

## NEWSLETTER

### 11th November 2021

### Principal's Report

Earlier this term we began our Prep 2022 transition program through our online platform, Google Classrooms. This week we were very pleased to inform our families we can now commence our transition program onsite. We are looking forward to welcoming our 2022 Prep cohort to visit their learning spaces and participate in some school based activities at our Open Afternoon next Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Open Afternoon will be conducted in the Prep learning spaces from 3:45pm to 4:45pm for students and a parent to attend. All the information parents require for next year will be available on this afternoon, including student book packs and parent payments. If parents are unable to attend the Open Afternoon or would like any further information or conversations in respect to their child starting school in 2022, please call our school office on 5940 9532.

Further transition sessions will be conducted later in November. These sessions will involve small groups of students who will have the opportunity to come into school and meet some of our teaching and education support staff as well as other students they will be starting school with next year.

Last Friday all families with students currently in Prep to Year 5 received information via Compass for book packs and parent payments for 2022. As outlined in this information some changes have been made. The notable change at PLPS for 2022 is **book packs now need to be ordered online**. If parents are wanting to order the student book packs through our preferred supplier Maxim, **orders need to be placed and paid for by Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**.

With term 4, the planning and preparations for the 2022 school year are well under way. We have commenced the development of our staffing plan for next year. The key driver of this plan is having an accurate figure regarding our student enrolments for next year. Currently we have 103 Prep students enrolled to commence their formal education next year at PLPS. Enrolments have also been received for students in other year levels across the school.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the opportunity to inform the school that their children will not be attending PLPS next year. If you are aware that your child will not be attending our school next year, could you please contact our school office on 5940-9532 to let us know. Your assistance with this is very much appreciated and assists us with our organisation for the future.

With our return to school and restrictions easing, some sporting events for our students have been re-scheduled.

Next Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, many students in year 5 and 6 will be participating in the Winter Lightning Premiership. We will have teams competing in round robin events in the following sports; Football, Netball, Tee ball and Soccer. We wish all our teams the best of luck in this day long competition.

A Hoop Time Basketball day has also been scheduled for year 6 students to attend on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. PLPS will be sending 6 teams to compete in this competition.

Thank you to Mr Seton and Mrs Drew for their organisation of both of these events.

Our core purpose at PLPS is to provide all of our students with an education that enables them to grow and develop within our school community and then become positive contributors and members of our wider community. Student learning data continually informs our teachers' planning about our students' learning needs. Data also supports teachers to reflect on the most effective manner to present lessons or how to group our students for learning activities to ensure maximum impact.

Other key sources of data that inform our practices at our school are student feedback surveys.

We recognise the importance of student voice and the impact this has on student engagement and learning outcomes. With this in mind, we have again conducted a variety of surveys with our students in year 2 – 6. The most recent survey currently being completed, is asking students about how they feel and think about various elements of our school. This will complement the data derived from the classroom climate survey conducted earlier in year where by students had the opportunity to rate how they perceive things now within their learning area and also how they would like them to be. The reports will be used to initiate conversations within the teaching teams discussing what the students have outlined. Results will also be discussed with the students, with the view of what and how things could be varied or improved in the future.

Thank you to all our families who were notified a fortnight ago in relation to the students who were identified as possible close contacts and were asked to rearrange their plans and organize what was required. Your understanding and co-operation has been truly appreciated and today we have been delighted to welcome back our students.

**Керrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Friday 19th November: Winter Lightning Premiership (selected students)

Friday 26th November: Hoop Time (selected year 6 students)

Friday 3rd December: Curriculum Day (students do not attend on this day)

### Canteen

Just a reminder that the canteen is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays for online lunch orders via the Qkr! app. Counter sales will also be available at recess and lunch time.

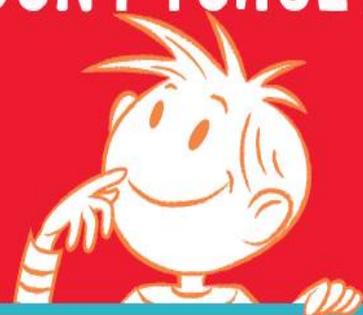
### ICY POLE FRIDAY

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

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!

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