

NEWSLETTER

18th December 2025

Principal's Report

As this is our final newsletter for 2025, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all members of our school community for their contributions towards another busy and successful school year of growth and learning for our students.

The semester two academic reports became available to parents to view and download through our Compass platform yesterday at 12.00pm. For students leaving PLPS at the end of 2025, please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report prior to the end of the year.

Recently our OSHClub service received some awards. Our service won **Service of the Year** for our region. Our program co-ordinator, Kaitlen was awarded the companies **Captain Impact Award** for Victoria. The award is in recognition of making a difference through taking action and following through with a commitment to excellence which sets a remarkable example for all. Kaitlen was also awarded the nationwide award under the same category, which is an incredible achievement. On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate Kaitlen and her team on their awards and thank them for the outstanding programs they offer our students.

Yesterday our students enjoyed performing their Christmas carols to family and friends, who joined us for our end of year concert and celebrations. Congratulations to year 6 students Lila, Isaac, Lily, Seth, Zoe and Olivia for their entertaining role as hosts for the event. Thank you to our Performing Arts teachers, Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen for their organisation and preparation for this event, together with the support of other staff. As well as our children entertaining us, a big thank you for the hard work of our PFA in sourcing and collating the fabulous hampers for our Christmas raffle. 41 lucky winners collected their prizes when the raffle was drawn at the conclusion of the concert. Thank you to all our families for your generous support of our raffle

through the purchasing of tickets.

Tomorrow will be our final whole school assembly starting at 9.00am. We will be farewelling our Year 6 cohort and wishing them all the best for their venture into Secondary School. Families and friends are most welcome to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a very safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. Our staff will return to school on Tuesday, January 27th. The first day for students to attend school in 2026 is Wednesday, January 28th for students in years 1 to 6 and Monday, February 2nd for our Prep students.



Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News



DIARY DATES

Friday 19th December: End of Term 4 - **Early dismissal 1:30pm**

2026

2026 Term 1 Commences: Wednesday 28th January - Years 1 - 6

2026 Term 1 Commences: Monday 2nd February - Prep Students

End of Term 4 - 2025

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be **Friday 19th December**.

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:30pm**

If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from the earlier time to accommodate families.

All inquiries can be direct to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.
Thank you.



Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 19th December - 9am



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!

CANTEEN NEWS

The first day for Canteen for the 2026 school year will be on:

Tuesday 3rd February

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all staff, students and their families a happy and safe Christmas break.



ICY POLE FRIDAYS

First day for Icy poles in Term 1 (2026) is: Friday 6th February

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



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.

It's Library Stocktake Time!

This is a reminder to parents and students to please return your borrowed library books so they can be scanned in for stocktake.

On Monday 8th December a note went home to all students who still have overdue library books with instructions on how to replace or reimburse the school for any lost items.

If you have any queries about overdue notices or any lost items please don't hesitate to come and see me in the library or office and I will be happy to help.

If you would still like your children to read over the holidays, I would highly recommend visiting and/or joining our local library in Pakenham.

Thank you for your support
Narelle McMillan — Library Technician



*Pakenham Lakeside Primary
School would like to
acknowledge the major
sponsors of our 2025
Christmas Raffle.
Thank you to.....*



A+ Hair Accessories

Connected Travel

PLPS Social Club

Toy World - Pakenham

PLPS Staff & Families

Bunnings - Pakenham

Lazy Frog

Opal Hair

*Chemist Discount Centre -
Officer*

Best Friend Pets

Coles - Lakeside

Robert Gordon Pottery

Ferguson Plarre - Officer

Cardinia Leisure Centre

Puffing Billy

Melbourne Museum

Shanikas - Pakenham

Moonlit Sanctuary

Australian Sports Museum

Luna Park

LJ Hooker - Pakenham

Bakers Delight - Pakenham

Woolworths - Arena

*Bass Coast Carpentry &
Maintenance*

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.