

NEWSLETTER

12th December 2024

Principal's Report

Earlier this week on Tuesday evening, our 2024 year 6 students participated in their graduation ceremony, conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Family and friends gathered to reminisce and celebrate the students' achievements during their time at PLPS. Our hosts for the evening were our School Captains, Kythea and Jayden who did an amazing job. Other year 6 students also contributed through sharing memories of the various experiences they have been involved in throughout their Primary School years. I congratulate all the students who spoke for their preparation and contribution to a successful night.

For many of our students, this signaled the end of seven years of primary education at PLPS, whilst other year 6 students joined our 2018 Prep group along the way at various year levels. I congratulate all our year 6 students on completing their primary education and wish them the very best as they prepare to embark upon the next phase of their education at their respective secondary schools.

I would like to acknowledge our four students who were the recipients of our awards on the evening. Firstly, Katie S has completed an outstanding year of academic performance and was the recipient of the Pakenham Rotary Academic Excellence award. Our second award winner was Harper L. Harper was awarded the EdViews Learner Award. This award is presented to the year 6 student who consistently demonstrates the love of and a commitment to their learning throughout the year.

Jayden M was the recipient of our third award, the Emma Vulin 'Achieving your Best' award. This award is presented to a year 6 student who consistently inspires others and embodies the qualities that make their school a better place. Jayden has demonstrated this through kindness towards others, persistence and dedication in achieving his goals throughout the year.

Our final award winner on the evening was Mason P. Mason was awarded the Webster Family Trust Community Student of the Year award. This award is presented to the year 6 student who best exemplifies our school's five core values. Mason's respectful manner, responsible attitude and conduct, self-discipline, along with his willingness to embrace all opportunities offered at school, makes him a very worthy winner of this award.

Each award winner received a certificate of recognition together with funds for their future schooling. Congratulations to them all.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to express my appreciation to Pakenham Rotary, EdViews, Emma Vulin and the Webster Family for their generous support of our school and that of our students and their education.

Yesterday afternoon our Year 2 students participated in their Extended Day. They were very excited to be staying longer and enjoyed their afternoon tea they had helped prepare. The students then participated in small groups to collaboratively complete "The Amazing Race". The evening concluded with a disco. A fun filled afternoon for staff and students.

This morning it was lovely to thank and celebrate our Parent and Community Helpers with a morning tea. We truly appreciate your assistance allowing for additional opportunities for our students both in the classroom and with sporting and arts events.

This morning, we had our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) join our school improvement team to review and celebrate the achievements at PLPS in the second half of the school year. Members of our team presented the progress made with our school's Annual Implementation Plan and the plans for future development in 2025. Thank you to our school's Learning Specialist and Assistant Principals for their preparation and presentation today.

The following staff will be departing PLPS at the end of this school year. Julie Ray, Val Booker, Susan Kruse, Bobbie O'Brien and Kat Coxon.

Julie, our Business Manager, has played a crucial role in our school with connections with many members of our school community. Her role incorporates multiple aspects of school operations which she has always completed effectively, efficiently and with a smile. I would like to sincerely thank Julie for the smooth operation of PLPS throughout her time as Business Manager at PLPS.

Val is resigning her full-time position at the conclusion of 2024. Val has been a highly valued member of staff at PLPS for a long period of time. I would like to congratulate Val on a distinguished career in education, providing quality teaching, learning and care for all her students here and in New Zealand. We will still have the privilege of Val working with us at different times throughout 2025.

Susan, Bobbie and Kat have been members of the PLPS team for a number of years and have made significant contributions throughout their time at our school. I would like to thank Val, Susan, Bobbie and Kat for their ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and care they have demonstrated toward our students and our teaching and learning programs. We wish them all the best with their new ventures.

A reminder our last whole school assembly will be held on Friday, December 20th at 9am. Our assembly provides an opportunity for all our students and families to celebrate the year 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. 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. The program for the vacation care over the school holidays will be posted tomorrow on Compass.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Friday 20th December - 9:00am

It's Library Stocktake Time!

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

On Tuesday 10th 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



ICY POLE FRIDAY

Last day for Icy poles in Term 4 (2024) is: Friday 13th December

First day for Icy poles in Term 1 (2025) is: Friday 14th February

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



PLPS Bucket Hats

We currently have our old style bucket hats available for sale from the office at the discounted price of \$10.00

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.



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in both Term 4 and Term 1 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!

Highly Commended Award Winners

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2024 Highly Commendable Art Awards. These awards recognise more than just artistic talent; they celebrate the qualities that make great artists: perseverance, problem-solving, and the courage to explore new ideas. Each student who receives this award has shown dedication and resilience, embracing mistakes as opportunities for learning. They inspire their peers and teachers alike with their innovative approaches. Whether experimenting with new techniques, working through difficult concepts, or showing up every day with a positive attitude, these students embody the resilience and creativity that define excellence in the arts.

Prep C - Raven P
Prep D - Josephine NK
Prep J - Iris L
Prep K - Alexa L
Pre Y - Gwendolen W

1D - Evie N-P
1H - Madilyn T
1K - Zoe F
1O - Arwan W
1V - Jennifer A

2B - Anastasia P
2E - Laura L
2H - Scarlett R
2P - Chinmay S
2U - Ahaana T

3H - Isabella M
3L - Freya D
3M - Brooke B
3O - Sonny D
3W - Melody Y

4A - Meyly H
4C - Andrew L

4G - Kiyana J
4R - Brixton F

5A - Alisa M
5K - Joyce T
5M - Shunuo T
5O - Joanne F
5W - Logan H

6F - Alicia K
6L - Charlie B
6M - Milena M
6S - Addison D
6W - Grace F



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



We would like to acknowledge the major sponsors of our
2024 Christmas Raffle. Thank you to...

The Lume

Endota Spa Fountain Gate

Gumbuya World

Shanikas Pakenham

Aus Sports Museum & MCG

Reading Cinema

Robert Gordon Pottery

Bunnings Pakenham

Castello's Cardinia Hotel

Coles Lakeside

Frankies Pakenham

PLPS Social Club

Madame Flavour

Splash's Learn to Swim

Primary at Pioneer Park Berwick

Luna Park

Officeworks

Coles Main Street

Social Fair Cranbourne

The Cheesecake Shop

Melbourne Museum

LJ Hooker Pakenham

Advantage Pharmacy Pakenham

Andros Barkers

VEGE Chip Company

Moonlit Sanctuary

Rot Kab Khao

PLPS Parents & Staff





Pakenham
Lakeside
PRIMARY SCHOOL
presents

Christmas Concert 2024



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

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.






Christmas Together

Christmas Hampers

Follow Bless Collective, the Salvation Army Pakenham and ADRA are bringing the Christmas Spirit to those experiencing hardship. Do you reside within the Cardinia Shire and need help spreading the joy this Christmas in your family?

Register for a Hamper



Simply scan the QR code or head to www.bless.org.au/christmas to fill in the registration form!





Splash's

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACCELERATE PROGRAM

Book now! →



Jan. 7th-10th
Splash's Pakenham
4/114 Princes Hwy
Pakenham

\$76.00

*It is a well researched fact
that short burst of intensive
learning accelerates
motor skill development*





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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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