Pakenham Lakeside PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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Principal's Report

This week is Book Week, one of our most popular and eagerly anticipated events each year. On Tuesday, our learning spaces came alive with vibrant colours and creative costumes as students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. The day was filled with fun and excitement, with a wide range of beloved characters brought to life. Students thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in costume and loved seeing the staff join in on the fun. Additional literacy activities and exploration of books have been enjoyed by the students throughout the week. Thank you to our school community for your enthusiasm and participation in celebrating Book Week.

Exciting news, our boys Teeball team will be competing in the State Teeball finals. After winning the District Lightning Premiership and the Cardinia Division competitions, the boys Teeball team recently competed in the Southern Metropolitan Region winter sport competition in Mornington. The team played extremely well, with some close games taking them through to the final. The final was a convincing win for the boys. It is a tremendous effort for the team to be competing at this level. Thank you to Mr Vann for his coaching and organisation. Thanks also to the parents who assisted with transport and supported the boys on the day. We wish them the very best when they compete in the State final on Wednesday, September 16th at the Waverley Softball Centre.

Last Wednesday our prep students participated in the 'Myuna Farm Mobile Ark' incursion. The incursion supported their inquiry unit on living and non-living things in a farm context. The students are learning about how to determine what farm animals need to survive and investigate the variety of products that farm animals produce. The incursion offered students the opportunity to touch, feed, cuddle and see the farm animals. They particularly enjoyed feeling the difference between the animals' coverings of fur, feathers or shell.

Thursday of last week our Year 2 students participated in an excursion to Gumbuya World. The visit was to provide students with experiential learning to support their current unit of inquiry. The students have been learning about Australian animals, investigating the classifications, features, habitats, diets and life cycles of a range of native animals. The students enjoyed seeing the native animal they have studied at school. The highlight of the day for many students was the bird show. The birds flew close by, and the students were fascinated by their wingspan and ease of movement. They enjoyed the 'singing' of some of the birds too. The opportunity to be up close and interact with the lizards, and hold a python was also exciting for the students. A very enjoyable day for students and staff.

On October 12th, week two of term four, our year 6 students will be heading off for an educational tour of the national capital. This tour of Canberra supports their learning with their inquiry unit in Civics and Citizenship. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program toward costs. The rebate will be paid to the school upon completion of the excursion. I look forward to hearing reports from our senior students about their learning and experiences in Canberra when they return.

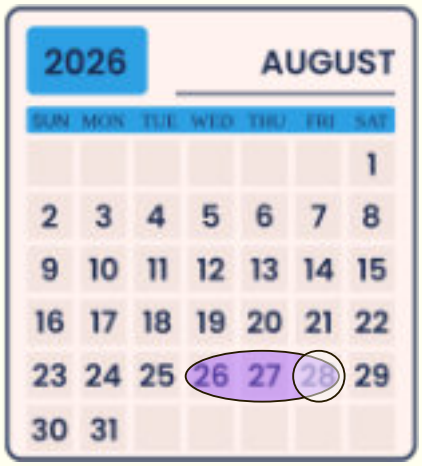
Tomorrow 49 students from Years 4-6 will represent our school at the District Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. We wish all our competitors the best of luck in their events and hope to see several individuals and teams qualify for the Division Carnival later this term. We encourage parents to come along and cheer on our team, showing their support for our athletes. Thank you to Mr Vann and Mr Seton for all their organisation, planning and preparation to support our athletes on this day.

Today our year 4 students had an enjoyable day at the Botanical Gardens in Cranbourne. Students participated in learning the importance of the environment to the Boonwurrung people and their connection to Country. The visit to the gardens reinforced and supported the students with their History unit and to develop a greater understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. The students were very interested in the up-close encounters with indigenous artefacts, foods and beverages. They discovered how food sources were caught or collected and shared some lemon myrtle tea.

With Fathers' Day approaching, our students will have an opportunity to purchase a gift from our Fathers' Day stall being held on Wednesday, September 2nd. Thank you to the parents and staff who organised the stall for our students. Thank you also to all our volunteers who are helping at the stall next week. Further information was posted to Compass last week.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Diary Dates









Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th August: Year 3 Phillip Island Camp

Friday 28th August: District Athletics (selected students)

Tuesday 1st September: Rescheduled 3/4 Hooptime (selected students)

Wednesday 2nd September: Father's Day Stall

Thursday 10th September: Year 6 Graduation Photo taken

Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th September: Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back - Senior School Musical

Friday 18th September: End of Term 3 - **Early dismissal 2:30pm**

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Monday 31st August 9am

Friday 18th September 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.



YEAR 5 ZOO DAY

Our Year 5 students recently enjoyed a fantastic day at the zoo as part of our Animal Adaptations unit.

Students explored the zoo, observed a variety of animals and discovered how their different adaptations help them survive in their environments. It was a great opportunity to bring our classroom learning to life!

A wonderful day of learning, exploring and making memories together! 🐾







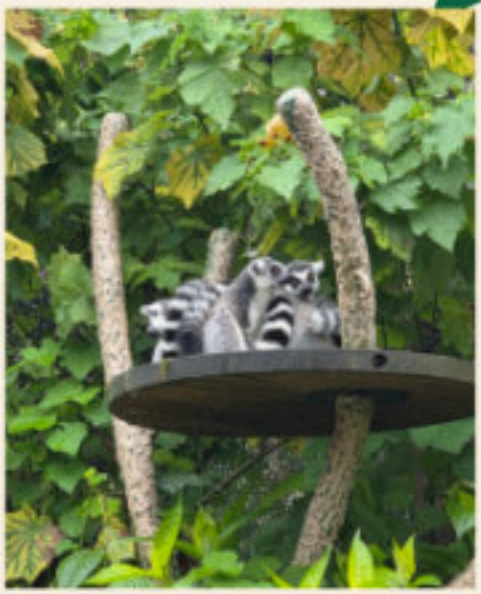






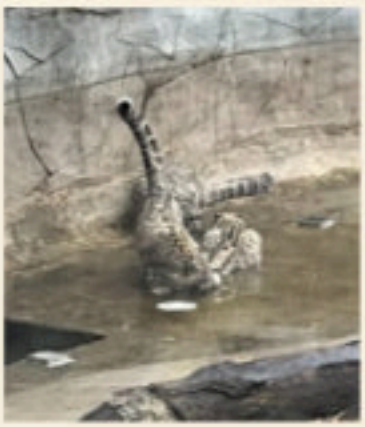
















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STAR WARTS

THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK

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 "Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back" musical and look forward to performing for you at Cardinia Cultural Centre on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th of September at 7pm.

You are most welcome to come and watch!

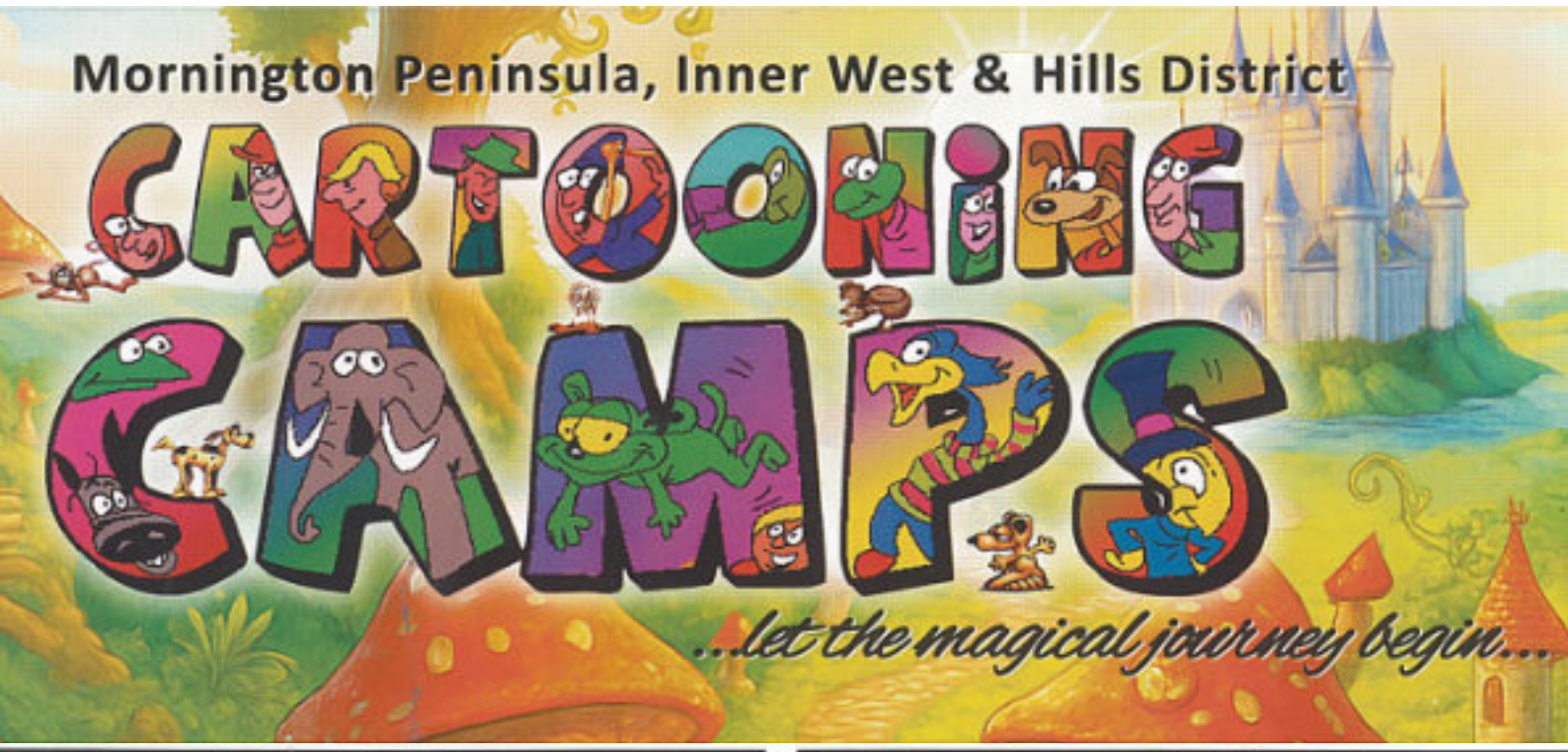
Price - Adults $20 and Children (under 16yo) $15. Children aged 3 years and under are free when not occupying a seat (sitting on your lap) Tickets can be purchase online, over the phone 1300 887 624 or in person at the CCC. Their operating hours are Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm.

https://cardinia.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/167215



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- Click the Cartoon Workshops button in the middle of our home page
- Select: Your location
- Check your junk, spam folders for the confirmation
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email
- Children 4 - 15 years (Juniors: 4 - 7 / Intermediates: 8 - 10 / Seniors: 11 - 15)

$60 Short Day	9.30am - 3.30am
$65 Long Day	8am - 6pm (part thereof)
$30 Thursday night	6pm - 9pm



Early Bird

5 Day Program

Book 4 Long Days Monday to Thursday NOT Friday - by 4.30pm Friday September 4th & we'll add your child to Friday for FREE

Saving $65

4 Day Program (Hills District Sydney)

Book 4 Long Days Tuesday to Friday by 4.30pm Friday September 4th & we'll add your child to the Thursday night program for FREE

Dates & Venues

Mornington Peninsula
Monday September 21st - Friday September 25th
Boneo Community Centre
572 Boneo Road, Boneo Victoria

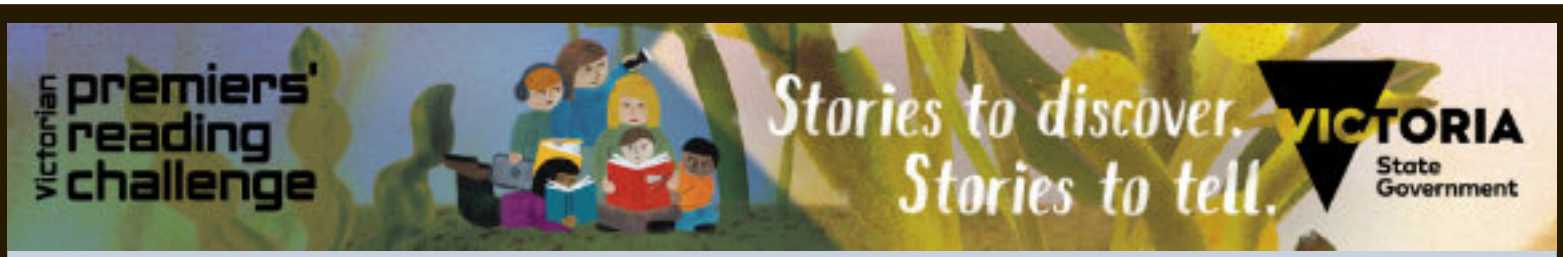
Inner West - Abbotsford
Monday September 28th - Friday October 2nd
2nd Abbotsford Sea Scouts
End of Great North Road,
Abbotsford NSW (Next to the Ferry Wharf)



Hills District
Tuesday October 6th - Friday October 9th
Scout & Guide Centre
Wilga Street, West Pennant Hills NSW

Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day

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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!

Cardinia

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

RETURN IT · CDS VIC · VICTORIA

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.

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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:

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DRAMA
CONFIDENCE
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A DRAMA PROGRAM WHERE KIDS CAN BE STARS!

Join us for a fun and engaging drama program with Academy Time!

EVERY WEDNESDAY!

WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER
19	26	2	9

IN THIS PROGRAM, CHILDREN WILL:

- Build confidence through drama and performance
- Be creative and use their imagination
- Explore storytelling and role play
- Develop communication and teamwor
- Have fun with exciting drama games & activities!

JOIN THE SHOW!

LET'S HAVE FUN, BE CREATIVE AND SHINE TOGETHER!

BOOK VIA KIDSOFT

STAY & PLAY