

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2023

Principal's Report

Next week, our final week of term three, is set to be a busy and exciting week celebrating the talents and learning of our students.

Final preparations are in full swing for our senior school musical of 'The Lion King JR.' Our year 5 and 6 students are working extremely hard at rehearsals in preparation for their performances Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12th and 13th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Our Performing Arts team of Ms Dahmen and Ms Vanderveen are supporting our students in their various endeavours, along with other senior level staff members. At our assembly last week, we were lucky to have a preview from some of our talented leads, as they performed one of the songs from the show. We are looking forward to seeing the show in its entirety next week. There are a small number of tickets available for both evenings and may be purchased by members of our school community. Tickets are purchased through the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Information and the link to purchase tickets has been posted on Compass today.

We also have 3 year levels inviting parents and friends to an expo to showcase their learning throughout the term.

Students in Year One will be showcasing their Science and Writing learning in a Minibeast exhibition on Wednesday, September 13th from 2.45pm. They have been focusing on research and collaborative writing skills using honeybees as their inspiration.

Our Year Four students have been investigating explorers who navigated Australia as part of their History unit, "The Land Down Under - Australia's History". Students are inviting parents and friends to come along to share their learning on Thursday, September 14th at 2.45pm.

On Monday September 11th, students in Year Five will be hosting their 'Space Exhibition' demonstrating their learning of their science unit 'Voyage of the Planets'. They have been studying the sun, solar system and space travel. The exhibition will be open to visitors from 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

Last Monday our Year Five students participated in their Science Discovery Dome incursion. Starlab Victoria set up a large inflatable dome and used digital projections, animations, video clips and modelling to replicate our skies in order to extend the knowledge and learning of our students. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing about the elements and structure of the different planets and the way in which the forces of gravity work.

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Athletics on Friday, September 1st, an enjoyable day was had by all. Our athletes represented our school honorably, both in their competitive efforts and the manner in which they conducted themselves out in the wider community. Our students produced our best results at an Athletics Carnival. Next week, PLPS will have students competing in 25 individual events together with 4 relay teams. They will be competing at the Division Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, September 13th at Casey Fields Athletics Centre. We wish them the best of luck in their events.

Recently five of our students competed at the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. In the year 3/4 competition, Ivy Mack, Paddy Davenport and Idriel Bohl spoke on 'The day I turned into a giant'. Competing in the year 5/6 competition, Zahara Khalaf and Willow Waters spoke about 'The strangest world records in history. All students were outstanding representatives of PLPS and delivered their speeches confidently. Congratulations to all our students for putting themselves forward and participating in this event. Congratulations to Willow, who was the district winner and will be the representative at the semifinal competition to be held in term 4.

On the first day of term four, Monday, October 2nd, our year 6 students will be heading off for an educational tour of the national capital. This tour of Canberra supports their learning with their inquiry unit in Civics and Citizenship. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$67.50 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program toward costs. The rebate will be paid to the school upon completion of the excursion. I look forward to hearing reports from our senior students about their learning and experiences in Canberra when they return. Parents of year 6 students are asked to note that students need to be at **school at 6:30am for a 7:00am departure** on Monday.

You may remember, back in May last year we were notified that we were being funded to complete the major drainage works we have been seeking for many years. The project will allow us to further develop our school grounds with confidence. Yesterday we hosted a meeting with the architects and the builders who have been allocated the tender for this project in readiness to begin the works. Next week we will once again have temporary fencing installed to secure the site. The works closest to our buildings are scheduled to be completed over the school holidays, with the remainder of the works to be completed throughout term 4 and term 1 next year.

Currently, our landscape designer is completing a master development plan. The plans have been influenced by students' ideas and conversations. The plan will provide the opportunity for us to develop and install further creative, quiet and active spaces for our students once the drainage project has been completed.

On Tuesday, September 12th we are looking forward to welcoming our 2024 Prep students and families to our *Open Afternoon*. The afternoon is an opportunity for the students to visit the Prep learning spaces and meet some of the current PLPS Prep and Specialist staff. The afternoon commences at 3.30pm and concludes at 4.30pm.

Thank you once again to the many families who have already completed the parent opinion survey. The survey closes tomorrow, September 8th.

With our third school term concluding on Friday, September 15th, we remind parents that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **2:30pm**. Parents need to make the necessary arrangements for their child/ren to be collected at this earlier time of 2:30pm.

Please note, the dismissal time of 2:30pm has changed to align with policies introduced by the Cardinia Shire Council regarding School Crossing Supervisors. To ensure the safety of all our students, our dismissal times will align with the hours of operation of our School Crossing Supervisors. For parents who require care assistance due to this earlier dismissal time, our OSHClub program will be operating from this earlier time. Please ensure you have made the necessary arrangements if you wish to use this service. Any inquiries may be directed to 0438 559 017.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Term 3

Tuesday 12th September: 2024 Prep Open Afternoon 3.30 – 4.30pm (enrolled students only)

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th September: Year 5 & 6 Musical - 'The Lion King JR.'

Wednesday 13th September: Prep CARP Productions Incursion

Wednesday 13th September: Cardinia Divisional Athletics (Selected Students)

Friday 15th September: Footy Team Colours Day

Friday 15th September: End of Term 3 - Early dismissal time 2:30pm

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

Friday 15th September at 9am



YEAR 3 CAMP 2023

PHILLIP ISLAND

Last week, the Year 3 students went on their first ever camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The students were kept very busy the entire time at camp and had a great time. Some highlights were flying high off the Giant Swing, working as a team during the Initiatives Course, spinning upside down on the Circotron and hitting the target during Archery. The students also loved spending lots of time together whether it was walking down to the beach, dancing at the glow stick disco or eating popcorn during movie night!



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.

Due to the number of tickets still available for "The Lion King JR" and the interest of our wider school community to see the show, we have decided to open our ticket sales. If you and your family are interested in attending our school musical, there are a small number of tickets available for Tuesday evening with more availability for the Wednesday performance. We would love to see you there!

<https://CARDINIA.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/111657>

**The performance dates are Tues 12th & Wed 13th September, 7pm
@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.

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.



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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
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