

NEWSLETTER

16th November 2023

Principal's Report

Preparations for our annual Art Show are now in the final stage. On Tuesday November 28th, we are looking forward to exploring our school grounds to admire a combination of indoor and outdoor exhibits. Our Open Afternoon will begin at 3.30pm. Upon arrival guests will be presented with a map with a suggested route to walk around the show and this year we are offering families the opportunity to complete a scavenger hunt. This will take you on a guided journey to find all the 2D and 3D artworks on display. We hope you can join us and we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements in the Visual Arts program.

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our Prep students to the Chesterfield Farm for their excursion. At the farm, our students had the opportunity to milk a cow, feed some animals, watch a sheep dog in action and enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm to view all the animals. The feeding of the animals created many giggles and shrills as the animals tickled their palms whilst trying to gather the feed from their hands. The experience enhanced the students learning of their current inquiry unit of living and non-living things. They enjoyed being able to pat and feel the different coverings of the animals and asked many questions of the farmers. It was a very enjoyable day had by all.

Recently our year 3 and 4 students had the opportunity to participate in a coloring competition being offered by our local State MP Emma Vulin. The students were invited to submit submissions that would be featured on the Season's Greetings Card, which are to be distributed across the Pakenham electorate. We had 25 students participate and develop designs. Recently we were notified that three of our students' designs had been selected to be used for the greeting cards. Congratulations to Piper in year 3 and Ruby and Lily in year 4. Thank you to Mrs Allen who coordinated this activity and provided the time for our students to partake in this opportunity. We look forward to seeing their designs being circulated in our local community.

We are currently conducting our formal transition program that supports our new prep students prepare for the start of their formal schooling. This week we had many of our 2024 students attend, with the hope that all students enrolled for Prep next year at PLPS can participate in these important sessions. At the conclusion of the sessions next

week, the students will collect a bag containing a picture story book and other helpful items they can use at home.

Yesterday our girls and boys tennis teams competed at the Southern Regional Tennis Tournament. The standard of tennis was extremely high at this stage and our students did a great job competing throughout the competition. Well done to all students for their effort and success.

Last Friday we had 43 students from years three & four represent PLPS in 5 teams at the Officer District T20 Blast Cricket tournament. Our students played 3-4 modified games of cricket, demonstrating great sportsmanship and fun on a very warm day. Thank you to Mr Vann for organizing the day, together with other staff and parents who supported our students at the competition.

This year we will attempt to once again host our Christmas Concert, weather permitting. Invitations have been extended to all family members to come along for the afternoon performance. All classes and the PLPS choir will be performing. The concert has been scheduled for Thursday, December 14th and will begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 3.00pm. The school gates will open at 1.20pm for family and friends to enter and set up their camping chairs or picnic rugs in the designated area on the basketball courts. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the concert. Tickets for the raffle will be distributed very soon.

A reminder our last curriculum day for 2023 will be tomorrow Friday, November 17th. On this day the staff will be participating in the last day of the Berry Street Education Model professional learning. Throughout the year, our participation in this program has reinforced and further developed our understanding and repertoire of strategies to assist all students with their own wellbeing and personal development.

Students do not attend school on this day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day's program to support our parents and families on this day. If you require this service, you are encouraged to contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 28th November: PLPS Art Show 3.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 12th December: Year 6 Graduation Evening

Thursday 14th December: PLPS Whole School Christmas Carols at 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th December: Year 6 Big Day Out - Gumbuya World

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 30th November - 9am

Friday 15th December - 9am

YEAR FIVE LITERACY

FANTASY UNIT



- Matilda Glasgow 5K

I enjoyed unleashing our creativity into making beast and characters.
- Isla Lewis 5A

During Term 4 Grade 5 students had the opportunity to work through their first literacy unit, combining elements of Reading, Writing and Maths.

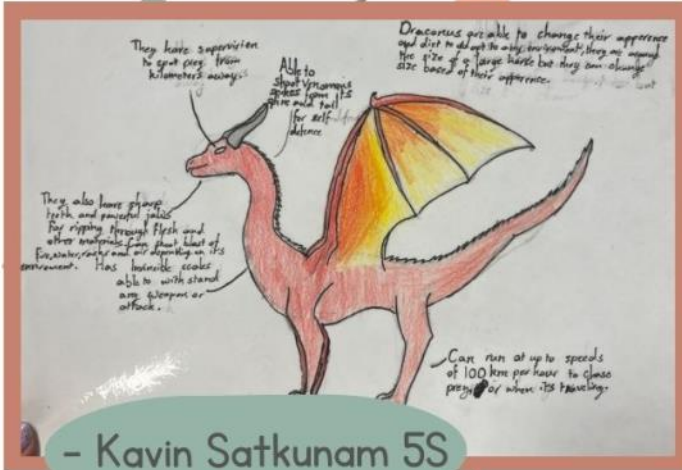
Students created a fantasy map taking their learning from maths, had an opportunity to analyse a range of texts exploring both realistic and fantasy settings, characters throughout fiction and the interplay between characters, their setting and non-human characters. The year 5s are currently in the process of publishing their pieces in a way that is cohesive and utilises the elements they have created throughout the last 6 weeks.

We got to create fantasy creatures and that was fun!
We got to use our imagination!
- Chloe Hunter 5W



I enjoyed drawing our map, monsters and characters.

- Charlie Benger 5K



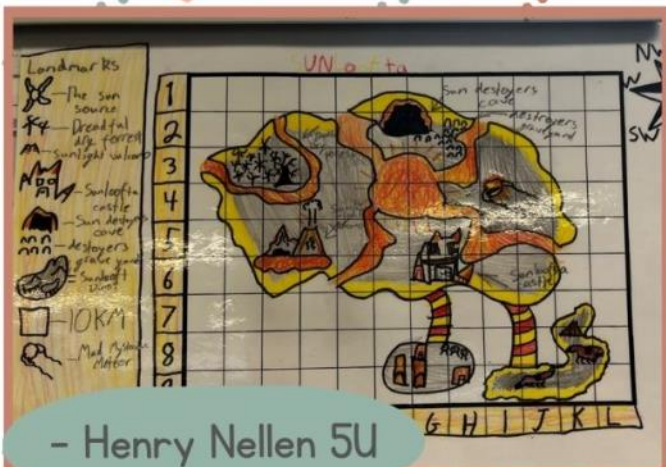
- Kavin Satkunam 5S

I enjoyed making the characters and learning about making a story.

- Shayan Karunaratne 5W

I liked how we combined maths and Literacy, because I thought literacy was just about reading stuff but it's not.

- Sahman Sahman 5U



- Henry Nellen 5U

I liked being able to create a world, with creatures and characters.

- Jayden Martyn 5S

Christmas Raffle

Opportunity for businesses
to donate to the
Pakenham Lakeside Primary School
Christmas Raffle

Dear PLPS Community,

Our school, along with our Parents Group is beginning to put together hampers for our Christmas Raffle. We are asking our school community and other businesses if they may be interested in donating a voucher, gift card or product from their business for the hampers. All donations would be much appreciated. A list of businesses who donate will be published in our school newsletter for the remainder of 2023 to promote and thank all contributors. Donations can be delivered to our office or pickup can be arranged if required.



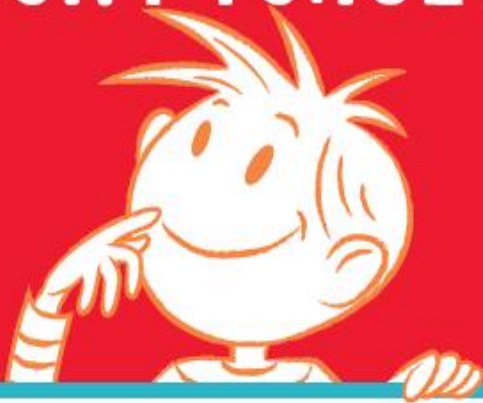
PLPS

ART SHOW 2023

OPEN NIGHT
TUESDAY 28TH NOV
3.30PM - 5.30PM

Ⓐ PAKENHAM LAKESIDE PS
23 SHEARWATER DRIVE

DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

23rd November

Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for the 2023 school year will be on:

Tuesday 12th December



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.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

HEAD OFFICE

CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023

REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

RETAIL

CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023

REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024

TO AVOID THE JANUARY
BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES
SHOP NOW

Join your local Bunnings Christmas Family Event

FREE



Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.
Thursday 7th of December from 5pm to 7pm
at Bunnings Pakenham

Activities and fun for the whole family

Free Sausage Sizzle, Snow Cones & Fairy Floss, Ride on
Mechanical Animals, Animals Of Oz, DJ Darren, Adult & Kids DIY
Our lovely community groups and suppliers & Prizes to win
Possibly a visitor from the North Pole



Refer to your local
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and book your
spot using the QR
Code above.

For more information contact us on 59454900
or visit www.bunnings.com.au/pakenham

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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**