

## NEWSLETTER

### 28th October 2021

### Principal's Report

It was been wonderful to have all our year levels return to school over the past two weeks. Seeing the joy of the students re-connecting with their peers and teachers in our school environment has been heartwarming.

There have been many considerations by all our staff in planning and developing our programs and activities for our students return to school. The students have adapted and settled in well, although many are feeling a little tired by the end of each day. The student's positive mindset and attitude towards their learning and their eagerness to demonstrate what they have achieved throughout the remote learning program is once again testament to the work put in by the students and their families throughout the remote learning period.

The staggered returned to school will finish tomorrow, with all our year levels returning to onsite learning from Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

With all of our students returning onsite next week, it is important for everyone to adhere to the COVID protocols such as physical distancing in order to keep us all safe. Can parents please limit their entry to the school grounds, entering only when necessary. Having plans in place with your children in relation to which gate you would like them to exit from at the end of each school day, will assist with this matter. Any adults entering any of our buildings, including the front office must check in and be wearing a mask. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with these important matters.

It is with pleasure that we can share the news that one of our year 6 students, Shuao Tan, has won best video book review in the grade 5 and 6 category in the Premiers' Reading Challenge Readers Review competition. His submission for the competition can be viewed through the following link.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uaxn-T\\_L5jg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uaxn-T_L5jg)

(Copy & Paste this link into your web browser)

In addition to receiving a prize pack of books, our year 6 students have won a virtual visit from Australian Children's Author, Nat Amore. The virtual visit is scheduled for Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. This was not the only literary prize recently claimed by Shuao. He also submitted a piece into the poem and short story competition by Casey Cardinia Library. He received 3rd place in the age 12 - 15 category with his poem, *'Skater's boot ache.'* The poem together with an additional report from Shuao is featured further on in our newsletter. Congratulations Shuao, great effort.

Recently we received the news allowing us the opportunity to conduct our transition program for our 2022 Prep students to be onsite. Staff are busy organising sessions, enabling the children to participate in a school based program. Information will be

distributed to parents of enrolled students very soon.

Planning for 2022 is well underway. Next week families will be receiving information regarding book packs and parent payments for 2022. Due to changes in Department of Education policy the process for purchasing our year level book packs has changed. The major change for our families is the manner in which the packs are ordered and paid for. If families are wanting to purchase the book packs, all orders need to be placed and paid for online by Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All information will be posted on Compass next week. If parents have any questions in relation to the book packs or parent payments, please contact the office on 5940 9532.

With the resumption of all our students back to school, once again the issue of traffic and road safety becomes crucial around our school in the peak periods before and after school. The safety of our students is of paramount importance and this is the responsibility of every adult, whether they are a driver or a pedestrian.

Courtesy, patience and common sense play an important role in ensuring all of our students are kept safe during these times of peak traffic. It is also important to remember that our school crossings and their supervisors are provided to support our students and families. I would urge parents to set a good example or reinforce to their children the safe use of the crossings.

Some key points about using the crossings are:

- children and adults who are using the crossing must comply with the supervisor's directions
- always stand behind the yellow line until directed by the supervisor to cross
- do not ride bikes, scooters or skate, run or bounce balls – walk quickly and safely
- cars are not allowed to park on or around the crossing – this clearance area is for everyone's safety
- always stay within the lines of the crossing and walk in front of the supervisor so they can see all students
- always be alert and listen to what the supervisor says.

In the interests of all members of our school community, I would ask that we give student safety our constant thought and highest priority.

Our school photos have been rescheduled for next Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. All the information regarding ordering, payments and time lines for our school photos can be found in communications posted on Compass earlier in the week.

A reminder next Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

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

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Monday 1st November - All Prep to Year 6 students return to face to face learning

Tuesday 2nd November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (no school on this day)

Thursday 11th November - Whole school photos

### Canteen update

There will be no Canteen on Tuesday 2nd November due to the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

### ICY POLE FRIDAY

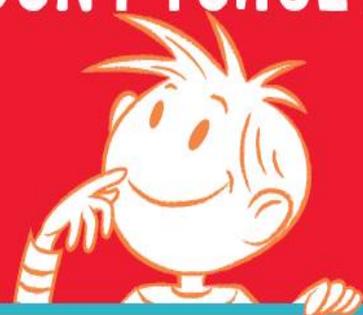
We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 4.

This will commence on Friday 5th November.

Icy poles are \$1.20 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.



## DON'T FORGET!



 SCHOLASTIC  
**Book Club**

orders are due:

November 12th

### PLPS Bucket Hats

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

These hats are no longer available at PSW.

### Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4.



It is strongly recommended that all students have their hats on when they play out in the yard at recess and lunch time.

Please remember to label your hats too!

## Skater's boot ache - Shuao Tan

Oh the Skater

Went to the rink

And fell on the green floor

And the coach said 'Now tell me sir,

Why does it hurt and where?'

And the Skater said, I'll tell you the truth.

I have a humongous lump in my stinky right boot'

And he loosened his boot so loose so wide,

That the coach shoved his face right inside

And the coach shouted, 'oh, isn't this fun!'

As his long nose hairs jumped up, one by one.

And the Skater cried 'You're hurting my warped toe!

Please drop your chainsaw and let me go home.'

But the Coach laughed with an Oh No No

'You still have 327 laps to go --

Oops, that's the left boot, I confess.

But what's a Skater's shoe, more or less?

Then suddenly there was a loud BAP

And the coach took a forever nap.

And what happened one could only guess...

Wizards or goblins or fairies or crooks

But what's one Coach more or less?

## Interview with Shuao by Thanmay

### **Tell us about your achievements during Remote Learning.**

I came upon the video competition as part of the Premier's Reading Challenge and my Mum encouraged me to do it. After a few days I chose my book which was 47 Degrees by Justin D'Ath. I chose this book because it was different to what I usually read. It is relevant to Australia and bushfires and it was educational. It was the type of book I would encourage others to read. I recorded it and edited it using Movie Maker. Then submitted it with the help of Miss Macmillan. Then we found out a month later, when my Mum got the call with the good news that I had won the Year 5/6 Division of the video category. Part of my prize is the Year Sixes will now get to participate in a virtual author visit.

When I found out about the competition through the Doveton Library, I was only planning to write a short story. I decided to write the poem as we had written poetry as part of remote learning. We analysed poets and I used Shel Silverstein as my mentor text. I edited the poem and then submitted the story as well. I was lucky enough to come third in my category for my poem and the story was unsuccessful. I am not sure of the prize, but the poem was published to the website.

### **What was your reaction when you got top 3 in both competitions?**

I was shocked when I found out the results within two days.

### **What motivated you during Remote Learning with the competitions?**

I had the Public Speaking competition at school just prior to lockdown where I spoke to all of Year Six and was lucky enough to be chosen then to represent the school which will be on the 14th November. This made me realise if I put in the effort, I can be successful at things.

### **What is the best piece of advice you can give to the students of PLPS?**

Keep trying. I have participated in many competitions and have been unsuccessful, but sometimes you may be lucky enough. If you don't give something a shot, there will be no chance to know if you can win and succeed.