

## NEWSLETTER

### 19th December 2024

### Principal's Report

As this is our final newsletter for 2024, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all members of our school community for their contributions towards another successful school year of growth and learning for our students.

On Monday afternoon, the semester two academic reports became available to parents to view and download through our Compass platform. For students leaving PLPS at the end of 2024, please ensure you download and save a copy of your child's report prior to the end of the year.

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 Charlie, Ruby, Jasmine, Amaya, Tau and Rayan 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. 50 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 relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday break. Our staff will return to school on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The first day for students to attend school in 2025 is Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for students in years 1 to 6 and Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Prep students.



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

# Admin News



## DIARY DATES



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

2025

2025 Term 1 Commences: Wednesday 29th January - Years 1 - 6

2025 Term 1 Commences: Monday 3rd February - Prep Students



## 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.

Two notes have gone 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

**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.**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
— & —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

# 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!



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





# HOLIDAY TRADING 2024

## LAST DAY OF TRADE

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

HEAD OFFICE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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## STORES REOPEN

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2025

HEAD OFFICE REOPENS THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2025





# Splash's

learn to swim

## 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](mailto: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](http://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
<b>School Readiness - Day 1</b> Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	<b>School Readiness - Day 2</b> Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	<b>MSL Sessions - Day 1</b> Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	<b>MSL Sessions - Day 2</b> Group One 9:00am - 11:00am Olinda Centre	<b>Creative Writing</b> Group One Lower/Middle Primary 9:00am - 11:00am Upper Beaconsfield Centre
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 **Olinda Centre** 5/1526 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road



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





**The Social Domain**  
Skills For Life

# **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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