

NEWSLETTER

2nd November 2023

Principal's Report

World Teachers' Day was celebrated last week on Friday October 27th. This day provided an opportunity to say thank you and acknowledge the incredible contributions our teachers make to our community. On behalf of our school community, I would like to express gratitude for the commitment our teachers demonstrate toward our students through the programs they provide to build their knowledge, creativity, and resilience. Thank you for your work, patience, and support in providing optimum opportunities for our students.

On Friday, October 20th PLPS had our girls and boys Tennis teams participating in the Division competition. The weather allowed for a great day of tennis. Both teams competed well and were victorious in their respective competitions. Congratulations to all the students involved and we wish them all the best at the Regional competition on Wednesday, November 15th.

Our Year 1 students last week had a very enjoyable day on their excursion to Berwick's Wilson Botanic Park which supported their inquiry learning. Students spent the day as 'park explorers' and engaged in interactive learning that supported their current science and history learning. Students identified wildlife species, were involved in a volcano demonstration, and discussed how the earth's movement over time has contributed to plant adaptations. An enjoyable day was had by all!

Our year 6 students are currently learning about and investigating climate change. As part of this learning, they have been preparing and participating in debates. Students were asked to explore their topics and present their claims, reasons, and evidence for their arguments. In teams, they then needed to demonstrate an ability to present a strong, persuasive argument as well as respond appropriately to their opponents. The topics explored were centered around climate change. The research and reasoning, together with their enthusiasm for their arguments was outstanding. To observe our students participating in the art of respectful discussion and debate about global topics that are important to their future was a privilege to see.

Last Friday, October 27th, all families with students currently in Prep to year five received information via Compass for book packs and parent payments for 2024. As indicated in

this information, our **book packs will need to be ordered online**. If parents are wanting to order the student book packs through our preferred supplier Maxim, **orders need to be placed and paid for by Sunday, December 31st, 2023**. If you believe ordering and paying for book packs by this date could be problematic for your family, please call the school on 5940-9532 and speak to Julie, our Business Manager, who can assist with ordering and payment plans. All the book packs ordered will be delivered to the students' learning spaces ready for them to access and use on their first day of the 2024 school year.

With term 4, the planning and preparations for the 2024 school year are well under way. We have commenced the development of our staffing plan for next year. The key driver of this plan is having an accurate figure regarding our student enrolments for next year. Currently we have 87 Prep students enrolled to commence their formal education next year at PLPS. Enrolments have also been received for students in other year levels across the school.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the opportunity to inform the school that their children will not be attending PLPS next year. If you are aware that your child will not be attending our school next year, could you please contact our school office on 5940-9532 to let us know. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated and allows us to accurately plan for 2024.

A reminder for our parents of students starting in Prep in 2024. Our Information Afternoon being is being held in our Northern Learning Cluster at school on Wednesday, November 8th. Parents will have the opportunity to collect all relevant paperwork, be informed of important information for the start of 2024 and get clarification on any further questions. The information session will begin at 4pm and is expected to conclude by 5pm.

Next Wednesday our Prep students will be participating in their first excursion to Chesterfield Farm. The farm visit supports their current learning of living and non-living things as they investigate animal features and their body coverings. They are looking forward to the many activities they will be involved in throughout the day including; a cow milking demonstration, a tractor ride and hand feeding the large animals.

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Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and respond where necessary.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters. For more information, speak to your doctor. For more information you can visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma>

A reminder that Friday, November 17th is our final Curriculum Day for 2023. Staff will be participating in our fourth and final day of the Berry Street Education Model professional learning program. Students do not attend school on this day. If parents require assistance with childcare on the day, our OSHClub will be operating a full day program between their normal operating hours of 6.30am to 6.30pm.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 8th November: Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion

Friday 17th November: Curriculum Day

(students do not attend on this day)

Friday 10th November – Yr 3/4 Cricket Blast (selected students)

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 16th November - 9am

Thursday 30th November - 9am

Friday 15th December - 9am

YEAR 4 NEWS

CAMP EDITION

Day 1

Our Year 4 camp this year was at Woorabinda. We had a bus ride and stopped half way to have snack and to stretch our legs.

We arrived to a paddock and went on a long walk to our lunch spot. We collected sticks on the way to build our own fire and to cook our own lunch - sausages, pumpkin, carrot and potatoes wrapped in foil. It tasted really good!

After lunch, we walked to camp and found out which cabin we were in. I was happy with my cabin! We settled in, had a tour and met the camp staff, even learning the Woorabinda song. We had showers and did reflection time writing in our Woorabinda books while the first duty group set up for dinner. Dinner was great and we even got ice-cream for dessert! We had a games night and my team loved the hula hoop activity. It was fun! We were tired and eventually went to bed. - Sophie M

Day 2

We had breakfast before heading off for our first two camp activities. We had lunch and then did two more activities. There was ES (Environmental Studies) where we looked at birds or collected tadpoles, Billy-carts, High-ropes, Ziplining and GPS (like a scavenger hunt but using GPS devices!)

There was no canoeing at camp because of the poor water condition after recent flooding. We were all very tired after a big day but enjoyed our movie night with popcorn! - Mika

Day 3

On day 3, we packed to go home and ate breakfast before heading off for our assembly and final activity. We came back for lunch together and said goodbye and thankyou to the camp staff before heading home. - Maddy

What we enjoyed

Alisa

I really liked the zip line because it wasn't that high but it was really long. Its hard to explain what it felt like but I would do it again definately!

Sahas

The zipline and breakfast were amazing. The toast, bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs... yum! Oh and the ponding was cool with all the creatures in Environmental Science.

Abi B

I really enjoyed the zip line because it was really fun! You could jump off the ledge and it felt like you were flying!

Olivia P

The zip line and high ropes course were my favourite. At first on the high ropes course I was scared, but on the second time I felt more comfortable doing it. The food on camp was delicious and I liked how the camp was in bush land.

Aliesha

My favourite part of camp was the high ropes because it really pushed me. I am actually scared of heights and I've never been on something that high before. But I made it to the end!



Billy Carts



Zip line

CAMP



High Ropes Course



Cabins



Zip line



Zip line



High Ropes Course



**Lunchtime
Camp Cookout**



Games night



High Ropes Course



**WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM**

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The Pakenham RSL has supplied us with a small box of Remembrance Day pins in preparation for the Remembrance Day Appeal on 11th November. The pins and badges range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. If you would like to purchase a badge or pin please do not hesitate to pop into the office to make your purchase by cash by Friday 10th November.



A big “Thank You” to Harcourts Pakenham for their kind donation of face painting at the Lakeside Market on October 15th.

Your donation was much appreciated!

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!

PLPS Bucket Hats



We currently have our old style bucket hats available for sale from the office at the discounted price of \$10.00

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.



School Hours and Pick Up

Our school hours are between 9am and 3.15pm each day. We understand that due to traffic and other unforeseen circumstances parents/carers may not be able to pick up their child/children on time. If you are running late to pick up and it is after 3.30pm your child/children who are waiting in the school yard will be asked to wait in our school admin building, as there are no teachers on yard duty after this time. If parents are aware that they will be running late, could you please advise the school office before 3pm or as soon as possible. If parents/carers are regularly unable to pick up their child/children on time they will need to book into after school care. OSHClub can be contacted on 0438 559 017.



ICYPOLE 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.

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.

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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 McGregor 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.



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1800 105 105 (call anytime)

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



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.

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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 or contact Council's Arts and Creative Industries team on 1300 787 624 or email 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


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Contact us

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 For information in other languages
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