

NEWSLETTER

18th April 2024

Principal's Report

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for another exciting and productive term of teaching and learning. There are many additional opportunities for our students to look forward throughout the term, including; camps, swimming program, incursions, excursions, sporting events and school performances. On behalf of our community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have commenced their schooling at PLPS this term.

Today I was delighted to host a visit from Department of Education representative, Tip Kennedy. Tip is the Executive Director in Southern Melbourne Area for South-Eastern Victoria Region. The purpose of her visit was to learn more about our school and the engaging teaching and learning programs our students are participating in. She very much enjoyed the visits to our classrooms and the conversations with our staff and students. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to showcase what we are achieving at Pakenham Lakeside PS.

With the beginning of Term 2, our 2025 enrolment process has commenced. We have already had a significant number of inquiries, particularly around Prep enrolments and the process around enrolling their child to attend PLPS. Application forms and enrolment packs are now available for collection from our general office. We will also be conducting a number of school tours and information sessions for parents throughout the term. Interested parents are asked to contact our office on 5940 9532 to register their attendance to visit and view our school on their preferred date.

Term two has started with an array of sporting activities.

Yesterday we conducted our house athletics carnival off site at the Edwin Flack Athletics Track in Berwick. The students in year four, five and six participated in a variety of track and field events throughout the day. Once again, the students really enjoyed using these facilities. The House results are still being calculated and are expected to be shared with the students at our next whole school assembly.

The athletics carnival also provides the opportunity for our students to qualify to compete at the District Athletics Carnival being held later in the year.

Thanks again to Mr Seton and Mr Vann for their organisation and preparation that enabled the carnival to proceed very smoothly, together with other staff members. I would also like to extend my thanks to the many parents who attended the athletics day and provided support and encouragement to our students as they competed.

Thank you to Julia Barattini who came along to the carnival to take photos of the students participating in the varied events. These photos will be displayed in our office foyer soon.

Today our Year Two swimming program commenced at Cardinia Life, Pakenham. The students will be participating in an eight-day program concluding on Friday May 3rd. Information pertaining to the particular times groups will be attending the pool have been communicated with families via Compass. There is no cost for the swimming program, as this is currently being subsidised by the Department of Education.

A reminder that Monday next week, we are conducting our annual School Fun Run and House Cross Country event for all students in years Prep to Six. Through their participation, all the students contribute points to their house total. Students are encouraged to come along in their house colours, to add to the atmosphere and fun.

In addition to the house competition, our cross country is aligned with School Fun Run as a fundraising event. I would like to sincerely thank our school community for the fundraising efforts and contributions so far. I look forward to sharing with our school community the final figure raised and how the funds can be used to support our students learning and development. I would like to thank Mr Vann and Mr Seton for their organisation.

Parents are encouraged to come along to support their children and cheer them on from the side lines. A timetable of events has been sent home today for parents. Please note, these times are approximate and may vary depending upon weather conditions.

From this cross-country event, we will also be selecting our inter-school team, which will compete and represent PLPS at the District cross-country next term.

Tomorrow, our senior students in years 5 and 6 commence the winter inter-school sport season against other local schools in the district. The competition will be conducted on Friday mornings throughout term 2. Our school teams will participate in the sports of netball, soccer, football and t-ball.

The annual Premier's Reading Challenge is about to begin for 2024 and once again I'm pleased to inform our community that PLPS will be participating. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to encourage our children to read books and appreciate reading as an enjoyable recreational pursuit.

Ms McMillan will be sending home more information shortly, including the participation of our Prep to year 2 students and an expression of interest form for students in years 3 to 6. If parents have any questions about the program, they are welcome to contact Ms McMillan, our library technician.

A reminder that next Thursday, April 25th is the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

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



schoolfunrun.com.au

YEAR SIX

Learning Community



Building community is a focus for our Year Six students during term one. As part of this process, students collaborated to co design a Mission Statement for how we would work together during 2024 to ensure we make it the best year yet!

Year Six 2024 Mission Statement

We, the community of Year Six, strive to be the best version of ourselves. We will demonstrate kindness and respect to create a safe learning environment. Our cohort will have a growth mindset and always try our best by remaining positive and calm, even when challenged. We will show respect to ourselves and others, being responsible for our actions and attitudes whilst achieving our goals. We will have a balance between learning and having fun to ensure we are successful. We commit to taking pride in our space and school by living our school values. 'Work Hard, Be Kind'

As part of our social and emotional learning, students participated in series of incursions by Project Rokit! The first focused on our interactions with each other. Students explored the importance of using safe strategies to support each other around bullying and wellbeing to create positive relationships and school environments. The second session was linked to how we interact safely online and if we feel unsafe to let a trusted person know to support them.



Our school leaders were selected after an application and interview process.

As part of their leadership development, the students travelled to Melbourne to participate in a workshop by Youth Leadership Academy Australia titled, 'Dare to Dream'. Students were asked to consider what makes a good leader and how they can inspire others to act.



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.

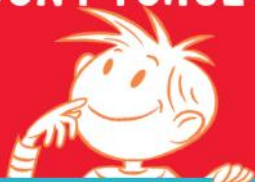


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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

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://www.education.vic.gov.au/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://www.education.vic.gov.au/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.



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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