

Principal's Report

To support the Year 3 Inquiry unit 'Is It Alive', students will travel to the Melbourne Museum. Students will visit a variety of exhibits and attractions that support their learning. During this unit of work, students explore the relationship and differences between living, once-living and non-living things. They investigate the variations in the features of plants and animals then group them according to their observations. Students explore products that come from living things.

Teachers are currently collating our students' mid-year academic reports. The reports will be open to access on Compass on Friday, June 19th in readiness for the parent/teacher conversations and the student led conferences on Tuesday, June 23rd. Further information on parent/teacher conversations, including how to book your appointment times, was posted on Compass for all families last Friday, May 29th. 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 opened yesterday, June 3rd at 12pm and will close Tuesday, June 23rd 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 Tuesday, June 23rd is a student free day. OSHClub will be operating a full day program for families who require this service. Please register online for bookings or contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Last Thursday, May 28th, four of our senior students together with Ms Monique Olszewski, attended the National Reconciliation Week event that was hosted by Cardinia Shire Council at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. They joined staff and students from other schools within the Cardina Schools Network. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is "All In" – a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. The visit included a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, flag raising ceremony, cultural dancing and other activities.

The Cardinia Network Marrung Steering committee will be meeting at PLPS tomorrow. In addition to their meeting, members of the committee will be interacting with our students to gain their perspective and engagement with our Koorie education.

Last Wednesday, Evie (Year 6) represented Pakenham Lakeside Primary School at the divisional level cross country event held at the Hastings Foreshore. She ran a great race finishing 3rd in her age group. We congratulate Evie who has now qualified for the South Metropolitan Regional Cross Country. She will be

competing again in Hastings on Wednesday, June 17th. We wish her the best of luck at the next competition.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Junior Concert 'Shine Bright' starring our students in year Prep and One. A reminder to families of students in years Prep and One, tickets are currently on sale for the performances next Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. All students are required for the performances on both evenings. Tickets are now unlimited and can be purchased online or in person at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

A Reminder that applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund close on **Friday 26th June 2026**. The 2026 payment of \$400 for eligible primary school students helps families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years. Application forms need to be completed for all new student enrolments at PLPS in 2026 or if family circumstances have changed. If you are eligible, please complete an application form and return it to our school office along with a copy of your relevant card (your card can be copied at the office). You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's CSEF web page - <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>.

Please check with our school office if you are unsure and return completed forms to the school office no later than Friday, June 26th.

With term 2 school holidays approaching in three weeks, a reminder to all our families that OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. The vacation care program is available to all students who are enrolled at our school.

The program will be operating each day of the holidays from 6.30am to 6.30pm. The theme for the upcoming school holiday program is "World Cup". A flyer outlining what the program is offering each day was posted on Compass earlier this week.

Please register online to learn more or any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

A reminder, Monday, June 8th is the King's Birthday public holiday.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Diary Dates

2026							JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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28	29	30											



2026							JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Friday 1st May - Friday 12th June: Winter Interschool Sports
(selected students)

Thursday 4th June: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Monday 8th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 10th to Thursday 11th June: Junior Concert - Shine Bright

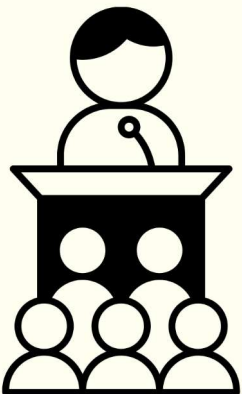
Monday 22nd & Wednesday 24th June: Yr 4 Hands on Science Incursion

Tuesday 23rd June: Parent/Teacher Conversations
(students do not attend school this day)

Friday 26th June: End of Term 2 - Early dismissal 2:30pm

Monday 13th July: Term 3 commences

Assembly Dates



Whole School Assembly will be held in the school
gymnasium

Tuesday 9th June 9am

Friday 26th June 9am

Change of clothes

Providing spare clothes for your child

As we approach the cooler and wet months our grounds can become wet and muddy. It is a great idea to pack a spare set of clothing in your child's school bag so that they can change into should they require a change of clothes at recess and/or lunchtime. This saves getting a phone call during the day to bring some spare clothes up to school for your child.

Spare clothes are a great idea for children of all ages -
even the big kids!



Late Arrivals

Every child arriving after the 9am bell must come to the school office to collect a Late Pass to take to their teacher.

Early Leavers

Should parents wish to collect their child/children from school early 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 during this time. If you need to collect your child it may be easier to pick them up before lunch commences or after lunch has finished.



Sharing of food



Important message:



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.

Prep & Year 1 Junior Concert

A vibrant illustration of a young child with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and blue shorts, standing on a path in a magical forest. Sunlight beams through the trees, illuminating the scene. Large, glowing yellow text in the center reads "SHINE BRIGHT". The forest is filled with colorful flowers and lush greenery.

SHINE
BRIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for our Prep and Year 1 Junior Concert - Shine Bright.

Please see the Compass post for information regarding the purchasing of tickets.

Orders for a USB recording are available for purchase via Compass Events



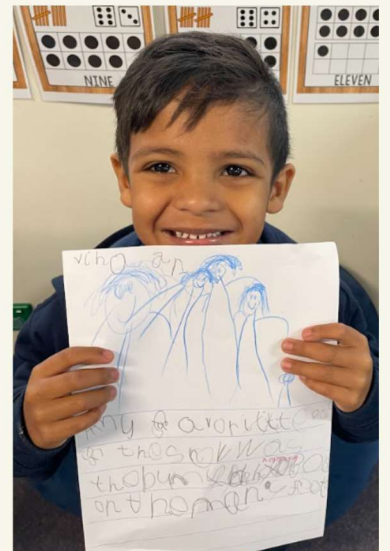
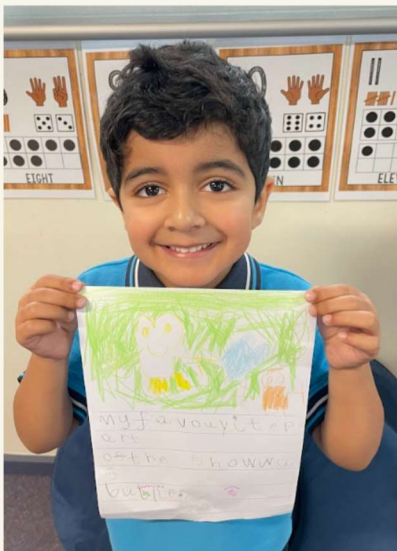
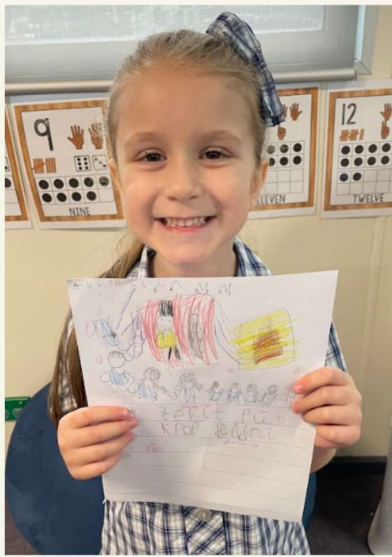
Prep Incursion



On Wednesday 20th May, Prep students participated in the engaging and interactive incursion, 'Happy Being Me!', as part of our Social and Emotional Learning unit this term. Through stories, music, dance and puppetry, students explored important themes including confidence, self-esteem and embracing the differences that make each person unique. The production encouraged students to recognise and celebrate their own special qualities, while also appreciating the strengths and individuality of others.

Throughout the incursion, students learned that making mistakes is an important part of learning and growing. They explored the value of friendship, kindness and recognising personal strengths in developing a positive sense of self-worth. It was wonderful to see students actively participating and building their understanding of what it means to feel happy and confident being themselves.

Following the incursion, students reflected on their experience by drawing pictures and writing about their favourite part of the performance. This provided students with an opportunity to share their thinking, recall key messages from the show and celebrate the moments that they enjoyed most.

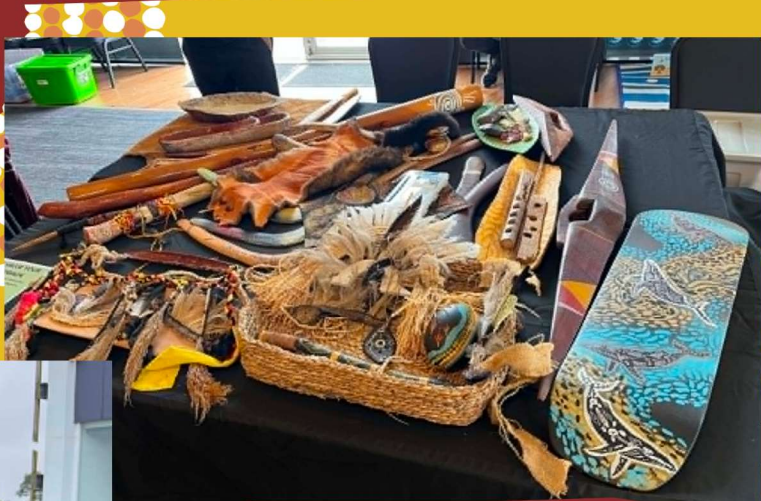


RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENT

Last week, four of our Year 6 students and Miss O attended a Cardinia Shire Reconciliation Week Event at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.



National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) is a time to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievements. Students participated in a Smoking Ceremony led by Steve Parker, enjoyed live music performances, created their own badges, explored Indigenous artefacts, and designed a feather to contribute to a collaborative Bunjil the Eagle artwork.



We are incredibly proud of how our students represented PLPS throughout this meaningful experience.



CARDINIA GIRLS AFL DAY

ELEVEN YEAR 5 AND 6 GIRLS
REPRESENTED PLPS AT THE
CARDINIA GIRLS AFL DAY.

THIS WAS A DAY FOR THE
GIRLS TO LEARN ABOUT THE
GAME AND ENJOY PLAYING AFL
FOOTBALL.

THE GIRLS PLAYED 4 GAMES
WITH A RECORD OF 1 WIN, 1
DRAW AND 2 LOSSE. ALL GIRLS
LOVED BEING A PART OF IT.





Important Information - Parking and Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers

We have recently been contacted by Cardinia Shire Council regarding a concerning increase in reports regarding illegal parking, dangerous driving and pedestrian safety around schools, across the shire.

Together with Cardinia Shire Council, we wish to remind drivers of the importance of road safety and adhering to the road rules when parking around the school, at pick up and drop off times.

To ensure the safety of all pedestrians, students and members of our school community, we ask that you:

- **Adhere to the road rules:** Do not block the flow of traffic or allow students to get in and out of a vehicle while in the flow of traffic, even if the vehicle is stopped.
- **Park only in designated areas:** Parking is not permitted in or across driveways, on nature strips, no-stopping zones, no-parking zones, bus zones, or areas reserved for staff. Please adhere to all signage and the road rules.
- **Follow drop-off and pick-up procedures:** Use the designated drop-off and pick-up zones to ensure a smooth and safe flow of traffic.
- **Be mindful of pedestrians:** Follow directions from School Crossing Supervisors and take extra caution during peak times when children are arriving or leaving school.
- **Be respectful:** Council Parking Officers are required to conduct regular patrols around schools to ensure safety. Please be respectful, and courteous.

Drivers are advised that any offences detected may lead to the issuing of an infringement notice. This may be affixed to the windscreen or posted via mail.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation on this important Issue.

PLPS is now set up to collect and raise funds through the Victorian Government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). This means students and the PLPS community can deposit eligible bottles and cans and help raise money for the school.

CDS Vic is a state-wide recycling program that gives charities and community groups the opportunity to receive donations or to fundraise by hosting a container collection drive – all while keeping the environment clean.

How can I donate my bottles and cans?

Take them to a local collection point

You can transfer your containers at any CDS East refund points. This is our preferred method. Use [this link](#) to find your nearest refund point. Our closest refund point to school is the Club Officer Car Park (off Cardinia Rd) or you can go to the big CDS Vic Pakenham Depot at 100 Bald Hill Rd. There are 7 drop off points listed for Pakenham.

Step-by-step instructions

- Download the CDS Vic East App – [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and create a profile (you will only need to do this step once)
- Insert your eligible bottles or cans at the refund point
- In the App look up 'Pakenham Lakeside Primary School' under 'Donate your refunds' and press 'Set as refund type'. Your active payout is now set as 'Donation'
- Scan your App barcode at your local machine
- 100% of the refund will go to supporting the students of PLPS!

Your Zone ID Barcode:
C2000074679





RVM: HOW TO USE

1. START BY INSERTING ALL YOUR ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS BOTTOM FIRST



RVM: HOW TO USE

2. ONCE YOU HAVE INSERTED ALL YOUR CONTAINERS CLICK ENTER 'ZONE ID'



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3. OPEN (OR DOWNLOAD) THE VIC EAST APP & SCAN 'ZONE ID' BARCODE



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4. COLLECT YOUR RECEIPT & YOUR DIGITAL REFUND WILL BE PROCESSED

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Collect eligible cans, cartons, and bottles and donate them to your local school, community group, or place of worship.



Eligible



- Aluminium cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass bottles
- Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150mL and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

Ineligible



- Wine and spirit bottles
- Milk containers
- Paperboard cartons (over 1L)
- Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

Every 10 cent container you donate helps your community raise important funds.

Scan the QR code to learn more information in your language:

