Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

One of the major events in our second term calendar is Education Week. Our school will be celebrating Education Week 2026 from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May.
This year's theme is 'Showcase your school', encouraging school communities to celebrate what's great about their school. There are so many great things about Pakenham Lakeside Primary School, from our people to our school facilities, our learning programs and our supportive school community. We regularly showcase the achievements of our students through year level and specialist contributions to our newsletter, year level expos, and regular presentations at our whole school assembly.
During Education Week, students will be participating in a variety of activities, including some activities with multi-aged groupings across the school. An Education Week special edition newsletter will also be produced showcasing our students' achievements. This will be distributed on Friday afternoon.
We will be conducting our Lamont Book Fair throughout Education Week. Students and families have the opportunity to purchase quality literature to read and enjoy together. Families may also like to purchase a book to donate to our school library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a label placed inside the book. The ***Book Fair*** will be open each day during Education Week from 8:30am-9:00am and 3:15pm-4:00pm in our school library.

The first of our year level camps set off on Tuesday for their four-day camp to Beechworth. This camp provides our Year 5 students with outstanding experiences that enrich and enhance their current learning in their history inquiry unit "My Place". Beechworth is a town renowned for its role in key events in our nation's history, including the Victorian Gold Rush and renowned Bush Rangers. 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. I have enjoyed sharing the experiences with our students over the past two days.

Yesterday we had 34 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 this is always a tough event, our competitors put in their best effort and were proud of their results. Evie in year 6 finished 3rd in her event. This has qualified her for the Cardinia Division Cross Country event being held on Wednesday, May 27th. We wish her all the best for her next event. Thanks again to Mr Vann for the organisation of the event, together with supporting staff on the day.

We held our Mother's Day stall yesterday that allowed students to purchase gifts for mums or other significant female figures in their lives. A special thank you to the members of our Parents and Friends group for their organisation of the gifts and the many parent helpers that assisted throughout the running of the stall yesterday. The students thoroughly enjoyed selecting their gifts. Your support in providing these opportunities for our students is greatly appreciated.

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

The survey will open next Monday, May 11th and students will complete this over the next few weeks. Once our student responses are completed and aggregated, we will be able to access our school's report to inform our discussions with our staff. The results and discussions will also be shared with our students in order to continually shape and respond to student needs.

Our second school performance in 2026 will be at the Cardinia Cultural Centre starring our Prep and Year 1 students. Children and staff have been working enthusiastically in Performing Arts classes learning and rehearsing their songs for "Shine Bright" being performed on the evenings of Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th. Important information was posted recently 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.

A reminder that next Friday May 15th, is a curriculum day. Students do not attend school on this day. On this day, staff will focus on the implementation of elements of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model, with a particular emphasis on responsive teaching strategies that will continue to further support our students learning. 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 8th May - Applications for Year 7 Placement 2027 **due back**

Monday 27th April - Friday 8th May: Year 2 Swimming (Cardinia Life)
(Note: No swimming on Wednesdays)

Friday 1st May - Friday 12th June: Winter Interschool Sports (selected students)

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th May: Year 5 Beechworth Camp

Friday 15th May: Curriculum Day (students do not attend on this day)

Wednesday 20th May: Prep CARP Incursion

Wednesday 20th May: Girls AFL Day (selected students)

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May: Year 1 Hands on Science Incursion

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May: Education Week and Book Fair

Thursday 4th June: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

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

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

Assembly Dates



Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Monday 11th May 9am

Wednesday 27th May 9am

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 over this time. If you need to collect them over this period it may be easier to collect students before lunch commences or after lunch 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



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 will be posted on Compass soon.

Swimming Program Year 2









We have fun when we get to jump in the deep water.



We get to learn how to swim freestyle and backstroke.

The Year 2s have thoroughly enjoyed participating in their swimming program for the last two weeks. Students were able to join in 8 swimming lessons at Cardinia Life to learn some valuable water safety skills and swimming techniques.







It is fun to float on your back.



We love diving underwater to get the sinking toys.

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EDUCATION WEEK

18-22 May 2026







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Education Week is an annual celebration of public education in Victoria. In 2026, Victoria celebrates Education Week from Monday 18 May to Friday 22 May. The theme of 2026 Education Week is Showcase your school, encouraging school communities to celebrate what's great about their school. Every Victorian school is great in its own unique way, whether it's the people, the place, the learning opportunities or the school community.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week. An Education Week special edition newsletter will also be produced showcasing our students' achievements.

Showcasing our school posters

All students will be invited to develop and share a poster that showcases our school and that can be on display around our school during Education Week.

Students will be provided with a template to develop their poster on and can work on these at home before bringing in to school to share with our community.

Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May - Book Fair

We will be conducting our Lamont Book Fair over five days. Students and families have the opportunity to purchase quality literature to read and enjoy together. Any families may also like to purchase a book to donate to our school library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a label placed inside the book. The Book Fair will be open on each of the days from 8:30-9:00am and 3:15-4:00pm.

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd May - Collaborative challenges

On Wednesday and Thursday all students will have the opportunity to explore different learning spaces around our school and engage in cross-age, collaborative challenges. Teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills will be used in these sessions as students work together to solve different problems.

Friday 23rd May - Newsletter

A special edition of our school newsletter will be distributed via Compass to share the highlights from our learning program.

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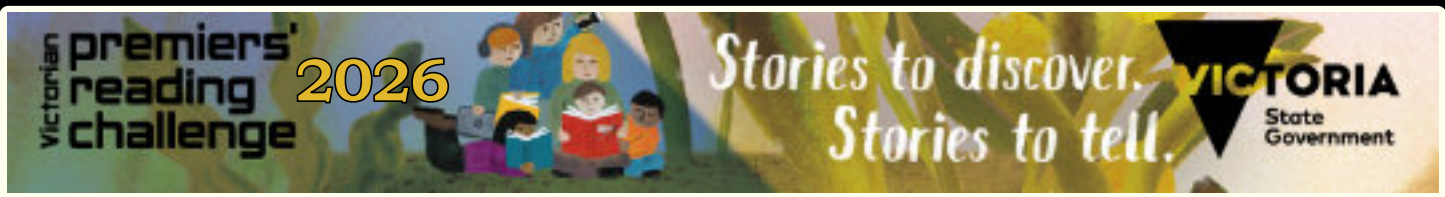


Dear Parents and Students,

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, 2 and 3 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 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 4-6 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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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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Get access to 3 Richmond Home Games
this 2026 Toyota AFL Premiership Season

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& to redeem your free membership!













Footy gets kids off screens and running free – fresh air, muddy knees and big smiles are all part of the package.

FIND YOUR FOOTY FIT

nab AFL Auskick

4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.





AFL Superkick

7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game. This program is played at the same location and time weekly.

JUNIOR FOOTY

7+ YEAR OLDS

For the child ready to be part of a team and take the next step in their footy journey. Offering the thrill of playing matches each week, all with modified rules to prioritise safety.



*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN MAY RECEIVE UP TO $200 TO COVER THE COSTS FOR REGISTRATION FEES

BUILD CONFIDENCE. LEARN SKILLS.

Prepare for Life's Challenges.

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FREE Uniform

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SEEKING 11 & UNDER PLAYERS

Come have some fun with us!!!

Anyone with a child born in 2015-2016 wanting to play Netball??

SEEKING PLAYERS

South East Storm Netball Club are seeking either girls or boys for their up and coming Winter season, for our **11 & under team**.

We train on Monday afternoon at James Bathe reserve and play at Cardinia stadium Wednesday afternoon. We are a fun, family friendly and all inclusive club. Please send enquiry to **southeaststormnc@gmail.com**

COME & TRY Floorball



FLOORBALL IS A FUN, FAST-PACED, LOW-CONTACT, SIX-A-SIDE SPORT THAT'S EASY TO LEARN AND GREAT TO PLAY. PERFECT FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS, IT'S A FANTASTIC WAY TO STAY ACTIVE, MEET NEW PEOPLE, AND TRY SOMETHING NEW—NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT THE EXCITEMENT IS ALL ABOUT!

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