

NEWSLETTER

15th February 2024

Principal's Report

Recently, our year 6 students who have aspirations for leadership positions in 2024 collected and prepared their leadership applications. Our student leadership team is made up of our two school captains, eight house captains and a number of student representative council captains. As part of the application process, our students need to:

- demonstrate an enthusiasm to lead and encourage our student body to participate and contribute to the ongoing development of our school
- demonstrate and outline their ability to be positive role models for all students
- demonstrate their ability to think and act in ways that reflect our school's core values—how they “live our values”
- be representatives of our school, when required, out of school at community events.

Students also had the opportunity to share with us something they would be interested in and be willing to lead to further develop or improve our school.

The applications, together with speeches and conversations with the applicants, will be considered for selection by members of our school's leadership team. Parents of year 6 students will be notified of when the student leadership positions will be announced.

Once again in 2024, our school newsletter each fortnight will be showcasing the achievements and reflections of our students as they grow and develop through our learning programs and events at PLPS. Each fortnight will feature a particular year level cohort with illustrations of students' work, student reflections or photos and captions of what the children have achieved and enjoyed.

The first showcase, in our newsletter this week, is our Prep cohort of students. It was lovely to see the excitement and smiles of our Prep students enjoying their first week at school. Our Prep children have had a positive start to the year and are settling well into the routines and structures associated with attending school, as well as their learning program.

A reminder that our Prep students will be attending school each day of the week, starting as of next Monday, February 19th.

Each year our School Council elections take place during the first term. This year we have four parent vacancies. Our School Council plays an important role in the progress and development of our school across many areas including governance, educational directions and policy development and ratification. It also monitors our financial situation and oversees our school's operating budget and expenditure programs. School Council is also a forum where important school community issues that impact upon our school and our students can be discussed and analysed.

If you are available and willing to attend a meeting that last 60-90 minutes once a month, have an interest in your child's school and how we can continue to provide an effective and engaging education to our students, this may be an opportunity for you to make a contribution to our school community.

Please note the time frame below for your information:

- **Wednesday, February 21st** – notice of election and call for nominations
- **Wednesday, March 6th** – closing date for nominations, 4:00pm.

If you would like further information or wish to clarify anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 5940-9532

Next month our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The students will complete the assessments online, except for a paper test for year 3 writing. Our students will participate in tests in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessments will begin on Wednesday, March 13th and conclude by Friday, March 22nd.

The tests, in these various disciplines provides parents with an understanding of how individual students are performing in each curriculum area at the time of testing.

Pamphlets detailing further information for parents, including links to the public demonstration site, will be distributed to our year 3 and year 5 families next week via Compass. If you have any questions about your child's participation in the assessments, please contact the school.

NAPLAN testing is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting program and this NAPLAN data complements assessment that is conducted on an ongoing basis by our teaching staff in the learning spaces.

Individual student reports will be returned to the school later in 2024 which are then distributed to parents and students.

With the warmer weather upon us, can I urge all parents to support our school by ensuring that their children have a sunhat with them at school, particularly during first term when the UV element is at its highest. We strongly encourage all children to develop this important life skill but require the support of parents to provide the sunhats. Sunhats can be purchased from our school office. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

A reminder our “Meet the Teacher” evenings are being conducted next Monday and Tuesday, 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Please book a time with your child's teacher via Compass or contact our school office.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 2nd February - Icy Pole Friday commences (Every Friday - Term 1)

Friday 9th February - Friday 15th March - Summer Interschool Sports
(selected students)

Monday 19th February & Tuesday 20th February: 'Meet the Teacher' Conversations

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 29th February - 9am

Tuesday 12th March - 9am

Thursday 28th March - 9am

Our First Day of Prep!



On my first day of school, I liked playing with people in the classroom and outside.



On my first day of school, I liked playing outside.



On my first day of school, I liked colouring in my hat.



What we have been up to so far in Prep!

We went to our specialist classes for the first time, such as Mandarin, Visual Arts, and Physical Education.



We visited the Library for the first time, where we listened to a story and looked through lots of books to find one we wanted to borrow.



We have started our amazing learning off by looking at shapes, letters, our names and where we belong.



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 1.

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.



Important Information

Staff Carpark

Our school carpark is for staff parking between 8.30am and 3.45pm on school days by order of the School Council.

*During these times parents **are not** permitted to park in the school carpark.*

*The carpark **is not** permitted for use for dropping off and picking up students or for leaving your car unattended while collecting your children.*

This is to ensure the safety of all students in the school.

Thank you

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 1.

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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Bookclub operates at least 8 times a year. Your children will have already received their bookclub brochure, which has the order form inside. Simply select any books you or your child would like to purchase and return the order form to the school, with correct payment, or order online with LOOP for credit card purchases by the closing date (FEB 14th for Issue 1). The school sends all the orders in together, and then the books are delivered to the school. The books will then be delivered to your child's classroom to take home.

Furthermore, the school receives free books from Book Club that allow us to regularly update our class and school libraries with just-published and favourite books.

There is no obligation to order, but I know of no better way to encourage reading than to give children the opportunity of choosing their own books.

Yours Sincerely,

Narelle McMillan - Library Technician

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COLOURING COMPETITION

To enter, collect a colouring competition from
Toyworld Pakenham, 101 Main St

OR

Follow the QR code to download a copy



Your entry will be judged on creativity against
this years theme:

“What you Dream of”

Entries can be dropped at
Toyworld Pakenham, 101 Main St
Pakenham Library, cnr John St and Henry St
by Sunday 21st April

Winners will be notified after the festival

Any questions?

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20TH & 21ST APRIL 2024



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