

NEWSLETTER

19th June 2025

Principal's Report

Congratulations to everyone involved in another wonderful musical performance by our Prep and Year 1 students last Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It was a treat to watch our students put on two very entertaining and colourful performances of *"Follow Your Dreams"* for appreciative audiences at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The efforts of our children reflected the time and commitment put into concert preparations by our Performing Arts teachers, Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen. Thank you also to the children's home group teachers and education support staff for the support and assistance they have provided to our students. On behalf of our staff, I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to our parents and families for their support of the children and our Performing Arts program through the provision of costumes and purchase of tickets. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Yesterday Tyler and Evie competed in the South Metropolitan Regional Cross Country run in Hastings. They both ran well and finished in the middle of the field. Congratulations to both students, it is an awesome effort to get through to this level of competition.

Throughout term 2 many of our Year 6 and 5 students have been participating in the Interschool Sport program. Tomorrow will see the culmination of this program with students having the opportunity to compete in the Toomuc Valley Winter Lightning Premiership Day, weather permitting. We will have teams competing in the round robin events in the following sports: AFL 9v9 and Tee-ball at Toomuc Reserve, Netball at Cardinia Life Sports Stadium and Soccer at IYY Reserve in Pakenham. We wish all our teams an enjoyable day in their full day competitions. Parents are encouraged to come along to the competitions to support and encourage our teams.

On Friday June 27th, selected Year 5 and 6 girls will be participating in an all-day AFL 9v9 football event at Toomuc Reserve. They will compete in a round robin tournament against other schools. This will be an enjoyable day where the girls will learn about AFL football and have fun playing the game. Once again, parents are encouraged to come along to support our girls.

On Friday afternoon, June 27th, our students' semester one reports will be available to all families to download from Compass. The student reports outline the growth and development achieved academically and in personal development over the course of the first semester this year.

Thank you to those parents who have accepted our offer and booked a time to participate in our mid-year student led or parent/teacher conversations being conducted on Tuesday, July 1st, commencing at 11:00am and concluding at 7:00pm. Bookings remain open and can be completed via Compass for parents who have not yet secured a time.

The student led conferences and parent/teacher conversations provide an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to celebrate semester one achievements, together with an understanding and outline of the goals and future learning throughout semester two.

Please note that on Tuesday, when our parent/teacher

conversations are held, students do not attend school. If parents require assistance with childcare on the day, our OSHClub will be operating a full day program between their normal operating hours of 6.30am to 6.30pm.

As mentioned at the beginning of term 2, 2026 Prep enrolments are now open. There have been many inquiries and families attending school tours.

All Prep enrolments are managed through the Department of Education online platform 'VicStudents'. If you are intending to enrol your child to begin Prep at PLPS in 2026, please visit our website [PLPS website](http://www.plps.vic.edu.au) and follow the links in the Enrolment tab. All applications need to be submitted by Friday July 25th. Notification of the outcome of your application will be communicated between Monday, July 28th and Friday, August 8th.

If you are experiencing any difficulties using the enrolment platform, please contact the school on 5940 9532 for assistance. If you are aware of any families who are considering our school for their child next year, it would be much appreciated if you could encourage them to contact our school and arrange their enrolment as soon as possible.

An important reminder to all year 6 students and families to please confirm their participation in our year 6 camp to Canberra. Although the camp is in October, final student numbers attending camp need to be communicated to the camp staff early next term. Thank you to those parents who have already consented and made payments towards the camp. To finalise bookings for the accommodation and the venues the students will be visiting, student numbers need to be finalised and are capped. With this timeline fast approaching, please ensure a response has been enacted via Compass for all students no later than **Friday, July 4th**. This is either providing consent, together with the corresponding payments to secure a place or declining the offer. Further payments can be made throughout term 3. Final payment for this camp is due no later than August 22nd. If you would like any assistance with this process, please call our school office.

As outlined last week, OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program for our students at PLPS. The full program is now available outlining all the fun activities planned for the 'World Explorers' themed program. Any inquiries can be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

At the conclusion of term 2, one of our year 3 teachers, Ms Lauren Lord will be leaving us for a period of time, as she commences her maternity leave. We wish her all the best as she starts her family.

Term 2 will conclude on Friday, July 4th. Please note that **school will finish at the earlier time of 2:30pm**. Parents are requested to make the necessary arrangements to have their child collected at this earlier time. Our OSHClub after school program will be operating from this earlier time for those parents who require this service.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 20th June: Toomuc Valley Winter Lightning Premiership
(selected students)

Friday 27th June: Cardinia Girls AFL Day (selected students)

Tuesday 1st July: Parent Teacher Conversations/Student Led Conferences

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

Term 3

Thursday 24th July: Year 4 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Excursion

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 4th July - 9am



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

What the Year 1's have been up to



Literacy - Partner Reading

"Elbow to elbow, knee to knee, I read to you, you read to me"



Numeracy

This term, the Year 1 students have commenced their exploration of addition and subtraction by engaging in hands-on activities.



Junior School Concert

We had an incredible time performing on stage and sharing our songs!



Performing Arts NOTES

With Miss Windust & Ms Dahmen
Term 2, 2025

Prep & Year 1 JUNIOR CONCERT

This term our junior students have been working hard to prepare for their Junior Concert 'Follow Your Dreams'. They have been striving to build their confidence and stage presence while rehearsing and memorising lyrics and actions.



Year 2, 3 & 4 DRAMA

In Years 2, 3 and 4, students have been learning about and practising applying drama skills such as facial expressions, body movement and voice to create characters and dramatic scenes. They have continued exploring ways to use drama to express ideas and stories.

Year 5 DANCE

This term, Year 5 students have been investigating dance trends from the decades. Using examples of iconic dance choreography from each decade, students created their own dance sequences to perform.



Year 6 DANCE

Students have been exploring dance styles inspired by different cultures around the world. They have made their own dance sequences with dance steps inspired by these cultures.

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

CAMP

Year 5 students had the valuable opportunity to attend camp in Beechworth, where they stayed at The Old Priory. Throughout the experience, students engaged in a range of immersive, hands-on activities — including visiting the historic gaol, sending messages at the telegraph station, participating in a courtroom debate, and panning for gold. By building their schema around the topic of Australian bushrangers, with a particular focus on Ned Kelly, students were able to make meaningful connections between classroom learning and real-world historical contexts. A great time was had by all!



BUDDIES

The buddies program supports the transition and connection to school, between our Prep and year 5 students, whilst providing safe and supportive mentors in the playground. It is a valuable initiative that allows our year 5 students to develop and model leadership and mentoring skills through their engagement with learning tasks centred around our school values of respect, responsibility, tolerance, integrity and co-operation. Recently, students have been using relevant mentor texts including the television series 'Bluey', to help Prep students identify and generate conversations about these values. The buddy initiative continues to be a popular aspect for year 5 students to be involved in.



INQUIRY

Through investigation and research in our learning space, students are learning about animal adaptations. During class time, critters have been designed, with specific adaptations in mind, to maximise their survival in a chosen environment. Clay models have been made, and students have written a detailed informative text, including features relevant to non-fiction texts.

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School
Presents

Follow your dreams



If you would like to order a DVD or USB copy of our Follow Your Dreams Junior Concert please visit or contact the school office on 5940 9532.

DVD's \$25 & USB's \$30

STAND UP PROJECT



FIRST
EDITION

JUNE
2025

What is the Stand Up Project?

The Stand Up Project is a school-wide initiative designed to empower students to build respectful, inclusive, and safe communities.

Through engaging workshops and classroom activities, students learn about standing up to bullying, showing empathy, celebrating differences, and making positive choices.

The program encourages confidence, leadership, and kindness, helping students become upstanders rather than bystanders. It aligns with our Social and Emotional Learning goals and supports respectful relationships and student well-being at PLPS. We aim to foster a strong sense of belonging and encourage every child to use their voice to make a difference—in school and beyond.



Current projects

- The Cookie club is meeting regularly about making Stand Up cookies
- The Stand Up Newsletter will come out monthly with updates
- The Stand Up assembly leaders will present regularly



Did you know?

Students are unlikely to stand up to poor behaviour because they feel a diminished sense of responsibility in a group setting. This is called the bystander effect.



Newsletter Editors

- Mitchell
- Noah
- Mrs Allan



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.

Important Information - 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

LATE ARRIVALS

Every child arriving after the 9am bell must come to the school office to collect a Late Pass to take to their teacher.

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.

School Hours and Pick Up

Our school hours are between 9am to 3.15pm each day. We understand that due to traffic and other unforeseen circumstances parents/carers may not be able to pick up their child/children on time. If you are running late to pick up and it is after 3.30pm your child/children who are waiting in the school yard will be asked to wait in our school admin building as there are no teachers on yard duty after this time. If parents/carers are regularly unable to pick up their child/children on time they will need to book into after school care.

OSHClub provide permanent and casual bookings.

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!**



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](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-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://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-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://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-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 |
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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 ____/____/____

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Warragul, VIC



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



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Tuesday
5 August, 2025
9:15am to 3:00pm



Warragul Country Club
41 Sutton Street
WARRAGUL VIC 3820

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided




Interpreters available upon request


During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC

 jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au or
smidwood@positivepartnerships.com.au



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Financial Hub 2025

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- 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.

Tennis Holiday Programs

@ Officer Tennis Club

Week 1...Tuesday July 8th - Wednesday July 9th
Thursday July 10th

Week 2...Tuesday July 15th – Wednesday
July 16th & Thursday July 17th

Friends of friends also welcome

9.30am-12noon

(pre comp & early comp level students, fun games, game play, prizes)

Bookings essential, **\$30/session**

FEE PAYABLE ON THE MORNING

**Call/text Quentin on
(0449) 922661**



THEIR FAVOURITE WEEK OF THE YEAR!

SOMERS CAMP

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