

NEWSLETTER

30th May 2024

Principal's Report

Recently, two of our student leaders Kavin and Mason, presented to staff and students at our whole school assembly. They wanted to address the issue of rubbish in the school yard. Their observations were extremely well articulated, together with manageable solutions that could be implemented by students and staff. The arguments put forward outlined the immediate problem of the state of the grounds, but also the ongoing threat this poses to our environment. Their closing comment of "let's work together to make a positive change", has resonated with our students. The challenge has been accepted, with each year level discussing how they can contribute to the solution. The proactive stance and interest from our student leaders in this and other aspects of our school is something they can be proud of.

Teachers are currently collating our students' mid-year academic reports. The reports will be open to access on Compass on Monday, June 24th in readiness for the parent/teacher conversations and the student led conferences on Wednesday, June 26th. Further information on parent/teacher conversations, including how to book your appointment times, will be posted on Compass on Wednesday, June 5th. Students in years 3 to 6 will be participating in student-led conferences and are expected to attend with their parents or carer. All families need to book a time for each child through Compass. **Bookings will open on Friday, June 7th at 10am and close Wednesday, June 26th at 10am.** If parents and carers are having difficulties accessing Compass, please contact our school office as soon as possible. A reminder to parents that Wednesday, June 26th is a student free day. OSHClub will be operating a full day program for families who require this service.

Yesterday, Pakenham Lakeside Primary School had one representative at the Divisional level for Cross Country. Congratulations to Natasha for her 11th placing, a great effort at this level of competition.

2024 sees the completion of Pakenham Lakeside Primary School's current strategic cycle. This means our school is scheduled to participate in the school review process before developing our next strategic plan for the period 2025 – 2028.

A key component of this process will be our school's self-evaluation report. The basis of the report is the ratings allocated to the FISO 2.0 (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes). Throughout term 2 teaching staff and the school's leadership team have been reviewing and reflecting upon dimensions of the FISO in readiness for the school review being completed at the beginning of term 4.

Other components of the self-evaluation report include the implementation of Professional Learning Communities, Other Highlights and Other Significant Findings, together with an overview of the goals and targets established in the current

School Strategic Plan. Once complete, the self-evaluation report will be tabled at staff and school council meetings.

The review process entails establishing a panel to work with our reviewer, David Mann from VALAD SOLUTIONS. The panel will consist of our School Improvement Team of Principal class members and Learning Specialists, School Council President, SEIL and two Principals from other schools. The process takes four days across a few weeks. Day 1 is validation day, days 2 and 3 are field work days and day 4 is the final day.

Validation Day involves the panel working through the self-assessment and determining the terms of reference for the field days.

The field days involve observations within the classrooms and meetings with a variety of groups including students, teachers, education support staff and parents, gathering views from all stakeholders in order to set future direction and goals for our school.

On the final day, the panel convene again to analyse all the information sourced to develop the School Strategic Plan (SSP) for 2025 – 2028.

We are looking forward to sharing what has been achieved over the past four years and our current initiatives being implemented.

As part of the review cycle, School Council are also reviewing the PLPS Statement of Values and School Philosophy. This document can be found on our school's website. If you would like to provide any feedback on this document, please contact me at school on 5940-9532 or via our school email pakenham.lakeside.ps@education.vic.gov.au

With term 2 school holidays fast approaching, a reminder to all our families that OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Please note that only students who are enrolled at our school will be eligible to participate in the vacation care program.

Parents who are currently using the service will receive information from OSHClub. For parents who are not currently using these services, a flyer outlining the vacation care program has been included in this newsletter for your information. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

A reminder, Monday, June 10th is the King's Birthday public holiday followed by a curriculum day on Tuesday, June 11th. The students do not attend school on this day. OSHClub will be operating a full day program for families who require this service.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

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

Monday 10th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday

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

(Students do not attend school on this day)

Friday 14th June: Pakenham District Winter Lightning Premiership

(Selected students)

Monday 17th - Tuesday 18th June: 'Sunshine & Rainbows' Junior Concert

Friday 21st June: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Wednesday 26th June: Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher

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

Wednesday 28th August - Friday 30th August: Year 3 Phillip Island

Adventure Resort Camp



Gr 6 Media Art



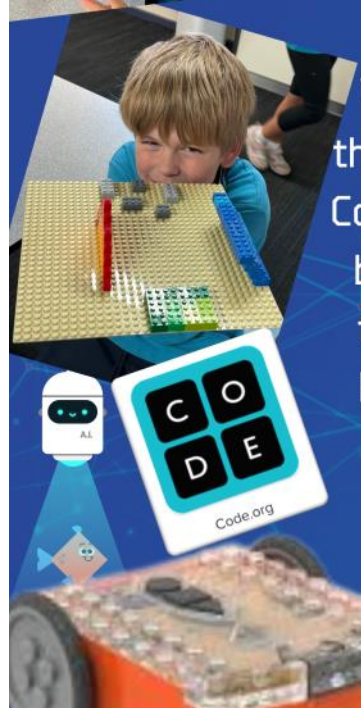
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

During Semester 1, students in Digital Technology have been learning and building on their technological knowledge.

The students in Prep have been exploring amazing buildings and structures from all over the world. They have had a chance to use a range of materials to build individually or in pairs. The students showed the resilience and ingenuity of global engineers. During lessons, they have been learning about different devices and developed their digital skills through the use of keyboards, touch screens and laptops.

The Year One students have been learning about cyber safety through Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5. They also have been learning about correct device use. The students practised using mice and keyboards to create amazing digital art works. Currently they are learning about robotics and engineering with partners.

Year Two students have been learning about coding, through using loops, repeats and exciting challenges on Code.org which has been a fantastic success. They have been finding out about data and machine learning, by teaching an Artificial Intelligence [A.I] Robot how to keep our oceans clean. They have also been learning about robotics and coding using Scratch Jr.



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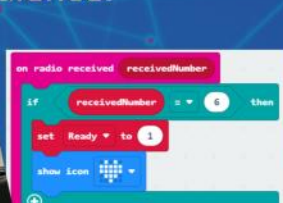
The Year Three students have been developing their typing skills.

They have also been building their understanding of digital animation, frame rates and coding skills. They have used programs such as Pivot Stick-Figure Animator to bring life to a stick figure as well as Scratch Junior to practice character use, backgrounds, sequencing and dialogue.

The Year Four students started off the term learning about data. They got a chance to practice code breaking skills, problem solving activities and translating into binary language. The students have recently been introduced to circuitry. They have used this understanding to become engineers, working in teams to design and build an electric propeller powered car.

Year Five students have been developing their programming skills and creating a Tamogotchi or electronic pet. They have used coding, debugging and using an online platform to upload their work. The students designed and built their pet a physical body and transferred their code to the Microbit Motherboard.

Year Six students have been demonstrating their design skills using Canva. They have also been developing their understanding of social media and the importance of keeping personal information secure and private. They combined these skills to create social media awareness presentations designed for their peer level as an audience.



Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Wednesday 12th June - 9am

Friday 28th June - 9am

<p>Providing Value to Families</p> <p>Issue 4 Out Now!</p>  <p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club</p>	<p>DON'T FORGET!</p>  <p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club orders are due: 7th June</p>	<p>SCHOLASTIC</p> <p>Book Club LOOP for Parents</p> <p>LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP</p> <p>GET IT ON Google play Download on the App Store</p>
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Parking Around the School

Street parking is available along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

Please be courteous to our surrounding residents, when parking, dropping off or collecting students from school. Please obey parking signs and **do not park in or over driveways.**

We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

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.

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines.
Contact your service for detailed information.

MON
1
JUL

OPENING CEREMONY

Join us for an exciting virtual hangout with Aussie Olympian Libby Trickett. Hear all about Libby's incredible journey, from childhood adventures to winning gold medals! Plus, unleash your creativity as we craft our own team banners.



BASE FEE \$75.00
DAILY TOTAL \$75.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.50

MON
8
JUL

READY, SET, FUN

SPECIAL EVENT: BUILD A BILLY CART

PLEASE BRING A HELMET

Gear up for an adrenaline-fueled day of hands-on fun! Dive into the thrilling world of DIY Billy Carts as you and your team design, build, and race your very own creations.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$24.00
DAILY TOTAL \$99.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.90

TUE
2
JUL

PASSPORT TO PARIS

SPECIAL EVENT: GLADIATOR GAMES

Join the excitement of Gladiator Games, unleashing your competitive spirit in an exhilarating capture the flag challenge! You'll also receive your own global passport and keepsake lanyard, collecting stamps each day as you explore different countries.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$18.00
DAILY TOTAL \$93.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.30

TUE
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JUL

CARNIVAL DAY

EXCURSION: ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

ARRIVE BY 08:30

Get ready for an action-packed Athletics Carnival that will put your skills and teamwork to the test! Get involved in a range of sporty challenges, including the long jump, hurdles, sprint relay, and shot put.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$40.00
DAILY TOTAL \$115.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$11.50

WED
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ART-LETIC GAMES

MAKE AND TAKE: DESIGN A TEAM T-SHIRT

Let your creativity soar at the ART-letic Games! Showcase your team spirit by designing your own team T-shirt. You'll also get to shape and create your own masterpiece in our clay medal making activity.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.50
DAILY TOTAL \$85.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.55

WED
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JUL

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

Join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week and this year's theme 'Keep the Fire Burning!' Play traditional Indigenous games and craft clay land animals native to the Indigenous lands you're on. Let's honour and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



BASE FEE \$75.00
DAILY TOTAL \$75.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.50

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JUL

STEM SPRINT

EXCURSION: VILLAGE CINEMA FOUNTAIN GATE

We're off to the movies to watch Gru and his cheeky minions in a whirlwind of STEM adventures! From building moon rockets to crafting shrink rays, Gru outsmarts his rivals using science and technology.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$45.00
DAILY TOTAL \$120.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$12.00

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JUL

TASTY TOURNAMENT

Ready, set, cook! Don your chef's hat for a tasty adventure as we whip up yummy French crepes. Then, get ready to indulge in some delicious fun with our cookie face race challenge. It's a culinary delight guaranteed to create sweet memories!



BASE FEE \$75.00
DAILY TOTAL \$75.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.50

FRI
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JUL

BUILDING BRICKS GAMES

MAKE AND TAKE: BUILD YOUR OWN MASCOT MASTERPIECE

Build your way to victory through a range of crafty activities! Make your own team mascot to take home and reach new heights with our Eiffel Tower construction activity.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$11.00
DAILY TOTAL \$86.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.60

FRI
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JUL

CLOSING CEREMONY

MAKE AND TAKE: BUILD A TABLE-TOP HOCKEY RINK

Join us for the grand finale of the Holiday HQ Games with a spectacular medal ceremony! Experience the excitement as we celebrate online with other children from across Australia, celebrating our achievements and friendships made.



BASE FEE \$75.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$12.00
DAILY TOTAL \$87.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$8.70

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



Scan for further information and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!

TEAM
T-SHIRT DESIGN

OPENING
CEREMONY

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
• ATHLETICS
• TOWN

CLOSING
CEREMONY

GLOBAL PASSPORT
• CREATION



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



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://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.



School Crossings

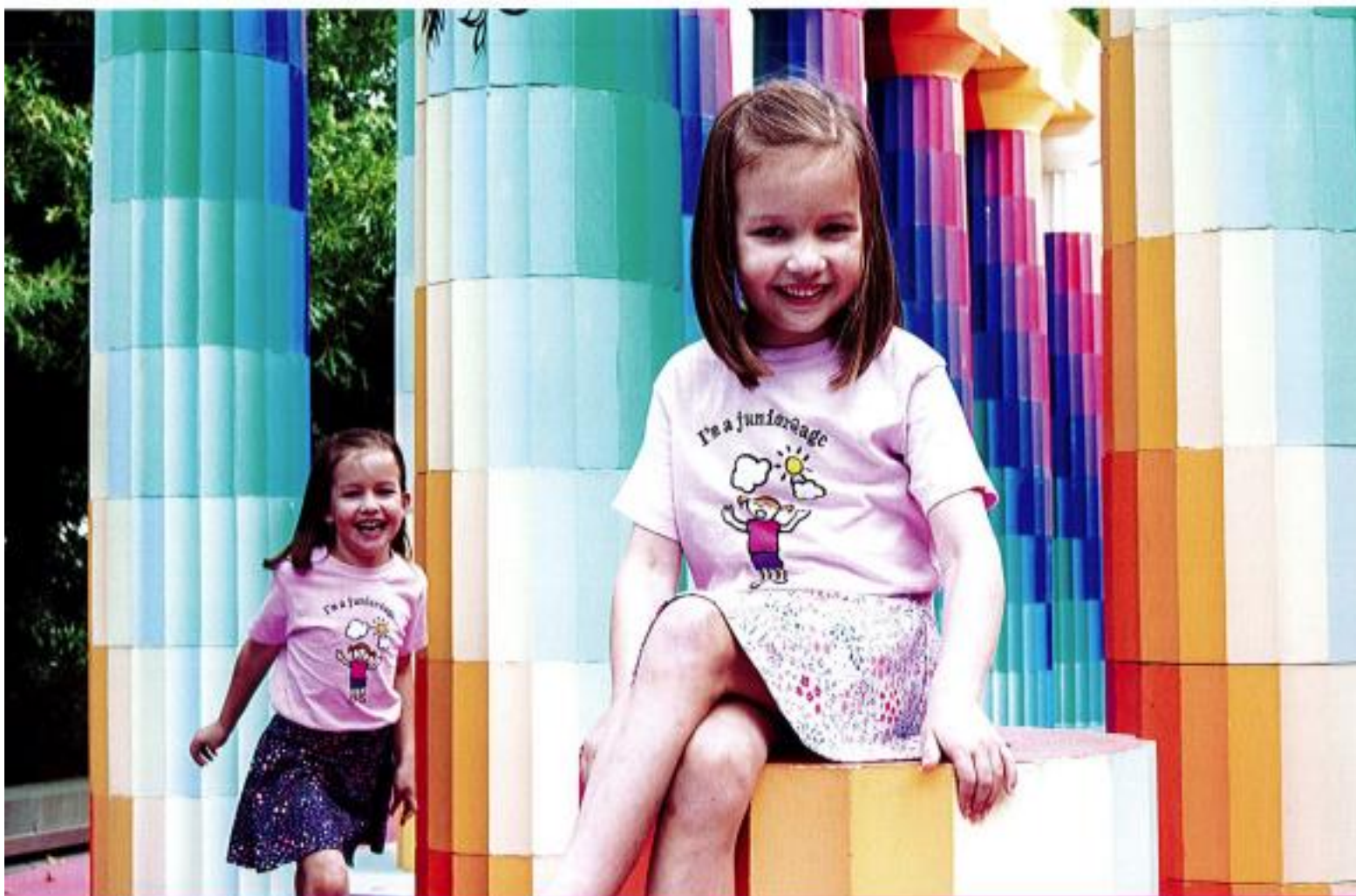
Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit

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.



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Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
JUNE OPEN DAY



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. You may have seen our girls perform for the FIFA Women's World Cup or AFL Grand Final; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting Semester 2 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



JOIN US AT OUR JUNE OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



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