Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

Last week our year four students had their three-day camp at Woorabinda. The bushland camp provided our students the opportunity to participate in exciting activities and immersive learning experiences. On arrival our students and staff hiked through the native bushland and learnt some skills on preparing and cooking their own lunch in an open fire. It was pleasing to hear how students involved themselves in all the activities offered at Woorabinda Camp, attempting and persevering with some of the challenging and new activities such as the high ropes course, with many overcoming their nerves and completing the course. Other highlights the students have shared were the canoeing and the zipline.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all our staff who have accompanied our children on this camp. This is an outstanding example of the commitment our teachers and education support staff demonstrate towards our students, enabling them to undertake many experiences that support their learning and personal development.

Yesterday a poster advertising the events and times for the PLPS ART show was distributed on Compass. We are looking forward to showcasing and celebrating our students' artwork on opening night Monday, November 30th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The show will open at 3:30pm and will conclude at 7:00pm. Please refer to the poster for specific event times.

Next week PLPS students will be collaboratively building a 'Kindness Tree' to celebrate World Kindness Day on Friday, November 13th. The day is to promote being kind to each other, to yourself and our world through compassion and empathy. We are aiming to highlight the good deeds in our community, focusing on the positive power of how kindness binds us together. Our Kindness Tree will come together in our school gym.

As term 4 continues to fly by, the planning and preparations for the 2027 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 73 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 allows us to accurately plan for 2027.

Currently we are conducting our formal transition program that supports our new prep students prepare for the start of their formal schooling. The sessions began yesterday and we had many smiling faces enjoying their first session. We look forward to welcoming all our enrolled 2027 Prep students as they participate in these important sessions. At the conclusion of their first session, the students will collect a bag containing a picture story book, writing and number line page together with other helpful items they can use at home prior to the beginning of the school year.

Last Wednesday, as part of our Prep Transition program, we conducted a parent information session. It was lovely to see many current families and meet some of our new families joining the PLPS community. Some of the key points out of the presentation provide some insight into the school that we continually strive to be. Research indicates the following qualities are what parents look for in their child's school;

- quality teachers
- supportive and caring environment
- quality facilities and resources
- the teaching of values and life skills.

These elements drive much of the decision-making and resource allocation at our school and will continue to do so in the future.

Following the success at the Pakenham District Day, two of our Year 5/6 basketball teams competed on Monday of last week in the Regional Hoop Time Basketball Competition at the Jubilee Park Stadium in Frankston. The competition was of a very high standard and our team members tried hard all day. When recalling their day, it was lovely to hear them talk about their teamwork and resilience and that their day was 'a blast'. Congratulations to all players for their efforts and reaching this level of competition. Thanks to Mr Vann and Mr Seton for coaching them on the day.

Next Friday, November 13th, we have 48 students from years three & four representing PLPS in 5 teams at the Cardinia Division T20 Cricket Blast tournament at Toomuc Recreation Reserve. The tournament involves the students playing modified games of cricket in a round robin competition. We wish them the best of luck. Please ensure everyone has their hat and sunscreen, for protection throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Vann for organising the day, together with other staff and parents who will be supporting our students at the competition.

Later this term we have our last Curriculum Day for 2026. This day is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd. Students do not attend school on this day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day's program to support our parents and families on this day. If you require this service, you are encouraged to contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Diary Dates







Friday 13th November: Yr 3/4 T20 Cricket Blast - selected students

Wednesday 18th November: Prep Pevan and Sarah Concert

Thursday 26th November: Year 6 PrimeSCI! - Circuitry Incursion

Monday 30th November: Art Show 3:30-7pm @CCC

Monday 30th November - Friday 11th December: Year 1 Swimming program - students do not swim on Wednesdays

Wednesday 2nd December: Curriculum Day - students do not attend on this day

Tuesday 8th December: Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Concert - weather permitting

Friday 18th December: End of Term 4 - **Early dismissal 1:30pm**

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Wednesday 18th November 9am

Monday 30th November 9am

Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in both Term 1 and Term 4 of the school year.

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

Please remember to label your hats too!





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



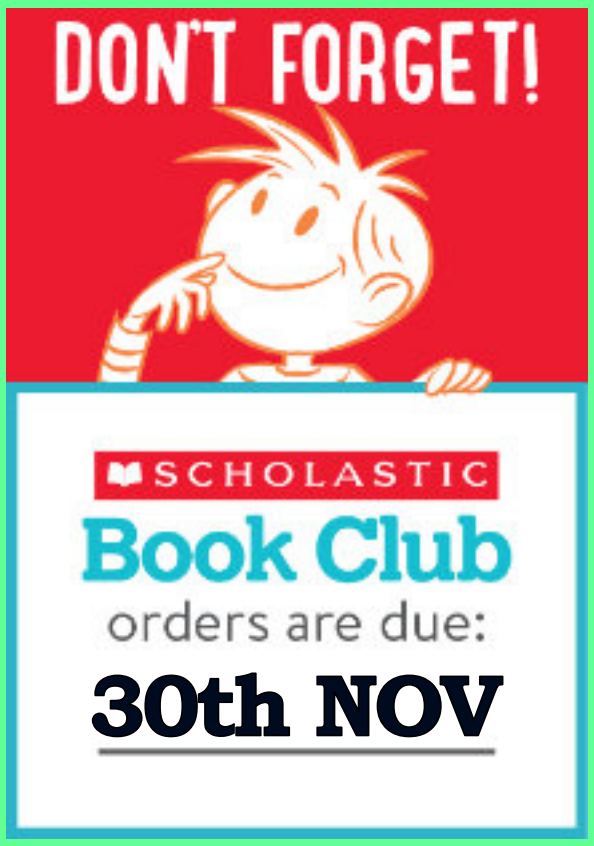




Important message:

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.



Icy Pole Fridays

We will be selling lemondade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during Term 4.

Icy poles are $1.50 each and can be purchased from the canteen




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ART SHOW 2026
OPENING NIGHT - MONDAY 30TH NOV.
3.30PM - 7PM @ CARDINIA CULTURAL CENTRE
$5 PER ADULT, KIDS FREE
5PM - CHOIR PERFORMANCE
5.10PM - WEARABLE ART CATWALK SHOW
5.20PM - GOLDEN BRUSH AWARDS

YEAR 6 CAMP 2026



Kaiden (6R)

On Thursday, 15th of October, the Year 6 students went to Parliament House in Canberra. While we were there, we got to take part in a House of Representatives roleplay, where we learnt more about how laws are made and how politicians debate different ideas. We also got to see the actual House of Representatives and the Senate, which was really interesting. One of the highlights was meeting Jason Wood, our Federal MP, and learning more about his role in the Australian Government.

Milly (6F)

On day three of camp we had a lot of activities but AIS really stood out compared to the others. When we got there we were greeted by our amazing guides who then proceeded to show us around some of their stadiums. While we were there we saw a lot of really awesome things but some of the favourites were the gymnasts, basketball and netball players. After a tour we went to a room where there were a whole lot of games/ simulations of different sports and activities which included a bike, cricket and canoeing simulator. Once we were done with all the cool games we headed down to the gift shop where we got some smashing sports related souvenirs.





Ifa (6M)

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we visited the High Court of Australia. After getting through security, we went upstairs and discussed where everyone would sit. Once we had sorted that out, we went to watch one of the cases and learn more about what happens in the High Court. We got to see how the court works and how important it is to listen carefully during a case. It was an interesting experience because we got to see what happens inside a real courtroom.

Dylan (6R)

On Tuesday, all the Year 6 students met up at Questacon. Questacon is a science centre with lots of different experiments and activities, such as earthquake simulators, magnetic forces and much more. There were so many things to explore, and every activity had something different to teach us about science. We got to try out different experiments and discover how things worked. It was hard to name all the amazing activities because there was just so much to see and do.





Cardinia

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'



RVM: HOW TO USE
3. OPEN (OR DOWNLOAD) THE VIC EAST APP & SCAN 'ZONE ID' BARCODE



RVM: HOW TO USE
4. COLLECT YOUR RECEIPT & YOUR DIGITAL REFUND WILL BE PROCESSED

RETURN IT · CDS VIC · VICTORIA

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.

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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:

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