

NEWSLETTER

13th November 2025

Principal's Report

We are already halfway through our last term for the 2025 school year. With this in mind, there are many elements of planning being considered for 2026. Consideration of our staffing and timetables, together with the allocation of students to their 2026 home groups are currently underway.

A key component of our planning is ensuring our student enrolment numbers are correct.

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.

Next week our students will be participating in 'Up Week'. The week is designed to assist our current students with their preparation for their 2026-year level. A timetable has been constructed where each year level is able to move to next year's learning spaces and work with different teachers. Our teaching staff will also take the time to hold conversations with the students outlining some of the expectations and differences the children may experience as they advance through primary school into their next year level.

Currently we are also conducting our formal transition program that supports our new prep students for the start of their formal schooling. This week we had many of our 2026 students attend, with the hope that all students enrolled for Prep next year at PLPS can participate in these important sessions. At the conclusion of the sessions next week, the students will collect a bag containing a picture story book and other helpful items they can use at home prior to the beginning of the school year.

Our year 4 students and staff are excited to be heading off for their three-day camp at Woorabinda shortly. Nestled in the heart of nature, our students will have the opportunity to further develop their personal growth and resilience through having the opportunity to have a go at some challenging and new activities such as the high ropes course, with many overcoming their nerves and completing the course. On arrival on the first day, students will be walking into a beautiful bush setting where they will

prepare and cook their own lunch. We look forward to hearing and sharing their experiences on their return.

Following the success at the Pakenham District Day one of our Year 3/4 basketball teams competed yesterday in the Regional Hoop Time Basketball Competition on at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South. The competition was of a very high standard and our team members tried hard all day. Congratulations to all players for their efforts and reaching this level of competition. Thanks to Mr Seton for coaching the team on the day.

After recently being division champions, our boys tennis team has qualified for the Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals. The competition is being played next Thursday, November 20th at the Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre. We wish them the best of luck on the day.

Tomorrow we have 46 students from years three & four representing PLPS in 5 teams at the Officer District T20 Blast Cricket tournament. Our students play in a round robin tournament of modified games of cricket, demonstrating great sportsmanship and fun on a very warm day. Thank you to Mr Vann for organizing the day, together with other staff and parents who supported our students at the competition.

Next Friday, November 21st, our Prep students are off to the West Gippsland Art Centre in Warragul, to see a concert. The Pevan and Sarah concert will provide an engaging and fun way for the Preps to consolidate their learning from throughout the year. Pevan and Sarah's songs and videos have supported the students' learning skills both inside and outside the classroom, enhancing literacy development and fostering social and emotional growth.

A reminder that Wednesday, December 3rd is a curriculum day, and our 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

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 14th November: Year 3/4 T20 Cricket Blast

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th November: Prep 2026 Transition
(enrolled students only)

Thursday 20th November: Southern Metro Regional Tennis Finals
(selected students)

Friday 21st November: Prep Pevan and Sarah Concert Excursion

Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th November: Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

Tuesday 25th November: Year 1 RACV Safety Squad Incursion

Thursday 27th November: Year 2 Extended Day

Monday 1st December: PLPS Art Show

Monday 1st December - Friday 12th December: Year 1 Swimming Program
(students do not swim on Wednesdays)

Wednesday 3rd December: Curriculum Day (students do not attend on this day)

Tuesday 9th December: Year 6 Graduation Evening

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

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

Year Two – Caring for Our Planet!

This term, Year Two students have been exploring the Earth's precious resources and discovering how these can affect our lives when they're scarce or in excess. They were excited to dive into persuasive writing, learning how to use personal pronouns, emotive language, exaggeration, groups of three, and alliteration to convince others of their point of view.

Students took part in lively debates and thoughtful discussions before creating their very own campaigns on how we can all help save water and reduce pollution. They proudly presented their ideas to their peers, showing creativity, confidence, and a strong sense of care for our planet.



Performing Arts NOTES

With Miss Windust & Ms Dahmen

Term 4, 2025

Prep & Year 1 Music

Students have been learning about some of the elements of music, including, beat, rhythm, tempo, pitch and dynamics. They have enjoyed using their bodies and classroom instruments to explore these.



Year 2 Music

Students have been working on developing their understanding of beat and rhythm. They have been exploring different rhythm patterns using their bodies and percussion instruments.



Year 3 STEAM Music

Students have enjoyed working collaboratively to design and build their own musical instruments. Students demonstrated their creativity when producing sound with the materials used.



Year 4 Storyboards

Students combined Music and Drama when developing characters and a story structure to perform to a musical soundtrack. Costumes and props were enjoyed by all.



Year 5 Drama

Students have developed their understanding of character, setting and action in their Mulga Bill's Bicycle Drama unit. Students have created small group performances and worked on using feedback to improve their performance skills.



Year 6 Drama

Students have been using images as a stimulus to create dramatic performances. They have focussed on using dramatic skills to enhance their performances.



Pakenham
Lakeside
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ARTS DAY

MONDAY 1st Dec

@ PLPS around the school grounds
3:30pm - 7pm

**5pm - Welcome Presentation
& Golden Brush Awards**
on Basketball Court & Stage

**Complete a Scavenger Hunt
& collect an artshow gift**

2025



Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 5th December 9am

Friday 19th December 9am

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



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!



ICYPOLE FRIDAYS

We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 4.

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



Hayfever

As the seasons change, we have noticed an increase in students experiencing hayfever symptoms, including irritated eyes, sneezing, and general discomfort.

If your child is affected by hayfever, we recommend administering their medication at home before they arrive at school. Alternatively, you may provide medication to be signed in and stored at school, should your child require it during the day.

Thank you for helping us support your child's wellbeing.



Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

DON'T FORGET!



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orders are due:
21st Nov

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for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
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To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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App Store



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.



Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for the 2025 school year will be on:

Thursday 11th December



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.*



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.

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



More Information

<https://yakkerboo.org.au>

Socials:



10AM - 4PM

15
FEBRUARY
2026

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Bringing Up Great Kids Berwick

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) is a six-session program for parents and caregivers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

It focuses on building positive and supportive relationships between parents and their children.

The program encourages mindfulness and reflection to improve communication and helps parents understand what influences their parenting.

BUGK aims to:

- Encourage parents to think about their parenting and strengthen their bond with their children.
- Teach about brain development and its impact on a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Help parents understand why children behave in certain ways.
- Identify challenges that may make parenting more difficult.
- Explore ways to improve parents' self-care and overall well-being.

Please note: This program is designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

COST
Free

DATES
Mondays

October: 20th and 27th
November: 10th, 17th and 24th
December: 1st
(no group – 3rd Nov)

TIME
10am until 12:30pm

VENUE
Bridgewater Community Centre
45 Bridgewater Blvd,
Berwick VIC 3806

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377
E: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER
<https://forms.office.com/r/nnzAPnahzL>



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Circle of Security Parenting™ - Narre Warren Empower Your Parenting Journey

An eight-session course designed for parents of children aged 4 months to 6 years.

Are you ever puzzled by your child's behaviour, unsure of how to respond to their needs? Imagine confidently understanding and addressing what your child is truly seeking from you.

The Circle of Security Parenting™ program offers a transformative opportunity to strengthen your parent-child relationship, grounded in decades of research.

Through this program, you will:

Decode Your Child's Emotions: Learn to interpret and respond to your child's emotional cues effectively.

Foster Emotional Resilience: Equip your child with the tools to manage their emotions successfully.

Boost Self-Esteem: Support your child's confidence and self-worth.

Trust Your Parental Instincts: Embrace your natural wisdom and commitment to your child's security.



This program is in partnership with the City of Casey and designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey. Please note children cannot attend the sessions, enquire with us in relation to child care options.

COST
Free

DATES
Mondays [8 weeks]
October: 13th, 20th, 27th
November: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
December: 1st

TIME
10:00am until 12:00pm

VENUE
Bunjil Place - Library
2 Patrick Northeast Dr,
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
ENQUIRIES
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REGISTER
<https://forms.office.com/r/39QvnX22Wt>




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Tuning in to Teens™ Pakenham

This engaging six session parenting program is designed for parents and carers of adolescents aged 10 to 18 years.

Based on an easy-to-follow five-step emotional coaching approach, Tuning in to Teens™ empowers families to build stronger relationships and support adolescent's emotional well-being.

Join us and make a lasting impact on your family's well-being!

By participating, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and nurture your teen's emotional intelligence.
- Confidently coach your teen through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions.
- Equip your teen with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges.
- Teach your teen healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience.

Please note: This program is designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

COST
Free

DATES
Wednesdays

October: 22nd, 29th

November: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

TIME
10am until 12:30pm

VENUE
James Bathe Community & Sports Hub
67 Caversham Drive, Pakenham
3810

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
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