

# NEWSLETTER

## 11th December 2025

### Principal's Report

Earlier this week on Tuesday evening, our 2025 year 6 students participated in their graduation ceremony, conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Family and friends gathered to acknowledge and celebrate the students' achievements during their time at PLPS. I would like to commend Ema and Shunuo, our School Captains, for their outstanding job as our hosts for the evening. Other year 6 students shared memories of the various experiences they have been involved in throughout their Primary School years including their specialist classes, sporting events, incursions, excursions and camps. I congratulate all the students on their preparation, speaking with confidence and contributing to a successful night.

For many of our students, this signaled the end of seven years of primary education at PLPS, whilst other year 6 students joined our 2019 Prep group along the way at various year levels. I congratulate all our year 6 students on their many achievements as our school leaders and completing their primary education. The PLPS school community wish them the very best as they prepare to embark upon the next phase of their education at their respective secondary schools.

I would like to acknowledge our five students who were the recipients of our awards on the evening. Firstly, Shunuo T has completed an outstanding year of academic performance and was the recipient of the Pakenham Rotary Academic Excellence award.

Our second award winner was Isaak K. Isaak was awarded the EdViews Learner Award. This award is presented to a year 6 student who consistently demonstrates the love of and a commitment to their learning throughout the year.

Audree L was the recipient of our third award, the Emma Vulin 'Achieving your Best' award. This award is presented to a year 6 student who consistently inspires others and embodies the qualities that make their school a better place. Audree has demonstrated this through kindness towards others, persistence and dedication in achieving her goals throughout the year.

Pakenham Secondary College awarded a scholarship to contribute toward the cost of the Year 7 camp. The scholarship was awarded to a student who demonstrates enthusiasm and embraces the opportunities and activities provided at school. The recipient of this award was Maddy R.

Our final award winner on the evening was Elissa E. Elissa was awarded the Webster Family Trust Community Student of the Year award. This award is presented to a year 6 student who best exemplifies our school's five core values. Elissa's respectful manner, responsible attitude, kindness and dedication, along with her willingness to embrace all opportunities offered at school, makes her a very worthy winner of this award.

Each award winner received a certificate of recognition together with funds for their future schooling. Congratulations to them all.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to express my appreciation to Pakenham Rotary, EdViews, Emma Vulin, Pakenham Secondary College and the Webster Family for their generous support of our school and that of our students and their ongoing education.

Last Friday we had our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) join our school improvement team to review and celebrate the achievements at PLPS in the second half of the 2025 school year. Members of our team presented the progress made with our school's Annual Implementation Plan together with an outline for future development in 2026. The meeting included extremely positive conversations, with praise and appreciation expressed for work being done by our staff for all students at PLPS. Thank you to our school's Learning Specialist and Assistant Principals for their preparation and presentation.

The following staff will be departing PLPS at the end of this school year. Elise Dickson and Suzie Barata have been members of the PLPS team for a number of years and have made significant contributions throughout their time at our school. I would like to thank Elise and Suzie for their ongoing commitment and care they have demonstrated toward our students and our teaching and learning programs. We wish them all the best with their new ventures.

This morning our staff hosted a morning tea to thank the many parents and community members who assist in a variety of ways such as within our learning spaces, excursions, sporting and other school events and our PFA events. I want to reiterate thanks and appreciation for the support of our families and school community in assisting and partnering with us in providing opportunities and events for our students.

A reminder for our last whole school assembly, being held on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Our assembly provides an opportunity for all our students and families to celebrate the 2025 school year and formally say goodbye to our Year 6 cohort of students and wish them all the best for their next phase of education at Secondary School.

The last day of the school year is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. **School will finish at 1.30pm** and OSHClub will be running their after-school program from this time. If you require this service, you are encouraged to contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

With the school holidays fast approaching, OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program. This will begin on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The program for vacation care over the school holidays has been posted on Compass.

**Kerrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**

# Admin News



## DIARY DATES



Wednesday 17th December: PLPS Christmas Concert  
(weather permitting)

Thursday 18th December: Year 6 Big Day Out - Gumbuya World

Friday 19th December: End of Term 4 - **Early dismissal 1:30pm**

## End of Term 4 - 2025

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be  
**Friday 19th December.**

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:30pm**  
If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier  
dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from the earlier time to  
accommodate families.

All inquiries can be direct to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.  
Thank you.







# YEAR 4 WOORABINDA CAMP



Our Year 4 students had an unforgettable experience at Woorabinda School Camp! They embraced every activity with enthusiasm — from exploring the bush trails in the wild weather and conquering the high ropes, it was wonderful to see students building confidence, making new connections, and showing great teamwork throughout the week. The smiles and laughter said it all — Woorabinda Camp was a huge success!

# Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 19th December - 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!

## CANTEEN NEWS

The first day for Canteen for the 2026 school year will be on:

**Tuesday 3rd February**

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all staff, students and their families a happy and safe Christmas break.



## Icypole Fridays

Our last day for Icypole sales will be:

Friday 12th December

Icy poles are \$1.50 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.







## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

### Sharing of food

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.

# It's Library Stocktake Time!

*This is a reminder to parents and students to please return your borrowed library books so they can be scanned in for stocktake.*

*On Monday 8th December a note went home to all students who still have overdue library books with instructions on how to replace or reimburse the school for any lost items.*

*If you have any queries about overdue notices or any lost items please don't hesitate to come and see me in the library or office and I will be happy to help.*

*If you would still like your children to read over the holidays, I would highly recommend visiting and/or joining our local library in Pakenham.*

*Thank you for your support*  
*Narelle McMillan — Library Technician*



*Pakenham Lakeside Primary  
School would like to  
acknowledge the major  
sponsors of our 2025  
Christmas Raffle.  
Thank you to.....*



*A+ Hair Accessories*

*Connected Travel*

*PLPS Social Club*

*Toy World - Pakenham*

*PLPS Staff & Families*

*Bunnings - Pakenham*

*Lazy Frog*

*Opal Hair*

*Chemist Discount Centre -  
Officer*

*Best Friend Pets*

*Coles - Lakeside*

*Robert Gordon Pottery*

*Ferguson Plarre - Officer*

*Cardinia Leisure Centre*

*Puffing Billy*

*Melbourne Museum*

*Shanikas - Pakenham*

*Moonlit Sanctuary*

*Australian Sports Museum*

*Luna Park*


*LJ Hooker - Pakenham*

*Bakers Delight - Pakenham*

*Woolworths - Arena*

*Bass Coast Carpentry &  
Maintenance*





Pakenham  
Lakeside  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS 2025 CONCERT

17  
DECEMBER  
9:15AM START

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE OUTSIDE THE STAFFROOM

The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the concert





# Christmas Raffle

## Opportunity for businesses to donate to the Pakenham Lakeside Primary School Christmas Raffle

*Dear PLPS Community,*

*Our school, along with our Parents Group  
is beginning to put together hampers  
for our Christmas Raffle.*

*We are asking our school community and other  
businesses if they may be interested in  
donating a voucher, gift card or product from  
their business for the hampers.*

*Any donation big or small would be much  
appreciated. A list of businesses who donate will  
be published in our last school newsletter  
for 2025 school year to promote and thank  
all contributors.*

*Donations can be delivered to our office  
or pickup can be arranged if required.*







On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual **Christmas Carols**.

We are inviting all families to come along and enjoy our students performing from 9:15am to 10:45am. The Carols will be held on the basketball courts, weather permitting and students will be seated with their home group. The school gates will remain open until 9:30am for family and friends to enter and set up their camping chairs or picnic rugs in the designated area on the basketball courts. After this time, entry will be through the office foyer.

All grades are performing as well as the 'Carols' Choir. The children have been working hard to get ready for this exciting event and we sincerely hope you are able to attend. It's a lovely opportunity to celebrate this time of year with our school community.

**It is extremely important that all students wear their sunhats and apply sunscreen prior to this event.**

Students can come to school dressed in **Christmas colours** or any **Christmas themed clothing**. Christmas hats and headwear will be able to be worn whilst students are performing on stage.

We look forward to seeing you then!

## **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 maybe easier to collect students before lunch commences or after lunch finishes.**

**Thank you.**

## **Important Information - Nearby Parking**

*Cardinia Shire Council's parking officers would like to remind the school community that it is an offence to park across a resident's driveway. This has become a regular problem around the school, but particularly in Radiata Cct.*

*Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated by the residents.*

## **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 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:

- 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.

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





# 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.

With the weather warming up, now is a great time to join Scouts and get involved in all of our outdoor activities.

Enquire now to take advantage of our 3 free trial sessions & see how your child can enjoy learning new skills & making new friends along the way!



**info@pakenhamscouts.org.au**

**JOEY SCOUT UNIT 1**

Age Range: 5-8

Meetings: Wed 18:30 - 19:30



**CUB SCOUT UNIT 1**

Age Range: 8-11

Meetings: Mon 18:30 - 20:00



**CUB SCOUT UNIT 2**

Age Range: 8-11

Meetings: Thu 18:30 - 20:00



**SCOUT UNIT 1**

Age Range: 11-14

Meetings: Tue 19:00 - 21:00



**VENTURER UNIT 1**

Age Range: 15-17

Meetings: Mon 19:00 - 21:00





## 2025 Christmas Tree Fundraiser!

TRESS START AT 5FT FOR \$75  
SMALL STANDS - \$60  
LARGE STANDS - \$70  
DELIVERY WITHIN 5KM - \$10

Every weekend between  
30th November and 22nd December

8:00 am to 4pm

David Bull Funerals  
190 Princes Hwy, Pakenham  
(Cnr Healesville-KooWeeRup Rd &  
Princes Hwy)







# **FREE OPEN DAY**

**AT OUR PAKENHAM VENUE**

You are invited to attend a **FREE TRIAL CLASS** at our upcoming Open Day.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the Self Defence and safety awareness of Karate Training.

**TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 5.30-6.15PM**

**PAKENHAM PRIME DOJO**

**1/5-7 TRADE PLACE - PAKENHAM**

Limited to 30 spaces so please book early

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to class commencing and please bring a water bottle.

Call or Text Lukas on 0418 775 129 to reserve your spot.



**GKR**KARATE  
KARATE FOR EVERYONE



# School Holiday Program

4 Fun Filled Days • 8:30am to 3:30pm • Ages 4-12

## January 2026 Dates

**Tuesday 20th**  
**Wednesday 21st**  
**Thursday 22nd**  
**Friday 23rd**

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus, 20 Market Boulevard, Bentleigh East VIC 3165

## What Is Involved

- Karate/Kickboxing/MMA Training
- Class Discussions
- Weapons Training
- Self Defence
- Movie
- Ninja Obstacle Course
- Nerf Wars
- Soft Archery
- Ninja Rope Climbing
- Tournament Practice
- Games
- Grading (if eligible after 4 days)

[www.allstarsdefence.com.au](http://www.allstarsdefence.com.au)



# Kickboxing Camp

2x3 hr Sessions • 7-15 yrs

## January 2026 Dates

**Wed 21st 8:30am - 11:30am**  
**Fri 23rd 8:30am - 11:30am**

Scan To Book Now



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## What Is Involved

- Mongkong Ritual
- Strength / Conditioning
- Footwork Drills
- Fitness Work
- Thai Pad Training
- Clinching / Grappling
- Ring Craft
- Sparring In Ring
- Cool Down Massage
- Nutrition Planning
- Fighters Psychology

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# YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL

On 15 February 2026, Yakkerboo will proudly celebrate the 50th anniversary of its beloved community festival.

Much like Moomba, the Yakkerboo Festival features rides, market stalls, community displays, stage performances, fireworks, and a vibrant walking parade.

Traditionally, this event has been a highlight on the local calendar and a wonderful opportunity for schools and kindergartens to take part in a large-scale community celebration. As we mark this milestone year, we would be thrilled to see strong participation from local educational communities and invite you to be part of this special occasion.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

### Parade

There is no cost to join the parade. You may walk with banners in uniform or dress to our 2026 festival theme, "Celebrating 50 years of Mr Yakkerboo".

### Stage Performance

There is no cost for a 15-minute performance on the stage.

### Market Stall

A 3m by 3m space will be provided at no charge to not for profit groups and \$85 for all other groups.



### Contact Us

[entryforms@yakkerboo.org.au](mailto:entryforms@yakkerboo.org.au)



### More Information

<https://yakkerboo.org.au>

Socials:



10AM - 4PM

**15**  
FEBRUARY  
2026

**PB RONALD  
RESERVE**

JOHN ST.,  
PAKENHAM

