

NEWSLETTER

27th November 2025

Principal's Report

Yesterday a notice was placed on Compass outlining the date change of our Art Show. As outlined in the communication to our families, there is a substantial amount of rain expected next Monday, therefore we have transferred the Art Show to Tuesday after school, as the forecast is much more favourable. The program for the afternoon will remain the same. **Art Show – Tuesday, 2nd December from 3:30pm to 7:00pm.** Official welcome, presentations and awards will be at 5:00pm on the stage adjoining the outdoor basketball courts. We look forward to showcasing the effort and creations produced by our students throughout their Visual Arts classes in 2025.

Well done to everyone involved with our recent Year 4 camp to Woorabinda. Nestled in the heart of nature, our students delved into an array of challenging activities and immersive learning experiences. Walking into a beautiful bush setting on the first day and cooking their own lunch was an adventure and made a little more difficult with the wet weather. Having the opportunity to spend a day with our year 4 students on Tuesday, it was great to see many students attempt and persevere with some of the challenging and new activities such as the high ropes course, with many overcoming their nerves and completing the course. On behalf of our students and parents, I would like to extend my appreciation to our staff for their commitment and support of your children as they assisted the students to ensure they had an enjoyable time, whilst participating in the various activities on camp.

On Tuesday our year 1 students had a visit from the RACV Safety Squad. The RACV Safety Squad conducts a program that aims to empower students to stay safe both at home and on the roads through interactive sessions with qualified educators. The themes the squad covered were passenger safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety and identifying hazards in the home. The program was a timely reminder of things our students need to consider to keep themselves safe.

Today our Year 2 students will be participating in an Extended Day. This is provided as an introduction to PLPS' school camping program. Students are offered the opportunity to stay later after the regular conclusion of the school day. The afternoon will include afternoon tea, dinner and some activities to encourage the development of social interactions and collaboration with their peers whilst in a familiar environment. The event is also aimed at supporting the transition to Year 3.

An upcoming and exciting event is our Year 6 Graduation evening. We are looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 students and their families on Tuesday, December 9th as we acknowledge the conclusion of their Primary education from Pakenham Lakeside Primary School. The Graduation evening will be conducted at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Students need to be at the Cultural Centre at 6:15pm with family and friends being welcomed into the function from 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

Our year 5/6 basketball team has continued their success at the recent regional Hoop Time competition. The team have been

rewarded and will now be competing in the State Hoop Time Basketball finals on Tuesday, December 2nd at the State Basketball Centre in Wantirna South. This is such a fabulous effort to be playing at this level of competition. We wish them the best of luck on the day. Thanks to Mr Seton for the organisation and coaching of the team. Parents are most welcome to come along to support the team.

Our Year 1 students will be beginning their swimming program on Monday, December 1st at Splash's Swim School. The program consists of eight 45-minute swimming classes facilitated by Splash's staff. The swimming program will run each day except for Wednesday, over the next two weeks. The swimming program is a Department of Education funded initiative, therefore there is no cost to the families for our students to participate in these lessons. Parents are welcome to attend and observe the swimming lessons in line with Splash's policies and procedures.

Our Year 2 students will return to Gumbuya World on Wednesday, December 10th. The offer to have a second day at the park free of charge, was extended to us as their initial visit was hampered by terrible weather whereby shows and exhibitions were unable to run. The staff and students are looking forward to returning to Gumbuya World and enjoying a full experience of the park, particularly the 'Birds of Prey' show.

A reminder that next Wednesday, December 3rd is a curriculum day, and our 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.

A morning tea to thank and acknowledge our Parent and Community Helpers will be hosted on Thursday, December 11th in our staff room at 10.30am. An invitation with further information will be provided earlier next week.

With the school holidays fast approaching, OSHClub will be providing a vacation care program. This will begin on Monday, January 5th, 2026. A program outline will be available to our families when it has been finalised.

Our last whole school assembly will be held on Friday, December 19th at 9am. This assembly provides the opportunity for all our students and families to celebrate 2025 and formally say farewell to our Year 6 cohort and wish them all the best for their next phase of education at Secondary School.

The last day of the school year is Friday, 19th December. **School will finish at 1.30pm** and OSHClub will be running their after-school program from this time.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News



DIARY DATES



Thursday 27th November: Year 2 Extended Day

Tuesday 2nd December: PLPS Art Show (revised date)

Monday 1st December - Friday 12th December: Year 1 Swimming Program
(students do not swim on Wednesdays)

Tuesday 2nd December: Yr 5/6 State Hooptime (selected students)

Wednesday 3rd December: Curriculum Day (students do not attend on this day)

Tuesday 9th December: Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 10th December: Year 2 Gumbuya World Revisit Excursion

Wednesday 17th December: PLPS Christmas Concert (weather permitting)

Thursday 18th December: Year 6 Big Day Out - Gumbuya World

Friday 19th December: End of Term 4 - Early dismissal 1:30pm



Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium

Friday 5th December - 9am

Friday 19th December - 9am



Hats

Hats are part of our school uniform in both Term 1 and Term 4 of the school year.

It is strongly recommended that all students have their hats on when they play at recess and lunch time out in the yard.

Please remember to label your hats too!



Hayfever

As the seasons change, we have noticed an increase in students experiencing hayfever symptoms, including irritated eyes, sneezing, and general discomfort.

If your child is affected by hayfever, we recommend administering their medication at home before they arrive at school. Alternatively, you may provide medication to be signed in and stored at school, should your child require it during the day.

Thank you for helping us support your child's wellbeing.

End of Term 4 - 2025

A friendly reminder to all families that our last day of Term 4 will be **Friday 19th December**.

Please be aware that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of **1:30pm**. 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 direct to OSHClub on 0438 559 017.
Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 Cricket Blast



Selected Year 3 and 4 students took part in the District Cricket Blast Day, enjoying plenty of fun and memorable moments.



Congratulations to our Boys Stars team and Girls Renegades team, who went undefeated and won all their matches on the day!

ART SHOW

This year's Art Show is fast approaching.

Our school-based Art Show is primarily an outdoor event, where the art works of our students are showcased throughout the school grounds.

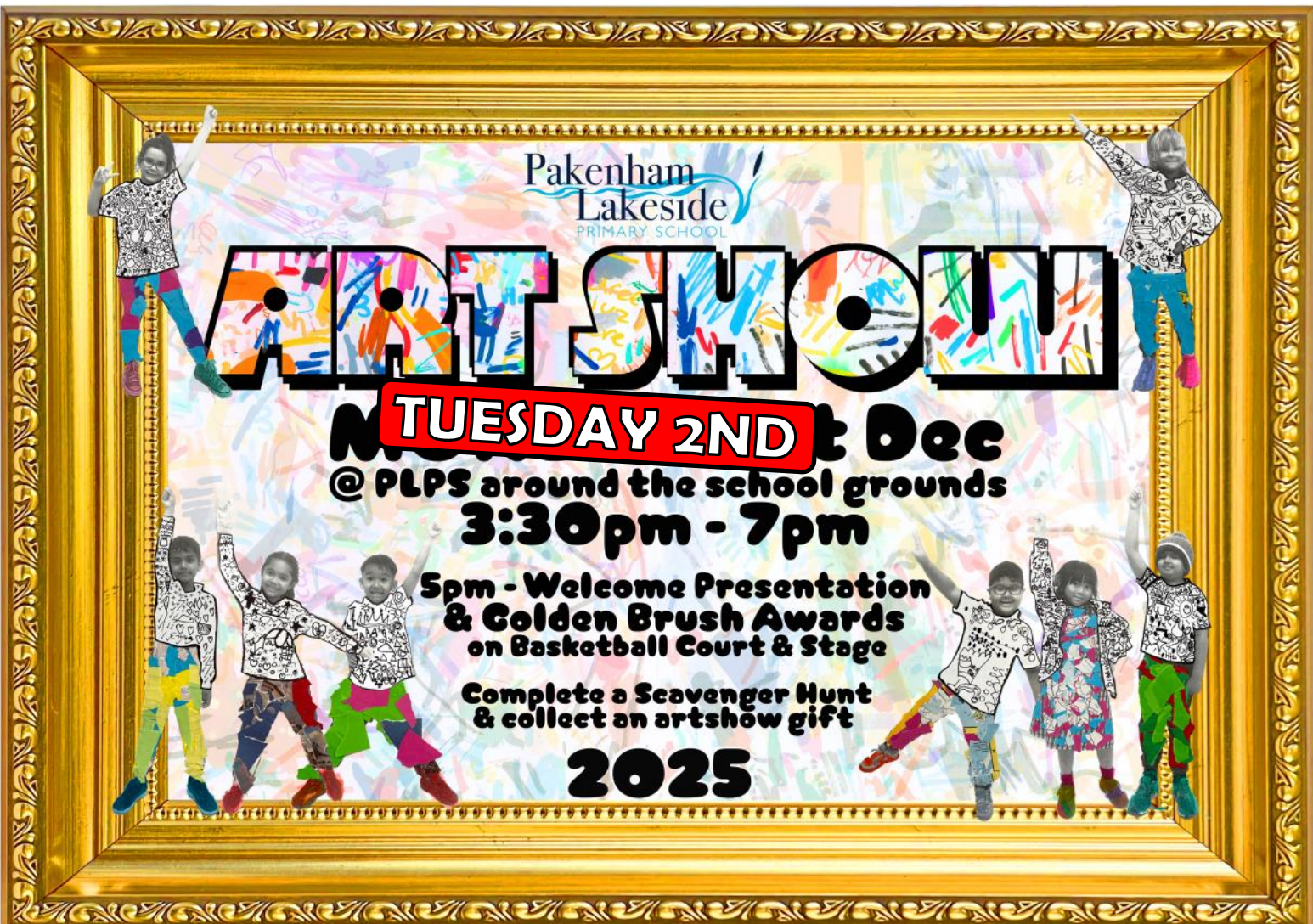
Unfortunately the weather forecast for Monday is not going to be suitable for an outdoor event. Therefore, we have decided to move the Art Show to **Tuesday, 2nd December** as the forecast is much more promising. The event will take place from **3:30 pm – 7:00 pm**.

At **5pm** there will be an official welcome to everyone attending together with a special presentation & the Golden Brush awards. This will take place from the stage adjoining the outdoor basketball courts.

On the evening you will have the opportunity to complete a scavenger hunt to explore the various artworks and collect a thank you gift from one of the four Art Show tables that will be located around the school grounds. Staff at these tables will be wearing a surprise item. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday afternoon to celebrate with your child their wonderful creations made in Visual Art in 2025.

Kind regards

Ms Lowndes & Mrs Kacew-Brown





IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Sharing of food

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.

Canteen News

The last day for Canteen for the 2025 school year will be on:

Thursday 11th December

The first day for Canteen for the 2026 school year will be on:

Tuesday 3rd February



Icypole Fridays

We will be selling lemonade icy poles at lunch time on Fridays during term 4.

Icy poles are \$1.50 each and can be purchased from the Canteen.





Christmas Raffle

**Opportunity for businesses
to donate to the Pakenham Lakeside
Primary School Christmas Raffle**

Dear PLPS Community,

*Our school, along with our Parents Group
is beginning to put together hampers
for our Christmas Raffle.*

*We are asking our school community and other
businesses if they may be interested in
donating a voucher, gift card or product from
their business for the hampers.*

*Any donation big or small would be much
appreciated. A list of businesses who donate will
be published in our last school newsletter
for 2025 school year to promote and thank
all contributors.*

*Donations can be delivered to our office
or pickup can be arranged if required.*





On Wednesday 17th December we will be holding our annual **Christmas Carols**.

We are inviting all families to come along and enjoy our students performing from 9:15am to 10:45am. The Carols will be held on the basketball courts, weather permitting and students will be seated with their home group. The school gates will remain open until 9:30am for family and friends to enter and set up their camping chairs or picnic rugs in the designated area on the basketball courts. After this time, entry will be through the office foyer.

All grades are performing as well as the 'Carols' Choir. The children have been working hard to get ready for this exciting event and we sincerely hope you are able to attend. It's a lovely opportunity to celebrate this time of year with our school community.

It is extremely important that all students wear their sunhats and apply sunscreen prior to this event.

Students can come to school dressed in **Christmas colours** or any **Christmas themed clothing**. Christmas hats and headwear will be able to be worn whilst students are performing on stage.

We look forward to seeing you then!

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 them over this period it maybe easier to collect students before lunch commences or after lunch finishes.

Thank you.

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.



School Crossings

Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit

This is just a reminder to parents of students that use the school crossings.

As the safety of our students is our number one priority, could parents please remind and ensure students are crossing the roads at the designated crossings along Shearwater Drive and Everly Circuit and are not crossing the roads on their own.

With the weather warming up, now is a great time to join Scouts and get involved in all of our outdoor activities.

Enquire now to take advantage of our 3 free trial sessions & see how your child can enjoy learning new skills & making new friends along the way!



info@pakenhamscouts.org.au

JOEY SCOUT UNIT 1

Age Range: 5-8

Meetings: Wed 18:30 - 19:30



CUB SCOUT UNIT 1

Age Range: 8-11

Meetings: Mon 18:30 - 20:00



CUB SCOUT UNIT 2

Age Range: 8-11

Meetings: Thu 18:30 - 20:00



SCOUT UNIT 1

Age Range: 11-14

Meetings: Tue 19:00 - 21:00



VENTURER UNIT 1

Age Range: 15-17

Meetings: Mon 19:00 - 21:00





2025 Christmas Tree Fundraiser!

TRESS START AT 5FT FOR \$75
SMALL STANDS - \$60
LARGE STANDS - \$70
DELIVERY WITHIN 5KM - \$10

Every weekend between
30th November and 22nd December

8:00 am to 4pm

David Bull Funerals
190 Princes Hwy, Pakenham
(Cnr Healesville-KooWeeRup Rd &
Princes Hwy)





PLAY



**ALL GIRLS
GROUPS
AVAILABLE**

COME & PLAY

AFL Victoria is hosting a FREE Come & PLAY program near you.
Proudly supported by Cardinia Tigers Junior Football Club!

AFL Come & Play is all about providing boys and girls (aged 5-12 years) the opportunity to experience football in a fun, inclusive, and safe environment through activities and modified games.

WHERE: James Bathe Recreation Reserve (oval)

DATE: Wednesday, December 3rd

TIME: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

SCAN
HERE





FREE OPEN DAY

AT OUR PAKENHAM VENUE

You are invited to attend a **FREE TRIAL CLASS** at our upcoming Open Day.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the Self Defence and safety awareness of Karate Training.

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 5.30-6.15PM

PAKENHAM PRIME DOJO

1/5-7 TRADE PLACE - PAKENHAM

Limited to 30 spaces so please book early

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to class commencing and please bring a water bottle.

Call or Text Lukas on 0418 775 129 to reserve your spot.



GKR KARATE
KARATE FOR EVERYONE



School Holiday Program

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

January 2026 Dates

Tuesday 20th
Wednesday 21st
Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus, 20 Market Boulevard, Bentleigh East VIC 3165

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)

www.allstarsdefence.com.au



Kickboxing Camp

2x3 hr Sessions • 7-15 yrs

January 2026 Dates

Wed 21st 8:30am - 11:30am
Fri 23rd 8:30am - 11:30am

Scan To Book Now



Location: Mckinnon Secondary College East Campus,
20 Market Boulevard, Bentleigh East VIC 3165

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

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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**

JOHN ST.,
PAKENHAM

