

NEWSLETTER

5th June 2025

Principal's Report

Last Thursday and Friday our Year 4 students enjoyed participating in their 'Hands on Science' Incursion. The incursion provided the students the opportunity to further build their skills and knowledge in their current inquiry, learning about Physical and Chemical Sciences. Through experiments, students investigated the impact of forces and movement on everyday items by making predictions, testing, collecting data and discussing results. The students particularly enjoyed experimenting with the magnets and how they can repel or attract various elements. Friction experiments also fascinated and intrigued students with the speed of which items could or could not move.

Last Thursday four of our senior students together with Ms Monique Olszewski, attended Cardinia Cultural Centre with other schools within the Cardina Schools Network to celebrate National Reconciliation Week. The day included a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, flag raising ceremony, cultural dancing and other activities.

Last Wednesday on our Curriculum Day, our staff participated in professional learning and discussions on aspects of teacher practices used at PLPS. In 2025 one of our Annual Implementation Plan key improvement strategies is to 'Continue to review, further develop, document and embed an agreed school wide Instructional Model'. The staff centred their work around one of the components of the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0, 'Enabling Learning'. Through the use of Department of Education personnel and resources, teachers and education support staff worked together to analyse and reflect upon how PLPS practices are being maximised within our teaching and learning programs. The day provided opportunities for staff to use videos of lessons and audit tools to enable common understanding of these practices and the alignment they have with our own Instructional Model. Discussion and planning for ongoing use of teacher practice were explored and noted in planning documents to enable effective implementation.

Last Wednesday, Pakenham Lakeside Primary School had two representatives run at the Divisional level for Cross Country. Congratulations to Tyler and Evie who both placed in the top ten and have qualified for the South Metropolitan Regional Cross Country. They will be competing in Hastings on Wednesday, June 18th. We wish them the best of luck at their next competition.

A reminder to families of students in years Prep and One that tickets are currently on sale for the Junior Concert 'Follow Your Dreams', being performed next on Wednesday, June 11th and Thursday, June 12th at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. All students are required for the performances on both evenings.

Tickets are now unlimited and can be purchased online or in person at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Teachers are currently collating our students' mid-year academic reports. The reports will be open to access on Compass on Friday, June 27th in readiness for the parent/teacher conversations and the student led conferences on Tuesday, July 1st. Further information on parent/teacher conversations, including how to book your appointment times, will be posted on Compass for all families Friday, June 6th. Students in years 3 to 6 will be participating in student-led conferences and are expected to attend with their parents or carer. All families need to book a time for each child through Compass. **Bookings will open on Tuesday, June 10th at 12pm and close Tuesday, July 1st at 10am.** If parents and carers are having difficulties accessing Compass, please contact our school office as soon as possible. A reminder to parents that Tuesday, July 1st is a student free day. OSHClub will be operating a full day program for families who require this service.

Preparations have begun for our year 3 camp being conducted at Phillip Island Adventure Camp in term three. The camp is scheduled for Wednesday September 3rd to Friday September 5th. The camp includes a variety of outdoor activities, allowing students to engage in new and exciting activities to enhance their personal growth and development. The camp also provides an excellent opportunity for our students to apply our values education program in an out-of-school setting. Detailed information including the rationale and the activities the students will have the opportunity to participate in, together with costings and payment options have been communicated to all year 3 families via Compass. To assist with our planning, can parents please consent or decline the offer to attend camp.

With term 2 school holidays approaching in four weeks, a reminder to all our families that OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. The vacation care program is available to all students who are enrolled at our school.

'World Explorers' is the theme for the school holiday program. A flyer highlighting the upcoming program was posted on Compass last week. A brochure outlining the full program will be available soon.

Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

A reminder, Monday, June 9th is the King's Birthday public holiday.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 9th May - Friday 6th June: Winter Interschool Sports
(selected students)

Monday 9th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th June: Junior Concert - 'Follow Your Dreams'

Friday 4th July: End of Term 2 - Early Dismissal 2.30pm

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Thursday 19th June - 9am

Friday 4th July - 9am

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

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13th June

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



CARP PRODUCTIONS

THEATRE INCURSION



I LIKED THE BLUE BOAT
BECAUSE IT WAS THE
FASTEST - MICAH PJ

I LIKED THE CLOWN AND HIS
FUNNY DANCING - JAPLEEN PD



MY FAVOURITE PART WAS THE SILLY CLOWN,
HE DID SO MANY SILLY THINGS - TEDDY PAW

I LIKED WHEN THE CLOWN WIGGLED
- TYSON PY

I LOVED DANCING AND JOINING IN
- SOHAN PK

I LIKED BEING ABLE TO DANCE - REMI PK



I LIKED THE CLOWN. HE WAS
SO SILLY - ZIRWA PJ

I LIKED HOW EVERYONE TRIED
THEIR BEST. I THINK THE SHOW
WAS REALLY FUNNY - OLIVIA PY

PREP

I LIKED THE CLOWN. IT WAS SO FUNNY
- MISBA PAW

I LIKED THE STORY ABOUT THE BLUE
FEATHER - BLAKE PD



STUDENT VOICE

At PLPS, we have established a School Representative Council (SRC), for 2025. Each student on this council was carefully selected and given the opportunity to join one of three project teams.

You may even have a child who is part of this council. The three project teams are: Planet Protectors, Social Saviours, and Classy Classmates. So, what do each of these groups do? Each category sets a specific goal to achieve each term.



Planet Protectors are our environmental advocates, making up one-third of the SRC. Their goal this term is to *“reduce rubbish in the schoolyard.”* They plan to achieve this by *“encouraging homegroups to reduce rubbish every day during eating times.”*



Social Saviours focus on student behaviour and wellbeing. They ensure students are respectful and help resolve playground conflicts. Their goal is to *“encourage students to go to someone wearing a red vest whenever there's a problem in the yard.”* To support this, they aim to *“show students where to go when there's a problem”* and *“tell them who to approach when they need help.”*



Classy Classmates help promote learning and cultural awareness. Their goal is to *“help students at PLPS become more aware of the diverse cultures around the world.”* To achieve this, they plan to create *SEL (Social Emotional Learning) lessons dedicated to cultural discussions, give students from different backgrounds the chance to share their unique cultures and celebrations, and provide sign-up sheets for those interested in sharing their culture with the school community.*



What's next for the SRC? We will meet soon to determine where we need to focus next. Each group sets a new goal every term, based on their specific focus area. While objectives may change, the overarching role and goal of each project team remains the same. Each team contributes to making PLPS a better school and enhancing the experience for all.

Thank YOU!

Shunuo T & Ema S [THE 2025 SCHOOL CAPTAINS OF PLPS]

Important Information - Parking and Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers

We have recently been contacted by Cardinia Shire Council regarding a concerning increase in reports regarding illegal parking, dangerous driving and pedestrian safety around schools, across the shire.

Together with Cardinia Shire Council, we wish to remind drivers of the importance of safety and adhering to the road rules when parking around the school, at pick up and drop off times.

To ensure the safety of all pedestrians, students and members of our school community, we ask that you:

- Park only in designated areas: Parking is not permitted in or across driveways, on nature strips, no-stopping zones, no-parking zones, bus zones, or areas reserved for staff. Please adhere to all signage and the road rules.
- Follow drop-off and pick-up procedures: Use the designated drop-off and pick-up zones to ensure a smooth and safe flow of traffic.
- Be mindful of pedestrians: Follow directions from School Crossing Supervisors and take extra caution during peak times when children are arriving or leaving school.
- Be respectful: Council Parking Officers are required to conduct regular patrols around schools to ensure safety. Please be respectful, and courteous.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation on this important Issue.

Staff Carpark

Our school carpark is for staff parking between 8.30am and 3.45pm on school days by order of the School Council.

During these times parents are not permitted to park in the school carpark.

The carpark is not permitted for use for dropping off and picking up students or for leaving your car unattended while collecting your children.

This is to ensure the safety of all students in the school.

Thank you

Providing spare clothes for your child

As we approach the cooler and wet months our grounds can become wet and muddy. It is a great idea to pack a spare set of clothing in your child's school bag so that they can change into should they require a change of clothes at recess and/or lunchtime. This saves getting a phone call during the day to bring some spare clothes up to school for your child.

Spare clothes are a great idea for children of all ages - **even the big kids!**

MEDICATION

There are times when your child will require medication during school hours. If this happens the medication needs to be brought to the office and a medical authority form must be filled out by a parent or carer. Students must not keep medication in their bags.

Thank you

EARLY LEAVERS

Should parents wish to collect their child/children from school early they must sign them out at the office. Please allow yourself extra time for collection as we only call students to the office once parents arrive.

Our lunchtime runs from 1:40-2.25pm and it can be extremely difficult for students to hear announcements over this time. If you need to collect your child/children over this period it maybe easier to collect students before lunch commences or after lunch finishes.

PLPS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



DO YOU LOVE TO
TALK, SHARE IDEAS,
OR TAKE ON A
CHALLENGE? THEN
THIS IS FOR YOU!

Calling All Confident Communicators!

Our school is once again participating in the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition, and we want YOU to be involved! Our PLPS Public Speaking Competition 2025 is open to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Students

Topics:

Year 3 & 4: "Creative Invention"

- If you could invent something new, what would it be? What does it do? Who would use it? Let your imagination run wild in a 3-minute speech!

Year 5 & 6: "Technology"

- Is technology moving too fast? Explore its impact on our lives and the environment.
- Choose any tech (smartphones, AI, social media, etc.) and share your thoughts in a 4-minute speech!

Important Dates:

- Lunchtime Practice Sessions with Mr Runting and Mrs Allan
 - Monday 23rd June
 - Monday 30th June
 - Monday 21st July (Term 3)

- **PLPS School Competition:**

- Thursday 24th July 2025

From our school competition, we'll select two students from Year 3/4 and two from Year 5/6 to represent PLPS at the Lions Club level!

★ Why Participate?

- Build your confidence
- Boost your writing & research skills
- Improve your ability to speak in front of an audience
- And most importantly... have FUN!

We encourage as many students as possible to give it a go — you might surprise yourself!

**GOT THE GIFT OF THE GAB? ARE
YOU A CHATTERBOX? JOIN IN!**

Shape your future waste services!

Have your say on the future of waste services in Cardinia Shire, including household bin frequency, the proposed glass only service, hard waste collection and green waste disposal.

Council is renewing their [Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy](#). This strategy serves as a 10-year roadmap for the future direction of Council's waste services, education and advocacy.

Community feedback will help create a draft strategy. In early 2026, the community will be invited to share their thoughts on the draft, before the strategy is finalised.

You can provide feedback until Wednesday 9 July by:
filling out the [online survey](#)
attending an in-person pop-up session

More info: [Shape our future waste services webpage](#)





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

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School

5504

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



Financial Hub 2025

support with rising living costs + FREE goodies

Services on offer:

- Information and support with your tenancy, fines and energy use.
- Tools to build on financial skills and increase your savings.
- Indigenous and CALD support with accessing Services Australia.

FREE goodies:

- Groceries from the AV Food Van
- Brand new Thread Together clothes
- Nappies from The Nappy Collective

DATE: Wednesday, 9th July 2025

TIME: 9:30 to 12:30pm

PLACE: The ParentZone Hub
75 Army Road, Pakenham



Register:

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

Contact:

0417 028 719 or
cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au

Who will be available:



Anglicare Victoria, Rental Stress Program

The Rental Stress Program supports families living in a private rental experiencing financial pressure. RSP can assist if your rent is more than 30% of your income and you: have difficulty affording other living expenses, have legal trouble with your rental, are behind on your payments, or at risk of homelessness. Services can be legal advice, support understanding your financial situation, tips and tools to manage your income, help arranging payment plans and negotiating with creditors, or referrals to other services.



Anglicare Victoria, Aid Food Van

Everyone needs a hand now and then. The AV Aid food van can provide you with pantry goods, fresh groceries and other household items. All you need to do is bring some shopping bags!



Cardinia Shire Council, Cardinia Support

Speak with Council's Community Support Officers to learn more about *Cardinia Support*, their online community services directory that lists a range of local services. They can also provide information on reducing energy bills through improved home efficiency, and help you contact Council's Rates team for assistance understanding your rates notice, and support with pet registration and animal services.



Thread Together, New Clothing

Thread Together collects end-of-line brand new stock from fashion retailers all around the country. Volunteers sort clothes ready for distribution to people in need through networks of charities and social services agencies. You will be supported in making an order from Thread Together. Orders are sent to the ParenZone Hub and you will be contacted when your clothes are ready for collection.



South East Community Links, Financial Counselling

In these challenging times of the cost-of-living crisis, financial counsellors are here to support you. They are qualified, non-judgmental professionals dedicated to helping individuals navigate financial difficulties. Whether you need guidance on managing debts, exploring your options, or negotiating with creditors, financial counsellors provide free information and advocacy you deserve. Don't face these struggles alone—reach out today and access the financial counselling services available to you.



Berry Street, Saver Plus Program

Saver Plus is a FREE 10-month financial education and matched savings program. It helps you develop savings and money management skills, while saving for your child's or your own education. Participants receive matched savings from ANZ for every dollar they save once they have completed the program (up to \$500 for education items, such as school uniforms, computers and textbooks). The program also provides opportunities to attend online workshops to further develop your money management skills.



Peninsula Community Legal Centre, Tenancy Assistance & Advocacy Program

The team provide initial triage, assessment, and potential referral into the Peninsula Community Legal Centre for further advice or assistance. They can discuss *Tenancy*, for people in private rentals, rooming houses and caravan parks (support with VCAT etc). They offer assistance and advice for outstanding Fines, like driving on toll roads without an e-tag, parking and public transport fines (including WDP).



Services Australia, Indigenous & Multicultural Services Support

Indigenous Service Officers and Multicultural Service Officers will be available to help promote and improve access to Services Australia. They build relationships with local communities, connecting them to the services and payments they need in a culturally informed way. They can help you navigate the system and communicate with staff using language services.



The Salvation Army, Parent Pathways

Our voluntary program can help with some of the barriers to employment or education. These may include helping with driving lessons and gaining a driving licence. We can also assist with paying for courses, laptops to complete courses, engagement vouchers, paying for childcare bond fees or holding fees, referral to English classes, referral to family services and career guidance to name a few things.