

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of our school community after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable break.

I have enjoyed hearing stories from our students about what they did over the school holidays, together with reading about and seeing photos of the many students who enjoyed our holiday program.

As we begin semester two, it is important to reiterate the importance of school attendance.

Students who arrive late on a regular basis are missing out on important discussion and community time that often helps to link learning sequences together, as well as missing out on important conversations about the day's learning program and instruction. Students who are frequently absent do not have the same opportunities to develop important teacher/student relationships which are a key feature of our student support. Also, students who are regularly late or absent may become socially disadvantaged as their friends and peers continue to develop friendship groups with others in their absence. Your child's desire to be punctual and attend school will be influenced by many factors. Our school will continue to support all our students and their families. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child around attending school, please contact the school so we can support you and continue to assist your child with their learning and development.

Certificates for students who had 100% attendance in term two were distributed this week. There were many more students who achieved this milestone in term two. These students will be acknowledged for their achievement at our next whole school assembly on Thursday, July 30th. Remember **"Every Day Counts"**

Earlier this year in March, our students in years 3 and 5 sat for their NAPLAN tests. Today, each of these students received their individual report which indicates how they performed on the individual tests of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.

A letter from ACARA, which outlines to parents how they can read and interpret their child's performance, was posted on Compass earlier today.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN provides a snapshot of each student's performance at a particular point in time. It is just one tool that our staff uses to compile an overall assessment of each child's learning and growth. If you have any questions, please make the time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

Currently, all our staff are participating in presentations outlining their contributions to our school wide goals, the teaching and learning programs and the positive impact to student learning outcomes. The year level teaching teams, year level education support teams and specialist teaching teams present to the Principal Class Team and Learning Specialists. The presentations began late last term and will continue over the next few weeks. The presentations provide an opportunity for teachers and education support staff to reflect on their work in semester one within their

year level or curriculum area teams as well as sharing their next steps for our students throughout semester two with the school leadership.

Year level newsletters for term 3 will be posted on Compass and distributed to students next Friday, July 24th. This newsletter has been produced to share information with families regarding the teaching and learning that will take place in each year level this term. It will also outline special events students will have the opportunity to participate in during third term, including excursions and incursions.

As you may know, the Australian Education Union have proposed industrial stop work for next Thursday, July 23rd. As outlined in communications earlier today, further details and plans will be communicated to our community as early as possible.

A Curriculum Day has been planned for Thursday, August 13th. On this day, staff will continue to focus on the teaching practices aligned with our updated instructional model together with data analysis and planning. Students do not attend school. 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.

A reminder whole school photos will be taken on Wednesday, July 29th. Of particular importance, if you are wanting a family group photo. Orders need to be placed no later than 11pm on Tuesday, July 28th.

Below is the fabulous ARTWORK from the schools within the Cardinia Network. Each school is responsible to complete a letter or number. The pieces of art are then collated and displayed as part of NAIDOC week celebrations in our schools.



Kerrie Kingston-Gains

Principal

Diary Dates

2026		JULY					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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26	27	28	29	30	31		



2026		AUGUST					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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30	31						

● **Thursday 23rd July:** 3/4 Hooptime

● **Thursday 23rd July:** Year 2 Minibeast Incursion

● **Friday 24th July:** Cardinia Division Teeball Finals (selected students)

● **Wednesday 29th July:** Whole School Photo day

● **Friday 31st July:** Prep 100 Days of School Celebrations

● **Friday 31st July:** 5/6 Hooptime

● **Wednesday 5th August:** Year 5 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

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

● **Thursday 27th August:** Year 4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Excursion

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

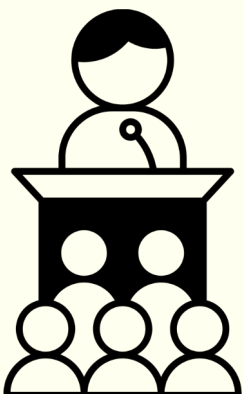
Tuesday 14th July 9am

Thursday 30th July 9am

Wednesday 12th August 9am

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.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
27th July

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club LOOP** for Parents

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

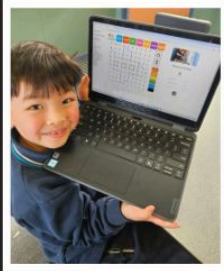
SCHOLASTIC Book Club

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

TERM 3, 2025

PREP

This term, Prep students are designing robots, creating algorithms and learning how to code!



GRADE 1

This term, Grade 1 students are digitally animating, adding characters, scenes and movement.



GRADE 2

This term, Grade 2 students are creating circuits, using motors, lights and sounds.



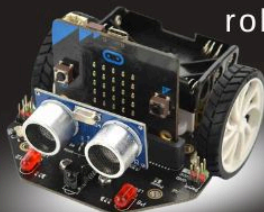
GRADE 3

This term, Grade 3 students are graphic designing, use layering, using text and images.



GRADE 4

This term, Grade 4 students are using data and robotics, using spreadsheets and programming robots.



GRADE 5

This term, Grade 5 students are learning about eSafety and robotics, online communication and engineering.



GRADE 6

This term, Grade 6 students are learning about eSafety and video editing, presenting quality information.



Performing Arts

With Miss Windust & Ms Balucan

Term 3, 2026

Prep & Year 1 Dance

This term, students are learning about the elements of dance and creating shapes and movements with their bodies that represent different topics like sea animals and emotions.



Year 2 Music

This term, students are learning about the Orchestra and Instrument Families through the story of Peter and the Wolf.

Year 3 Music

This term, students are using classroom instruments (Clave Sticks, Glockenspiels and Boomwhackers) as well as Body Percussion to create their own music compositions.



Year 4 Ukulele

This term, students are learning how to play the Ukulele. This unit is long-awaited for the younger year levels so they are very excited!

Year 5 & 6 Musical

This term, students are practising for our upcoming Senior School Musical, Star Warts. They have been introduced to their class songs this week and they are very excited! The Year 6 leads have also been working very hard! The Musical is on the 15th and 16th of September.

STAR
THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK
WARTS





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

**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.



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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