

Principal's Report

Our students and staff have had an enjoyable week engaging in activities promoting and celebrating the learning at PLPS throughout Education Week. Yesterday and today, students in years 1 to 6 participated in a cross-age collaborative activities. Students worked in small groups and designed a school flag and were challenged to create the tallest flagpole to fly their flag. The project involved collaboration in design and construction and provided opportunities for students to learn with different students and staff. The students have shared that they enjoyed the challenge of the project and working with students from other year levels.

Many students have produced posters showcasing what they love about being at PLPS. These are being displayed around the school for students and families to celebrate. A special edition newsletter will also be produced and posted tomorrow, sharing our highlights with the school community.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the opportunity to visit our Book Fair which has been set up in our school library. Families have taken great interest in the many books being available. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to purchase some books for your children to enjoy at home. Thank you also to those people who have purchased a book and then kindly donated it to our library collection. We truly appreciate your generosity and this will be acknowledged with a note inside the book. Any funds that are raised through our Book Fair are used to purchase further titles that can be placed in our library for students to read and borrow. Tomorrow after school, will be the final opportunity for our students and parents to visit the Book Fair. Thank you to everyone for your support this week.

Last Friday on our Curriculum Day, our staff participated in professional learning facilitated by Bron Ryrie-Jones, a leading educator and facilitator in explicit and responsive teaching. In 2026 one of our Annual Implementation Plan key improvement strategies is to 'Continue to strengthen staff professional knowledge and practice by deepening understanding and consistent implementation'. The day was highly engaging for all staff, providing multiple opportunities for teachers and education support staff to collaborate in analysing and reflecting on how these practices are currently implemented within our classrooms. Staff were able to view both videos and live examples of the strategies being presented, supporting a shared understanding of these practices and their alignment with our own Instructional Model. Rich discussion and collaborative planning around embedding these practices into our teaching repertoire will continue to strengthen consistency and impact across our school.

Yesterday our Prep students enjoyed a visit by CARP productions. The incursion involved a performance called "Happy Being Me!" that is connected with their Social and Emotional Learning Unit about friendship and personal strengths. The students particularly enjoyed the dancing and the opportunity to join the performers as part of the show.

The Year 1 Science topic for Term 2 focuses on understanding how objects move and the science behind

different types of movement. Tomorrow, students will participate in an exciting incursion presented by 'Hands on Science'. This engaging experience will provide students with opportunities to take part in a range of movement-based activities designed to illustrate the forces that influence different types of motion.

School Council is currently reviewing our Child Safe Standards policies. The policies being reviewed are Child Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and Child Abuse - Identification and Response Policy and Procedures. The current policies being reviewed can be found on our school's website. If you would like to provide any feedback on these policies, please contact me at school on 59409532 or via our school email pakenham.lakeside.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Preparations have begun for our year 3 camp being conducted at Phillip Island Adventure Camp in term three. The camp is scheduled for Wednesday August 26th to Friday August 28th. 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 on May 8th. To assist with our planning, can parents please consent and pay the deposit by June 5th or decline the offer to attend camp.

As previously advised via Compass, the Smile Squad dental team will be visiting our school. Today they commenced the dental examinations for students who have parent or carer consent provided. We are expecting the squad to be at PLPS for the remainder of this term. If you if you would still like your child to receive a free dental health examination, please refer to the Compass post yesterday, detailing how to register via the QR code.

As mentioned at the beginning of term 2, 2027 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 2027, please visit our [PLPS website](#) and follow the links in the Enrolment tab. All applications need to be submitted by Friday July 31st. Notification of the outcome of the applications will be communicated between Monday, August 3rd and Friday, August 14th. Please contact the school on 5940 9532 if you require any 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.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Diary Dates

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Friday 1st May - Friday 12th June: Winter Interschool Sports
(selected students)

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May: Education Week and Book Fair

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May: Year 1 Hands on Science Incursion

Friday 29th May: Junior Concert costumes due back at school

Thursday 4th June: Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

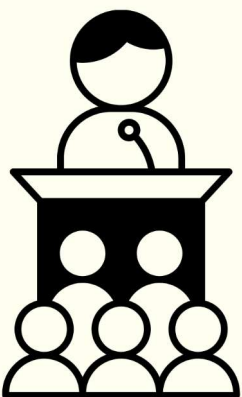
Monday 8th June: King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 10th to Thursday 11th June: Junior Concert - Shine Bright

Monday 22nd & Wednesday 24th June: Yr 4 Hands on Science Incursion

Friday 26th June: End of Term 2 - Early dismissal 2:30pm

Assembly Dates



Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Wednesday 27th May 9am

Tuesday 9th June 9am

Friday 26th June 9am

Change of clothes

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!



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 during this time. If you need to collect your child it may be easier to pick them up before lunch commences or after lunch has finished.



Sharing of food



Important message:



Sharing of food items is NOT permitted at PLPS, due to reasons associated with health, safety and family beliefs and choice. Food cannot be distributed to other students: this includes food items to celebrate birthdays. Non-food items can be shared for birthdays, if so desired.

When food items are being used within the teaching and learning programs at school, communications will be posted on Compass to parents and carers outlining the food items being used. Parents will have the option to discuss implications for their child or opt out of these activities.

Prep & Year 1 Junior Concert

SHINE
BRIGHT

A child with brown hair, wearing a red shirt and blue shorts, stands with their back to the viewer on a path in a lush, magical forest. Sunlight beams through the trees, illuminating the scene. The words "SHINE BRIGHT" are written in large, glowing yellow letters in the center of the image.

Tickets are now on sale for our Prep and Year 1 Junior Concert - Shine Bright.

Please see the Compass post for information regarding the purchasing of tickets.

Orders for a USB recording are available for purchase via Compass Events

YEAR SIX MOVERS AND SHAKERS

WEATHERING VS EROSION

During Term Two, Year Six students have been building their understanding of two geological processes, weathering and erosion.



WEATHERING

Weathering is when rocks are broken down over time by natural forces such as wind, water and temperature changes. There are different types of weathering including physical weathering and chemical weathering. Physical weathering is when rocks break into smaller pieces without changing what the rock is made of. Chemical weathering, however, changes the minerals inside the rock through reactions with water or air. We experimented with chalk, sandpaper and salt to simulate weathering. - **Asina (6M)**



EROSION

Erosion is a natural process where wind and water over time detaches and redeposits various particles such as sand and soil. For the experiment we put a cluster of particles which were sand on a plate and got into groups of 3-4. From there we all took turns applying different levels of wind to the sand. The lower the force the more the sand didn't move, while the higher the force the more the sand moved. - **Aarik (6F)**



CONNECTION TO ENGLISH

Throughout our English unit, we have been developing our understanding and knowledge of natural disasters. We will be applying this knowledge to write an information report about a well known natural disaster.

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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

Our Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier.

Please visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician

Victorian
Premiers'
Reading
Challenge 2026

Stories to discover. **VICTORIA**
Stories to tell. State Government

If you are in Year 4-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade

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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 road 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:

- **Adhere to the road rules:** Do not block the flow of traffic or allow students to get in and out of a vehicle while in the flow of traffic, even if the vehicle is stopped.
- **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.

Drivers are advised that any offences detected may lead to the issuing of an infringement notice. This may be affixed to the windscreen or posted via mail.

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

PLPS is now set up to collect and raise funds through the Victorian Government's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). This means students and the PLPS community can deposit eligible bottles and cans and help raise money for the school.

CDS Vic is a state-wide recycling program that gives charities and community groups the opportunity to receive donations or to fundraise by hosting a container collection drive – all while keeping the environment clean.

How can I donate my bottles and cans?

Take them to a local collection point

You can transfer your containers at any CDS East refund points. This is our preferred method. Use [this link](#) to find your nearest refund point. Our closest refund point to school is the Club Officer Car Park (off Cardinia Rd) or you can go to the big CDS Vic Pakenham Depot at 100 Bald Hill Rd. There are 7 drop off points listed for Pakenham.

Step-by-step instructions

- Download the CDS Vic East App – [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and create a profile (you will only need to do this step once)
- Insert your eligible bottles or cans at the refund point
- In the App look up 'Pakenham Lakeside Primary School' under 'Donate your refunds' and press 'Set as refund type'. Your active payout is now set as 'Donation'
- Scan your App barcode at your local machine
- 100% of the refund will go to supporting the students of PLPS!

Your Zone ID Barcode:
C2000074679





RVM: HOW TO USE

1. START BY INSERTING ALL YOUR ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS BOTTOM FIRST



RVM: HOW TO USE

2. ONCE YOU HAVE INSERTED ALL YOUR CONTAINERS CLICK ENTER 'ZONE ID'



RVM: HOW TO USE

3. OPEN (OR DOWNLOAD) THE VIC EAST APP & SCAN 'ZONE ID' BARCODE



RVM: HOW TO USE

4. COLLECT YOUR RECEIPT & YOUR DIGITAL REFUND WILL BE PROCESSED

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Collect eligible cans, cartons, and bottles and donate them to your local school, community group, or place of worship.



Eligible



- Aluminium cans
- Plastic bottles
- Glass bottles
- Paperboard cartons (under 1L)
- Steel bottles/cans

Most beverage containers (between 150mL and 3L) made from aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard are eligible.

Ineligible



- Wine and spirit bottles
- Milk containers
- Paperboard cartons (over 1L)
- Cordial bottles

Don't throw these out! Ineligible containers may still be accepted in your kerbside recycling bin.

Every 10 cent container you donate helps your community raise important funds.

Scan the QR code to learn more information in your language:



Register for a **FREE RICHMOND MEMBERSHIP!**

Join our family and become the newest Tiger Cub!
Get access to 3 Richmond Home Games
this 2026 Toyota AFL Premiership Season

Scan the QR code for more information
& to redeem your free membership!



Footy gets kids off screens and running free – fresh air, muddy knees and big smiles are all part of the package.



FIND YOUR FOOTY FIT



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game. This program is played at the same location and time weekly.

JUNIOR FOOTY

7+ YEAR OLDS

For the child ready to be part of a team and take the next step in their footy journey. Offering the thrill of playing matches each week, all with modified rules to prioritise safety.



**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

ELIGIBLE CHILDREN MAY RECEIVE UP TO \$200 TO COVER THE COSTS FOR REGISTRATION FEES