPLAN and a different method of reporting for 2023. The reforms include resetting the NAPLAN scale and time series to align with the completion of the online transition in 2022, and to improve the accuracy of results.

In addition, a set of four achievement levels (proficiency standards) have been introduced to replace the existing 10 bands and the National Minimum Standard used for NAPLAN reporting between 2008 and 2022.

This change will provide schools, parents, and carers with clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency standards. The standards for NAPLAN 2023 and for all testing moving forward are as follows:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support

These standards will represent a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students at each year level know and can do at the time of NAPLAN testing.

Reports outlining results and information flyers were distributed to families yesterday afternoon for all students in year 3 and year 5. If parents and carers would like any clarification about their child's NAPLAN report, please contact your child's home group teacher.

Last Friday our T.Ball and Soccer teams competed in the Cardinia District Division competition. Both teams played extremely well, winning their respective competitions, and will now be progressing to the next level of competition next month. Congratulations to both teams.

On Thursday of last week, students from years 3 and 4 participated in Hoop time at Cardinia Life. We had 7 teams compete. The students had an enjoyable day, and it was pleasing to hear the sportsmanship our students demonstrated throughout the day. One of the girls team won their competition and one of the boys team were runners up. Today our students in years 5 and 6 are competing in their Hoop time competition. Further information and photos from Hoop time will be shared in our next newsletter.

Our school photos were taken yesterday. All the students had a portrait taken, as well as their class photo. Orders for portraits and class photos can still be purchased through the Compass portal until 12pm on Wednesday, 2nd of August.

A reminder that Tuesday, August 15th is a Common Professional Practice Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day program to support our families on this day. Please contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place in the program.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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)

Tuesday 22nd August: Book Week - Book Character Dress Up 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

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.

Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge 2023

A reminder to all the grade 3 - 6 students who are yet to finish the challenge, that you need to finish your reading and send in the completed challenge checklists to the office by the end of August.



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



Welcome to:

YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENT EVENING

29TH AUGUST, 2023

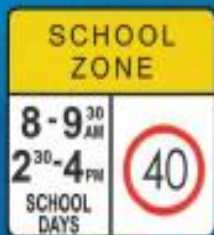
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School Zone Safety Information

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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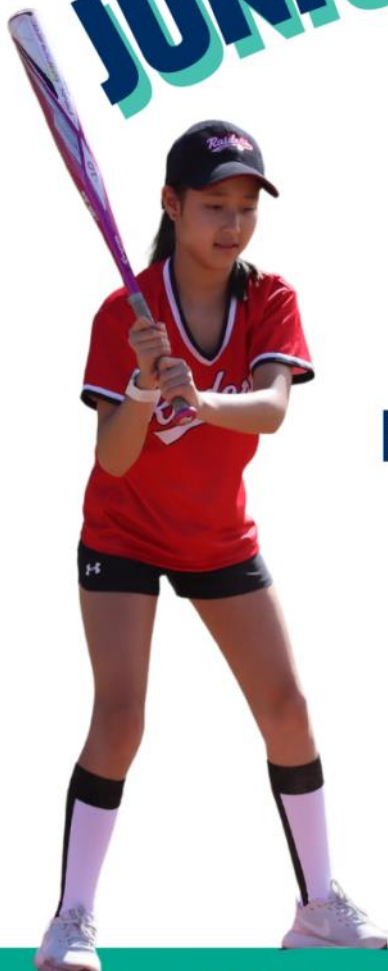
BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE

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SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES

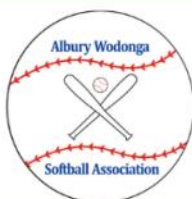
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