

NEWSLETTER

24th April 2025

Principal's Report

A very warm welcome back to school for another productive and exciting term of teaching and learning. There are many additional opportunities for our students to look forward to throughout this term, including, camps, swimming program, incursions, excursions, sporting events and school performances. On behalf of our community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have commenced their schooling at PLPS this term.

With the beginning of Term 2, our 2026 enrolment process has commenced. We have already had a significant number of enquiries, particularly around Prep enrolments and the process about enrolling their child at PLPS. Application forms and enrolments packs are now available for collection from our general office. We will also be conducting school tours and information sessions for parents throughout the term. Interested parents are asked to contact our office on 5940 9532 to register their attendance to visit and view our school on their preferred date.

Next week we will be conducting our House Athletics carnival off site at Edwin Flack Athletics track in Berwick. The students in year four, five and six will participate in a variety of track and field events throughout the day. The athletics carnival provides the opportunity for our students to qualify to compete at the District Athletics Carnival being held later in the year. All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and dress appropriately for the weather conditions. A hat, sunscreen, jumper and/or coat would be advisable. Students are asked to pack their snack, lunch and water for the day. **No lunch orders will be available on this day for students in year four, five or six.**

Our Year two swimming program will commence at Cardinia Life, Pakenham next week. The students will be participating in an eight-day program concluding on Friday 9th May. Information pertaining to dates and items required for students to bring have been communicated with families via Compass. There is no cost for the swimming program, as this is currently being subsidised by the Department of Education.

On Friday 9th May, our senior students in years five and six will commence the winter inter-school sport season against other local schools in the district. The competition will be conducted on Friday mornings throughout Term 2. Our school teams will participate in the sports of netball, soccer, football and t-ball.

Over the term break we have been fortunate enough to progress with grounds development work that continue to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of our school environment. Our front garden area leading to the school office has been transformed and is looking great. We have also had many outdoor floor installations installed by *Edumarking*. These include the relining of our basketball courts and multiple activity stations spread around the school. It has been great to see our students engage with these additions during their break times. There are still some pieces to be added so watch out for these colourful new additions!



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There is some construction work being undertaken from next week, to replace the external ramp between our year 3 and 4 learning spaces. This requires Gate 4 to be temporarily closed for several weeks. All students and families that use Everly Circuit can still access Gate 5, nearest to the Senior playground. Your co-operation with these necessary works is greatly appreciated.

This morning, our student leaders confidently facilitated an ANZAC Day commemoration at our whole school assembly. ANZAC Day is a National Day of Remembrance in Australia and New Zealand, primarily commemorating the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during World War 1, the Gallipoli landing on April 25, 1915. It is now a broader day of remembering all Australians who have served in wars, conflicts, and peace operations. A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 25th April is the ANZAC public holiday.

Matthew Lee
Acting Principal



Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 25th April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 28th April - Friday 9th May: Year 2 Swimming (Cardinia Life)

(Note: No swimming on Wednesdays)

Thursday 1st May: Year 4-6 House Athletics Day

Friday 2nd May: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Wednesday 7th May: Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 7th May: Toomuc Valley District Cross Country

(selected students)

Friday 9th May - Friday 6th June: Winter Interschool Sports

(selected students)

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May: Year 5 Beechworth Camp

Wednesday 21st May: Prep CARP Incursion

Wednesday 28th May: Curriculum Day (students do not attend school on this day)

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th May: Year 4 Hands on Science Incursion

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Monday 5th May - 9am

Tuesday 20th May - 9am

Wednesday 4th June - 9am

Thursday 19th June - 9am

Friday 4th July - 9am

Parking Around the School

Street parking is available along
Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit.

Please be courteous to our surrounding residents, when parking,
dropping or collecting students from school.

Please DO NOT park in or over driveways.

We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children
in a safe and legal manner.



Year 3



In Grade 3, we read and write,
Our stories soar, our thoughts take flight.
Maths is games and puzzles too,
We add, we count, we think things through!



We Danced Like An Animal on the stage,
With bright costumes to help engage!
We learned each move, each beat and spin,
And wore big smiles from deep within.



Sport keeps us active every week,
We run, we throw, we strive, we seek!
The Fun Run came with cheers and sun,
We raced and laughed—it was such fun!



Each week we find a rising star,
Who shows our values near and far.
Kindness, effort, courage too—
We cheer them on, they shine right through!



So here's to learning, fun, and play,
We grow a little more each day! ♥



Summer Lightning Premiership

At the end of Term 1, selected Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Toomuc Valley District Lightning Premiership. We had teams in basketball, volleyball, softball, cricket and tennis. Well done to everyone involved. It was an awesome day that showcased our sporting skills!



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!



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Book Club
orders are due:
9th May

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:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Attendance – Unexplained Absences

All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained, and a Compass text notification will be sent to you asking you to notify the school to explain why your child is absent.

To update your child's absence, you can use one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** please log the absence directly via Compass.
2. **Telephone:** please call the school on 5940-9532 and let the office know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** please email the school at pakenham.lakeside.ps@education.vic.gov.au and provide your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

If your child's absence remains unexplained an email will be sent from school outlining the day/s your child has been absent from school and requesting a reason for the absence/s.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 5940-9532.

Thank you.

2025 victorian premiers' reading challenge



Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

Our Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier.

Please visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician



*20 years of
Words and Wonder*



If you are in Year 4-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade

**PAKENHAM LAKESIDE PRIMAY SCHOOL
YEARS 2, 3 & 4 PRESENTS**

DANCE LIKE AN ANIMAL



**If you would like to order a DVD
or USB copy of our Dance
concert please visit or contact
the school office on 5940 9532.
DVD's \$25 & USB's \$30**



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts for 2025 are \$154 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

It is important that funding made available in 2025 supports students to participate in school trips, camps and sporting activities this year rather than being held for future years. This funding can also be used in conjunction with any funding accrued from previous years.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Please complete an application form and return it to our school office along with a copy of your relevant card (your card can be copied at the office). **Applications for the CSEF program for 2025 close on Friday 4th July 2025.**

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page - <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>.

Please check with our school office if you are unsure and return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerrie Kingston-Gains', written in a cursive style.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name
School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

 Surname

 First name

 Address

 Town/suburb State Postcode

 Contact number

 Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

 - - - **OR**
 Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date / /

Enrol for lessons at P.L.P.S for 2025

Phone Jared Longfield: 0411 083 631

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



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School Tours for 2025 are now underway!

SEE OUR CLASSES IN ACTION AND TOUR
OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

TO BOOK GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.OFFICERSC.VIC.EDU.AU/BOOK-A-TOUR/](https://www.officersc.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour/)





Pakenham
SECONDARY COLLEGE

We Grow Through Connection

OPEN NIGHT

29th April 2025

5pm – 6.30pm

Please
register
on our
website
or scan
the QR
code



Presentation & School Tour

- * Meet our dedicated staff
- * Learn about our programs and pathways
- * Visit key learning area displays

Pakenham Secondary College

1020 Princes Highway Pakenham VIC 3810

Phone (03) 5945 1433  pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au

Connect with us  /pakenhamsc  @pakenhamsecondarycollege



We Grow Through Connection

Pakenham Secondary College Enhancement Program for 2026

From Year 7 to Year 10, high-achieving students are selected to participate in our Enhancement Program. Our Enhancement classes offer enrichment across all Key Learning Areas, providing students with the opportunity to engage in extended work.

Applications for current Year 6 students are **due by 1st May, 2025**. To learn more and to access the application, please scan the QR code or visit:

pakenhamsc.vic.edu.au/enhancement



Road safety around schools – what everyone needs to know



[Road safety around schools – what everyone needs to know | RACV](#)

OPEN NIGHT

We welcome prospective families to attend our College Open Night.

Wednesday 30th April 2025

Principal's Address and Information Session commencing at 5.30pm followed by Self-Guided Tours of our College.

Edenbrook Secondary College - Cuthbert Stadium
Enter via: Caversham Drive (rear of the College)



CAVERSHAM DRIVE

HENRY ROAD

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

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**CARDINIA TIGERS
AUSKICK CENTRE**

James Bathe Rec Reserve

Starts May 3rd from 9:30am





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ANYBUDDY CAN PLAY

[PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK](https://play.afl.com.au/superkick)

**Cardinia Tigers
Superkick Centre**

James Bathe Reserve

Begins May 3rd from 9:30am



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Enquiries can be made to:

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