

NEWSLETTER

28th March 2024

Principal's Report

On Tuesday 5th of March, Ms Flentjar and our school captains Kythea and Jayden, alongside Year 6 students Harper and Charlotte, attended the Cardinia Network Koorie/Cultural Student Leaders Conference at the Council Chambers in Officer. Over the course of the day, the students were provided an opportunity to connect with school leaders from a number of primary schools in our network, participating in a range of fun games and activities. The students enjoyed a visit from Cr Jack Kowarzik, our local mayor, who shared his journey in becoming the mayor of Cardinia Shire. Highlights from our leaders were; *Kythea* - "Pete's acknowledgment to country was a highlight for me. It was great to learn about how we can make our own acknowledgements to country more personalised and having an opportunity to draft our own". *Jayden* - "When you are an effective leader, it's not just about what you do, it's about how you lead your team". *Harper* - "I enjoyed hearing from others their journey to leadership and learning from their stories". *Charlotte* - "I liked the tour around the council chambers and learning about what is involved in each persons' role". Overall, the students had a fantastic day, and represented Pakenham Lakeside proudly.

On Tuesday this week, two of our staff members were enacting their leadership capabilities through facilitating and convening the 2024 Cardinia Schools Network Marrung Community of Practice. Ms Olszewski and Mr Krug led 46 DET and school staff from schools across the network to build and share knowledge and understanding of Koorie Education in our schools. Congratulations to them both for the recognition of the great work they have been leading in over recent years.

As part of our Social and Emotional learning at PLPS, students in years 4, 5 and 6 recently participated in an incursion with *Project Rockit*. The purpose of the incursion was to support our students in their development and confidence in navigating both the social and online world. The sessions support our wellbeing program through empowering students to promote a culture that is positive, with the belief they can make a difference. The sessions were highly participatory and promoted many conversations and reflection together with providing strategies and ideas the students can enact when needed.

Last Friday 81 students from year five and six participated in the Summer Sport Lightning Premiership. Our students represented PLPS in the sports of Softball, Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis.

The weather was a treat, turning on a lovely day for our students and staff to participate in a very enjoyable day. There was much to celebrate at the end of the day. Feedback from the day is our teams consistently demonstrated sportsmanship and teamwork throughout their competition. Two teams won their competitions, our girls basketball and boys tennis teams. They

will have the opportunity to represent our district later in the year. Four other teams were runners up in their competitions. Thank you to Mr Vann and Mr Seton our Physical Education teachers for their organisation of this event, as well as other staff members who coached and encouraged our teams throughout the day.

Congratulations to our student performers in years 2, 3 and 4 for the fun and entertaining performances they put on for our audiences at the Cardinia Cultural Centre this week. Continuing on the wonderful tradition of student performances at PLPS, our students performed three shows of their "Colours and Shapes" Dance Concert with great energy and enthusiasm. Thank you to Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen, our Performing Arts teachers, for their efforts and commitment in working with, and preparing our children for their performances. Thank you once again to our school community for your support of our Performing Arts program through the provision of costumes and the purchase of tickets.

Yesterday morning our basketball courts were filled with many smiling children who were excited to be parading their amazing Easter Bonnets. Our students in years Prep, One and Two enjoyed sharing their creations with their peers and families. It was great to see many family members come along and join in the celebration and fun. Thank you to Ms Clarkson and Ms Phillips for enhancing the festivities with their commentary throughout the parade. Thank you to all our students and families for the time and effort put into creating the colourful and interesting bonnets.

Our Easter Raffle was also drawn yesterday and the winners for each of the home groups have been contacted. The list of our winners was posted on Compass yesterday afternoon.

A big thank you to our Parents Association for the collation of the amazing Easter hampers for the raffle and to our school community for supporting this event through donations and the purchase of tickets. The raffle has raised \$2634.60. I look forward to working with our student leaders to discuss how these funds will be used to support initiatives for our students.

A reminder that OSHClub is providing their vacation care program for our students at PLPS over the school holiday break starting Tuesday, April 2nd. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Second term commences on Monday, April 15th.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Term 1

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

Term 2

Monday 15th April: Term 2 commences

Wednesday 17th April: Year 4-6 House Athletics

Thursday 18th April - Friday 3rd May: Year 2 Swimming

Friday 19th April – Friday 7th June: Winter Interschool Sports

Monday 22nd April: School Fun Run

Tuesday 23rd April: Year 4 Hands on Science Incursion

Tuesday 28th May – Friday 31st May: Year 5 Beechworth Camp



Our learning in Term 1



Buddies

In Year 5, we have the responsibility of being able to model the school values and expectations to our new Prep friends! Every fortnight on a Tuesday, we travel to Prep land and participate in activities that involve Year 5 students sharing and discussing their school experiences while allowing the Preps to develop important skills such as sharing, cooperation and communication.



Important Dates

Footsteps- Thursday weeks 6,7,8,9

NAPLAN- weeks 7 & 8

Project Rocket Incursion- week 7 & 8



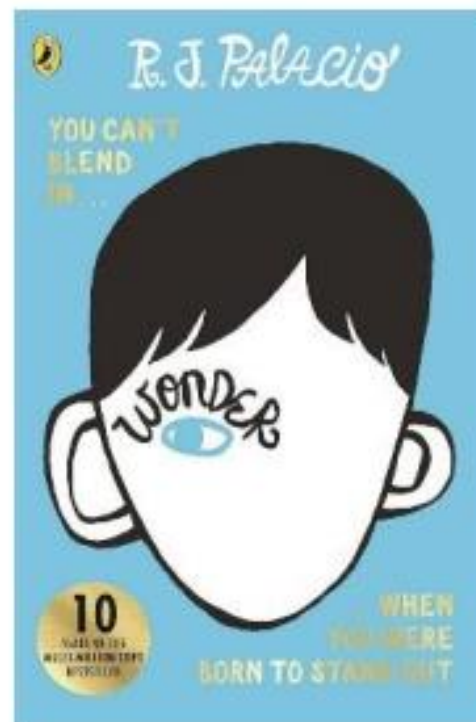
Science

For our science unit, we are discovering the effects of light using shadow art. To understand the concepts of reflection and refraction of light and colours, we used kaleidoscopes to visualise these behaviours of light. By the end of the unit, students created a piece of shadow art using a combination of opaque, translucent, and transparent materials.



Wonder

Wonder is the mentor text we are reading this term in the Year 5 space. Kindness is the main theme of the book Wonder, and it helps Year 5 understand that a small simple act of kindness can make a big difference. It teaches a powerful message about kindness, tolerance, and acceptance. We are applying these themes within our SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) lessons, providing examples and scenarios that some students may face themselves throughout the year.



I really like how there are different character perspectives in the book.

I like how Auggie's sister protects him, and I can relate to the book.



I really enjoyed how people make mistakes and are forgiven. I like how Auggie is true to himself.

I really enjoyed how relatable the book is and connected to our social and emotional learning.



Interschool Sports

Every Friday morning, students have the opportunity to practice and play selected sports. In Term 1, students can choose from basketball, softball, tennis, and cricket.

Students compete against other schools during these rounds. On rotation, we will travel to other schools and compete.

These rounds are intended to practice the sport before trying out and competing in lightning premiership.

Lightning premiership is a whole day event, involving multiple rounds of the chosen sport from this term. Students who have participated this term have communicated that it is a fun and competitive experience that allows everyone to try a new sport.





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Summer Lightning Premiership

On Friday 22nd of March selected Year 5 and 6 students competed in the Pakenham District Summer Lightning Premiership. Well done to all who participated, all teams represented our school with pride. Everyone looked great in their new playing shirts. Thank you to all the teachers who coached and supported as well as the families who came along to cheer us on.



Special congratulations to the following teams:
Boys Tennis and Girls Basketball - Champions.
Girls Tennis, Boys Cricket, Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball - Runners Up.

Canteen News

The first day for canteen for Term 2 will be:

Tuesday 16th April



Please be advised that the Android Phone issue with the Qkr! App has now been resolved. Parents and Carers can now download the Qkr! App from the Google Play Store.

Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

**Regards
The Qkr Team**

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.

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.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Yakkerboo

The Yakkerboo festival has been running since 1976, celebrating the Pakenham community



Free festival entry!

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20TH
5PM-9PM**

Carnival Games

Food Trucks

Rides at carnival prices

CARDINIA CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Live and Local Stage

Open Microphone opportunities

Fireworks 9pm



**Festival Location:
PB RONALD RESERVE**



SUNDAY

**APRIL 21ST
10AM-4PM**

Walking Parade 10am

Market Stalls

Carnival Games

Food Trucks

Community Displays

Entertainment

Library Colouring and Lego

\$15* Sunday pass

**plus booking fee*

FROM 11AM

- **unlimited rides**
- **pony rides**
- **face painting**

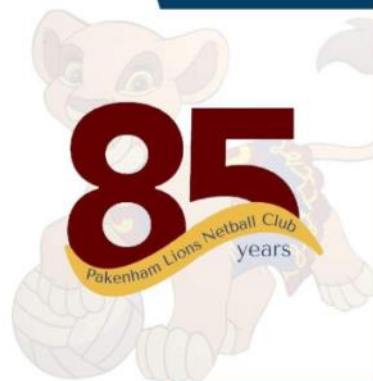


Pre-purchase Sunday tickets for unlimited rides, pony rides and face painting here!

More info at <https://yakkerboo.org.au> or our socials



Come join us!



The Pakenham
Lions Netball Club
is looking for **BOYS**
and **GIRLS** to play in
our upcoming 2024
winter season

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TRAINING IS HELD
FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE
PAKENHAM NETBALL
CLUB**



REGISTER HERE:



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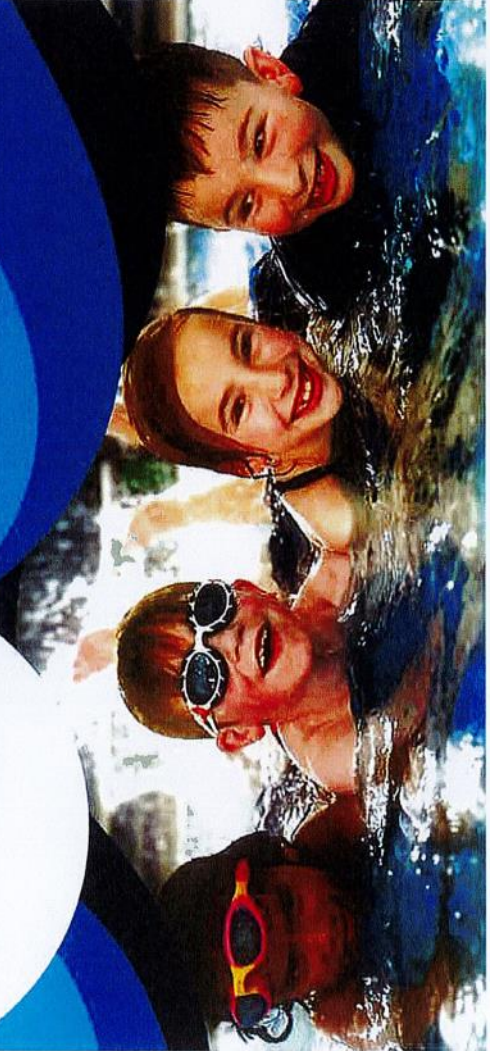
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T.(03)9792 5461

5/121 Grices Rd, **Clyde Nth**, VIC. 3978

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Children's clothing and toy swap Event

Refresh your child's wardrobe and toys for **FREE** at our upcoming children's clothing and toy swap event.



To participate, parents and guardians of children aged 3-8 years need to bring up to six good-quality pre-washed items of clothing and/or six good-quality toys to the event.

These are then traded in for tokens to use as 'currency' to purchase other clothes and toys.

Event details

Sunday 7 April
10am - 11.30am

Beaconsfield Community Complex
(8 O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield)

Registration is essential.



For more information and to register go to
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops


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ENROL IN KEYBOARD AND GUITAR LESSONS IN TERM 2

Excel Music is currently accepting new enrolments for their keyboard and guitar lessons commencing in Term Two 2024. These lessons are held during school time at a cost of \$15.00.

To enroll your child, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or email music@excelmusic.com.au.

Please note that if your child is already enrolled in our music lessons, you do not need to complete another form. To cancel lessons, please contact Excel Music via the above.

Enrol now!

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