

NEWSLETTER

14th August 2025

Principal's Report

Although we are only halfway through term 3, there are a number of planning processes currently underway for 2026. A crucial strategy around our staffing profile for next year is ensuring we have accurate data around our student enrolments for 2026. Our Prep enrolment numbers play a key role in developing our plans. All Prep enrolments for our area are managed through the DET online platform 'VicStudents'. If you are intending to enrol your child for Prep at PLPS for next year, please visit our [PLPS website](#) and follow the links in the Enrolment tab. If applications have been made to our school, please ensure offers of placement have been accepted and enrolment forms entered through the platform to secure your child's place. It would be much appreciated if you could address this at your earliest convenience so your child may participate in our Transition program, which will be beginning early next term. If you are experiencing any difficulties, 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. In addition, if you are aware that your child will not be attending our school next year, could you please contact our school office on 5940-9532 to let us know. Thank you for your support and assistance with this important part of our planning for the future.

The care and safety of all of our students and members of the PLPS community is of upmost importance. This care is required and applies to our parent drivers when dropping off and collecting students at peak traffic times before and after school. Can I please ask all drivers to adhere to road and parking rules in order to keep everyone safe. Your assistance and patience with this important matter is much appreciated.

It has also been noted recently that some students are not wearing their helmet when riding their bike or scooter to school. Can parents please ensure children are wearing their helmets and reiterate the importance of taking care of themselves and others, particularly when crossing roads and when in close proximity to the school gates. When inside the school grounds, students need to walk their bikes and scooters to where they are going. When outside the gates, students are required to walk their bikes when they get close to the gates in the morning or until they are safely past all school gates in the afternoons. If the school crossing is being used, students need to walk their bike or scooter across, whilst adhering to all rules of the school crossings. Again, thank you for your assistance with our students' safety.

After winning the District Lightning Premiership and the Cardinia Division competitions, our girls and boys Teeball teams will now be competing in the Southern Metropolitan Region winter sport competitions next Monday for the girl's

team and Tuesday for the boy's team. Competing at this level is a great effort and we wish them the best of luck in their competitions. The winning teams from this competition move into the State level.

Preparations are in full swing for our senior school musical of Finding Nemo JR. Currently our year 5 and 6 students are working extremely hard at rehearsals in preparation for their performances at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Monday and Tuesday, September 15th and 16th. Our Performing Arts team of Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen are supporting our students in their preparations, along with other senior school staff members.

Information regarding ticket sales has been communicated to our families via Compass. The first round of tickets are currently on sale. All tickets need to be purchased through Cardinia Cultural Centre (CCC), through their ticketing system. This can be done online, via phone or in person at the CCC. For further information please contact CCC on 1300 887 624. Their operating hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

A key component of our school's culture is our desire to continuously seek ways to improve important aspects around our school's performance.

We are currently conducting our annual Parent and Carer Opinion survey to gather information from our parent community and their thoughts about PLPS. The Parent and Carer Opinion survey is offered by the Department of Education and Training and will open on Monday, August 18th. It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of our parents' perception of our school climate and environment, our core purpose of learning and teaching, student wellbeing and important relationships. These survey results will help to inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Information has been posted on Compass today and further information together with the link to the survey, will be posted to all families on Monday, August 18th. The survey is conducted online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. It would be much appreciated if you could assist us through completing the survey. Thanking you in anticipation for your time to provide your thoughts, ideas and valued information. The survey will be open until Friday, September 19th.

A reminder that Tuesday, August 26th, is a curriculum day and students do not attend school on this day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day's program to support our parents and families on this day. If you require this service you are encouraged to contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th August: Girls Regional Teeball Finals (selected students)

Tuesday 19th August: Boys Teeball Finals (selected students)

Tuesday 19th August: Book Week Character Dress Up Day

Wednesday 20th August: Year 6 Graduation Photo

Friday 22nd August: Year 6 Sorrento Primary School Visit Excursion

Tuesday 26th August: Curriculum Day – Students do not attend on this day

Wednesday 27th August: Year 2 Gumbuya World Excursion

Thursday 28th August: Year 3/4 Hooptime (selected students)

Friday 29th August: Toomuc Valley District Athletics: (selected students)

Tuesday 2nd September: Father's Day Stall – Yr 3 students

Wednesday 3rd September: Father's Day Stall – Prep, Yr1, Yr2, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September: Year 3 Phillip Island Adventure Resort

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th September: Year 5 & 6 Senior School Musical -
Finding Nemo JR

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Monday 18th August - 9am

Thursday 4th September - 9am

Friday 19th September - 9am

Every Day Counts



Being at school is fun when
we learn and play together.

Pakenham
Lakeside
PRIMARY SCHOOL

100 DAYS BRIGHTER

On Thursday 31st July, the Preps participated in their 100 days of school celebration. The day consisted of many exciting activities including crown decorating, writing about their favourite thing about school, t-shirt designing and fairy bread making. We then finished off the day with a disco! We are so incredibly proud of our Preps for completing their first 100 days of school!



PREP

Getting to make our own t-shirts.

-Willow PK

Our favourite things about 100 days were...

Dressing up with my bowtie.

-Kruize PY

Getting to eat fairy bread.

-Chaise PK

Making the fairy bread

-Jasmine PJ

Making the fairy bread

-Kyrie PJ

Dancing and singing at the disco.

-Gurjyot PD

The music at the party.

-Hayden Prep AW

Taking photos with the sunglasses.

-Josiah PD

Making a 100 days t-shirt.

-Aubrey PY

The songs at the disco.

-Mia Prep AW

Boys and Girls Teeball Cardinia

Division Finals



On Friday the 1st of August, the PLPS Boys and Girls Teeball teams played in the Cardinia Division Finals at Toomuc Reserve.

The day was played in great spirit with lots of awesome striking and fielding skills on show as well as plenty of highlights.

Both teams were successful and now have their place in the Regional Finals next week!

Well done to all players involved and thank you to the support we had on the day.



If you are in Year 4, 5 or 6 and have finished the reading Challenge, please don't forget to send your completed booklists back into the Office for Miss McMillan to collect!



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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28th August

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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



Make your home a haven for a vulnerable child

Mackillop Family Services is calling on the community to make their home a haven for vulnerable children and young people. Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community full-time, short-term, or on weekends or school holidays.

Mackillop supports foster carers with comprehensive training, ongoing advice, respite care and an around the clock helpline.



If you think this is a role that you and your family are ready for, call Mackillop on **1300 791 677** or visit **www.mackillop.org.au/fostercare** for further information or to make an enquiry.

Book Week Character Dress Up Day Tuesday 19th August 2025

We will be celebrating BOOK WEEK from **Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August** to highlight the importance of literacy learning.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a whole school **Book Character Dress Up Day** which will be held on **Tuesday 19th August**. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and can bring along a book to read. Individual year levels will celebrate the day in their respective learning spaces and run activities throughout the week.

We look forward to a successful and fun-filled week!



PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

**OPEN FOR
REGISTRATION**

ALL AGE GROUPS

**PAKENHAM
CRICKET CLUB**

**GREAT
FAMILY
CLUB!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
PLAYERS TO PLAY IN:
UNDER 10'S, UNDER 12'S, UNDER 14'S, UNDER 16'S**

HAVEN'T PLAYED CRICKET BEFORE?

**DOESN'T MATTER! JUNIOR CRICKET IS ALL ABOUT PARTICIPATION, HAVING FUN AND
LEARNING THE SKILLS REQUIRED AS YOU TRAIN AND PLAY!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT US ON PLAYHQ, FACEBOOK
OR ON OUR WEBSITE**

YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL

On 15 February 2026, Yakkerboo will proudly celebrate the 50th anniversary of its beloved community festival.

Much like Moomba, the Yakkerboo Festival features rides, market stalls, community displays, stage performances, fireworks, and a vibrant walking parade.

Traditionally, this event has been a highlight on the local calendar and a wonderful opportunity for schools and kindergartens to take part in a large-scale community celebration. As we mark this milestone year, we would be thrilled to see strong participation from local educational communities and invite you to be part of this special occasion.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Parade

There is no cost to join the parade. You may walk with banners in uniform or dress to our 2026 festival theme, "Celebrating 50 years of Mr Yakkerboo".

Stage Performance

There is no cost for a 15-minute performance on the stage.

Market Stall

A 3m by 3m space will be provided at no charge to not for profit groups and \$85 for all other groups.



Contact Us

entryforms@yakkerboo.org.au



More Information

<https://yakkerboo.org.au>

Socials:



10AM - 4PM

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FEBRUARY
2026

**PB RONALD
RESERVE**

JOHN ST.,
PAKENHAM

