

NEWSLETTER

19th September 2024

Principal's Report

In follow up from last week's newsletter we are proud to congratulate Simrat from Grade 6 who has been awarded the winner of the Grade 5/6 category of the Lions Club of Pakenham Junior Public Speaking competition. Simrat will move on to the district semi-final which is being held in the first week of term 4 and we wish him all the best. All our representatives were a credit to our school and deserve to be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Ross, Mrs Allen and Mr Runting for their organisation and support of this great initiative.

Last Monday our Year Five students participated in their Science Discovery Dome incursion. Starlab Victoria set up a large inflatable dome and used digital projections, animations, video clips and modelling to replicate our skies to extend their knowledge and learning to our students. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing about the elements and structure of the different planets and the way in which the forces of gravity work.

This week our Preps participated in an incursion facilitated by CARP Productions titled "Happy Being Me!" that supported their learning about friendship and personal strengths through their Social and Emotional Learning unit. The production explored themes of friendship, the importance of happiness, self-esteem, acceptance of others and feeling positive. Students were immersed through stories, music, dance, puppets and characters, that provided opportunities to highlight their personal skills and characteristics with the aim of strengthening their sense of self-worth.

This week over two afternoons, we welcomed community members into our Year 1, 4 and 5 learning spaces to showcase student learning through cohort Expos. Minibeasts, Australian History and Space were key themes that students were able to share and demonstrate their learning and creations to many parents, relatives and friends. Well done to all the students and staff for their collective efforts through their well-researched, written and created showcases.

On Monday, September 16th we welcomed our 2025 Prep students and families to our *Open Afternoon*. The afternoon was an opportunity for the students to visit the Prep Learning spaces and meet some of the current PLPS Prep and Specialist staff. This was the first element to our transition program, with an Information session and two classroom visits to follow in term 4.

Congratulations to Vincent, Idriel, Conlan, Liam, Evie, Natasha, Isla, Abby, Micah, Peyton, Jaydah, Tyler and Hannah who were involved in yesterday's Division Athletics held at Casey Fields athletic track. The Hurdles event was cancelled due to the weather and will be rescheduled to Monday, October 14th. After yesterday's results, we currently have 9 students who have qualified for Regional competition, scheduled for Monday,

October 21st. Congratulations to all our athletes!

We had 15 students representing PLPS at today's Koorie Celebration Day, "Deadly Day", held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The word 'deadly' is an Aboriginal English translation meaning fantastic/great/awesome. This is the third annual event involving schools across the Cardinia Schools' network to celebrate and learn about Indigenous culture. Students participated in a Welcome to Country, sports and art activities, a yarnning circle and a scavenger hunt. A sausage sizzle lunch was provided by the Rotary Club and a great day was had by all! Thank you to Mr Krug, Ms Olszewski, Ms Macdonald and Mr Douglas for their organization and attendance at this event.

Preparations are in full swing for our senior school musical of Alice in Wonderland JR. Currently our year 5 and 6 students are working extremely hard at rehearsals in preparation for their performances at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Wednesday and Thursday, October 30th and 31st. Our Performing Arts team of Ms Dahmen and Ms Windust are supporting our students in their preparations, along with other senior school staff members. Information regarding ticket sales has been communicated to our families via Compass. The first round of tickets are currently on sale. For all shows being conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre (CCC), tickets need to be purchased through their ticketing system. This can be done online, via phone or in person at the CCC. For further information please contact CCC on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Thank you once again to the many families who have already completed the parent opinion survey. All families have been invited to participate, with information and the link being posted on Compass. It would be much appreciated if you could complete the survey as this provides the school with informative data. The link to the survey is accessible until tomorrow, September 20th.

Term 3 is concluding tomorrow. Students are welcome to come to school wearing their football (any code) team's colours. We ask that no spiked shoes are worn or brought to school. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a parade, however unfortunately we are unable to have spectators due to the limited capacity in the gym.

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 4 will begin on Monday, October 7th. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Matthew Lee
Principal (Acting)

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th September: Footy Team Colours Day

Friday 20th September: Last Day of Term 3 – Early dismissal time 2.30pm

Term 4

Monday 7th October: Term 4 Commences

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th October: Year 3 Hands on Science Excursion

Tuesday 15th October: Year 1 Museum of Play & Art Excursion

Monday 21st October - Wednesday 23rd October: Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

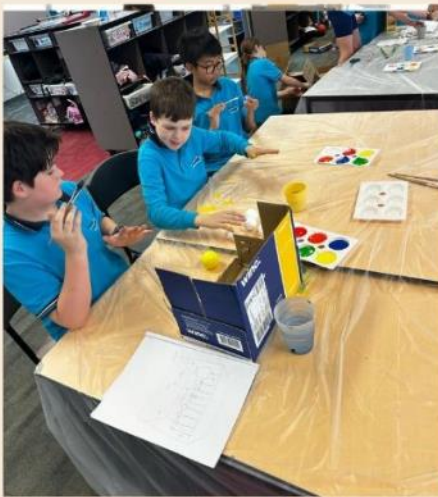
Wednesday 30th October & Thursday 31st October: Year 5/6 'Alice in Wonderland Jr.' Senior Musical

Wednesday 6th November: Prep 2025 Information Night
(enrolled students only)

Monday 18th November - Friday 22nd November: Year 6 Canberra Camp

Year Five

Learning About Space



Year Five students have been working hard in their current science unit 'Voyage to the planets'.

They engaged in the 'science discovery dome' incursion whereby they got to visit a portable planetarium set up in our school gym.



Year Fives have been working to set up their dioramas and digital presentations and would like to thank everyone who visited our learning spaces to learn about space.



End of Term 3 - 2024

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 3 will be **Friday 20th September 2024.**

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **2:30pm**

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.



The SRC have had another very busy term. We have been encouraging students to take part in Nude Food Fridays and not take rubbish in the yard.

Our yard looks very clean!

We have also had meetings with Mrs Kingston-Gains who has been gathering our ideas about the new equipment that will be installed in the school playground very soon. Throughout PLPS, year levels have been meeting as a community every week and implementing their Social and Emotional Learning Program and focussing on the school values. This past couple weeks, the year 6 team have been focusing on 'Integrity'. Owning up to our OWN actions and not blaming others for our choices. At the start of the week, year 6 began writing our own pledge to follow the value of integrity. Students have also been involved with a number of Koorie leadership days and celebrations.

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 20th September - 9am

Term 4

Wednesday 9th October - 9am

Friday 25th October - 9am

Thursday 7th November - 9am

Monday 18th November - 9am

Tuesday 3rd December - 9am

Friday 20th December - 11:15am



FOOTY TEAM COLOURS DAY!

On Friday 20th September, we will be having our Footy Team Colours Day. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy team colours (any code!).

No football boots are to be worn.

We look forward to seeing all our students dressed in their favourite team colours!



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in Term 4.

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 Term 4 will be:

Tuesday 8th October

ICYPOLE FRIDAY

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.



School Crossings

Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit

This is just a reminder to parents of students that use the school crossings.

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