

NEWSLETTER

11th September 2025

Principal's Report

Last Friday saw the return of our Year Three campers from their first school camp to Phillip Island. A great time was had by all! Our students participated in several activities that promoted co-operation and presented them with personal challenges, including the giant swing, circotron and the initiatives course. The varying weather conditions provided some challenges, but our students demonstrated resilience, and our campers contributed as team members and demonstrated our school's core values both at camp and out in the wider community. I would like to express my thanks to Ms Olszewski, Ms Weinman, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Smith, Mrs Phillips, Ms Jin, Mrs Vanderveen, Ms Dickson, Ms Freedman, Mr Nilo and Mr Collins for their time and contributions to this camp.

Thank you to our parent association for the Father's Day stall, that was held over several days last week, due to other events taking place. Thank you to the parents and staff who organised the stall for our students and our sincere thanks to all our volunteers who helped at the stall over the week. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Athletics on Wednesday 3rd September. Our athletes represented our school honourably, both in their competitive efforts and when representing PLPS. In the final week of this term, we will have 15 individual students competing at the Division Athletics Carnival. This will take place on Wednesday 17th September. We wish them the best of luck in their events.

Yesterday our PLPS teeball teams competed in the State Finals at Waverley Softball Centre. This was an amazing achievement as these were our first representatives at the School Sport Victoria state level. Our boys fought hard all day but came up against some tough opposition in the games. The girls were given a wildcard entry into the tournament and finished off the day with two wins and a loss. To have two wins at the state level is such an achievement and we are proud of both teams for their efforts. Thank you also to Mr Vann and Mr Douglas for efforts and support of these events.

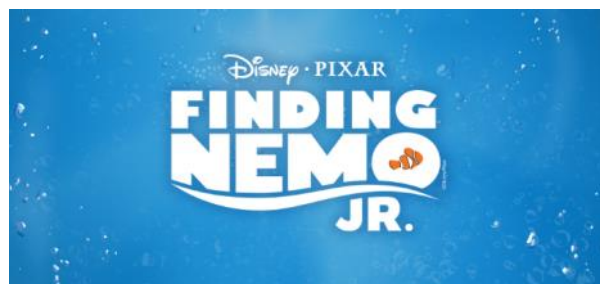
Recently three of our students competed in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. In the Year Three and Four competition, Connor spoke about an invention he would like to create. Competing in the Year Five and Six competition, Aarik and Shunuo spoke about the impacts of modern technology. All students were outstanding representatives of PLPS and delivered their speeches confidently. Congratulations to all our students for putting themselves forward and participating in the event.

On Monday we had a large turn out to the Year Two Expo that showcased their learning of Australia Animals, where the students have been focusing on researching animals, native to Australia. Writing pieces and artworks were also produced and displayed. The students enjoyed sharing their learning with the many community visitors.

On Monday 15th September we are looking forward to welcoming our 2026 Prep students and families to our Open Afternoon as part

of our Prep Transition to PLPS. The afternoon is an opportunity for the students to visit the Prep learning spaces and meet some of the current PLPS Prep and Specialist staff. The afternoon commences at 3:30pm and concludes at 4:30pm.

Next Monday and Tuesday evening, our Year Five and Six students will be performing in our senior musical "Finding Nemo Jr" at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The students have been busy rehearsing and a big thank you to our Performing Arts team of Ms Windust and Ms Dahmen for their organisation and support of our students. Thank you also to our parents and families for your continued support of our Performing Arts through your provision of costumes and your purchase of performance tickets. We look forward to the shows! Some tickets are still available via the Cardinia Cultural Centre via the link on Compass.



Next Wednesday we will have 20 students representing PLPS at the "Deadly Day" Koorie Celebration Day, held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. The word 'deadly' is an Aboriginal English translation meaning awesome/great/fantastic. This is the third annual event involving schools across the Cardinia Schools' network to celebrate and learn about Indigenous culture. Students will be participating in a Welcome to Country, sports and art activities, a yarnning circle and a scavenger hunt.

Thank you to the many families who have already completed the parent opinion survey. All families have been invited to participate, with information and the link being posted on Compass. It would be much appreciated if you could please complete the survey as this provides the school with informative data. The link to the survey is accessible until Friday 19th September.

Term 3 is concluding on Friday 19th September. Students are welcome to come to school wearing their football (any code) team's colours. We ask that no spiked shoes are worn or brought to school. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a parade, **and we are unable to have spectators due to the limited capacity in the gym.**

With school holidays fast approaching, I would like to advise all families that OSHClub is providing their vacation care program for our students at PLPS. Any inquiries may be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Matthew Lee
Acting Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 18th September: Cardinia Koorie Kids Celebration Day 'Deadly Day'

Term 4

Monday 6th October: Term 4 Commences

Monday 6th - Friday 10th October: Year 6 Canberra Camp

Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th November: Year 4 Woorabinda Camp

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 19th September - 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 - obey parking signs, **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.

Important Information - Nearby Parking

Cardinia Shire Council's parking officers would like to remind the school community that it is an offence to park across a resident's driveway. This has become a regular problem around the school, but particularly in Radiata Cct.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated by the residents.

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.

End of Term 3 - 2025

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 3 will be:

Friday 19th September

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **2:30pm**

If you are unable to arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this earlier dismissal time our OSHClub will be operating from the earlier time to accommodate families.

All inquiries can be directed to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.

Thank you.

Be HERE



Be YOUR BEST!

We come to school everyday to help us succeed!

Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



TERM 3

Minibeast Day

On Tuesday, the 2nd of September, the Year One students took part in a special day celebrating their minibeast learning. 'Reptile Encounters' joined us and gave the children a hands-on experience where they were given the opportunity to see and even touch various creatures, including scorpions, spiders, caterpillars, and more. The day was filled with creativity, as the students also made 'minibeast-biscuits' and engaged in fun arts and crafts inspired by their tiny new friends.



Pakenham Lakeside Primary School's
Production of

Disney • PIXAR

FINDING NEMO



JR.

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We are opening up ticket sales to our wider school community as our Year 5 and 6 students have been working extremely hard on their Disney "Find Nemo JR" musical and look forward to performing for you at Cardinia Cultural Centre on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of September at 7pm.

You are most welcome to come and watch!

Price - Adults \$18 and Children (under 16yo) \$15.

Children aged 3 years and under are free when not occupying a seat (sitting on your lap) Tickets can be purchase online, over the phone 1300 887 624 or in person at the CCC. Their operating hours are Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

<https://cardinia.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/152435>



Join the Adventure!

Pakenham Joeys Need You!

Are you aged 5–7 and love hanging out with friends, exploring the outdoors, and trying new things?

Joeys is all about fun, friendship, and adventure — from games and camping to learning cool skills and giving back to the community.

Come join the fun, make lifelong friends, and be part of something amazing.



Contact us today:

gl@pakenhamscouts.org.au

1800 SCOUTS (726 887)



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Cultural
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CHAT ENCOUNTER CULTURE CAMP

FOOD SPORT ART MUSIC YARNS



What is a CHAT Encounter Culture Day Camp?

CHAT Camp is a four day program built to encourage and teach us how to have respectful and curious conversations with people different to us. .

Enjoy yummy food, sport, basketball, dance and drama, play djembe drums, make new friends, win prizes and share the experience of different cultures whilst we learn how to show respect and curiosity towards one another.

Each day builds on the last, with a performance , sideshow alley carnival games & sausage sizzle for the family on the last day. So make sure you come to all four days to rehearse !

Your local camp with a difference!

LOCATION PAKENHAM Baptist Church Community Hall , 1 Bentley Court. Pakenham

WHEN 9am-3:30pm on Mon 22nd Sept - Thurs 25th Sept -1st wk of school holidays

WHO Grades 4-8 (co-ed)

HOW MUCH **EARLYBIRD \$70** (or \$80 after 7th Sept) per ild for all **4 days** including morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea (family discount)

ENQUIRIES Samantha Bond 0468 314 499 E: samantha.bond@suchaplaincy.org.au
OR Connie Tay 0420 910 408 E: connie.tay@suchaplaincy.org.au

REGISTER Ask for a form via email, or register online via su.org.au/camps or QR code



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

15
FEBRUARY
2026

**PB RONALD
RESERVE**

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PAKENHAM





Kickboxing Camp

2x3 hr Sessions • 7-15 yrs

October 2025 Dates

Wed 1st 8:30am - 11:30am

Fri 3rd 8:30am - 11:30am

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus,
14 South Dr, Bentleigh East, VIC

What Is Involved

- Mongkong Ritual
- Strength / Conditioning
- Footwork Drills
- Fitness Work
- Thai Pad Training
- Clinching / Grappling
- Ring Craft
- Sparring In Ring
- Cool Down Massage
- Nutrition Planning
- Fighters Psychology

www.allstarsdefence.com.au



School Holiday Program

3 Fun Filled Days • 8:30am to 3:30pm • Ages 4-12

October 2025 Dates

Wednesday, 1st Oct

Thursday, 2nd Oct

Friday, 3rd Oct

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus, 14
South Dr, Bentleigh East, VIC

What Is Involved

- Karate/Kickboxing/MMA Training
- Class Discussions
- Weapons Training
- Self Defence
- Movie
- Ninja Obstacle Course
- Nerf Wars
- Soft Archery
- Ninja Rope Climbing
- Tournament Practice
- Games
- Grading (if eligible after 4 days)

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Koo Wee Rup

fun day out

Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with Kooweerup Regional Health is hosting a FREE fun day out during these school holidays

Join in the fun with loads of activities:

- > **Free skate lessons** *(bookings required)*
- > **Local young performers**
- > **Delicious free food**
- > **Fun activities for everyone**

**Wednesday,
1 October,
11am - 3pm**

**Cochrane Park,
Rossiter Road,
Kooweerup**



Find out more information at
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/septholidays25



This event is drug, alcohol, smoke, and vape-free.

Proudly supported by the Victorian Government in partnership with Cardinia Shire Council Youth Services, Parks Placemaking, and Kooweerup Regional Health Service.



JOIN CARDINIA LEISURE FOR SOME

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

**THURSDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER
10.30AM TO 12.30PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**JAMES BOOTHE COMMUNITY
& SPORTS HUB**

**67 CAVERSHAM DRIVE
PAKENHAM**

**Cardinia
Leisure**

FOOTY



TUG OF WAR



CATCH & THROW



BIG JENGA!



ROPE QUOITS



COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN WITH THE CARDINIA STREET TEAM WITH FUN ACTIVITIES
& GAMES IN THE PARK! SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY AGED (KIDS 4-10YR)
LITTLE ONES ALSO WELCOME !

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

**WEDNESDAY
1ST OCTOBER
11.00AM TO 2.00PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**SKATE JAM
COCHRANE PARK**

**243 ROSSITER RD
KOO WEE RUP**

FOOTY



Cardinia
Leisure

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Hub Art Club

A six week art club for local kids and their families, facilitated by a La Trobe University Master of Art Therapy student, Michelle.

All art materials and afternoon tea provided.

No art skills needed. Just be ready to have fun making art together.

Contact:

0457 825 076 or
cfccardinia@anglicarevic.org.au

Communities for Children are funded by the Federal Govt. Visit dss.gov.au

When:

Tuesdays: 3:30 - 4:45pm
October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
November 4th, 11th

Where:

Parent Zone Hub, 75 Army Rd,
Pakenham

Click [here](#)
to register or
scan the QR
code.





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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACCELERATE PROGRAM

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**September
22nd-25th**

*It is a well researched fact
that short burst of intensive
learning accelerates
motor skill development*





Bringing Up Great Kids Berwick

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) is a six-session program for parents and caregivers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

It focuses on building positive and supportive relationships between parents and their children.

The program encourages mindfulness and reflection to improve communication and helps parents understand what influences their parenting.

BUGK aims to:

- Encourage parents to think about their parenting and strengthen their bond with their children.
- Teach about brain development and its impact on a child's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours.
- Help parents understand why children behave in certain ways.
- Identify challenges that may make parenting more difficult.
- Explore ways to improve parents' self-care and overall well-being.

Please note: This program is designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

COST

Free

DATES

Mondays

October: 20th and 27th

November: 10th, 17th and 24th

December: 1st

(no group – 3rd Nov)

TIME

10am until 12:30pm

VENUE

Bridgewater Community Centre
45 Bridgewater Blvd,
Berwick VIC 3806

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential

ENQUIRIES

P: 9704 8377

E: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER

<https://forms.office.com/r/nnzAPnahzL>



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Circle of Security Parenting™ - Narre Warren Empower Your Parenting Journey

An eight-session course designed for parents of children aged 4 months to 6 years.

Are you ever puzzled by your child's behaviour, unsure of how to respond to their needs? Imagine confidently understanding and addressing what your child is truly seeking from you.

The Circle of Security Parenting™ program offers a transformative opportunity to strengthen your parent-child relationship, grounded in decades of research.

Through this program, you will:

Decode Your Child's Emotions: Learn to interpret and respond to your child's emotional cues effectively.

Foster Emotional Resilience: Equip your child with the tools to manage their emotions successfully.

Boost Self-Esteem: Support your child's confidence and self-worth.

Trust Your Parental Instincts: Embrace your natural wisdom and commitment to your child's security.



This program is in partnership with the City of Casey and designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey. Please note children cannot attend the sessions, enquire with us in relation to child care options.

COST
Free

DATES
Mondays [8 weeks]
October: 13th, 20th, 27th
November: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
December: 1st

TIME
10:00am until 12:00pm

VENUE
Bunjil Place - Library
2 Patrick Northeast Dr,
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377
E: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER
<https://forms.office.com/r/39QvnX22Wt>




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Tuning in to Teens™ Pakenham

This engaging six session parenting program is designed for parents and carers of adolescents aged 10 to 18 years.

Based on an easy-to-follow five-step emotional coaching approach, Tuning in to Teens™ empowers families to build stronger relationships and support adolescent's emotional well-being.

Join us and make a lasting impact on your family's well-being!

By participating, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and nurture your teen's emotional intelligence.
- Confidently coach your teen through big feelings by tuning in to their emotions.
- Equip your teen with tools to manage emotions, solve problems, and navigate challenges.
- Teach your teen healthy ways to handle conflict and build resilience.

Please note: This program is designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

COST
Free

DATES
Wednesdays

October: 22nd, 29th

November: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

TIME
10am until 12:30pm

VENUE
James Bathe Community & Sports Hub
67 Caversham Drive, Pakenham
3810

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377

E: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER
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