

## NEWSLETTER

### 14th November 2024

### Principal's Report

Preparations for our annual Art Show are now in the final stage. Details of the Opening Night at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> were posted on Compass last week. We hope you can join us from 3:30pm and we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements in the Visual Arts program.

Many of our year 6 students will be setting their alarms for an early start next Monday to arrive at school at 6:30am to prepare for their departure to Canberra for their camp. The students and staff are looking forward to enjoying a jammed packed week of interesting and fun experiences. We look forward to their stories and their return on Friday.

Yesterday, some important information was posted on Compass about the Victorian Government's School Saving Bonus. The \$400 one-off payment is for all students in Year Prep to Year 12 who attend a government school in 2025. Please check all the relevant dates and links.

Recently our year 1 and 2 students had the opportunity to participate in a coloring competition being offered by our local State MP Emma Vulin. The students were invited to submit submissions that would be featured on the Season's Greetings Card, which are to be distributed across the Pakenham electorate. Many of our students participated and took the opportunity to enter a design. Recently we were notified that two of our students' entries have been selected to be used for the greeting cards. Congratulations to Sadie A and Scarlet L in year 2. We look forward to seeing their Christmas card designs being circulated in our local community.

We are currently conducting our formal transition program that supports our new prep students prepare for the start of their formal schooling. This week we had many of our 2025 students attend, with the hope that all students enrolled for Prep next year at PLPS can participate in these important sessions. All the students are given a transition show bag containing a picture story book and other helpful items they can use at home in preparation for their schooling.

Yesterday our boys tennis team competed at the Southern Regional Tennis Tournament. The standard of tennis was extremely high at this level of competition and our students did a great job competing throughout the competition. They won some of their games and just missed making the final. Well done to all students for their effort and success.

Tomorrow, we have 42 students from years three & four representing PLPS in 5 teams at the Officer District T20

Cricket Blast tournament. The tournament involves the students playing a number of modified games of cricket. We wish them the best of luck. Please ensure everyone has their hat and sunscreen, for protection throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Vann for organizing the day, together with other staff and parents who will be supporting our students at the competition.

This year we have made a scheduling change to our Christmas Concert. Invitations have been extended to all family members to come along for the morning performance. The concert will begin at 9:15am and is expected to conclude at approximately 10:45am. All classes and the 'Carols' choir will be performing. The concert has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The school gates will remain open until 9:30am for family and friends to enter and set up their camping chairs or picnic rugs in the designated area on the basketball courts. After this time, entry will be through the office foyer. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the concert. Tickets for the raffle will be distributed very soon.

In a recent newsletter we congratulated The Cardinia Network Marrung Steering Committee on being named a finalist for the 2024 Victorian Education Excellence Awards for **Outstanding Koorie Education**. Monique Olszewski and Aaron Krug attended the gala night together with the other members of the committee.

It was a fabulous evening, and they received the great news of being named the winner of Outstanding Koorie Education. Congratulations to everyone involved. This is a wonderful achievement and recognition of the work of the whole committee and the contribution they make to the Victorian government education system.

A reminder our last curriculum day for 2024 will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. On this day our teachers will be working on updating our school documentation in Mathematics to ensure alignment with the new curriculum in readiness for implementation in 2025.

Students do not attend school on this day. 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.

**Kerrie Kingston-Gains**  
**Principal**

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

Friday 15th November: Year 3/4 T20 Cricket Blast (Selected Students)

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

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November: Prep 2025 Transition  
(enrolled students only)

Tuesday 26th November: PLPS Art Show - Cardinia Cultural Centre 3:30 - 7:00pm

Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th December: Year 1 Swimming Program

Thursday 5th December: Curriculum Day - Student Free Day  
(Students do not attend school on this day)

Friday 6th December: Prep 'Animals on the Move' Incursion

Friday 6th December: Year 1 Swimming Program

Monday 9th - Tuesday 10th December: Year 1 Swimming Program

Thursday 12th - Friday 13th December: Year 1 Swimming Program

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Carols & Christmas Raffle 9:15 - 10:45am

Thursday 19th December: Year 6 Big Day Out - Gumbuya World

# Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

**Monday 18th November - 9am**

**Tuesday 3rd December - 9am**

**Friday 20th December - 11:15am**

## 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 **last day** for canteen for Term 4 will be:

**Thursday 12th December**

## 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.



## 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 over this time. If you need to collect your child/children over this period it maybe easier to collect students before lunch commences or after lunch finishes.



# Christmas Raffle

Opportunity for businesses  
to donate to the  
Pakenham Lakeside Primary School  
Christmas Raffle

*Dear PLPS Community,*

*Our school, along with our Parents Group is beginning to put together hampers for our 2024 Christmas Raffle. We are asking our school community and other businesses if they may be interested in donating a voucher, gift card or product from their business for the hampers. All donations would be much appreciated. A list of businesses who donate will be published in our school newsletter to promote and thank all contributors. Donations can be delivered to our office or pickup can be arranged if required, by contacting the office on 5940-9532.*

*Thank you in advance.*





# School Crossings

## Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit

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

As the safety of our students is our number one priority, could parents please remind and ensure students are crossing the roads at the designated crossings along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit and **are not** crossing the roads on their own.



# IMAGINE THE FUN



## Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

Designed for kids to learn skills, exercise, and make friends.

Officer Cricket Club - Woolworths Blast  
8 Sessions  
Commencing Sunday, 17th November 2024  
at Officer Recreation Reserve

4 YO Kinder - Grade 1 (2024) - 9am - 10am  
Grade 2 - Older (2024) - 10.15am - 11.15am



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

 Play Cricket

PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY





For kids  
grades 4 - 6

24 Toomuc Valley Rd  
Pakenham, VIC

# Community Centre Drama Fun Activities and Christmas Play



Do you love to act and take on different characters? Do you also love to play fun drama games and create funny roles and situations with others in improvisation sketches? Do you love to sing? Then this is the course for you!

- You will get to do all of the above and use these skills to create a fantastic Christmas play based on your favourite characters!
- You will get to perform this play at special events in front of delighted audiences
- You will also make heaps of friends and have lots of fun along the way!

Sundays commencing 27 October for 7 sessions  
(No session 3 November)  
4.30pm - 6.30pm. Cost \$100

## BOOK NOW!

Online: [www.outlookaust.org.au](http://www.outlookaust.org.au)

Call: 5940 4728

Email: [communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au](mailto:communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au)



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PLAY

## FIND YOUR FOOTY

Learn through skills  
and tackle-free,  
match-based sessions.



### OFFICER & SURROUNDS TERM 4 SUPERKICK CENTRE

Starts Monday, October 28th  
from 4pm - 5pm  
at Heatherbrae Recreation  
Reserve

Scan the QR code to register  
for only \$55!



[play.afl/superkick](https://play.afl/superkick)





**PLAY**

# COME & PLAY

AFL Victoria & Cardinia Tigers JFC delivering a FREE Come & PLAY for girls aged 4-14. Come & Play is all about providing girls the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through activities and modified games.

## WHERE

James Bathe Reserve, Pakenham

## WHEN

Sunday, November 17th  
10:30am - 11:30am



**SCAN TO REGISTER**

