

NEWSLETTER

24th August 2023

Principal's Report

Yesterday our year 3 students left for their first school camp to Phillip Island Adventure Camp. The students and staff are looking forward to the opportunity of visiting various sites on Phillip Island and challenging themselves on the variety of activities being offered throughout the camp. Our students will participate in a number of activities that promote resilience and present the students with personal challenges, including the giant swing, circotron and archery. The camp provides an environment where the children need to contribute as team members, and is an excellent opportunity for our students to demonstrate and enact our school's core values out in the wider community.

This week is 'Book Week' and is one of the very popular and fun events we enjoy celebrating each year. On Tuesday our learning spaces were an array of color and costumes with many students and staff coming dressed as their favourite book character. It was a fun-filled day with a large variety of characters being represented. The students enjoyed coming to school in costumes and appreciated the staff members joining in on the fun as well.

As we are coming closer to the end of term 3, there are a number of planning processes currently underway for 2024. A crucial strategy around our staffing profile for next year is ensuring we have accurate data around our student enrolments for 2024.

Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. If you are intending to enroll your child for Prep at PLPS for next year, it would be much appreciated if you could address this so your child may participate in our Transition program, which will be beginning early next term. If you are aware of any families who are considering our school for their child next year, it would be much appreciated if you could encourage them to contact our school and arrange their enrolment. Thank you for your support and assistance with this important part of our planning for the future. Information sessions and school tours have been scheduled. The remaining school tours are scheduled for Thursday, August 31st and Thursday, September 14th at 9.30am. If you would like to participate in one of these sessions, please contact the school office on 5940 9532 to make a booking as numbers are limited.

An open afternoon for parents and students to visit the current Prep learning spaces has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Learning spaces will be

open for students to participate in a variety of activities and meet our current Prep and Specialist teachers.

Tomorrow we will have approximately 50 students from years 4-6 representing PLPS at our District athletics carnival being conducted at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. We wish all the students competing the best of luck in each of their events. We hope from this event we will have a number of individuals, and possibly teams continue on to the Division carnival which is scheduled for later this term. We encourage parents to come along to support and cheer on our teams. Thank you to Mr Seton and Mr Vann for all of their organisation, planning and preparation to support our athletes on this day.

With Father's Day approaching, our students will have an opportunity to purchase a gift from our Fathers' Day stall being held on Wednesday, August 30th. Thank you to the parents and staff who organised the stall for our students. Thank you also to all our volunteers who are helping at the stall next week.

Thank you to the families who have already completed the Parent Opinion Survey. All families have been invited to participate, with information and the link being posted on Compass. It would be much appreciated if you can complete the survey as this provides the school with informative data. The link to the survey is accessible until Friday, 8th September.

Final preparations are in full swing for our senior school musical of The Lion King JR. Currently our year 5 and 6 students are working extremely hard at rehearsals in preparation for their performances at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12th and 13th. Our Performing Arts team of Miss Dahmen and Mrs Vanderveen are supporting our students in their various endeavours, along with other senior level staff members.

Information regarding ticket sales has been communicated to our families via Compass. The first round of tickets are currently on sale. For all shows being conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, tickets need to be purchased through their ticketing system. This can be done online, via phone or in person. For further information please contact them directly on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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)

Wednesday 30th August: Father's Day Stall

Monday 4th September: Year 5 Science Discover Dome Incursion

Monday 13th September: Prep CARP Productions Incursion

Friday 15th September: End of Term 3 - Early dismissal time 2:15pm

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

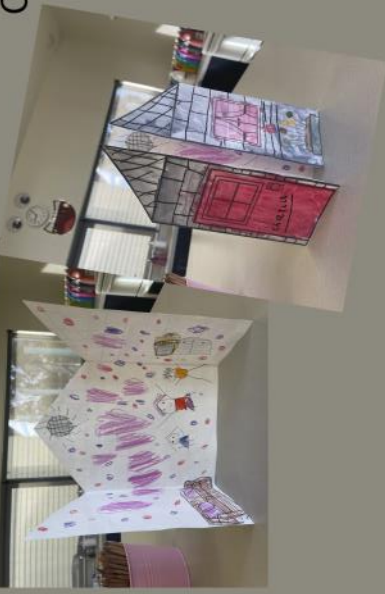
Monday 28th August at 9am

Friday 15th September at 9am

VISUAL AND MEDIA ART

PREP

House Template with family inside



GRADE 1

Oil pastel blending with Baby Oil



GRADE 2

Robot Drawings



GRADES

Among Us Colour Pencil Blending Texture



GRADE 4

Line and Shape Self Portraits



GRADES

Cardboard House Sculptures

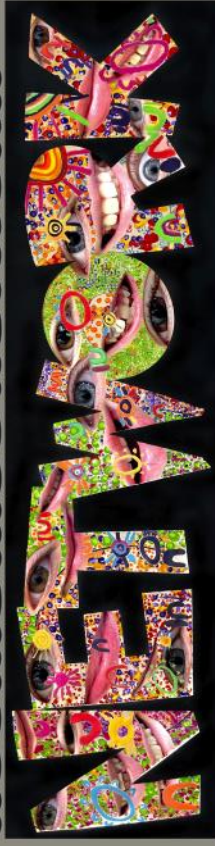


GRADE 6

Graduation Sakte Decks



KOORIE KIDS NETWORK



Artwork created with PLPS Koorie students for upcoming Celebration Day





DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

In the Junior School this term, our Prep students have been introduced to the exciting possibilities of robotics. They designed basic robots for a purpose and using Bee-Bots, were able to navigate and problem-solve with a great hands-on approach. Engaging with the world of STEAM, they have also delved into the engineering design process, tackling real-world problems, creating innovative solutions, and building their chosen designs. Through hands-on activities and exploration of coding concepts on platforms like Code.org, they have begun developing their problem-solving skills and learning to program instructions for objects to move in various directions.

Grade 1 students have explored coding, navigation, and robotics using Hexbug Nanos, developing algorithmic thinking and pre-coding skills. They have deepened their understanding of algorithms and how to use the Engineering Design Process to Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Test and Improve their initial designs. They have also been learning about animation, gaining insights into the art used in various media forms. These experiences nurture creativity, critical thinking and foundational digital skills. They have also ventured into creating lifelike character movements, enhancing their appreciation for animation principles used in popular media.

In Grade 2, students have been on a journey exploring the transformation of technology over time, recognising its impact on various aspects of life. They have gained practical skills in navigating Google Drive, including an introduction to Google Slides for creating basic presentations. Additionally, they have delved into the world of electricity and electronics, learning about circuitry's fundamental role in modern technology through engaging activities involving Snap Circuits. This has helped develop their sequential and critical thinking skills and their scientific knowledge.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Grade 3 students have been expanding their digital skills this term. They have learned about the Canva program for multimedia and applied Google Drive knowledge to new apps. They gained proficiency in inserting images, textboxes, and formatting. In coding, they have explored block coding, loops, and critical thinking on 'code.org', refining problem-solving skills and error identification.

Grade 4 students have been on an enriching journey this term. They delved into data collection and analysis, using spreadsheets to organise and present different types of data. They have also applied their Scratch and block coding knowledge to a new program, collaboratively crafting functions for Maqueen robotic devices. This experience has equipped them with valuable skills in data and robotics, fostering a strong foundation for their future explorations.

Grade 5 students have had an engaging term. They concentrated on boosting their Internet navigation and cyber safety skills through focused revision lessons on online and cyber safety. They also conducted a survey to gather e-safety awareness and device usage data, using this information to create informative infographics with visualised data, graphs, and concise sentences. This immersive experience has enhanced their digital literacy and communication skills through visuals.

Grade 6 students have been deeply engaged in a hands-on learning experience. Working in teams, they have created interactive electronic arcade games using Makey-Makey kits, developing technical skills, problem-solving strategies, and critical thinking. They embraced eco-friendly practices by using recyclable materials, following the Engineering Design process to create and enhance their arcade machines. This immersive journey has provided practical experience in design and innovation, fostering a well-rounded skill set.

YEAR 3 CAMP PHILLIP ISLAND 2023
WE WILL BE DOING ARCHERY! I WILL GET A BULLSEYE

THERE IS A GIANT SWING. I WILL GET SCARED!

Canva

ONLINE CYBER SAFETY
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YEAR 5 CYBER SAFETY

ONLINE GAMING
Online gaming can be a great tool to help learn, interact, and make friends, although it can be harmful.

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SNAPCHAT
Snap chat is an app where you can text each other. Sometimes it can be dangerous.

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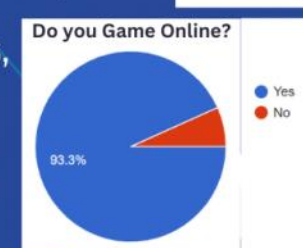
KNOWING HOW TO BLOCK
Knowing how to block people on social media is important. Less than half of people know how to block people.



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Name of Drinks	Price
Coca-Cola Coke Soft Drink 20 Pack	1.25L
Coke Soft Drink Lemonade 1.25L	1.25L
Kids Soft Drink Creamy Soda 1.25L	1.25L
Powerade Kids Lemonade Blast Sports Drink Sugar C	1.1L
Schweppes Soft Drink Raspberry 1.1L	1.1L

Smiths Fun Mix Chips 20 Pack | 375g
Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chicken Potato Ch
Natural Chip Co. Sea Salt & Vinegar Potato Chips | 1
Thins Chicken Potato Chips | 175g
Pringles Sour Cream & Onion Potato Chips



Production of
Disney
THE LION KING


Music and Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin and Hans Zimmer

Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).

All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Tickets for our senior musical 'The Lion King JR.' are now on sale.

**Year 5 & 6 families please purchase your tickets directly from
Cardinia Cultural Centre via the ticket link shared on Compass.**

**First round sale is a limit of 4 tickets per family. Please purchase your
tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment. Second round sale begins
Monday 11th of September if there are any remaining tickets.**

**The performance dates are Tues 12th & Wed 13th September
@Cardinia Cultural Centre**

Adults \$18 and Children \$15

Canteen News

The last day for canteen for Term 3 will be on:

Thursday 14th September

The first day for canteen for Term 4 will be:

Tuesday 3rd October



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4.

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 4.

Icy poles are \$1.40 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.



Our lost property area is overflowing with unnamed items, including numerous drink bottles, lunch boxes and both school uniform and non-uniform items. Can you please visit the lost property area near the office and in the gym to check for any of your children's belongings (an honesty policy applies). Any items that are remaining at the end of the term 3 will be donated to charity, used in our sickbay or disposed of.

It is extremely important that all belongings are clearly labelled (no initials) as we have no way of returning lost items to our students without a name.

Thank you.

PLPS Administration

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.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

We will be holding our Father's Day Stall on Wednesday 30th August 2023.

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

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send them to school with money in a named envelope and a plastic bag to put their gifts in.

Items are priced between 50c and \$4.00

Please note: To allow all students the opportunity to purchase some of the wonderful gifts available, we ask that students limit the amount of money they bring to a maximum of \$10.00.



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.



BERWICK BRAVES



SOFTBALL

CLUB

REGISTRATION/COME AND TRY DAY

SATURDAY 16 SEPT 2023

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Sweeney Reserve - corner of Melzac Drive
and Dempster Way, Berwick



**ALL NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS WHO
REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A FREE
GIFT WHICH INCLUDES A BAG, HAT
AND DRINK BOTTLE.**

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