

NEWSLETTER

16th May 2024

Principal's Report

Our students and staff have had an enjoyable week engaging in activities promoting and celebrating the learning at PLPS throughout education week. The cross-age STEM projects involving collaboration in designs and construction provided opportunities for students to learn with different students and staff. It was great to see the co-operation and the animated conversations as they engaged in these activities. Photos have been collated and displayed on the library windows illustrating the highlights of our Education Week. A special edition newsletter will also be produced and posted tomorrow, sharing our highlights with the school community.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to visit our Book Fair which has been set up in our school library. This is a great opportunity to purchase some books for your children to read. Thank you also to those people who have purchased a book and then kindly donated it to our library collection. We will be very pleased to acknowledge your generosity with a note inside the book. Any funds that are raised through our Book Fair are used to purchase further titles that can be placed in our library for students to read and borrow. Tomorrow morning will be the final opportunity for our students and parents to visit the Book Fair. Thank you to everyone for your support this week.

On Wednesday last week, we held our Mother's Day stall, allowing students to purchase gifts for mums or other significant figures in their lives. A special thank you to the members of our Parents and Friends group for their preparation of this event and the many parent helpers who assisted throughout the running of the stall. A thank you also to our educators from our OSHClub who also came along to help out with the stall. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Last Friday, May 10th we had 39 students representing PLPS at the District Cross Country at Toomuc Recreation Reserve. The students in the 9/10 year age group ran 2km and students in the 11 and 12/13 year age group ran a 3km course. Even though it was a tough event and conditions were muddy, our competitors put in their best effort and were proud of their results. We have four students who have qualified for the Cardinia Division Cross Country event being held on May 28th. We wish Chloe and Goran in year 5, and Natasha and Liam in year 6 all the best for their next event.

Recently a group of year 6 students represented PLPS at the St Margaret's Netball Tournament. Our team participated in the mixed competition competing against other schools from the Casey and Cardinia area. The team won six out of seven games in the rounds and played off in the finals to be placed 3rd from sixteen teams. Well done to all the players and thank you to the coaches and families who assisted on the day.

Our second school performance in 2024 will be at the Cardinia Cultural Centre starring our Prep and year 1 students. Children and staff have been working hard in Performing Arts classes learning and rehearsing their songs for "Sunshine and Rainbows" being performed on the evenings of Monday, June 17th and Tuesday, June 18th. Important information was posted last week regarding the purchasing of tickets. All tickets for PLPS concerts at the CCC need to be purchased through their ticketing system. This can be done online, via phone or in person at the CCC. For further information please contact CCC on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.

The first of our year level camps is fast approaching. Our year 5 students will depart for their four-day camp to Beechworth in north-east Victoria on May 28th. This camp provides our children with outstanding experiences that enrich and enhance their current learning in their history inquiry unit "My Place", in a town renowned for its role in key events in our nation's history. It also provides several opportunities for our students to demonstrate their personal development and how our school's values can be used when our children are in the wider community.

One of our key priorities is to ensure all staff remain aware of and informed about information and research around teaching practices and approaches that impact positively upon our students' learning.

One of the key sets of data which enables us to evaluate how effectively we are achieving this goal is student feedback. One of the major tools we use to gather this important data is the Student Attitudes to School survey which is completed annually by our students in years 4 – 6.

This survey is conducted online and will provide our school leadership team with important information that will be considered when we are making future decisions around staffing, professional learning and development, resourcing of future programs and curriculum development. The survey's framework is developed around the following key domains:

- effective and engaging teaching practices
- teacher/student relationships
- student learner characteristics
- social engagement
- student safety

Students have completed the survey over the past two weeks. Once our student responses are completed and aggregated, we will be able to access our school's report to inform our discussions. I look forward to sharing the findings from the survey with our school community.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Monday 13th May - Friday 17th May: Education Week

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

Tuesday 11th June: Curriculum Day - **Student Free Day**

(Students do not attend school on this day)

Wednesday 26th June: Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews -

Student Free Day (Students do not attend school on this day)

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Monday 27th May - 9am

Wednesday 12th June - 9am

Friday 28th June - 9am

YEAR FOUR 2024

Term 2 SCIENCE



WHAT WE'RE DOING IN SCIENCE

During the first few weeks of Term two, the Year Four students have been working on their Science unit "Let's Get Physical". Students had the chance to participate in a range of activities that involved looking at different materials and scientific forces. They conducted experiments and participated in an incursion day run by "Hands on Science".



I learnt that gravity is a force and you can use newton to measure the force. - Edison 4R

GRAVITY

My favourite experiment was the soccer ball. We saw how good it was at sliding - Rini 4C



SCIENTIFIC FORCES

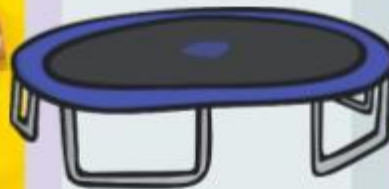


The magnets were floating because they repelled from each other. I enjoyed playing with the magnets - Isla 4A

This experiment was fun. The plastic part had hardly any friction, so it slid out fast and the ball fell straight down - Beth 4G



We were learning about friction. I liked the incursion because we got to use things that we could touch and test - Thomas 4A



I liked learning about gravity and newtons. A newton measures how much force an object is being pushed down by gravity - Seb 4G





St. Margaret's Netball Tournament

On Thursday 2nd of March, 9 selected Year 6 students represented Pakenham Lakeside in a Mixed Netball tournament at St. Margaret's Grammar Berwick. There were 16 teams entered from schools around the Casey and Cardinia area. We faced 7 teams in our group and won 6 out of 7 games. This qualified us to play off for third place against Tooradin Primary School. A great display in this final saw us win the match and end up in third place for the day. What an amazing effort. We would like to thank Lori Walker for helping coach on the day and all the parents and grandparents who came to support.



END OF DAY – STUDENT MESSAGES

As we are all aware there may be times when unforeseen things can take place throughout the day that may impact the end of day pickup of students from school.

If information needs to be relayed to students before the end of day school bell, could parents where possible, please make contact with the office before 3pm.

This will allow the office team sufficient time to relay information to students.

Thank you
PLPS Administration

EARLY LEAVERS

Should parents wish to collect their child/children from school during normal class times 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 they are playing outside.

If you need to collect your child/children over the lunchtime period it maybe easier to collect students before lunch commences at 1.30pm or after lunch finishes at 2.30pm.



Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

Our Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier.

Please visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician

victorian premiers' reading challenge

If you are in Year 3-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade

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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.



School Crossings

Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit

This is just a reminder to parents of students that use the school crossings.

As the safety of our students is our number one priority, could parents please remind and ensure students are crossing the roads at the designated crossings along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit and are not crossing the roads on their own.



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!

MUSIC

JOIN US AT OUR **OPEN DAY**

Face painting

Music & Sport
programs

Market stalls

Menu tasting



**LEADERS IN EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE
FROM BABIES TO KINDERGARTEN**

Date: Saturday 18th May

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Participating Learning
Sanctuary Childcare &
Kindergarten Centres



Scan here to find a
centre and RSVP today!

We can't wait to see you at our Open Day!

🔍 The Learning Sanctuary or call 1800 413 868

TERM 2, 2024 SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!

STARTING FROM 27TH APRIL

Free

FIRST 30 NEW
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE
COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0413 781 900

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer!
Children work with their parents to
learn new soccer skills and develop
their motor skills! Lots of fun games
in a non-competitive environment!

35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$165 FOR 8 WEEKS



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll
be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal
keeping and more. Children get to play lots
of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get
introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$175 FOR 8 WEEKS



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

The ultimate challenge for young
soccer players! They'll learn the rules of
the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game
and develop their skills in passing,
dribbling, shooting and more!

INTRO - 60 MINS \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork
in preparation for club soccer. Children
will enjoy all the favourite soccer based
games, fine tune their skills as well as
play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS





TERM 2, 2024 ENROLMENT FORM STARTING FROM THE 27TH APRIL.

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ P/Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

TERM 2 CENTRES: (Please Tick)

SCORESBY SECONDARY COLLEGE

2 Cavell Street, Scoresby, VIC 3179

8 week program starting on the 27th April

BEACONHILLS COLLEGE - PAKENHAM CAMPUS

30-34 Toomuc Valley Drive, Pakenahm, VIC 3810

8 week program starting on the 28th April

PROGRAMS: (Please Tick)

MITE-E
(2-3 YO)

PINT SIZE
(4-5 YO)

INTRO TO MICRO
(5-6 YO)

MICRO
(6-8 YO)

MICRO PLUS
(8-12 YO)

CLASS TIMES	MITE-E	PINT SIZE	INTRO TO MICRO	MICRO	MICRO PLUS
SCORESBY - SAT	9.00 - 9.35am	9.00 - 9.50am	10.00 - 11.00am	10.00 - 11.00am	10.00 - 11.00am
BEACONHILLS - SUN	9.00 - 9.35am	9.00 - 9.50am	10.00 - 11.00am	10.00 - 11.00am	10.00 - 11.00am
TERM FEE	\$165	\$175	\$180	\$180	\$180

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD | (Grasshopper Soccer has a **NO REFUND** Policy)

Please Note: Payments with cc will incur a 1.7% processing fee

Name: TTAR Investments Pty Ltd BSB: 062 162 Acc: 10841538 Reference: Childs name

Credit Card Payment (please circle) Visa Master Card

Credit Cards processed as Grasshopper Soccer

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

ADD: Grasshopper Soccer Shirt, Shorts & Hat - Enrolment Special \$65 (Size - Please Circle) **XXS **XS** **S** **M** **L****

Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby authorize Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs. Photos/Videos of children attending these programs may be used for reasonable promotional purposes by Grasshopper Soccer.



ENROLMENT SPECIAL \$ _____

TERM FEE \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please Tick: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____