

# NEWSLETTER

8th May 2025

## Principal's Report

One of the major events in our second term calendar is Education Week.



The week provides the opportunity to collectively celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students. The theme for 2025 is "Celebration of Cultures", bringing together the rich diversity and cultural connections within Victorian government schools to the forefront.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week, including some activities with multi-aged groupings across the school. An Education Week special edition newsletter will also be produced showcasing our students' achievements. This will be distributed on Friday afternoon.

We will be conducting our Lamont Book Fair throughout Education Week. Students and families have the opportunity to purchase quality literature to read and enjoy together. Families may also like to purchase a book to donate to our school library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a label placed inside the book. The **Book Fair** will be open each day next week from 8:30am-9:00am and 3:15pm-4:00pm in our school library.

At the beginning of Term 2, our 2025 enrolment process commenced. We have already had a significant number of inquiries regarding Prep enrolments and the process around enrolling at PLPS, with many families participating in school tours. All applications for enrolment are through an online process. Information and links are located on our school website. Information about the enrolment process is also available for collection from our general office. We will be conducting further school tours and information sessions for parents on May 14<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The first of our year level camps sets off next week. Our year 5 students will depart for their four-day camp to Beechworth in north-east Victoria on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and returning on Thursday. This camp provides our children with outstanding experiences that enrich and enhance their current learning in their history inquiry unit "My Place", in a town renowned for its role in key events in our nation's history, including the Victorian Gold Rush and renowned Bush Rangers. It also provides several opportunities for our students to demonstrate their personal development and how our school's values can be used when our children are in the wider community.

Last Thursday the weather turned on a spectacular day for our house athletics carnival at the Edwin Flack Athletics Track in Berwick. Students and staff had a busy and enjoyable day competing and adjudicating the multiple events available throughout the day. Thanks again to Mr Vann and Mr Seton for their organisation and preparation that enabled the carnival to proceed very smoothly, together with other staff members. I would also like to extend my thanks to the many parents who attended the athletics day and provided support and encouragement to our students as they competed.

The House results for our Athletics Carnival were revealed recently at our assembly and were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – **Waterford**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Botanic**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Creekwood**
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – **Parkway**

Yesterday we held our Mother's Day stall that allowed students to purchase gifts for mums or other significant female figures in their lives. A special thank you to the members of our Parents and Friends group and the many parent helpers that assisted throughout the running of the stall. Your support is greatly appreciated.

At the beginning of the term, parents of our year 6 students received their individual Year 7 Secondary College Transition Packs containing information and an application form which needs to be completed and returned to school. These are due back at school tomorrow, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that parents ensure the application forms are returned by this date so we can forward the requests on to each relevant secondary college. Thanking you in advance for your assistance and support in this important process. Yesterday we had 46 students representing PLPS at the District Cross Country at Toomuc Recreation Reserve. The students in the 9/10 year age group ran 2km and students in the 11 and 12/13 year age group ran a 3km course. Even though this is always a tough event, our competitors put in their best effort and were proud of their results. We have three students who have qualified for the Cardinia Division Cross Country event being held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We wish Evie in year 5, and Tyler and Lila in year 6 all the best for their next event. Thanks again to Mr Vann for the organisation of the event, together with supporting staff on the day.

Last Friday our Year 3 students had an enjoyable day at the Melbourne Museum. The visit was to support the students with their current Inquiry unit 'Victoria: Then and Now'. The students were able to spend time exploring and learning about the story of Melbourne through interactive and informative displays, as well as being immersed in the First Peoples exhibit. Students also took the opportunity of the fine weather to explore the many plant species that grow in both the Milarri Garden and Forest Gallery. Last Friday students in all year level areas received their Term 2 Area newsletter. The newsletter has been produced to share information with parents regarding the teaching and learning that will take place at each year level. These were distributed to the students and have also been posted on Compass.

In the last week of term 1, after receiving conformation from external presenters, School Council approved the dates of our curriculum days for term 2.

A professional learning day for staff is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and our Student Led Conferences/ Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Students are not required at school on these days. OSHClub will be operating a full day program for families who require this service for these days.

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

# Admin News

## DIARY DATES

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

(Note: No swimming on Wednesdays)

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

(selected students)

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

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May: Education Week & Book Fair

(Book Fair open 8:30am - 9:00am & 3:15pm - 4:00pm)

Tuesday 20th May: Year 1 Museum of Play and Art Excursion

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

### Providing spare clothes for your child

As we approach the cooler and wet months and 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!**

# Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

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 2 Literacy and Science

In Year 2 the students have explored the different states of matter including solids, liquids and gases. They have been participating in a variety of experiments and identify the states of matter of the materials, and what reactions have occurred when combining these materials. In Literacy, students have been writing about their observations of these experiments. They have been writing compound sentences to show the relationship between the reactions using the conjunctions because, but and so.



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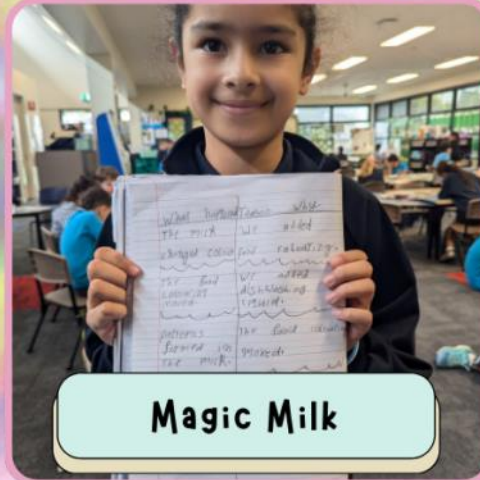
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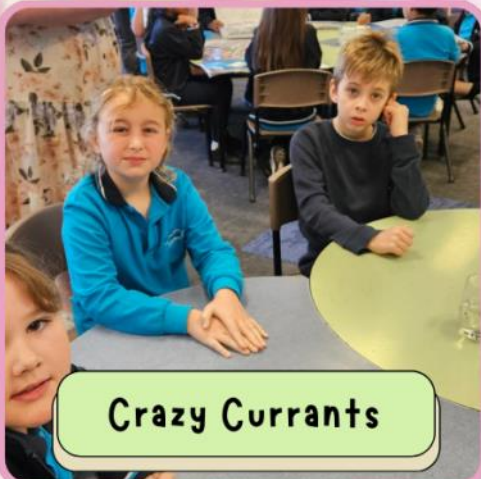
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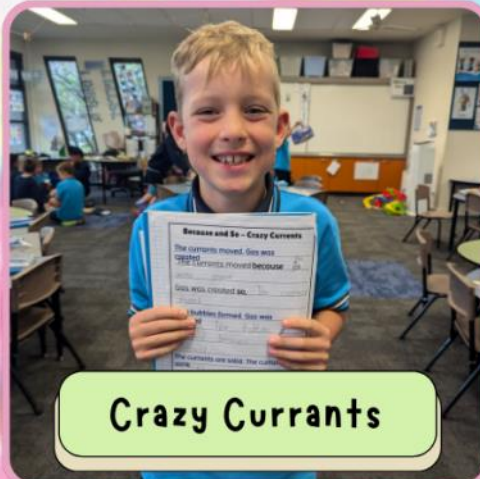
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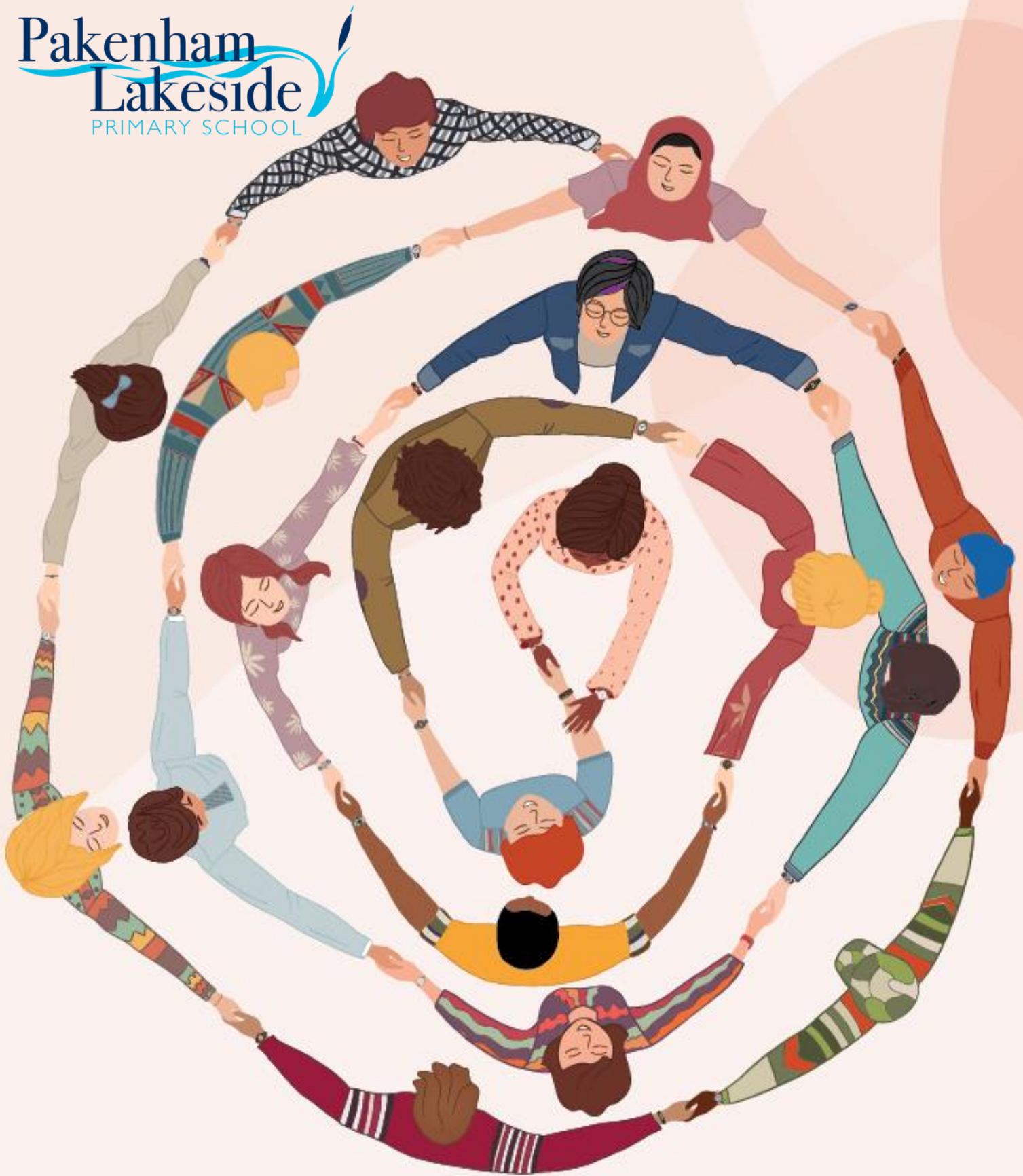


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# GR 6 Media ART

STUDENTS IN GRADE 6 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A PHOTOGRAPHY UNIT USING GO PRO'S AND A DIGITAL SLR CAMERA. STUDENTS HAVE ENJOYED FINDING THE ART ELEMENTS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IN PHOTO FORM AS WELL AS USING ANIMAL HEADS TO CREATE HUMOROUS PORTRAITS. STUDENTS HAVE ALSO WORKED IN A SMALL STUDIO ENVIRONMENT TO CREATE THE BLACK AND WHITE LOW KEY PORTRAITS





# **Celebration of cultures**

Education Week  
19–23 May 2025

# Education Week

## 19–23 May 2025

One of the major events in our second term calendar is Education Week where we have the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students. Education Week will commence on Monday, May 19th and concludes on Friday May 23rd. All children deserve a place to learn and thrive in. This year's theme *Celebration of Cultures* highlights the diversity of our communities and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the week. An Education Week special edition newsletter will also be produced showcasing our students' achievements.

### **Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May - Book Fair**

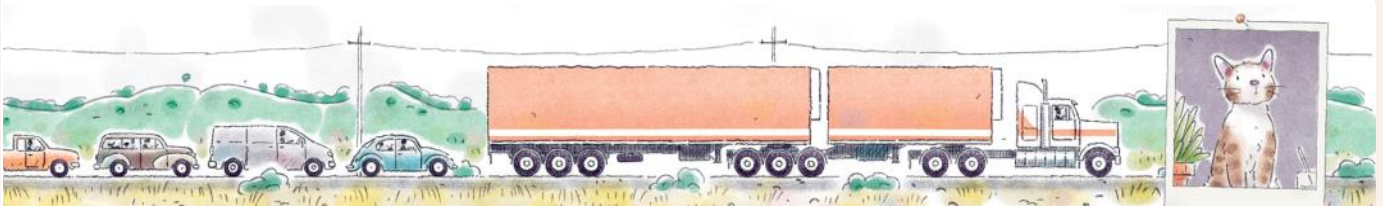
We will be conducting our Lamont Book Fair over five days. Students and families have the opportunity to purchase quality literature to read and enjoy together. Any families may also like to purchase a book to donate to our school library. Any donations will be acknowledged with a label placed inside the book. The Book Fair will be open on each of the days from 8:30-9:00am and 3:15-4:00pm.

### **Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd May - Collaborative cultural challenges**

On Wednesday and Thursday all students will have the opportunity to explore different learning spaces around our school and engage in cross-age, collaborative cultural challenges. Teamwork, creativity and problem solving skills will be used in these sessions as students work together to solve two different problems.

### **Wednesday 21st May - National Simultaneous Storytime**

*The Truck Cat* is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. Along with his human, Yacoub, Tinka travels roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and, in doing so, might find more than they expected ...



### **Friday 23rd May - Newsletter**

A special edition of our school newsletter will be distributed via Compass to share the highlights from the week.



## 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:  
**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](http://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](mailto: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.





## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/policy)).

## 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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

**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

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## 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](http://maestrocorner.mymusicstaff.com)



**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

**CARDINIA TIGERS  
AUSKICK CENTRE**

**James Bathe Rec Reserve**

**Starts May 3rd from 9:30am**





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**superkick**

**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**

