

NEWSLETTER

30th January 2025

Principal's Report

With this being my first column for 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school for an enjoyable year of learning and growth. We are looking forward to continuing to provide exciting opportunities enabling our student to grow and develop as contributors to our school community at PLPS.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families who have joined our PLPS school community. We have 94 Prep students who will commence together on Monday. We also have several new students in years 1 – 6 enrolled. I hope 2025 is the beginning of a wonderful relationship between our school and new families to our school community.

As well as new students beginning at our school, we also have staff who have returned to our teaching team. I would like to welcome back Ms Vanessa Wilson and Ms Shaye Smith.

Over the school holiday break, you may have noticed work being completed in our playgrounds. The ninja course was installed late in the year and the landscaping around our new play equipment has now been completed. An additional piece of equipment – known as 'The Log Pile', was also installed and landscaped. Both pieces of equipment were selected and designed by our students with many thoughts and ideas collated through our student representative council processes.

On Monday next week, parents will receive information on Compass regarding our 'Meet the Teacher' conversations. The meetings have been scheduled for Monday, February 17th and Tuesday, February 18th after school from 3:30—6:30pm. This meeting provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and introduce themselves, as well as share any information that parents believe may impact upon their child's learning in 2025. Parents can book their preferred conversation time/s. via Compass. Bookings will open next Thursday, February 6th at 1.30pm. Bookings will close to parents at 12noon on Monday, February 17th.

The first of our year level newsletters for 2025 will be distributed to parents at the 'Meet the Teacher' conversations. The newsletter will share with parents the key areas their children will be engaging in this term, including reading, writing, mathematics, and our inquiry units. As well as curriculum material, relevant dates for each year level and other important information for parents about some of our school processes, will also be included. We hope this assists parents with an understanding of the learning your children will experience during term 1.

This week our year 6 students who have aspirations for leadership positions in 2025 will collect their leadership applications. Our student leadership team is made up of our two school captains, eight house captains and a number of student representative council captains. As part of the application process, our students need to:

- demonstrate an enthusiasm to lead and encourage our student body to participate and contribute to the ongoing development of our school
- demonstrate and outline their ability to be positive role models for all students
- demonstrate their ability to think and act in ways that reflect our school's core values—how they "live our values"

- be representatives of our school, when required, out of school at community events.

Aspirant leaders will make a presentation to students in their house, provide a written application and share with the Principal Class team their thoughts and ideas on leadership and how they can fulfil the role. Parents of year 6 students will be notified of when the student leadership positions will be announced.

With the warmer weather upon us, can I urge all parents to support our school by ensuring that their children have a sunhat with them at school, particularly during first term when the UV index is at its highest. We strongly encourage all children to develop this important life skill of sun protection but require the support of parents to provide the sunhats. Students are also encouraged to apply sunscreen before school and bring it to school to apply before going outside. If students do not have their own sunscreen, they are welcome to use sunscreen provided in the classrooms. For students who may suffer from skin reactions from certain types of sunscreens, can parents please contact the school via phone or email to ensure this information is recorded and communicated to classroom teachers. Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.

Our OSHClub has planned an event on Thursday, February 6th from 8:00am to 9:00am, to support our 2025 Prep students and their families as they transition into the school community. They are hosting a 'Come & Try Session' to provide new preps with the opportunity to experience the OSHClub program, meet our educators, and participate in engaging activities. Please see flyer in this newsletter.

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2025 school year. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school. In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available here:

[PLPS Student Mobile Phone Use Policy](#)

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 14th February - Icy Pole Friday commences (Every Friday - Term 1)

Friday 9th February - Friday 15th March - Summer Interschool Sports
(selected students)

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Wednesday 12th February - 9am

Monday 3rd March - 9am

Tuesday 18th March - 9am

Friday 4th April - 9am



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.



PLPS Bucket Hats

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

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Tuesday 4th February 2025

Hats

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

THE VALUE OF BECOMING A
REGULAR READER

- R** REWIRE YOUR BRAIN
- E** EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE
- A** ACADEMIC SUCCESS
- D** DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT
- E** EMPATHY & UNDERSTANDING
- R** REDUCES YOUR STRESS
- S** STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE SKILLS

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3 FREE BOOKS
ISSUE 1 IS NOW OPEN

Conditions apply, see full Terms & Conditions on Book Club LOOP.

WHEN ARE BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE?

ORDERS ARE DUE ON SEE CAPTION FOR DETAILS...



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

Scholastic Bookclub 2025

Bookclub offers a convenient way for you and your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a range of reading levels and interests and are offered at reasonable prices. The wide range of newly published titles and old favourites represents a thoughtful mix of books from Australian and international publishers.

Bookclub operates at least 8 times a year. Your children will have already received their bookclub brochure, which has the order form inside. Simply select any books you or your child would like to purchase and return the order form to the school, with correct payment, or order online with LOOP for credit card purchases by the closing date (FEB 13th for Issue 1). The school sends all the orders in together, and then the books are delivered to the school. The books will then be delivered to your child's classroom to take home.

Furthermore, the school receives free books from Book Club that allow us to regularly update our class and school libraries with just-published and favourite books.

There is no obligation to order, but I know of no better way to encourage reading than to give children the opportunity of choosing their own books.

Yours Sincerely,

Narelle McMillan - Library Technician

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
13th Feb

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

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:
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OSH Club



Come & Try!

2025 Preps

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE OUR DESIGNATED 2025 PREP TRANSITION SESSION TO WELCOME THIS YEARS NEW PREPS INTO THE PROGRAM!

CHILDREN CAN BE BOOKED INTO THE PROGRAM VIA THE KIDSOFT PARENT PORTAL! FAMILIES ARE ALSO WELCOME TO POP IN WITH CHILDREN TO COME AND JOIN IN

MAD SCIENTIST EXPERIMENTS

SCENTED PLAYDOUGH

PHOTOBOOTH

THURSDAY 8:00-9:00 RISE THEN SHINE



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MUSIC LESSONS



Group Lessons

\$15 a week during school terms

Individual Lessons

\$25 a week during school terms

Learn keyboard or guitar during school hours.

Enrol at anytime.
Commencement date to be advised



MAESTRO'S CORNER

ENROL: maestrocorner.mymusicstaff.com

**TERM 1, 2025
SOCCER FUN
FOR GIRLS &
BOYS AGED 2-12!**

STARTING FROM 11TH FEB

Free

**FIRST 30 NEW
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE
COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!**

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0413 781 900

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer!
Children work with their parents to
learn new soccer skills and develop
their motor skills! Lots of fun games
in a non-competitive environment!

**40 MINUTE CLASSES
\$175 FOR 8 WEEKS**



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll
be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal
keeping and more. Children get to play lots
of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get
introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

**40 MINUTE CLASSES
\$175 FOR 8 WEEKS**



**INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO)
MICRO (6-8YO)**

The ultimate challenge for young
soccer players! They'll learn the rules
of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game
and develop their skills in passing,
dribbling, shooting and more!

**INTRO - 60 MINS \$185 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$185 FOR 8 WEEKS**



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork
in preparation for club soccer. Children
will enjoy all the favourite soccer based
games, fine tune their skills as well as
play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

**60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$185 FOR 8 WEEKS**




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 SCAN ME





TERM 1, 2025 ENROLMENT FORM STARTING FROM THE 11TH FEBRUARY.

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Parent/Guardians Name: _____
 Address: _____ Suburb: _____ P/Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
 Email: _____

TERM 1 CENTRES: (Please Tick)

- HERITAGE COLLEGE, OFFICER**
66 Starling Rd, Officer, VIC 3809
8 week program starting on the 11th February
- HERITAGE COLLEGE, NARRE WARREN**
333 Centre Rd, Narre Warren South, VIC 3805
8 week program starting on the 13th February

- NARRE WARREN SOUTH P-12 COLLEGE**
79-125 Amberly Park drive, NWS, VIC 3805
8 week program starting on the 15th February
- GLENEAGLES SECONDARY SCHOOL**
58 Reema Boulevard, Endeavour Hills, VIC 3802
8 week program starting on the 15th February
- NARRE WARREN SOUTH P-12 COLLEGE**
79-125 Amberly Park drive, NWS, VIC 3805
8 week program starting on the 16th February

PROGRAMS: (Please Tick)

	MITE-E (2-3 YO) <input type="checkbox"/>	PINT SIZE (4-5 YO) <input type="checkbox"/>	INTRO TO MICRO (5-6 YO) <input type="checkbox"/>	MICRO (6-8 YO) <input type="checkbox"/>	MICRO PLUS (8-12 YO) <input type="checkbox"/>
CLASS TIMES	MITE-E	PINT SIZE	INTRO TO MICRO	MICRO	MICRO PLUS
HERITAGE OFFICER - TUES	N/A	N/A	5.00 - 6.00pm	5.00 - 6.00pm	5.00 - 6.00pm
HERITAGE NW - THURS	N/A	N/A	5.00 - 6.00pm	5.00 - 6.00pm	5.00 - 6.00pm
NARRE WARREN SOUTH - SAT	9.00 - 9.40am	9.00 - 9.40am	9.00 - 10.00am	9.00 - 10.00am	9.00 - 10.00am
GLENEAGLES SS - SAT	11.00 - 11.40am	11.00 - 11.40am	11.00 - 12.00pm	11.00 - 12.00pm	11.00 - 12.00pm
NARRE WARREN SOUTH - SUN	9.00 - 9.40am	9.00 - 9.40am	9.00 - 10.00am	9.00 - 10.00am	9.00 - 10.00am
TERM FEE	\$175	\$175	\$185	\$185	\$185

PAYMENT OPTIONS: CASH, BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD | (Grasshopper Soccer has a **NO REFUND** Policy)

Please Note: Payments with cc will incur a 1.7% processing fee

Name: **TTAR Investments Pty Ltd** BSB: **063 162** Acc: **1084 1538** Reference: Childs name

Credit Card Payment (please circle): Visa Master Card | Credit Cards processed as Grasshopper Soccer

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

ADD: Grasshopper Soccer Shirt & Shorts - Enrolment Special **\$65** (Size - Please Circle) **XXS XS S M L**

Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby authorize Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs. Photos/Videos of children attending these programs may be used for reasonable promotional purposes by Grasshopper Soccer.

Please Tick: Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



ENROLMENT SPECIAL \$ _____

TERM FEE \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

