

NEWSLETTER

14th March 2024

Principal's Report

The month of March is certainly proving to be a busy one at PLPS with many of our students participating in a variety of opportunities in addition to our teaching and learning programs.

On Tuesday this week, Mrs Webster and I had the pleasure of accompanying our twenty two student leaders into the city to attend the Youth Leadership Conference conducted by YLAA, Youth Leadership Academy Australia, held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. *Dream and Lead is a one-day, highly engaging event designed to support primary school students in discovering their leadership potential, whilst providing them with strong foundations to succeed. The conference aims to equip our students with the skills and confidence to be change-makers in our school and our community, together with supporting their development for a future in leadership. We had a very enjoyable and insightful day.*

Last Thursday all our students started their three-week Cultural Dance Program with the Footsteps Dance Company. The program has been organised as part of our recognition and celebration of Harmony Week. Students from all year levels are participating in the program each Thursday learning dances from a variety of different cultures. The final week of the program will be Thursday, March 21st, coinciding with Harmony Week. On this day, students are encouraged to wear a splash of orange with their uniforms to celebrate Harmony Day.

Last Wednesday, March 6th, nominations closed for positions on our 2024 School Council. I am pleased to announce the parents who will serve our school community as parent representatives on School Council this year. Our elected parent representatives and community members are Lisa Fry, Samantha Scott, Rebecca Greenway, Eve Rook, Adriana Fitzgerald, Nicole McIntyre, Stephanie Webel and Amanda Loftus.

The staff representatives who will join me as our school representatives are Matthew Lee, Margaret Krstevski, Steven Runting and Katrina Ross.

I would like to welcome our new councillors and look forward to their contributions as we continue to provide our students with an engaging education. Our first meeting of the new school council will be Monday, March 18th at 6pm.

A sincere thank you to Amy Mackenzie for her time and service provided to our school community during her extended time on school council, it has been much appreciated.

Information for our year 5 and year 6 camp was posted on Compass recently.

Our year 5 students will be attending The Old Priory School Camp in Beechworth from **Tuesday May 28th to Friday May 31st**. The camp will provide our students with learning experiences directly related to our history inquiry topic. This unit of work enables our students to explore events that have shaped our nation's culture, as well as examining the impact of immigration on our country's growth and development. They will have the opportunity to explore the historic town of Beechworth, reflect on the economic impact of the gold rush on Australia's early economy, investigate early methods of communication and learn about the life and times of Ned Kelly. Parents are asked to indicate whether their child will be attending the camp. This can be completed through the consent form on Compass,

together with the payment of the deposit, due tomorrow, March 15th. Our year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra from November 18th to 22nd. This camp provides our students with an outstanding opportunity to experience learning directly associated with their inquiry unit of work, in civics and citizenship. As part of the camp program, students will visit a number of buildings, sites and attractions associated with the development and role of government in Australia. To assist with our planning and the financial commitment to the camp, parents are asked to indicate whether their child will be attending the camp. This can be completed through the consent form on Compass, together with the payment of the deposit, due on April 26th.

One of the ways that some students can be supported to participate in these invaluable learning experiences is through the Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund (CSEF). This funding is provided to support eligible families to cover the costs or part of the expenses of excursions and incursions, camps and sporting events and activities. If a parent holds a valid concession card, Department of Veteran Affairs card or is a foster parent, they may be eligible for CSEF. The funds will be paid to our school and can be used towards expenses of authorised events. Each primary child would be allocated \$150. Application forms are available from our school office or may be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

One of our whole school events taking place early next term is our FUN RUN, which is our house cross-country running event. Information about this event was posted on Compass yesterday, including how to create online profiles for the fundraising component, thus qualify for the prizes on offer. If you have any questions or would like any assistance with this process, please call the school office. All students from Prep to Year 6 will represent their house at this event as they compete for the PLPS House Cross-Country shield. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours for this event. The FUN RUN is scheduled for early next term, Monday, April 22nd.

To help our students prepare for this event, Mr Seton & Mr Vann have organised time before school on Thursdays to conduct the Runners' Club. The Runners club involves running and fitness training with Mr Vann and Mr Seton. Students can meet at 8.20am on the synthetic grass and training will conclude at 8:40am. Parents are invited to get involved and bring along their runners and join in our runners club. Thank you to our staff for their continued commitment to supporting our students.

With school holidays fast approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is providing their vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

On Thursday, March 28th, term one 2024 will conclude at the earlier dismissal time of 2.30pm. Parents need to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children at this earlier dismissal time. Our OSHClub will be operating from this earlier time to support parents and families who require this service.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 2nd February - Friday 22nd March: Icy Pole Fridays

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

Wednesday 20th March: 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 8:30am until 9:00am
3:00pm until 3:30pm

Friday 22nd March: Pakenham District Summer Lightning Premiership
(selected students only)

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March: "Colours & Shapes" Years 2, 3 & 4
Dance Concert

Wednesday 27th March: Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

Wednesday 27th March: Easter Raffle Drawn

Thursday 28th March: Last Day of Term 1 - Early dismissal time 2.30pm

Term 2

Monday 15th April: Term 2 commences

Monday 22nd April: School Fun Run

Year One

As part of our whole school incursion to celebrate cultural diversity and Harmony Day, the Year One students have been learning a cultural dance inspired by the Spanish Flamenco.



During our Inquiry unit called My Immediate World, we have also discussed and shared about our families, our different cultures as well as learnt about the Indigenous people of Australia.



Our families have many different cultures and backgrounds. We displayed these on a world map to see all of the places we have come from.



We also represented the members of our families with icy pole sticks and Indigenous symbols. We have loved learning so much about each others cultures including their special foods, family celebrations and much more!



Year One



Easter Bonnet Parade—Prep, Year 1 & Year 2

To celebrate the end of a terrific term one, our **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2** students will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade on **Wednesday 27th March**.

Students are welcome to bring along an Easter bonnet they have decorated at home to wear.

Some examples of Easter bonnets are shown below.



The parade will commence at 9:15am and parents are invited to attend.

In the event of rain or wet conditions, the parade will be cancelled and alternative activities will take place in the respective year level learning spaces.

As a culturally aware school, participation in this event is on a voluntary basis.

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 28th March - 9am

Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for Term 1 will be:

Thursday 28th March

The first day for canteen for Term 2 will be:

Tuesday 16th April



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.



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.

CANTEEN ANNOUNCEMENT

The canteen will NO LONGER be selling the Mamee Hot Noodles (chicken and beef) as they have been discontinued by the supplier.

Fantastic Cup Noodles (chicken and beef) will be available instead from next week. They are not Halal certified but we have been advised they are Halal suitable.

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.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the kerbside doors, away from traffic.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School

5504

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level
		Not required		

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. **The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024 – Friday 28th June 2024.**

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



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20TH & 21ST APRIL 2024



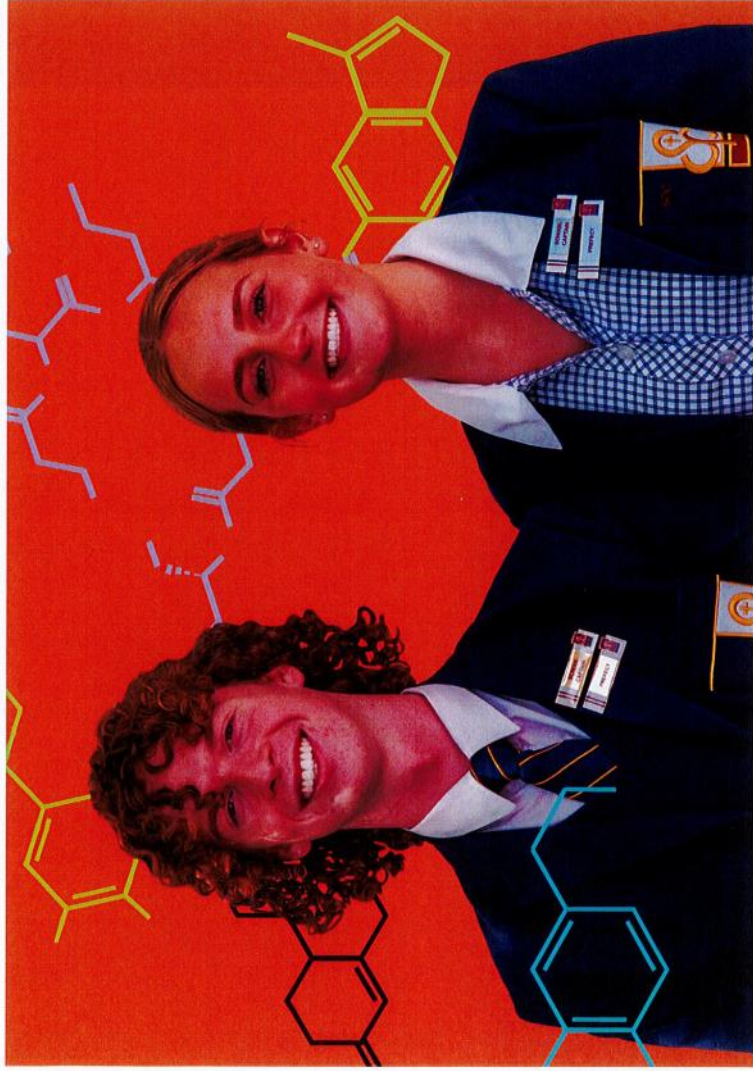
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Applications close Friday 8 March 2024

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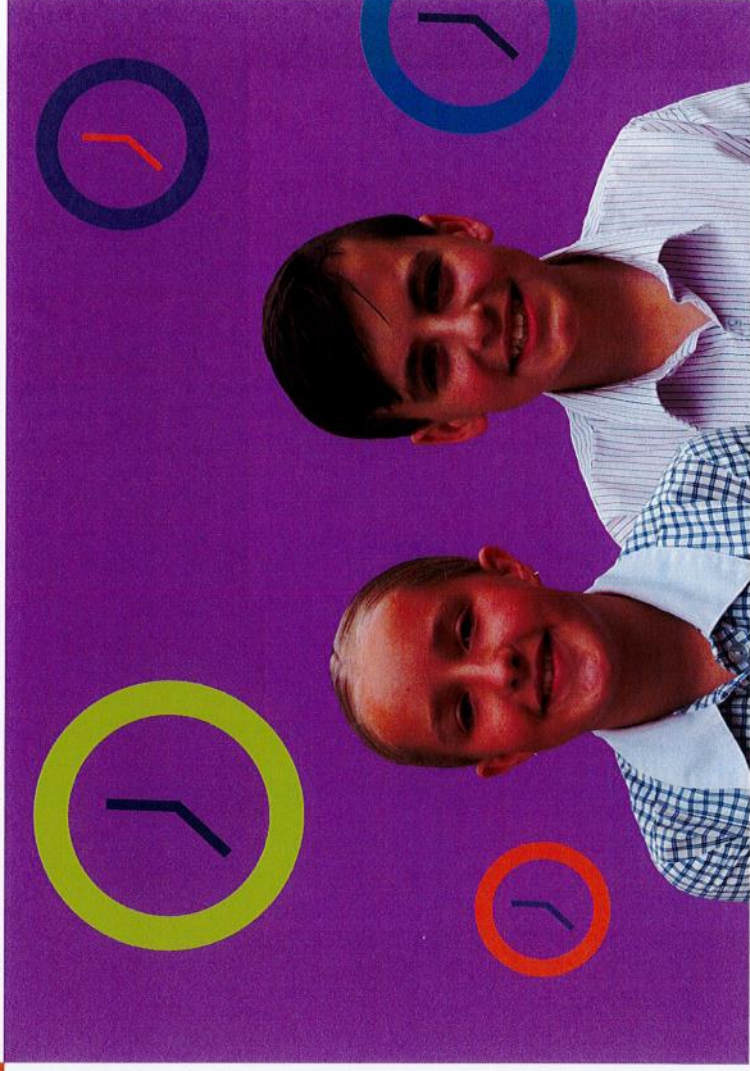
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DATE:

Tuesday 26th March

TIME:

5:00pm to 7:00pm

LOCATION:

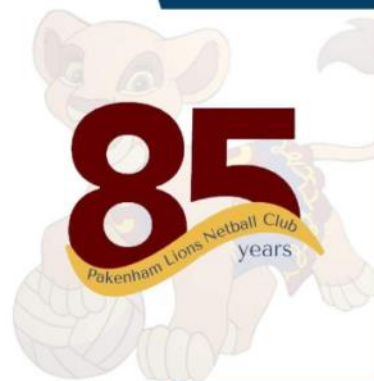
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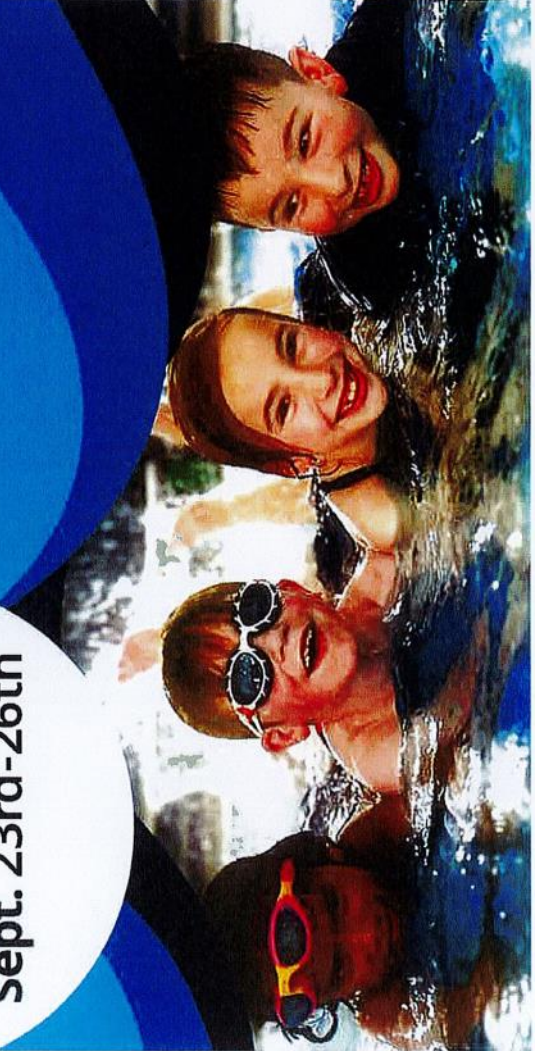


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Event details

Sunday 7 April
10am - 11.30am

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