

NEWSLETTER

28th November 2024

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe there are only three weeks remaining of the 2024 school year, yet there are still many activities taking place. These activities are designed to celebrate the success of our students at PLPS in 2024, as well as plan and prepare for a smooth start to the 2025 school year.

Congratulations to all our students, Ms Lowndes and Ms Kacew-Brown, for our wonderful Art Show on Tuesday evening. There were many families and friends at the Cardinia Cultural Centre to view and celebrate the artwork the students have completed throughout the school year.

This wonderful exhibition was brought together through the many hours of preparation and organisation carried out by Ms Lowndes, Ms Kacew-Brown and many others who committed their time and energy to prepare and set up the exhibition for the evening. Thank you also to the members of staff who worked with our Visual Arts teachers to ensure a successful evening.

The entertainment provided by our Art Show Singers and the Wearable Art catwalk show were very enjoyable and lots of fun. The Golden Brush Awards were also announced and the recipients of these awards for 2024 were:

Year Prep - Ritisha B	Year 1 - Dannii J
Year 2 - Grace K	Year 3 - Scarlet M
Year 4 - Amelia M	Year 5 - Audree L
Year 6 - Taf O	

Other 'Highly Commended' awards will be announced at the next whole school assembly next Tuesday morning. Congratulations to all the award winners on their wonderful artistic achievements this year. Some photos, together with the QR code providing access to the outlines of the production of the artworks are included in today's newsletter. Thank you to Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen for preparing the students for their performance.

Last week our year 6 students and staff had a very busy week of interesting and fun experiences in Canberra. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Canberra with our campers and sharing some experience with them. It was extremely pleasing to see the manner in which our students conducted themselves when visiting the attractions and their interactions with the educators and guides. I also received a lot of positive feedback from the workers at the attractions, our coach drivers and our staff team. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all staff members for the time and commitment they contributed to the camp.

We have recently received and distributed the certificates for all the students who have participated in this year's Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to all students who participated in and completed the challenge.

Next week our students will be participating in 'Up Week'. The week is designed to assist our current students with their transition into their new year level in 2025. A timetable has been constructed where each year level is able to move to next year's learning spaces and work with different teachers. Our teaching staff will also take the time to hold conversations with the students outlining some of the expectations and differences the children may experience as

they advance through primary school into their next year level.

Monday, December 2nd, will see the beginning of our Year 1 Swimming Program being facilitated by staff at Splash's Swim Centre. The program consists of 8 x 45 minute swimming classes over 2 weeks and caters for a range of skills and abilities.

Next Friday our prep students will be participating in the 'Animals On The Move' incursion. This will be supporting their inquiry unit on living and non-living things in a farm context. It will offer students the opportunity to touch, feed, cuddle and see the farm animals in an interactive environment. Students will be learning about where food comes from, making smart and considerate choices when buying animal products and explain the process of how products get from the farm to the supermarket.

Another exciting upcoming event includes our Year 6 Graduation evening. We are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students on Tuesday, December 10th as we acknowledge the conclusion of their Primary education at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Our Year 2 students will be participating in an Extended Day at school next Wednesday, December 11th. This is provided as an introduction to PLPS' school camping program. Students are offered the opportunity to stay later after the regular conclusion of the school day. The afternoon will include afternoon tea and activities encouraged to develop social interactions with their peers whilst in a familiar environment. The event is also aimed at supporting the transition to Year 3.

A morning tea to thank and acknowledge our Parent and Community Helpers will be hosted on Thursday, December 12th in our staff room at 10.40am. An invitation with further information will be provided early next week.

Our last whole school assembly will be held on Friday, December 20th at 9am. This assembly provides the opportunity for all our students and families to celebrate 2024 and formally say farewell to our Year 6 cohort and wish them all the best for their next phase of education at Secondary School.

The last day of the school year is Friday, 20th December. **School will finish at 1.30pm** and OSHClub will be running their after-school program from this time.

A reminder that next Thursday, December 5th is a curriculum day, and our 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.

With the school holidays fast approaching, OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program. This will begin on Monday, January 6th, 2025. A program outline will be available to our families when it has been finalised.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 10th December: Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 11th December: Year 2 Extended Day

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

Friday 20th December: **Last Day of Term 4 - Early Dismissal time of 1:30pm**

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

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!

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.



2024 Canteen News

The last day for canteen for Term 4 will be:

Thursday 12th December

<p>Reasons to LOVE Book Club</p>  <p>fantastic variety</p> <p>carefully curated by age</p> <p>affordable</p> <p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club</p>	<p>DON'T FORGET!</p>  <p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club</p> <p>orders are due:</p> <p>29th Nov</p>	<p>SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents</p> <p>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</p> <p>GET IT ON Google play</p> <p>Download on the App Store</p>
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End of Term 4 - 2024

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be **Friday 20th 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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The first day for Canteen for the 2025 school year will be on:

Tuesday 4th February 2025

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



Year Six Canberra Camp

On Monday the 18th of November, the Year Six students headed to Canberra for their final primary school camp. On the way up to Canberra, we stopped along the way for snack, lunch and afternoon tea. The bus ride was super fun as we watched movies and sung karaoke. We arrived at Sundown Villas at approximately 5:30pm, collected our cabin keys and settled into dinner. Our night ended with a games night where we worked in teams to complete a series of challenges, before we went off to bed ready for a busy few days ahead.

After breakfast on our first day, we made our way to our first destination, Australia's National Library. The National Library holds one copy of every text that is published on Australia. We also viewed the Hopes and Fear exhibition which focused on immigration to Australia. We then visited Parliament House. We were able to take a tour through the House of Representatives and the Senate. We then participated in a role play how a bill is passed in the House of Representatives. We had people play the role of the Speaker, Prime Minister and Opposition Leader. We enjoyed our lunch in the sunshine at Glebe Park in the heart of Canberra before heading to Old Parliament House where we explored the meaning of democracy. To finish our day, we went to Questacon, my personal favourite. We had lots of fun interacting with different science-based activities. We then enjoyed our dinner before getting ourselves ready for bed.

On Wednesday we woke up bright and early at 5:50am, later having breakfast at 6:30am. We were then on the bus heading for 'Government House', where the Governor General, Sam Mostyn lives. We saw the bottom level and grounds of the property which is only open to the public in two days each year. The governor-general of Australia is the federal representative of the monarch of Australia, currently King Charles the third. The Australian Institute of Sport or AIS was next where some athletes greeted us and we participated in some sport simulations. Afterwards, we listened to some tunes on the bus and arrived at our next destination, 'The Arboretum' where we saw beautiful trees and got to play on the park overlooking the Telstra Tower. The view was incredibly amazing. After having our afternoon tea, we headed off to High Court where we went through security and learnt that there are 2 courts and 7 judges who serve, no jury sits in the High Court- the odd number of judges ensures a decision can be made. This is the highest court in Australia and the final place where decisions can be made. Finally, we met up with Bus 2 at the Dinosaur Museum where we learnt really cool facts about different dinosaurs as we worked through the Triassic,



First thing in the morning we all woke up and got ready for breakfast. After breakfast the two bus groups split up to go to their fun activities for the day. First, we went to the Royal Australian Mint where they create all our coins and found out fun facts about how our currency works and has changed over time. We went to the Australian Electoral Commission where we learnt how to vote using a preferential voting system. Next, we had morning tea before heading on a bus tour to see the Embassies and High Commissions. An embassy is the main representative office of one country in the capital city of another; usually headed by an Ambassador. We then went to Regatta Point for lunch which were wraps. After lunch we headed into the National Capital Authority to find out about how the city of Canberra was designed, who won the competition Burley Griffin and the names that 'Canberra' could've been like Australville or Eden. Lastly, we went to the Museum and got to see some past citizens of Australia and how our First Nations people lived. We explored artefacts and learned some more Australian history. When we got back to camp we had showers and cleaned up our cabins ready for our take off on Friday morning. Dinner was chicken schnitzels and chips which was yum! We ended the evening with a trivia night where lots of laughs were shared by all. It was a fantastic way to end our time in Canberra!

The early morning wake up on Friday ensured we would get back to Pakenham on time to see our families. We had the best time at camp learning about aspects of Australia's history and the role parliament plays. We really enjoyed the time spent with our friends and teachers. Our Year Six camp to Canberra was a wonderful experience that we will not forget!

By Katie, Hannah F and Taf



PLPS ART SHOW

We would like to thank everyone who came and visited our PLPS Art Show to view and celebrate the wonderful work of our students.

If you missed our exhibition, please scan the QR code below to learn more about the artwork created by our students.



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.





Pakenham
Lakeside
PRIMARY SCHOOL
presents

Christmas Concert 2024



9:15 AM, Wednesday 18th of December
on the PLPS Basketball Court

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

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Call: 5940 4728

Email: communitycentre@outlookaust.org.au



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Summer Holiday Program

Monday 13th January - Friday 24th January

To secure a spot please contact Giulia at info@therangeslc.com.au



Ready, Set, Prep!

School Readiness Sessions

Build confidence and key skills for a successful start to Prep!

Where: Olinda and Upper Beaconsfield Centres

Cost: \$275 (incl. GST) for 4 hours across two sessions

Led by: Louise, Early Years Expert & MSL Specialist

These fun, interactive sessions focus on:

- Literacy Foundations:** Stories, songs, and activities to build early reading and writing skills.
- Numeracy Basics:** Hands-on games introducing counting, patterns, and 2D shapes.
- Personalized Support:** Includes a Little Learners Love Literacy Workbook to continue learning at home.

Pre-assessment required on **9th or 10th January**. Children will then join a tailored group for personalized learning.

Set your child up for Prep success – **Enrol Today!**

Ignite Your Child's Love for Writing!

Writing Sessions

Fostering creativity and writing skills for young writers.

Where: Upper Beaconsfield Centre

Cost: \$132 (incl. GST) per session

Led by: Mandy, Experienced Writing Teacher

Each 2-hour session offers a unique and engaging focus:

- Week One – Creative Writing:** Spark imagination and storytelling as students craft their own short story to take home.
- Week Two – Informative Writing:** Build research and reporting skills while creating an information poster on a topic of their choice.

Students are grouped by age to ensure personalized instruction. Enrol in one session or both!

Limited spots available – Enrol Now!

Boost Reading and Spelling Confidence!

Multisensory Structured Language (MSL) Sessions

Where: Olinda and Upper Beaconsfield Centres

Cost: \$300 (incl. GST) for 4 hours across two sessions

Led by: MSL Specialists Lauren (Olinda) & Olivia (Upper Beaconsfield)

These sessions focus on:

- Reading & Spelling Skills:** Learn spelling rules and concepts that support reading and spelling.
- Multisensory Learning:** Engages multiple learning pathways for enhanced memory and understanding.
- Tailored Instruction:** Groups are adjusted weekly based on each child's learning needs.

Each child receives an **MSL Workbook** to continue learning at home.

Pre-assessment required on **9th or 10th January** to ensure placement in the most appropriate group.

Enrol for one or multiple weeks and give your child the tools to succeed! **Enrol Now!**

Make Maths Hands on and Engaging!

Maths Sessions

Where: Olinda Centre Only

Cost: \$132 (incl. GST) per session

Led by: Elizabeth, Experienced Numeracy Specialist

Each 2-hour session offers hands-on, open-ended activities tailored to all abilities. Choose from exciting themes:

- Week One**
 - Monday – Fractions Fun:** Explore 'Fractions of a Group' and 'Fractions of One' through pretend food-based play.
 - Tuesday – Maths Meets Art:** Use 2D shapes and measurement to create unique artwork.
- Week Two**
 - Monday – Shapes and Nets:** Build and explore 3D models.
 - Tuesday – Digital Maths Games:** Sharpen quick maths skills (Addition, Subtraction, Division, Multiplication) with engaging digital games.

Each student receives a **Maths Pencil Case** to continue practicing at home!

Enrol in one session or as many as you like. Spaces are limited – **Sign Up Today!**

The Ranges Learning Centre | www.therangeslc.com.au

5/1526 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Olinda | 1/49 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Upper Beaconsfield

Timetable Monday 13/1/25 - Friday 24/1/25

Monday 13/1	Tuesday 14/1	Wednesday 15/1	Thursday 16/1	Friday 17/1
School Readiness - Day 1 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	School Readiness - Day 2 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	Creative Writing Group One Lower/Middle Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre
School Readiness - Day 1 Group Two 12:00pm - 2:00pm Olinda Centre	School Readiness - Day 2 Group Two 12:00pm - 2:00pm Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Two 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Two 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre	Creative Writing Group Two Middle/Upper Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre
Maths: Fractions Early Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	Maths: Art Early Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Three 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Three 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre	Creative Writing Group Three Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre
Maths: Fractions Middle Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre	Maths: Art Middle Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre			
Maths: Fractions Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre	Maths: Art Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre			

Monday 20/1	Tuesday 21/1	Wednesday 22/1	Thursday 23/1	Friday 24/1
School Readiness - Day 1 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre	School Readiness - Day 2 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre	Information Text Writing Group One Lower/Middle Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre
School Readiness - Day 1 Group Two 12:00pm - 2:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	School Readiness - Day 2 Group Two 12:00pm - 2:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Two 11:30am - 1:30pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Two 11:30am - 1:30pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	Information Text Writing Group Two Middle/Upper Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre
Maths: Shapes and Nets Early Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	Maths: Digital Games Early Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 1 Group Three 2:00pm - 4:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	MSL Sessions - Day 2 Group Three 2:00pm - 4:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre	Information Text Writing Group Three Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Upper Beaconsfield Centre
Maths: Shapes and Nets Middle Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre	Maths: Digital Games Middle Primary 11:30am - 1:30pm Olinda Centre			
Maths: Shapes and Nets Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre	Maths: Digital Games Upper Primary/High School 2:00pm - 4:00pm Olinda Centre			

 **Olinda Centre** 5/1526 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road



 **Upper Beaconsfield Centre** 1/49 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road





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SOCIAL SKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Run by a **Speech Pathologist**



Group 1

5-7 years

Group 2

8-11 years

Dates: *Tuesday 7th and
Wednesday 8th of Jan*

 **Pakenham**

Topics Covered

- ✓ **Conversation Skills**
- ✓ **Perspective Taking**
- ✓ **Forming and Maintaining Friendships**
- ✓ **Handling Teasing and Bullying**
- ✓ **Problem Solving and Reasoning**
- ✓ **Resilience and Managing Feelings**

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