

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **14th December 2023**

### **Principal's Report**

As this is our final newsletter for 2023, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all members of our school community for their contributions towards another successful school year of growth and learning for our students.

Tuesday evening saw our 2023 year 6 students participate in their graduation ceremony which was conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Family and friends gathered to reminisce and celebrate the students' achievements during their time at PLPS. Our School Captains, Kayleigh Thomson and Samar Sahni were our fabulous hosts for the evening. Other year 6 students also contributed through sharing memories of the various experiences they have been involved in throughout their Primary School years. I congratulate all the students who spoke for their preparation and contribution to a successful night.

For many of our students, this signaled the end of seven years of primary education at PLPS, whilst other year 6 students joined our 2017 Prep group along the way at various year levels. I congratulate all our year 6 students on completing their primary education and wish them well as they prepare to embark upon the next phase of their education at their respective secondary schools.

I would like to acknowledge our four students who were the recipients of our awards on the evening. Firstly, Hephzibah Jinil has completed an outstanding year of academic performance and was the recipient of the Pakenham Rotary Academic Excellence award.

Our second award winner was Alexis Scheiwiller. Alexis was awarded the EdViews Learner Award. This award is presented to the year 6 student who consistently demonstrates the love of and a commitment to their learning throughout the year.

Samar Sahni was the recipient of our third award, the Emma Vulin 'Achieving your Best' award. This award is presented to a year 6 student who consistently inspires others and embodies the qualities that make their school a better place. Samar has demonstrated this through kindness towards others, persistence and dedication in achieving his goals throughout the year.

Our final award winner on the evening was Mae Mulholland. Mae was awarded the Webster Family Trust Community Student of the Year award. This award is presented to the year 6 student who best exemplifies our school's five core values. Mae's respectful manner, responsible attitude and conduct, self-discipline, along with her leadership skills, make her a very worthy winner of this award.

Each award winner received a certificate of recognition together with funds for their future schooling. Congratulations to them all.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to express my appreciation to the Pakenham Rotary, EdViews, Emma Vulin and the Webster Family for their generous support of our school and that of our students and their education.

Today from 3.15pm, the semester two academic reports will become available to parents to view and download through our Compass platform. For students leaving PLPS at the end of 2023, please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report prior to the end of the year.

Tomorrow will be our final whole school assembly starting at 9.00am. We will be farewelling our Year 6 cohort and wishing them all the best for their venture into Secondary School. Families and friends are most welcome to attend.

After our assembly tomorrow, Footsteps will be conducting a Disco for each of the sub-schools to celebrate the end of the year.

The following staff will be departing PLPS at the end of this school year. Emma Dalzotto, Danielle Macreadie, Anne Ritchie and Jordan Lee. Emma has been a long-standing member of the PLPS team and has made significant contributions throughout her time at our school. I would like to thank Emma for her ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and care she has demonstrated towards our students and our teaching and learning programs. We wish her all the best with her new venture. We would also like to thank Danielle, Anne and Jordan for taking the opportunity to join our team and for their contributions to the PLPS community.

A reminder that our final day for the term and school year will be Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. **On the final day, school will finish at 1:30pm.**

OSHClub will be providing their service from this earlier finish time on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note that a full day program is also being offered for our families for Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure you contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place if required.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a very relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday break. Our staff will return to school on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The first day for students to attend school in 2024 is Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> for students in years 1 to 6 and Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Prep students.

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

# Admin News



## DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 20th December: End of Term 4 - **Early dismissal time 1:30pm**

2024 Term 1 Commences: Tuesday 30th January - Years 1-6

2024 Term 1 Commences: Friday 2nd February - Prep Students



## Assembly Dates

Final Whole School Assembly for 2023 will be held in the school gymnasium on:

**Friday 15th December - 9am**

## End of Term 4 - 2023

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be  
**Wednesday 20th December.**

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:30pm**  
If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier  
dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from the earlier time to  
accommodate families.

All inquiries can be direct to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Thank you.



## CANTEEN NEWS



The first day for Canteen for the 2024 school year will be on:

**Tuesday 30th January 2024**

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all staff, students and their  
families a happy and safe Christmas break.

## PLPS Bucket Hats



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

We would like to acknowledge the major sponsors of our Christmas Raffle. Thank you to...

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

# It's Library Stocktake Time!

This is a reminder to parents and students to please return your borrowed library books so they can be scanned in for stocktake.

A second note went home on Monday 11th December to all students who still have overdue library books with instructions on how to replace or reimburse the school for any lost items.

If you have any queries about overdue notices or any lost items please don't hesitate to come and see me in the library or office and I will be happy to help.

If you would still like your children to read over the holidays, I would highly recommend visiting and/or joining our local library in Pakenham. Information regarding their summer holiday open hours can be found further down in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support

Narelle McMillan— Library Technician



## Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in both Term 4 and Term 1 of the school year.

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

Last day for Icy poles in Term 4 is: Friday 15th December

First day for Icy poles in Term 1: Friday 2nd February

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





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## 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.

**DO NOT  
Share  
Food**



Thank You!



# BIG SUMMER READ

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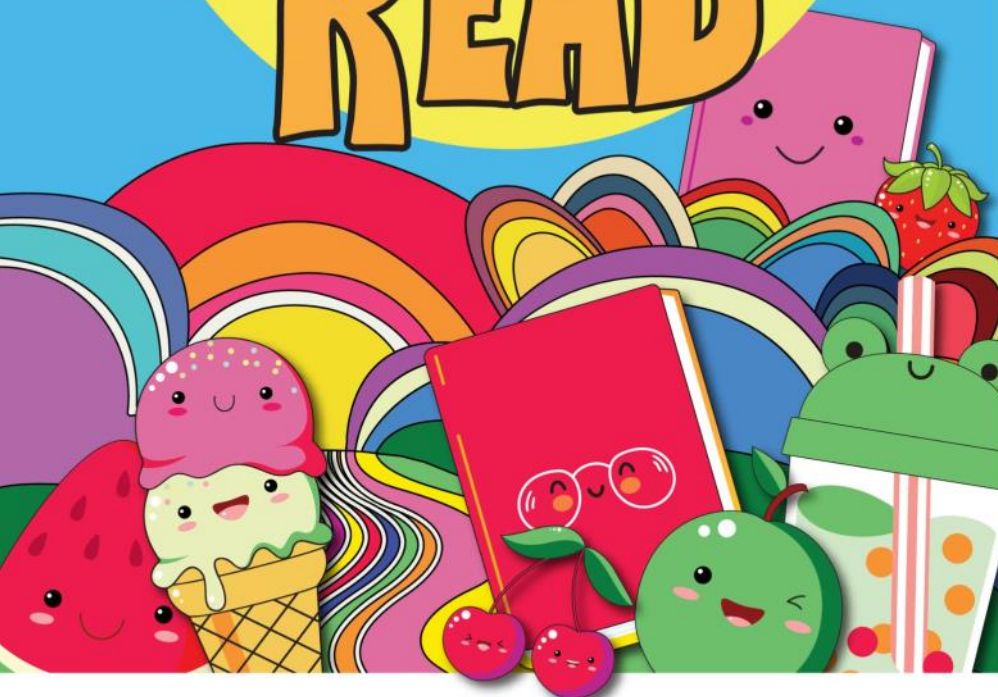
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# FESTIVE SEASON—HOURS

Our library hours will temporarily change during the festive season. Regular hours will resume on Saturday 6th January 2024. Our external returns chutes will remain open.



Friday 22nd December	Closing at 3pm*
Saturday 23rd December	Closed
Sunday 24th December	Closed
Monday 25th December	Closed
Tuesday 26th December	Closed
Wednesday 27th December	Closing at 5pm*
Thursday 28th December	Closing at 5pm*
Friday 29th December	Closing at 3pm*
Saturday 30th December	Closed
Sunday 31st December	Closed
Monday 1st January 2024	Closed
Tuesday 2nd January	Closing at 5pm*
Wednesday 3rd January	Closing at 5pm*
Thursday 4th January	Closing at 5pm*
Friday 5th January	Closing at 5pm*



SCAN ME

Visit [myli.org.au](https://myli.org.au) or scan the QR code for library hours & free e-resources available online, anytime.

\*Please note that the 5pm closing time only applies to branches that are regularly open past this time.



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## TRADING HOURS

### **HEAD OFFICE**

*CLOSING: 20 DECEMBER 2023*

*REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024*

### **RETAIL**

*CLOSING: 21 DECEMBER 2023*

*REOPENING: 3 JANUARY 2024*

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