

## NEWSLETTER

19th October 2023

### Principal's Report

Last week our year four students had their three-day camp at Woorabinda. Nestled in the heart of nature, our students delved into an array of thrilling activities and immersive learning experiences. Walking into a beautiful bush setting on the first day and cooking their own lunch was a highlight. Having the opportunity to spend a day with our year 4 students, it was great to see many students attempt and persevere with some of the challenging and new activities such as the high ropes course, with many overcoming their nerves and completing the course.

Well done to everyone involved with both of our recent camps to Canberra and Woorabinda. On behalf of our students and parents, I would like to extend my appreciation to our staff for their commitment and support of your children as they assisted the students to ensure they had an enjoyable time, whilst participating in the various activities on our camps.

We are pleased to announce that our School Council has endorsed the addition of a Year 6 polo top to our school uniform following extensive discussions and valuable feedback from our Year 3, 4 and 5 families. The input received from parents and carers, as well as our students, was instrumental in shaping this change. We are grateful for the active involvement and support of our school community in this decision-making process, and we look forward to seeing our Year 6 students wearing their new polo tops in 2024. Further information on the format and ordering process for the Year 6 polo tops will be communicated to our Year 5 families as soon as possible.

Last Monday evening Willow Waters represented PLPS in the Lions District Public Speaking Competition. Willow had worked hard on finessing what she wanted to say and delivered a captivating speech on 'The strangest world records in history'. Congratulations Willow on your effort and accomplishment in public speaking.

Yesterday we had 11 students participate in the Division Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields. A great effort was demonstrated by all the students at this high level of competition, with many improving their times and distances. Our thanks and appreciation to the staff and parents who transported and supported our students at this event.

At the beginning of term four we commenced the next stage of our Transition Program for the new Prep students who will begin their schooling here at the beginning of 2024. Over the past few weeks, staff have been conducting some assessments

to gain a snapshot of the students' readiness for school. The areas covered include fine and gross motor skills, language development and social readiness.

Our formal transition sessions will begin on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, whereby students will come along to participate in some sessions during the school day. The students have been invited to participate in two sessions throughout the program.

An information afternoon for parents and carers of 2024 Prep students will be held at the school on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The session will provide parents with an overview of what can be expected in relation to their child starting school together with the distribution of relevant documentation.

Last Friday all students received a copy of their year level newsletter. This communication is designed to inform our parents of the learning that is planned for term 4, particularly in the core areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics and our Inquiry Units. Important dates and times for school events, incursions and excursions are also included. We hope this provides parents with an insight and understanding of the learning our children will be undertaking over the remainder of the 2023 school year.

Our students are currently working hard with Ms Lowndes and Ms Kacew-Brown to finalise some artworks for the PLPS ART Show. This year is our school-based Art Show whereby our community will have the opportunity to view and experience the art showcased by our students both indoors and outdoors at school. Save the date on your calendars for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be communicated closer to the date.

As responsible members of our school community, it is crucial that we all maintain a strong commitment to road safety. With the increasing number of students crossing busy roads such as Cardinia Road and Princes Highway, it is paramount that our students remember and adhere to the rules, including only crossing in accordance with the traffic lights or where stationed, the Crossing Supervisors. Please can this message be reiterated to all children using these routes to school. Let's all make sure our journey to and from school stays as safe as possible.

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

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Friday 20th October: Cardinia Division Tennis Finals (**selected students**)

Wednesday 25th October: Year 1 Wilson Botanic Park Excursion

Wednesday 8th November: Prep Chesterfield Farm

Friday 17th November: Curriculum Day (**students do not attend on this day**)

Tuesday 28th November: PLPS Art Show

## Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

**Monday 30th October - 9am**

**Thursday 16th November - 9am**

**Thursday 30th November - 9am**

**Friday 15th December - 9am**

# Year Six Canberra Camp

On the Monday 2nd of October, the Year Six students headed to Canberra for 4 nights and 5 days. On the way up to Canberra we stopped at along the way to have our snack, lunch and afternoon tea. Once we arrived in Canberra, we went to the caravan park which was our accommodation. We were responsible for our keys and had our own cabins, which was exciting. After dinner, we had a games night outside as the weather was warm. We played lots of games in our teams and laughed as we played games like how many marshmallows can you fit in your mouth and moving Smarties with a straw.

The next day, we headed to Old Parliament House which was in use from 1927 to 1988. We went to the Electoral Commission and learned how to vote in an election and how to enroll to vote. We went to eat lunch at a park in Canberra on Lake Burley-Griffin. We went to the High Court and needed to go through a special machine like at the airport for security. We learnt about why we need a high court, which is to interpret and apply the law of the Constitution. We visited the National Gallery that had so many cool art pieces. Then we went to the Mount Ainslie lookout where we could see a beautiful view of the National Triangle, which is referred to as the Parliamentary Triangle. We had a yummy dinner and then we went to the Dinosaur Museum. We learnt some very interesting things about dinosaurs, and it was cool to see the different fossils.

On Wednesday, we went to the Australia War Memorial, and we learnt about how people gave up their lives for ours. We focused on World War I and World War II as part of our tour. Then we went to the new Parliament House where the government currently sit. We learnt about the Senate and House of Representatives. We got to role play passing a bill through the House of Representatives. We went to the AIS. We learnt about how athletes train in different sports and participated in some interactive games and test our own skill. After the AIS we toured the Embassies in Canberra. At night, we had tenpin bowling. It was loads of fun and we had lots of laughs with our friends.

On Thursday we went to the Governor-Generals House, which is not open to the public. We saw the car he uses and where they entertain guests. We went to the National Museum to learn more about First Nations people and visited the largest library in the southern hemisphere, the National Library. We learnt a lot of the cool stuff at the museum and the library. Next stop was the National Capital Exhibition, which tells the Story of Canberra as the capital city of Australia and looked at how Canberra was designed. We finally headed off to the Mint. It was interesting to find out how the coins are made and the robots that help make them. We were also there the same day they released the design our new coin with King Charles III on it.

After dinner we had a trivia night and worked in teams to answer questions about geography, government and entertainment. We also competed in challenges such as silent karaoke to earn points for our team.

Finally, we had an early morning wake up to ensure we got back to Pakenham on time. We had the best time at camp. We learned so much about aspects of Australia's history and the role parliament plays. We got to enjoy time with our friends and teachers. It was a wonderful experience we will not forget.

By Harnoor and Georgia



## 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.**

## 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.





**DVDs & USBs can still be ordered from the school office.**

**Contact the office on 5940 9532**

**DVDs are \$25 & USBs are \$30**

## **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.**



**Community Centre  
Term 4 Program  
Out Now!**

**BOOKINGS OPEN ON THE  
WEBSITE & AT THE CENTRE**

**Outlook**  
an inclusive society for all

**chips**  
changing little worlds in big ways

# LIFE GETS BETTER

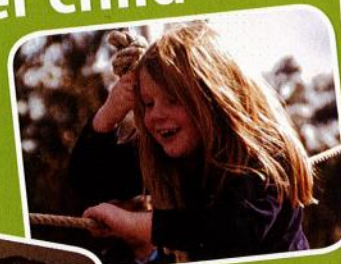
For children in Grades 4 to 6  
who have gone through:

- Death in the family
- Divorce
- Major Grief

**Adventure Day**

**October 28th**

Where: Phillip Island  
Adventure Resort  
Cost: \$45 per child



For bookings phone: (03) 9702 5528  
mobile: 043 50 CHIPS  
email: [enquiries@chips.org.au](mailto:enquiries@chips.org.au)

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ballsmartacademy@gmail.com

**BOOK NOW**

**Term 4**

JOIN US!

STARTS ON

**8 OCTOBER '23**



**NEW PLAYER**

+

**KITS**

**250 AU\$**

**10 WEEK PROGRAMME**



**TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**



BE COACHED BY TWO  
FORMER REAL MADRID ACADEMY PLAYERS

**SUNDAYS**

10:00

11:00 am



**CURRENTLY TEACHING**

**2-4 YEARS OLD**

**5-12 YEARS OLD**

OFFICER COMMUNITY HUB  
2 PARKER STREET OFFICER, VIC



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**AFL****PLAY**

# OFFICER SUMMER HUB

STARTS OCTOBER 30TH

**PLAY FOOTY WITH YOUR FRIEND AND FAMILY THROUGH  
VARIOUS OFFERINGS ALL SUMMER LONG**

## PLAY NAB AFL AUSKICK

- > Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30pm
- > 4 weeks \$40
- > For participants aged 4-8



## PLAY AFL SUPERKICK

- > Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30pm
- > 5 weeks \$50
- > For participants aged 8-12

## PLAY AFL NINES YOUTH & OPEN

- > Mondays, 5:30-7:30pm (6 weeks)
- > Youth - \$65pp for participants aged 13-18
- > Open - \$100pp for participants older than 18



**FIND YOUR LOCAL SUMMER  
HUB & SIGN UP NOW!**



Auskick & Superkick



Nines



# Works reminder

## Racecourse Road closure

We are removing the dangerous and congested level crossings at McGreggor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road, Pakenham by building a rail bridge over the roads and delivering new stations at Pakenham and East Pakenham

Between **Monday 23 and Tuesday 31 October**, Racecourse Road will have the following impacts between Bald Hill Road and Henry Street:

- Closed from 3am Monday 23 October to 3pm Saturday 28 October
- Open on Sunday 29 October
- Closed between 6am and 6pm on Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October

This is to allow the project team to safely install the rail bridge over the road.



[levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

1800 105 105 (call anytime)

[contact@levelcrossing.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossing.vic.gov.au)



For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.



Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, visit [relayservice.gov.au](http://relayservice.gov.au)



## What to expect

- Access to businesses will be maintained
- Increased construction activity and vehicle movement in the area
- Traffic management and detours in place to help you move around the area
- Overnight deliveries of L-beams.

Every effort will be made to complete these works on schedule, however dates are subject to change.

Thank you for your patience while we complete these works.

## More information

If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, call us on **1800 105 105**, 24 hours a day.

### Stay informed



#### Email updates

[levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe)



#### Latest project news

[facebook.com/levelcrossings](https://facebook.com/levelcrossings)



#### Call us

1800 105 105 (call anytime)

16 October 2023

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Artwork unveiling at Comely Banks Pavilion, Officer**

You're invited to attend the unveiling of the new Comely Banks Pavilion mural on Saturday 28 October from 11am-1pm.

Cardinia Shire Council is inviting residents, local sporting clubs, schools, and community groups to attend the community opening of the mural at Comely Banks Reserve, 125 Bridge Rd, Officer.

The community day will include:

- the community unveiling of the artwork
- sausage sizzle
- family friendly games
- painting workshop.

Commissioned by local arts organisation, Melbourne's Murals, the new public artwork is painted on the exterior of the pavilion and highlights diverse representation and inclusivity in sport. Extensive community consultation was completed as part of this project.

In November 2022, Council put out an expression of interest (EOI) seeking a suitable artist or arts group to deliver a public artwork for the Comely Banks Pavilion.

A selection panel reviewed the applications and narrowed it down to two groups, who then presented their developed concepts. In July 2023, the community were invited to meet the artists and have their say on the colours, representation, and the sports included in the mural.

Melbourne's Murals received an overwhelming response at the pop-up event and from the online survey. The community feedback then informed the final design which included edits showing the inclusion of a sports star with disability, colour scheme adjustments, and a representation of more diverse genders in the characters.

This design was then approved by the project team and endorsed by Council, and the installation of the mural was completed in September 2023.

For more information on the Comely Banks mural and community event, please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) or contact Council's Arts and Creative Industries team on 1300 787 624 or email [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

We hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

**Gabby Fisher**

Arts Project Officer, Cardinia Shire Council



# Have Your Say

## Waterford Rise Park, Pakenham Playspace Renewal



Vote for your favourite design for the Waterford Rise Park playground!



### Tell us your thoughts...

**Online:** [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)


**By mail:** Cardinia Shire Council PO Box 7  
Pakenham, VIC, 3810

**By email:** [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



### Contact us

Want to learn more about a project?

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