Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

The start of our school week presented some unique challenges for us at PLPS, with our mains power being cut from the school. I want to thank our staff and students for their adaptability and flexibility on Monday. The conditions and the weather were not favourable, yet everyone continued on, making the best of the situation.

We are pleased to be back on mains power and appreciate the understanding from our school community.

Today our staff have participated in a Professional Practice Day. Teachers and Education Support staff worked on areas of the PLPS Instructional Model, discussing and consolidating practices enabling all staff to continue to support our students within our classrooms. Sessions also included data analysis of student learning data and professional learning to continue to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our students.

Although we are only halfway through term 3, there are a number of planning processes currently underway for 2027. A crucial strategy around our staffing profile for next year is ensuring we have accurate data around our student enrolments for 2027. Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. All Prep enrolments for our area are managed through the DET online platform 'VicStudents'. If you are intending to enrol your child for Prep at PLPS for next year, please visit our PLPS website and follow the links in the Enrolment tab. If applications have been made to our school, please ensure offers of placement have been accepted and enrolment forms entered through the platform to secure your child's place. It would be much appreciated if you could address this at your earliest convenience so your child may participate in our Transition program, which will be beginning early next term. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the school on 5940 9532 for assistance.

If you are aware of any families who are considering our school for their child next year, it would be much appreciated if you could encourage them to contact our school and arrange their enrolment. In addition, 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. Thank you for your support and assistance with this important part of our planning for the future.

Last Wednesday our year 5 students travelled to Melbourne Zoo. The visit was to support their current Inquiry unit "Critters" where students are learning about animals, their habitats and the adaptations that help them survive. They are investigating how structural and behavioural adaptations enable animals to meet their needs, respond to environmental challenges and thrive in different ecosystems. The education workshop at zoo highlighted how particular attributes of an animal's body enables them to adapt and survive within their specific habitats. Some of the favourite parts of the day were visits to the Gorillas and watching the Snow Leopards who were very active. The butterfly house was also a favourite.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we had seven teams of students from years 5 and 6 participate in their Hoop Time competition. The teams had a very enjoyable day and demonstrated great sportsmanship irrespective of where their team finished on the day. Two of our teams won their competition and will now advance to the regional finals being played early next term.

Preparations are in full swing for our senior school musical of "Star Warts", a parody of the Star Wars films. Currently our year 5 and 6 students are working extremely hard at rehearsals in preparation for their performances at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15th and 16th. Our Performing Arts team of Ms Windust and Ms Balucan are supporting our students in their preparations, along with other senior school staff members.

Information regarding ticket sales has been communicated to our families via Compass. The first round of tickets are currently on sale. All tickets need to be purchased through Cardinia Cultural Centre (CCC), 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 5pm.

Shortly our year 3 students leave for their first school camp to Phillip Island Adventure Camp. The students and staff are looking forward to the opportunity of visiting various sites on Phillip Island and challenging themselves on the variety of activities being offered throughout the camp. Our students will participate in a number of activities that promote resilience, co-operation and as well as presenting the students with personal challenges, including the giant swing, circotron and the initiatives course. The camp provides an environment where the children need to contribute and engage as team members and is an excellent opportunity for our students to demonstrate and enact our school's core values both at the camp and out in the wider community. I would like to express my thanks to Ms Erdem, Ms Andrews, Ms Uncle, Ms Ferrara, Ms Phillips, Ms McCubbin, Mr Douglas, Mr Collins and Ms Batchelor for their time and contributions to enable our student to experience this camp.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains

Principal

Diary Dates







Tuesday 18th August: Prep Myuna Farm Incursion

Wednesday 19th August: Regional Teeball Finals (selected students)

Thursday 20th August: Year 2 Gumbaya World Excursion

Tuesday 25th August: Book Week Character Dress up day

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Camp

Thursday 27th August: Year 4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Excursion

Friday 28th August: District Athletics (selected students)

Tuesday 1st September: Rescheduled 3/4 Hooptime (selected students)

Wednesday 2nd September: Father's Day Stall

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

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Monday 31st August 9am

Friday 18th September 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



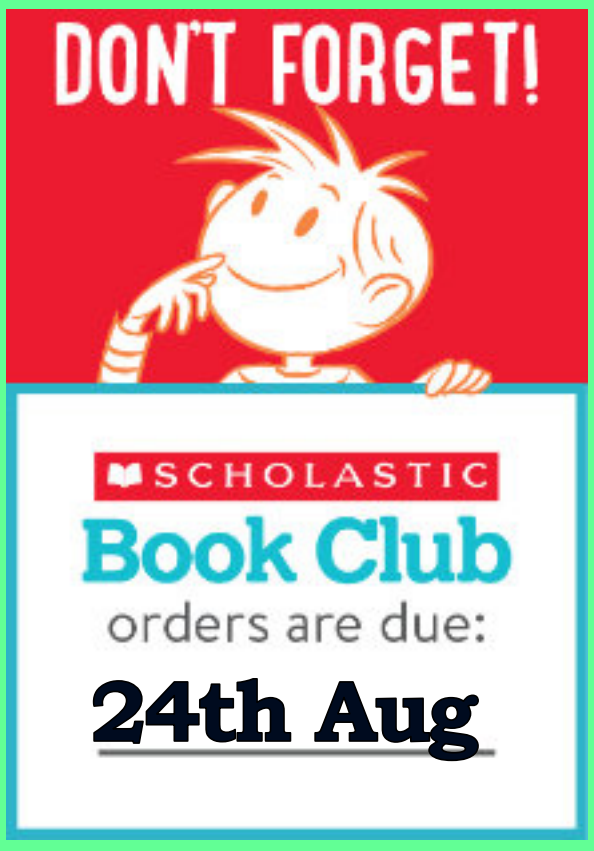


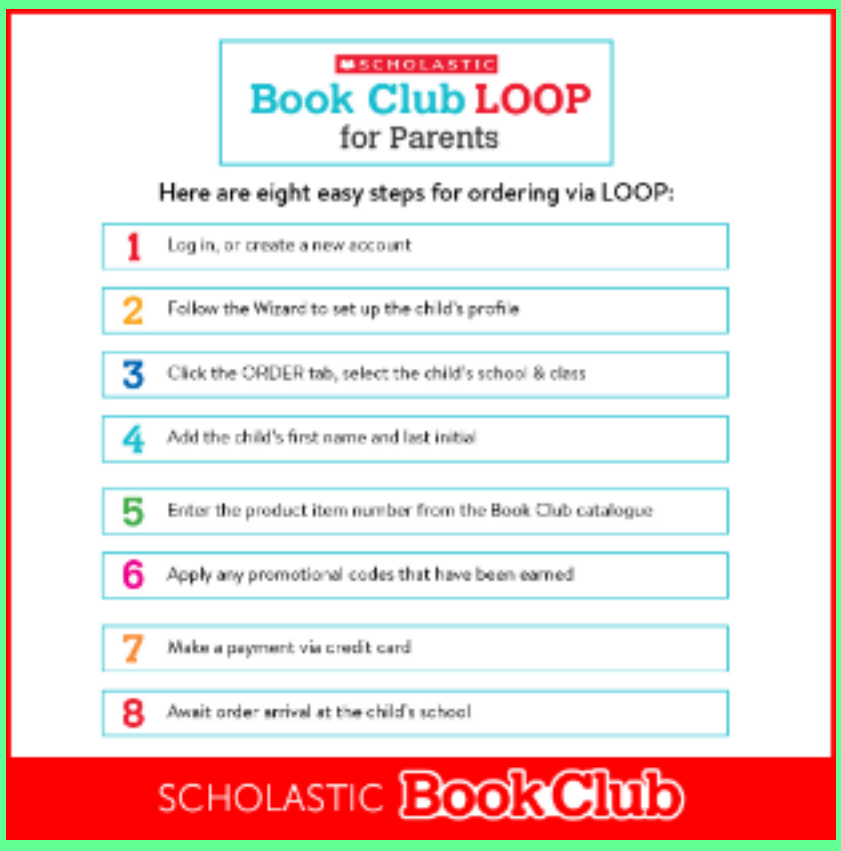


Important message:

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 100 Days

On Friday 31 July, our Prep students celebrated 100 Days of School with the theme "I Sparkled My Way Through 100 Days of School!"

It was a wonderful day for our Prep students and their families as we celebrated this exciting milestone and reflected on everything we have achieved during our first 100 days at Pakenham Lakeside Primary School. From developing new skills and forming wonderful friendships to growing in confidence, our Preps have so much to be proud of.

Throughout the day, students enjoyed writing about their favourite things about school, creating special 100 Days crowns, counting to 100 in a variety of fun ways, and designing sparkly T-shirts to wear to our 100 Days disco. The excitement and enthusiasm were evident throughout the day, making it a celebration to remember.

We are incredibly proud of all our Prep students and look forward to watching them continue to learn, grow and shine throughout the rest of the year.







Oshadha- I loved making the fairy bread and the 100 day t-shirt.





Ruth- I loved making the fairy bread and the crowns.

Prep 100 Days

Saira: I enjoyed having lots of fairy bread

Brax: I enjoyed making fairy bread and taking our 100 day photos





Heidi: I enjoyed making fairy bread and our 100 day crowns

Henry: I enjoyed making the 100 day t-shirts and fairy bread



Austin: I enjoyed the disco!

Vada: I enjoyed dancing and making t-shirts.















YEAR 5 AND 6 HOOP TIME

SELECTED YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS TRAVELLED TO CARDINIA LIFE FOR THIS YEAR'S HOOP TIME TOURNAMENT. THERE WAS PLENTY OF FUN AND GREAT SKILLS ON SHOW. ALL STUDENTS REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL PROUDLY AND ENJOYED THE DAY. WELL DONE TO TWO OF OUR TEAMS WHO HAVE ADVANCED TO THE REGION FINALS.



RICHMOND FC VISIT



We were lucky enough to have eight Richmond Tigers players visit PLPS. During lunchtime, students from Years 4, 5 and 6 were able to meet the players and ask them questions about their journey as an AFL player.









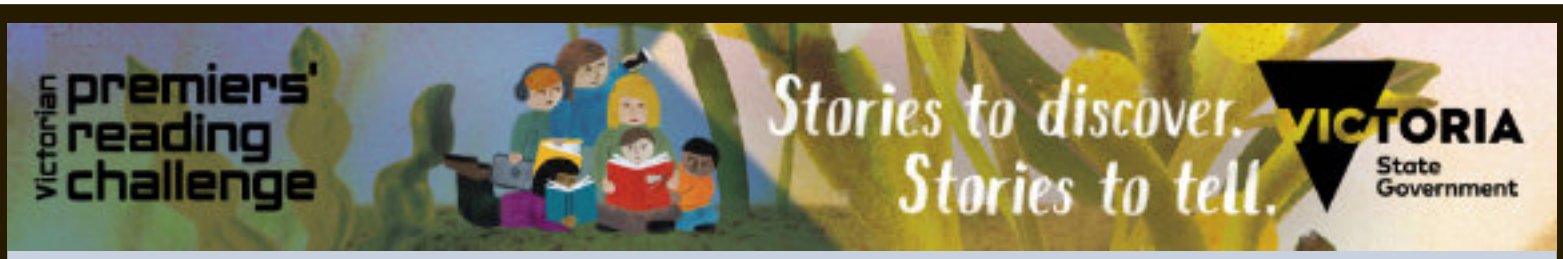


CARDINIA DIVISION TEEBALL FINALS

Congratulations to our Boys / Mixed Teeball Team who were Champions at the Cardinia Division Finals.

The team had a pretty dominant day and played so well as a team. They will now travel to Mornington for the Southern Metropolitian Region Finals. Good luck!





If you are in Year 4, 5 or 6 and have finished the reading Challenge, please don't forget to send your completed booklists back into the Office for Miss McMillan to collect!

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

We will be celebrating BOOK WEEK from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August to highlight the importance of literacy learning.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a whole school Book Character Dress Up Day which will be held on Tuesday 25th August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and can bring along a book to read. Individual year levels will celebrate the day in their respective learning spaces and run activities throughout the week.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

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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PAKENHAM LAKESIDE

DRAMA
CONFIDENCE
CREATIVITY
FUN!

THINKING SHOWBIZ SQUAD

LIGHTS
CAMERA
ACTION!





A DRAMA PROGRAM WHERE KIDS CAN BE STARS!

Join us for a fun and engaging drama program with Academy Time!

EVERY WEDNESDAY!

WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
19	26	2	9

IN THIS PROGRAM, CHILDREN WILL:

- Build confidence through drama and performance
- Be creative and use their imagination
- Explore storytelling and role play
- Develop communication and teamwor
- Have fun with exciting drama games & activities!

JOIN THE SHOW!

LET'S HAVE FUN, BE CREATIVE AND SHINE TOGETHER!

BOOK VIA KIDSOFT

STAY & PLAY