Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings it was a treat to watch our Prep and Year 1 students put on two very entertaining and colourful performances of *"Shine Bright"* for appreciative audiences at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Congratulations to everyone involved in another wonderful musical performance by our students.

The efforts and achievements of our students on stage were a testament to the time, dedication and commitment invested in concert preparations by our Performing Arts teachers, Ms Windust and Ms Balucan. We also extend our sincere thanks to our classroom teachers and education support staff for the encouragement, guidance and assistance they provided to students throughout the rehearsal process.

On behalf of all staff, I would also like to acknowledge and thank our parents and families for their ongoing support of both the students and our Performing Arts program. Your contributions through the provision of costumes, attendance at performances and purchase of tickets helped make the concert such a success. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who have accepted our offer and booked a time to participate in our mid-year student led or parent/teacher conversations being conducted on Tuesday, June 23rd, commencing at 11:00am and concluding at 7:00pm. Bookings remain open and can be completed via Compass for parents who have not yet secured a time.

The student led conferences and parent/teacher conversations provide an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to celebrate semester one achievements, together with an understanding and outline of the goals and future learning throughout semester two.

Please note that on Tuesday, when our parent/teacher conversations are held, students do not attend school. If parents require assistance with childcare on the day, our OSHClub will be operating a full day program between their normal operating hours of 6:30am to 6:30pm.

A letter regarding the placement offers for secondary schools will be distributed to parents of our year 6 students next Wednesday, June 24th.

Throughout term two, many of our Year 6 and 5 students have been participating in the Interschool Sport program. Tomorrow will see the culmination of this program with students having the opportunity to compete in the Toomuc Valley Winter Lightning Premiership Day, weather permitting. We will have teams competing in the round robin events in the following sports: Soccer at IYY Reserve in Pakenham, AFL 9v9 and Tee-ball at Toomuc Reserve, and Netball at Cardinia Life Sports Stadium.

We wish all our teams an enjoyable day in their full day of competitions. Parents are encouraged to come along to the competitions to support and encourage our teams.

Next Monday, June 22nd, our Year 4 students will be participating in the 'Hands On' Science Incursion to support their term two Inquiry learning of Physical and Chemical sciences. Students will investigate, through experiments, the impact of forces and movement on everyday items. They will also be provided with opportunities to predict, test, collect data and discuss results.

Our whole school photos for 2026 will be taken on Wednesday, July 29th. All orders for school photos will need to be purchased online, through Compass or by phoning MSP directly. Information detailing the photo packages available, the process for ordering and the timelines that need to be adhered to, will be communicated to our families via Compass next Monday, June 22nd. Please note, for a family group photo, orders need to be placed online no later than 11pm on Tuesday, July 28th.

The national NAIDOC Week in 2026 will be celebrated from July 5th to July 12th with the theme being "50 years of Deadly". The 2026 theme marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement, the Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, the communities who keep showing up, year after year and who have championed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, resistance, and pride.

Our school and network will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in the first week of term 3. Part of the celebrations involves each of the network schools producing some artwork which will be combined to represent the 2026 theme. When you next visit the Cardinia Cultural Centre, you can view the compilation of the previous years' artwork displayed on the walls heading toward the theatre entry.

As outlined last week, OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. The "World Cup" themed program has been distributed. Please book as soon as possible to ensure a place. Any inquiries can be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Term 2 is concluding next Friday, June 26th. Please note that school will finish at the earlier time of **2:30pm.** Parents are requested to make the necessary arrangements to have their child collected at this earlier time. Our OSHClub after school program will be operating from this earlier time for those parents who require this service.

Term 3 will begin on Monday, July 13th. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains

Principal

Diary Dates







Monday 22nd & Wednesday 24th June: Yr 4 Hands on Science Incursion

Tuesday 23rd June: Parent/Teacher Conversations
(students do not attend school this day)

Friday 26th June: End of Term 2 - **Early dismissal 2:30pm**

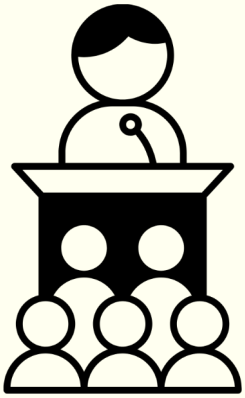
Monday 13th July: Term 3 commences

Thursday 23rd July: Year 1 Minibeast Incursion

Wednesday 29th July: Whole School Photo day

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Friday 26th June 9am

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.

Prep & Year 1 Junior Concert

If you would still like to order a USB recording of our "Shine Bright" Junior Concert, please contact the school office in person or on 5940 9532
USB's are $40



Staff Carpark



Our school carpark is for staff parking between 8:30am and 3:45pm on school days by order of the School Council.

During these times parents are not permitted to park in the school carpark.

The carpark is not permitted for use for dropping off and picking up students or for leaving your car unattended while collecting your children.

This is to ensure the safety of all students in the school.

Thank you

Showcasing Year One

Science Incursion & Fun







Year One students have enjoyed our physical Science unit this term. They explored how different forces are used to create movement. Students enjoyed participating in a 'hands-on' incursion as well as experimenting with materials to make jelly, playdough and sandcastles.





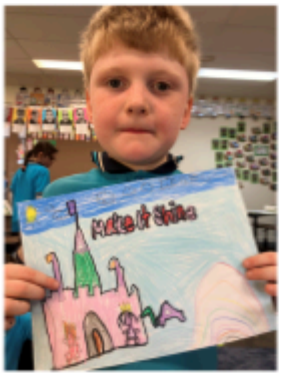






Junior School Concert - 'Shine Bright'

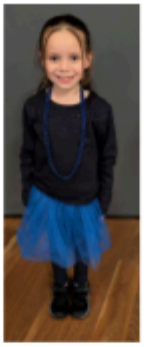
The Year One teachers are very proud of how the student performed at their junior concert. A big shout out to Ms Balucan and Miss Windust for all their amazing work and a big thank you to all the parents for the creative and wonderful costumes.



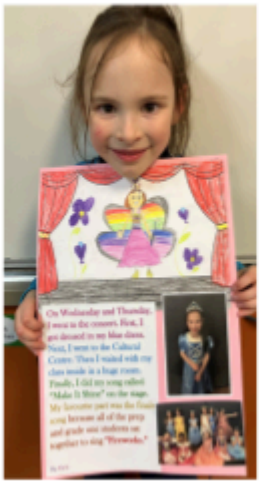
























SRC
Term 2 Overview

June 2026

Our SRC program

At Pakenham Lakeside Primary School, we provide an autonomous student led program that encourages students in our school to make an impact in our community. Our SRC program is split into three groups, all led by Year 6 chosen leaders. The council come together weekly to ensure their goals throughout the term are being met.

Social Saviours

The Year 6 leaders include Eshan, Lucy and Ruby. Our leaders are supported by the following students.

Year 2W and 2B- Aubrey and Harper
Year 3E- Maisie
Year 4L- Kataleena
Year 5S and 5M- Maeva and Brooke

In Term 2, the following actions have been produced by our Social Saviours

- Identifying areas of improvement in the school community
- Detailing yard duty protocols to students at assembly
- Detailing yard duty protocols to students through created posters

Students are looking forward to continuing boosting a positive school enviornemnt at PLPS.

Planet Protectors

The Year 6 leaders include Seb, Tanvi and Beth. Our leaders are supported by the following students.

Year 2S- Ritisha
Year 3F and 3U- Aaliyah and Jordyn
Year 4M- Willow
Year 5O- Connor

In Term 2, the following actions have been produced by our Planet Protectors

- Creating a blue bin timetable
- Presenting at assembly to set clear expectations of the blue bins
- Creating 'Bottle Cap' posters for the office to showcase clear steps for cleaning the yard during recess and lunch.

Students are looking forward to continuing making the yard a cleaner space for everyone to enjoy.

Classy Classmates

The Year 6 Cultural Leaders include Sharia and Aamna. The Year 6 Learning Leader is Andrew. Our leaders are supported by the following students.

Year 2H- Daphne
Year 3A- Riley
Year 4SN- Rutvik
Year 5OG- Cadel

In Term 2, the following actions have been undertaken by our Classy Classmates

- Planning and developing ways to showcase and share community awards from all spaces
- Sharing successes with Education Week at assembly

Students are looking forward to continuing presenting achievements and cultures.

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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