Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

Recently our Year Three campers returned from their first school camp to Phillip Island. A great time was had by all. Our students participated in several activities that promoted co-operation and presented some challenges, with which they tackled with enthusiasm and confidence. The weather conditions were mostly favourable, allowing for all activities to proceed. A few highlights were the giant swing, spotting a whale just offshore at Smiths Beach, and the reintroduced Bilby on the night walk. I was pleased to be able to share some very enjoyable experiences with the students at Phillip Island. It was very pleasing to receive fabulous feedback from Camp staff on how our students conducted themselves including their willingness to be involved and their courteous and polite manner. Well done to all the students and thanks again to all staff who attended.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday evening, our Year Five and Six students will be performing in our senior musical "Star Warts" at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The students have been busy rehearsing and a big thank you to our Performing Arts team of Ms Windust and Ms Balucan for their organisation and support of our students. Thank you also to our parents and families for your continued support of our Performing Arts through your provision of costumes and your purchase of performance tickets. We look forward to the shows! Some tickets are still available from the Cardinia Cultural Centre and can be purchased in person at the box office or via the link on Compass.

Our Year 5 students have been learning about animal adaptations and how structural and behavioural adaptations help animals survive in their environments.

To celebrate and share their learning, the Year 5 Animal Adaptations Expo, will take place in the Year 5 learning spaces on Monday September 14th from 2:30pm to 3:05pm. The students will showcase an animal they have designed together with an information report explaining its habitat, features and the behavioural and structural adaptations needed.

Our year 2 students are also looking forward to inviting family and friends into the learning spaces for the 'Australian Animal Expo' next Tuesday September 15th from 2:30pm – 3:05pm. The expo will allow the students to share the learning that has taken place throughout the term, primarily within their Science and English units.

We look forward to celebrating our students' achievements with families from year 2 and year 5 next week.

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Athletics on Friday August 28th. Our athletes represented our school honourably, both in their competitive efforts and when representing PLPS. Next Monday September 14th, we will have 15 individual students competing at the Division Athletics Carnival at the Casey Fields Athletics Track in Cranbourne East. We wish them the best of luck in their events.

On Monday 14th September we are looking forward to welcoming our 2027 Prep students and families to our Open Afternoon as part of our Prep Transition to PLPS. The afternoon is an opportunity for the students to visit the Prep learning spaces and meet some of the current PLPS Prep and Specialist staff. The afternoon commences at 3:30pm and concludes at 4:30pm.

Next Thursday we will have 19 students representing PLPS at the "Deadly Day" Koorie Celebration Day, held at the Deep Creek Reserve. The word 'deadly' is an Aboriginal English translation meaning awesome/great/fantastic. This has become an annual event involving schools across the Cardinia Schools' network to celebrate and learn about Indigenous culture. Students will be participating in a Welcome to Country, sports and art activities, a yarning circle and a scavenger hunt.

Thank you to our parent association for the Father's Day stall, that was held last Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and staff who organised the stall for our students and our sincere thanks to all our volunteers who helped at the stall on the day. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is looking for people to staff voting centres in paid roles for the Victorian state election being held on Saturday 28 November 2026. If you are interested, please look out for the Compass post tomorrow for all the necessary information.

On our last day of term 3, students are welcome to come to school wearing their football (any code) team's colours. We ask that no spiked shoes are worn or brought to school. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a parade. **Unfortunately we are unable to have spectators due to the limited capacity in the gym.**

With school holidays fast approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is providing their vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Term 3 is concluding next Friday, September 18th. Please note that school will finish at the earlier time of **2:30pm.** Parents are requested to make the necessary arrangements to have their child collected at this earlier time. Our OSHClub after school program will be operating from this earlier time for those parents who require this service.

Term 4 will begin on Monday, October 5th. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Diary Dates







Monday 14th September: Cardinia Division Athletics (selected students)

Monday 14th September: 2027 Prep Open Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th September: Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back - Senior School Musical

Wednesday 16th September: State Teeball Finals (selected students)

Thursday 17th September: Cardinia Koorie Kids Celebration Day

Friday 18th September: End of Term 3 - **Early dismissal 2:30pm**

Monday 5th October: Term 4 Commences

Monday 12th - Friday 16th October: Year 6 Canberra Camp

Wednesday 28th October: 2027 Prep Parent Info Session 4-5pm

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th October: Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Friday 18th September 9am

Tuesday 6th October 9am

Friday 23rd October 9am

Thursday 5th November 9am

Wednesday 18th November 9am

Monday 30th November 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.







Year 2 Australian Animals

During Term 3, the Year Two students researched Australian animals as part of our English and Inquiry Units of work. We wrote information reports and are preparing to publish and present our learning in different ways to other students, teachers and the school community at our upcoming Australian Animals Expo.





GUMBUYA WORLD

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To consolidate our learning about Australian animals, We went on an adventure to Gumbuya World to see some of the animals we had researched during the term. We got to hold a Centralian Python and touch a Green Tree Frog, meet a Shingleback Lizard called 'Hakka', and saw some amazing birds at the Bird Show! It was an amazing day!



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STAR WARTS

THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK

We are opening up ticket sales to our wider school community as our Year 5 and 6 students have been working extremely hard on their "Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back" musical and look forward to performing for you at Cardinia Cultural Centre on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th of September at 7pm.

You are most welcome to come and watch!

Price - Adults $20 and Children (under 16yo) $15. Children aged 3 years and under are free when not occupying a seat (sitting on your lap) Tickets can be purchase online, over the phone 1300 887 624 or in person at the CCC. Their operating hours are Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

https://cardinia.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/167215



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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

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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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End of Term 3

A friendly reminder to all families that or last day of Term 3 is:

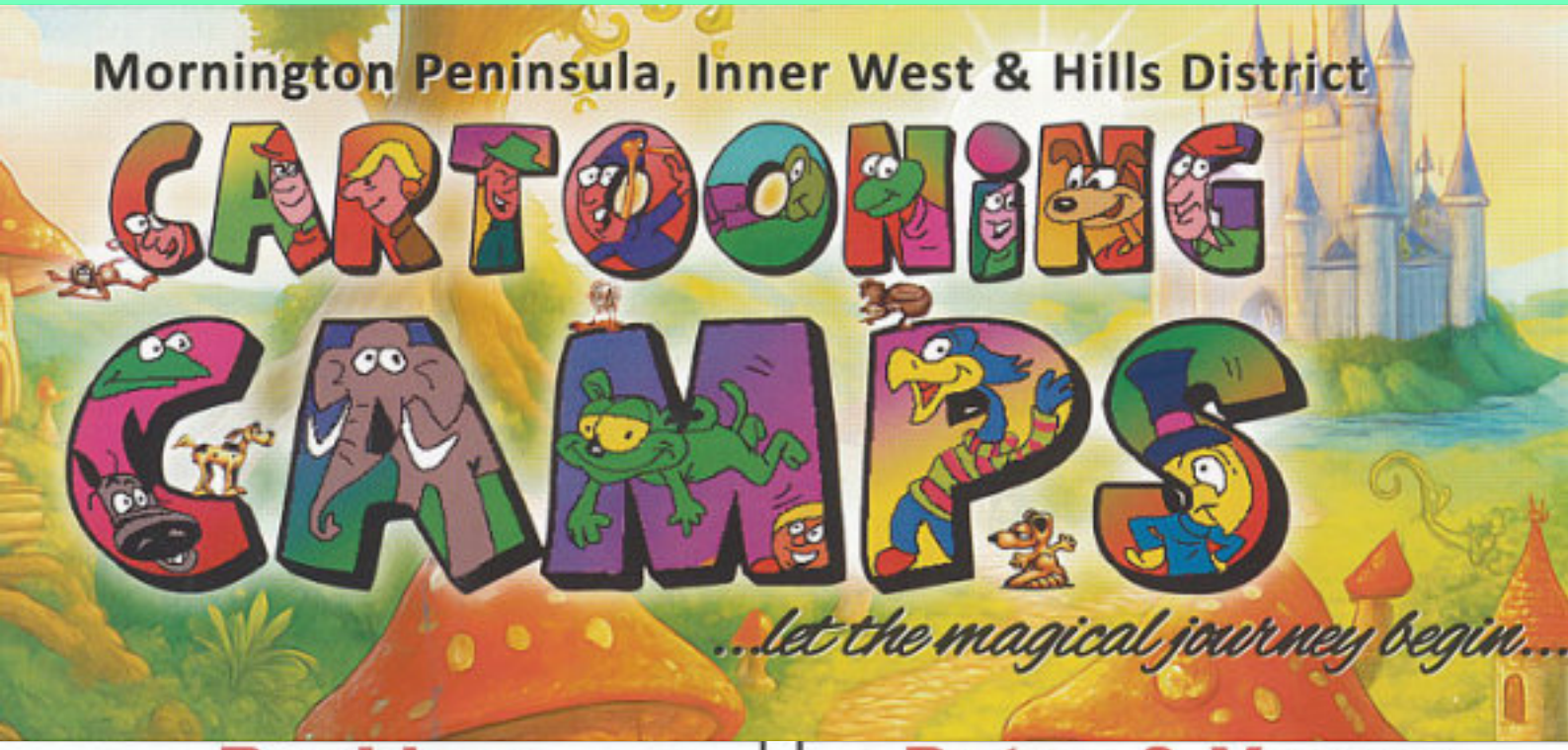
Friday 18th September

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **2:30pm**

If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be collected at this earlier dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from this ealier time to accomodate families.

All inquiries can be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Thank you.



Bookings

www.illustrating-man.com.au

- Click the Cartoon Workshops button in the middle of our home page
- Select: Your location
- Check your junk, spam folders for the confirmation
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email
- Children 4 - 15 years (Juniors: 4 - 7 / Intermediates: 8 - 10 / Seniors: 11 - 15)

$60 Short Day	9.30am - 3.30am
$65 Long Day	8am - 6pm (part thereof)
$30 Thursday night	6pm - 9pm



Early Bird

5 Day Program

Book 4 Long Days Monday to Thursday NOT Friday - by 4.30pm Friday September 4th & we'll add your child to Friday for FREE

Saving $65

4 Day Program (Hills District Sydney)

Book 4 Long Days Tuesday to Friday by 4.30pm Friday September 4th & we'll add your child to the Thursday night program for FREE

Dates & Venues

Mornington Peninsula
Monday September 21st - Friday September 25th
Boneo Community Centre
572 Boneo Road, Boneo Victoria

Inner West - Abbotsford
Monday September 28th - Friday October 2nd
2nd Abbotsford Sea Scouts
End of Great North Road,
Abbotsford NSW (Next to the Ferry Wharf)

Hills District
Tuesday October 6th - Friday October 9th
Scout & Guide Centre
Wilga Street, West Pennant Hills NSW



Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day

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Year 7 2027 Information NIGHT



Wed 14 October 2026

6pm until 7.15pm

Pakenham Secondary College would like to invite our Year 7 2027 families to our Information Night, taking place on Wednesday, 14th October 2026, from 6.00pm to 7.15pm.

Important information about the transition to secondary school will be provided during the evening, including a presentation from Edunet, our Preferred Education Laptop Provider, outlining their 2027 program.

To find out about our **Transition Days, and to register for this event**, please scan the QR code or visit our website at:

pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au

Pakenham SECONDARY COLLEGE

We Grow Through Connection



Kids can bring in their used toys and negotiate with our friendly Brandt teams to get the best price to go towards a new John Deere toy. **Traded toys will then be donated back into the local community.**

9am - 12pm
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FREE KIDS LEGO WORKSHOP

Join us these school holidays for a fun and engaging LEGO workshop designed especially for children with additional needs.

Sessions are run by qualified Key Workers who understand how to support childrens unique learning styles and help them thrive in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Please note: A parent or carer must stay on site with all children.

When

Thursday 24th September & Thursday 1st October.

9:30am - 10:30am: Ages 3-5
11:00am - 12:00pm: Ages 6-8

Questions

EmmaT@everydayind.com.au



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SUPPORT DONATE LOVE

with OSHClub

This holiday program, OSHClub is proud to support Lachy's Legacy Wildlife Shelter, based in Pakenham.
We are collecting donations of much-needed items to support the care of injured, orphaned and rescued wildlife.

Donations requested:

- Old blankets or towels
- Laundry detergent
- Hand soap
- Toilet paper
- Wet wipes (fragrance free)

We kindly ask our OSHClub families and community to support this wonderful cause by donating any of the above items. They can be dropped at our service room at any time until October 2nd.

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.

Thank you for helping us support our local wildlife and teach children the importance of kindness and giving back to our community.

We would love your support

