

## NEWSLETTER

10th August 2023

### Principal's Report

A key component of our school's culture is our desire to continuously seek ways to improve important aspects around our school's performance.

We are currently conducting our annual Parent Opinion survey to gather information from our parent community and their thoughts about PLPS. The Parent Opinion survey is offered by the Department of Education and Training and is now open for our parent community. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of our parents' perception of our school climate and environment, our core purpose of learning and teaching, student wellbeing and important relationships. These survey results will help to inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

On Monday this week, information was posted on Compass inviting families to participate in our annual Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is conducted online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. It would be much appreciated if you could assist us through completing the survey. Thanking you in anticipation for your time to provide your thoughts, ideas and valued information. The survey will be open until Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday of last week, our Preps students were very excited and had an enjoyable day celebrating being at school for 101 days. It is incredible the amount of learning and growth our Prep students have demonstrated over this time. The students celebrated with a 101 Dalmatian theme and participated in some special themed activities such as 101 Maths activities and decorating cookies as Dalmatians to take home. There is further information and photos in today's newsletter.

On Monday our year 4 students had an enjoyable day at the Botanical Gardens in Cranbourne. The visit to the gardens was to support the students with their History unit and to develop a greater understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. Students participated in learning that highlighted the importance of the environment to the Boonwurrung people and their connection to Country. The students were very interested in the up close encounters with indigenous artefacts, foods and beverages including lemon myrtle tea.

Currently our year 2 students are learning about Australian animals. During this Inquiry unit, students have been investigating the classifications, features, habitats, diets and life cycles of a range of native animals. Yesterday they visited Gumbuya World to provide them with experiential learning.

The students really enjoyed being up close and interacting with a range of animals, particularly Raya the Barn Owl. The year 2 students are looking forward to sharing their learning during their Animal Expo in the year 2 learning space, next Monday from 9.30am to 10.30am.

One of the highlights of our school calendar is the celebration of Book Week. The theme this year is "Read, Grow, Inspire" and the celebrations will take place from Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. One of the highlights will be the opportunity for our students and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Throughout the week, each year level will also organise some special activities or events within their learning space to promote the love of reading and books.

The sporting calendar has been very busy of late and continuing to fill with Hooptime and final playoffs for some of our winter sports teams.

Forty eight students from years 5 & 6 attended their Hooptime event at the Cardinia Life Stadium last Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The seven teams had an enjoyable day and played well. Many thanks to Mr Vann and Mr Seton for their organisation and preparation for our students to attend both Hooptime events. Thank you also to the many parents who came along to encourage and support our students in their competitions.

As mentioned previously, two of our winter sport teams have been successful at the recent division competition and have proceeded through to the next round of competition. Our girls T-Ball will be competing on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in Mornington and our boys soccer will be competing on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Casey Fields. Thank you to the parents who are assisting with transport to each of these events. We wish both the teams the best of luck.

A reminder that next Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a student free day. Teaching staff will be participating in a Common Professional Practice Day. Please contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 if you would like to book a place in the program for your child.

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

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

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

Friday 25th August: Year 1 MiniBeast Incursion

Friday 25th August: Pakenham District Athletics (selected students)

Monday 4th September: Year 5 Science Discover Dome Incursion

### Term 4

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

Tuesday 3rd October: Year 3 Hands on Science Incursion

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

## Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Wednesday 16th August at 9am

Monday 28th August at 9am

Friday 15th September at 9am

# 101 Days of School

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Preps celebrated 101 days of learning with a fun-filled day of special activities with a 101 Dalmatians theme.

In Reading, students enjoyed a 101 Dalmatians story as a digital text before retelling the story through their own pictures. This activity drew upon the Preps' developing knowledge of features of fiction texts and the comprehension strategy of summarising.



The Preps engaged in some fun hands-on maths learning, filling tens frames with a variety of craft materials to make a collection of 101, demonstrating the skills of counting and making collections as well as developing their understanding of place value.



The Prep students were excited to create a dog craft before using their Writing knowledge to complete a description of their dog.



The Preps loved icing and decorating biscuits to look like Dalmatians!



Prep students created their own dalmatian ears in preparation for the day and proudly wore them for the celebrations. Teachers and ES staff were also excited to dress up and join in the fun!



The Preps showed great teamwork and collaboration while participating in a STEAM challenge. Students worked in groups and used recycled materials to construct a house for a Dalmatian.

The Prep students enjoyed special lunches and participated in fun party games including Pin the Spot on the Dalmatian, musical statues and Doggy, Doggy, Who's Got the Bone?



Congratulations to all our Preps on 101 Days of School! We are very proud of all that you have learned and achieved so far this year!



On Thursday 20th July students from Years 3 and 4 participated in the Officer District Hoop time Basketball Day at Cardinia Life in Pakenham. Our Year 5 and 6 students competed on Thursday 27th July. Hoop time involves students from different schools in the area competing in a basketball carnival. All levels catered for, whether they be rookies, future stars, or all-stars. It was a fabulous day with all students participating in four to five games each. All students were wonderful representatives of the school and respectful to all officials and coaches. It was wonderful to see so many parents come and support the children throughout the days. In the end our Year 3 and 4 All-Star Girls team progressed to the regional day to be held in Dandenong early in term four. Well done to all who participated!



# SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to our Soccer and Teeball teams on winning the Cardinia Division Finals and best of luck for the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August (Teeball) and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Soccer)



## 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.



## Writing in Year Six

This term in Year Six, students have been analysing different poets and their style. We have examined poets such as Amanda Gorman, Shel Silverstein, Solli Raphael and Tupac Shakur.

Students analysed features such as rhyme and repetition alongside word choice and use of slang. Students were then able to create a poem in the style of their chosen poet.

### OUT!

Is this too much of a big leap  
Will I fail or will I succeed?  
My stomach rumbled as the crowd chanted my  
name  
Boy, oh boy this is going to be a tough game  
I took my run up, as I rubbed the ball on my  
pants  
Will I get a wicket or will the ball pass the  
boundary?  
Will the batter hit a stupendous six?  
Will I get all the ticks?  
The ball is as dry as my lips  
I am like a cat on hot bricks  
I bowled  
I bowled  
I bowled  
OUT!!!  
Yes an out  
Yes an out  
Yes they are out!  
Tears of joy dripped from my eyes trickling onto  
the grass  
As my heart and mind flooded with motivation  
I returned to the locker room with that feeling  
It was a mixture,  
but a superior one.  
By Samar

### The People Around Me

I see the people around me  
I see the people thinking and waiting  
I see how they get distracted  
I see them looking around for inspiration  
I see the bored looks on their faces  
I see my teacher  
I see my teacher struggling for ideas  
I see her looking around at us

I see  
I see people walking  
I see them moving throughout the classroom  
I see people fidgeting  
I see them unable to focus  
I see how they are stretching their hands after writing  
I the people look  
I see the people around me

I see the people rising  
I see them fall  
I see that confidence may be one's greatest haul

I observe  
As I observe, I look  
As I look, I see  
As I see, I understand

I understand how the people are preoccupied  
I understand how they are impatient to sense in their work  
I understand how they are incapable,  
Unable to understand  
And I you don't understand you don't see  
If you don't see then you clearly aren't looking  
Not looking hard enough

The people around me aren't looking hard enough  
By Abigail



## If We Work Together

If we work together, we can end world hunger  
If we work together, we can end poverty  
If we work together, we can stop physical violence  
If we work together, we can stop racism

I could sit here and say how  
Nothing ever goes my way  
I could sit here and complain  
About every thing that is wrong  
With the world  
I could sit here and wait for someone  
Else to here my say

But no, I can get my butt off this couch and  
Raise awareness instead  
I can spread my message for others to hear  
I can find people who wish to do the same  
I can work with these people to

End world hunger  
End poverty  
Stop physical violence  
Stop racism

The world has hunger  
The world has poverty  
If I look left I see violence  
If I look right I see racism

But if we work together we can

End world hunger  
End poverty  
Stop physical violence  
And stop racism

By Ashnoor

## No Sleep

Gettin' no sleep  
Noises in the hallway  
Creep, Creep  
The darkness around me  
Falling 2 c  
The mood in me  
The outside world  
Where the air twirled  
I just want to be there  
Out of darkness' glare  
Yet i am gettin' no sleep  
Night by night  
Day by day  
Angry feelings  
I can't explain  
Dark eyed  
My inside cried  
"DAMN SHUT UP!"  
So I stayed up with the noises  
Creep, Creep  
-Still no sleep-  
By Chase

## Make A Change

Climate change  
Finding a solution Flicking page to page  
Now you're on the stage  
To talk about climate change  
Even a change that is really small  
Could change it all  
This is due to pollution  
We are now finding a solution  
Which is full of confusion  
The conclusion to pollution is to stop chewing gum and try to find a solution  
This generation's norm  
Is climate change, litter and pollution  
Everyone is now bitter  
Supporting litter  
And are living in it like little critters  
Don't be a quitter  
I know for sure you aren't a quitter  
Don't be the someone who litters right next to a bin  
Be the someone who stops litter  
Someone who shines in the world like glitter  
Like a diamond in the rough  
And glimmer in this world  
So turn off your tv and ac, because it's 12 degrees-  
Your wasting power, so confide  
That you don't like rubbish flying outside  
like a bird that swiftly flies  
Through a heap of flies  
So get out of your home  
And don't be afraid  
Be afraid of what this world could be  
And try to really foresee  
What will happens to the seas  
And the trees  
In 2133  
And you got all that by standing on that stage  
Standing in the litter like a critter  
Littered by the backstage crew who don't care  
They are also really bitter  
One day when you come out of the bath  
Putting on your lotion  
You will find the solution  
For pollution  
Then you will think this was simple  
Showing your dimples  
Seeing that you can make a change  
Believing that  
YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE.

By Kashif

## Never Again

Left in a cold, empty room  
Only space left for thoughts of doom  
Can loneliness circum-  
the body and mind,  
to leave you guessing  
the continuance of life?  
Things you have been through  
Can pull and hurt you  
Leaves us asking "Will we ever be the same?"  
"No, this has changed us in a good way"  
Then why do we feel the hurt  
Every time any of us close our eyes  
Look around  
Re living every word  
It breaks your heart in two  
You start thinking "I am a fool"

The promise that it will never happen again  
Turned rotten the moment the emotions come and scar you again  
A pattern of hurt and your trust issues  
Eating inside, every part of you

How many times some have to say "You don't know what I've been through"  
Imagine we have a wall  
That guards and protects our emotions  
We are faithful and trusting behind this wall  
But every time someone breaks that wall down  
You get a stab wound in your back  
How many scars do we have to get  
Before that wall is cemented and there's no one left

Isn't it funny how words can be so damaging  
To the point where there's no innocence worth salvaging  
Remember things you with you carry everyday  
The words you live by that ripped your heart away  
At this point there should be a big black hole  
Where the emotions used to lie but now they've been sold  
Because every time you get hurt  
You sell a piece of your soul  
And soon enough  
There's nothing left to sell

When people don't believe you  
That can be the worst  
Because you start to doubt all your self worth  
The tears and the emotional manipulation  
Breaks you down piece by piece till you have depression  
Once you have felt the indescribable pain  
You will never feel the same again  
You leave all your friends to find new life savers  
Turns out that they are all fake  
Because a shiny new toy comes and takes, takes, takes  
A rule should be 'Never Fall in love a second time'  
Because the second are the scars of forgiven 'mistakes'  
Back when we couldn't tell the difference between real and fake

Wish I could wash our brains with soap  
To be rid of the madness that has been bestowed  
The twist and turn of events  
Don't surprise persons anymore because we overthink  
Every possible solution and conversation  
Brings us back to a time where life wasn't easy  
And it never will be

There will always be one place  
That one place where if you lay your eyes on you shiver and quiver  
Thoughts run through your mind  
Of the trauma and lies of a terrible time

All of these become life lessons  
Each individual person have different visions  
But one thing to remember  
A quote of woman and man  
'Take all signs seriously,  
Because you can always get blindsided'  
By Willow

## Sandstorm

In the heart of the desert's golden sea,  
A group of souls embarked with hopeful glee,  
Their faces filled with dreams and visions grand,  
Together they roamed the arid land.

Amidst the dunes, they laughed and sang,  
Their spirits soared, their hopes did hang,  
Yet little did they know that destiny's might,  
Would test their strength in the darkest night.

The sandstorm came with howling force,  
A cruel embrace from nature's source,  
One by one, they fell, consumed by the wind,  
Leaving behind the lone survivor, pinned.

He felt the weight of sorrow's might,  
As each companion vanished from his sight,  
Loneliness draped around his core,  
Accepting fate, he journeyed on once more.

But fate can shift like desert sands,  
And hope can bloom in barren lands,  
In the distance, he glimpsed a glow,  
Civilization's oasis, a chance to grow.

Approaching the light, he found a town,  
Welcoming arms, smiles all around,  
In their embrace, his heart found peace,  
A newfound family, a joyous release.

He shared his tale of trials and despair,  
And how he'd found hope amidst the desert's snare,  
His newfound friends listened, their hearts stirred,  
To embrace the stranger, a gesture kind and pure.

With time, the lone survivor thrived,  
In love and laughter, he again felt alive,  
Though memories of those lost remained,  
Their spirits danced in desert winds unchained.

And so, the sands of time moved on,  
As seasons passed, new bonds were drawn,  
He lived a life of purpose and worth,  
In the embrace of friends, he found his rebirth.

In the tapestry of life's design,  
A tale of loss, survival, and a love divine,  
From the depths of despair to joy's elation,  
He found his home, his true salvation.

In the heart of the desert's golden sea,  
A lone soul's journey to finally be free,  
Through trials faced and battles won,  
His story echoed beneath the sun.

By Nick

## Physical Attack

I just watched the news  
Turns out the person that got shot has a real  
big wound  
Blood dripping for his chest  
Turns out he had his last rest

It pains me to say that  
The world had come to this  
And the world has come to that  
Where they physically harm this  
And the physically abuse that

It's safe to say  
'Violence isn't the way'  
But sadly the same  
That you have to resort to the "blame game"

Even if it's a so called joke  
It's not funny for someone to choke  
Grasping for her last breath  
While people tweet #lifeordeath

Instead of 'spreading awareness' for violence  
We should listen to the people who suffer in  
silence  
We should listen to the people who call out from  
the dark  
And stop the people who left that mark

After each and every bruise, every cut  
We lost trust, In disgust  
By Mae

## Light to Darkness

Starting from the beginning, it was all bright  
all because I was standing in light  
From beginning till end  
I had no friend  
No hope to live  
No hope to die  
I always lived in Darkness  
but no sunshine  
Nol knows of the pain I'm going through  
going through me like a knife  
Nol knows why I am here  
why I am living in this world  
Nol knows why I am living in darkness  
why not brightness  
why I am here to grow  
But I still have hope  
hope to live  
here to grow  
here to succeed  
I'm not going to give up  
I'm not gonna let it grow through my heart  
Instead, I'm gonna be the one  
Who's gonna stun everyone.  
By Jappnam

## GOAL!

I breathe as I step up to take the  
shot  
Pondering whether I'll get it in or  
not  
The crowd cheering and jeering  
Cars steering and veering  
If I miss we're out  
Out without a doubt  
I am the hopes and dreams of my  
whole team  
I won't miss  
I am the ball  
It will go in the goal  
Sweat inches down my face  
I am striving to win this  
Without a miss  
The stadium rises as I take my  
stance  
To nail the ball in the goal  
They stadium falls silent  
As I am styling my hair  
Everyone stares  
I shoot  
The crowd holds it breath  
As the ball sails into the goal  
GOAL!!  
By Tanjim

## The Fan

Hot and Sweaty  
Walking inside  
The fan turns on  
A breeze so light  
Yet I still feel heavy  
Try Harder  
The dial is turned again  
The fan speeds up  
A stronger wind is formed  
But for me?  
it isn't enough  
I need more  
It isn't enough  
Do better  
The dial is turned again  
A wind so rough  
paper flies up  
The rotten wood shakes  
Yet it isn't enough  
You aren't trying  
You ain't being proper  
Be better and try harder  
The fan starts to shudder  
But I don't care  
The dial is turned again  
The fan now creaks  
The winds now harsh  
The building trembles  
But why am I not satisfied?  
The dial is aggressively turned  
The fan snaps and pops  
An explosion rings out  
No air.  
By Hephzibah

## Uplifters

Being a year 6,  
Sometimes stressful and tough,  
Maybe even rough,  
But everyone has a heart,  
Even though life can be difficult,  
Even when a milestone hits,  
Even when your life swerves and  
drifts,  
Uplifters, uplifting us all,  
Helping us to succeed so we don't  
fall onto the clammy, firm ground,  
Instead we stay up high and dust  
kindness everywhere, all year round,  
Kindness is key, kindness helps us to  
see,  
To see others, we do or don't know,  
To help make connections with them  
too,  
Being a year 6,  
Stressful and tough,  
Even rough,  
Maybe, just maybe sometimes,  
perhaps...  
Year 6 isn't stressful or tough or  
even rough,  
Say thank you to the uplifters,  
You are all special gifters,  
Uplifters, scattering kindness all  
around,  
I know I do,  
I know my friends do,  
I know most of the world does,  
Do you?  
Uplifters sprinkling kindness all year  
round  
So you don't fall onto the clammy,  
firm ground,  
Sprinkle kindness everywhere.  
By Kailey

## Cocoon

Trapped in a cocoon  
Trying 2 get out  
Trying 2 fly  
I flap my wings  
But the walls are 2 strong  
They hold me back as I try 2 break  
free  
Maybe I should give up  
But that's not an answer  
As I deal with my sorrow  
I dream for a 2morrow  
Maybe someday I'll get out this  
cocoon  
Flap my wings  
And be free  
2 be me

By Netra

## When the World Crumbles

When the world crumbles,  
Full of fear  
The screams r 2 much 2 be humble  
And it hurts my dear ears.  
My throat gets dry  
And i want to drop  
But ain't gonna lie so might as well just stop.

When the world crumbles  
It ain't any fun  
Ure no longer free  
And ya can't run.  
'Ure finally out  
OF the buckets i filled  
And there's no doubt  
That you'll get up the hill

When the world crumbles,  
Betcha you'll know  
Whatcha lookin for?  
It's under ya nose.  
Ya know what it is,  
But ya just don't try  
And all you can do  
Is sit there and cry.

When the world crumbles,  
Everyl is gone.  
And all ure gonna do  
Is sit there and mourn.

The world's really cruel, aint it?  
But i gotcha, *yaknowhatimean?*  
When the world ends,  
Ya got no friends  
But ya don't really know when  
The world ends.

Keep strong or keep low  
Cause ya will never know  
Where it will all go.  
By Nyalat

## The Internet

The world is a dangerous place. But try the internet.  
Scams, bullying and crime.

It is time.  
Time to stop this nonsense  
We need a conscious

How would you feel?  
If you were being Snapchatted, Instagram, rumors spread about you.

The internet needs to stop, look, and listen to this world being swirled  
and twirled.  
All because of a silly little comment saying "You're so fat", or "You're  
too skinny, gain some weight

Because we don't need to gain or lose weight. We have the perfect  
select to connect, we just need to put it in effect.

Not to mention people getting left with scam because of all these  
scams.

It's not time for all this sublime crime just to get a bottle of Prime.  
It is time to stop this terrible mess, instead of posting you in your  
dress.

By Sienna

## You Can Do It

There's always a hill to climb  
Always an ocean to swim  
The weather can be stormy  
Let's push each other up  
And remember to never give up

If we all ban together  
And climb this mountain of weighted feathers  
We will do it all together  
Forever and ever

What if the mountain is too high  
There are tears in your eyes  
Your about to cry  
And feel as bland as deep blue sky

When the rain pelts too hard  
And you wish you were being buried in a graveyard  
You need to keep your life on guard  
And you as bad as a junkyard

You need to go back to when it was fun  
Not when you thought your life was a pun  
Think about how far you've come

There's always a hill to climb  
Always an ocean to swim  
The weather can be stormy  
Let's push each other up  
And remember to never give up  
By Zahara

# 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  
6:00PM



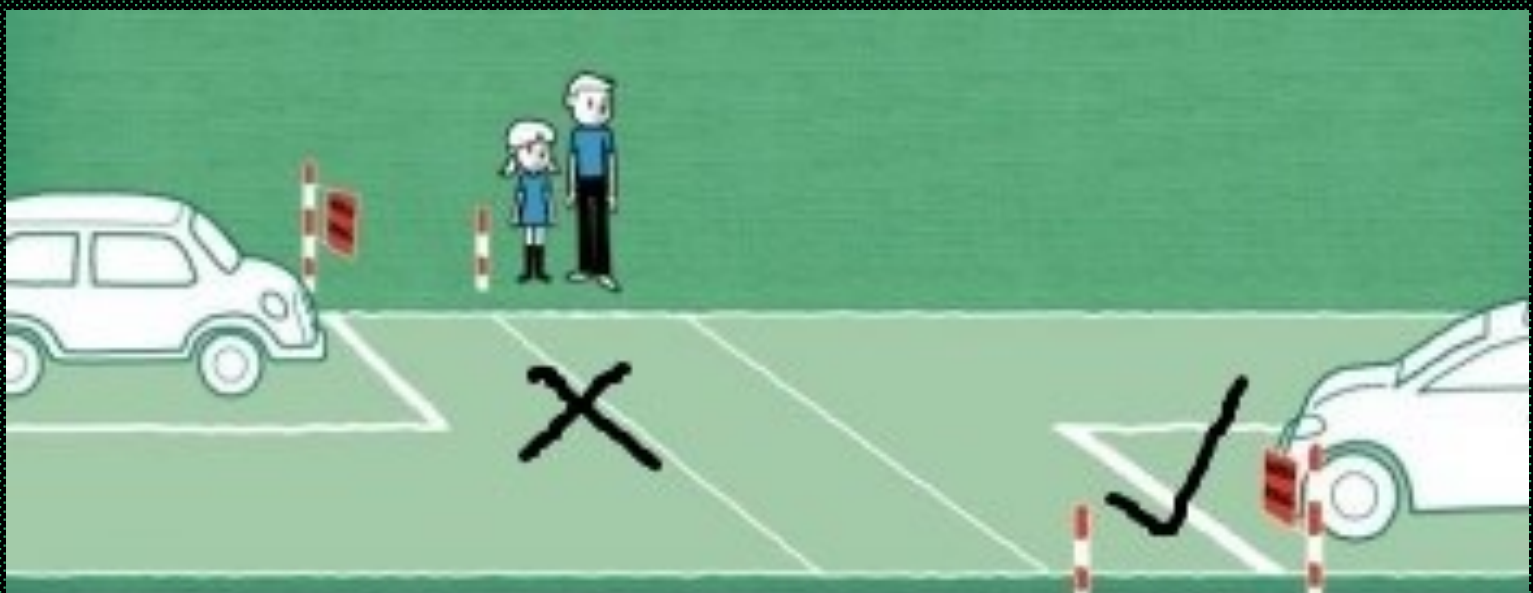
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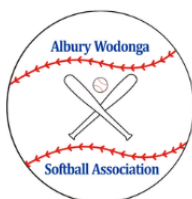
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