

NEWSLETTER

16th October 2025

Principal's Report

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

Term four is always a busy time of year as we seek to continue our focus on teaching and learning, and ensuring a successful conclusion to our year, whilst also undertaking much of the planning and preparation to get ready for a smooth start to our 2026 school year. We have many exciting events and activities throughout the term to complement the teaching and learning programs and celebrate our students' achievements.

Term four also signifies the last term of primary school learning for our year 6 students, before they move into the next stage of their education journey at their respective secondary schools.

To commence their final term, many of our year 6 students set their alarms for an early start when they arrived at school last Monday at 6:30am to prepare for their departure to Canberra for their weeklong camp. The students and staff enjoyed a jam packed week of interesting and fun experiences. I was very pleased to be able to join the campers for two days last week and thoroughly enjoyed sharing some of the experiences with them. It was great to see the manner in which our students conducted themselves when visiting the attractions. They were continuously courteous and polite with their interactions with the educators and guides at the attractions and were also very considerate of others visiting the attractions. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all staff members for the time and commitment they contributed to enable the camp to take place.

The beginning of term 4 does signify the need for all our students to be wearing their sunhats. The wearing of sunhats is an excellent habit to develop and one that we strongly encourage at school. Although our weather varies often at this time of year, we have already had some warm and sunny days. I would ask all parents to assist us in developing this important life skill and habit by ensuring their child always has a hat at school. If parents require a school sunhat for their child, they may be purchased from the PSW store in Officer or at the school office.

Toward the end of last term, on Wednesday September 10th, our Koori students and their family members met with Peter Dye, our Koorie Engagement Support Officer for the Cardinia Network, and Nadia Douglas from Cardinia Shire. Families and students had morning tea together, shared stories and took part in Koori Art activities. A fun time was had by all.

At the beginning of last week, we commenced the next stage of our Transition Program for the new Prep students who will begin their schooling here at the beginning of 2026. Recently staff

have been conducting some assessments to gain a snapshot of the students' readiness for school. The areas covered include fine and gross motor skills, language development and social readiness.

Our formal transition sessions will begin on Tuesday, November 11th, whereby students will come along to participate in some sessions during the school day. The students have been invited to participate in two sessions throughout the program.

An information afternoon for parents and carers of 2026 Prep students will be held at the school on Wednesday, October 29th. The session will provide parents with an overview of what can be expected in relation to their child starting school together with the distribution of relevant documentation.

Today our year 4 students were visited by our Cardinia Shire Mayor Jack Kowarzik. The purpose of the visit was to support the students' current Civics and Citizens studies of "My Local Government". The Mayor outlined the role of our local council and the services they provide our community. The students were highly engaged asking many pertinent and interesting questions.

After being Lightning Premiership champions, our boys tennis team will be competing at the Cardinia Division Tennis Tournament. The round robin tournament is being played tomorrow at Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre. We wish them the best of luck in the competition.

As mentioned, planning for 2026 is currently underway. Having the correct information, particularly student enrolment numbers, is a core element influencing the needs and resources required. If you are aware of any families who are considering PLPS for their child next year, it would be much appreciated if you could encourage them to contact our school and discuss 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.

Year level newsletters for term 4 will be distributed to students and posted on Compass tomorrow, Friday, October 17th. This newsletter shares 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 throughout the term.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 29th October - 2026 Prep Parent Information Session 4-5pm

Tuesday 4th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 23rd October 9am

Wednesday 5th October 9am

Monday 17th November 9am

Friday 5th December 9am

Friday 19th December 9am

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

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Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Pakenham Lakeside Primary School's

Production of
Disney • PIXAR

FINDING NEMO JR.



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If you would like to order a DVD or USB copy of our Finding Nemo JR Musical please visit or contact the school office on 5940 9532. DVD's \$25 & USB's \$30. Production pictures can also be ordered at the office.



ICY POLE FRIDAY

First day for lunchtime Icy poles in Term 4 is: Friday 17th October
Icy Poles are \$1.50 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.

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!

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.

YEAR 3 CAMP 2025

PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT



Last term, Year 3 students went on their first ever camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The students were kept very busy the entire time at camp and had a great time. Some highlights were flying high off the Giant Swing, working as a team during the Initiatives Course, spinning upside down on the Circotron and cooking homemade pancakes on the BBQ. The students also loved spending lots of time together whether it was walking down to the beach or working together at the trivia night!



Celebrating the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

This term, our students celebrated the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, one of the most important traditional festivals in Chinese culture. The festival, also known as the Moon Festival, is a time for family reunion, giving thanks, and sharing mooncakes under the bright full moon.

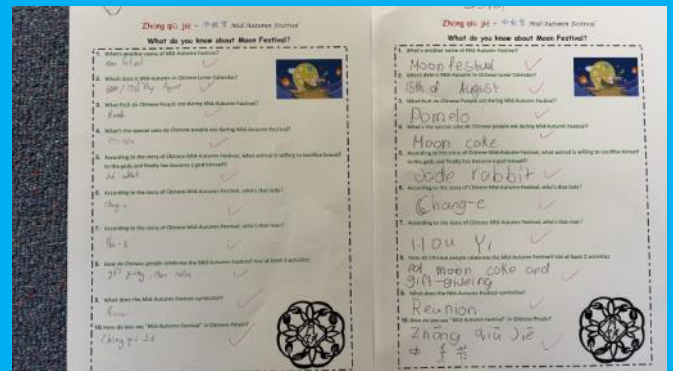


Our Prep to Year 4 students had a wonderful time learning about this special occasion through hands-on art activities. They created beautiful paper lanterns decorated with mooncake-shaped patterns and colourful designs.

The classrooms were filled with creativity and excitement as students proudly displayed their finished lanterns. They also listened to the legend of Chang'e and Hou Yi, a story that explains why the festival is celebrated and the meaning behind admiring the moon. Through the story, students learnt about love, bravery, and

the importance of reunion — key values
of the festival.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 and Year 6 students explored the festival in a more reflective way by completing a questionnaire about the Mid-Autumn Festival. They researched the origins and customs of the celebration, discussed the symbolism of the mooncake, and reflected on how cultural traditions bring people together. Many students shared interesting facts and personal insights about how the festival is celebrated around the world.



The event helped all students gain a deeper understanding of Chinese culture while engaging in creative and meaningful activities. It was a joyful celebration that brought our school community together — just as families gather to celebrate the full moon during the Mid-Autumn Festival.

中秋节快乐!

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

**PB RONALD
RESERVE**

JOHN ST.,
PAKENHAM





Hub Art Club

A six week art club for local kids and their families, facilitated by a La Trobe University Master of Art Therapy student, Michelle.

All art materials and afternoon tea provided.

No art skills needed. Just be ready to have fun making art together.

Contact:

0457 825 076 or
cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au

Communities for Children are funded by the Federal Govt. Visit dss.gov.au

When:

Tuesdays: 3:30 - 4:45pm
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
November 4th, 11th

Where:

Parent Zone Hub, 75 Army Rd,
Pakenham

Click [here](#)
to register or
scan the QR
code.





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
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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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