

Principal's Report

Our prep staff and students are very excited and looking forward to tomorrow. They will be celebrating how they have "Sparkled" their way to 100 days of Prep. The students will be linking their writing and maths to 100, making tee shirts and finishing their day with a disco. It is fabulous to see how far our Preps students have come and the amount of learning and growth that has been demonstrated over this time.

On Sunday, July 26th four of our students competed at the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. In the year 3/4 competition, Amanat D (Yr3) and Evie L (Yr4) spoke on 'If you could go on a holiday anywhere in Australia, where would you go and why? What would you see and do there?' Competing in the year 5/6 competition, Connor D (Yr5) and Aarik F (Yr6) spoke about 'If you could have dinner with anyone in the world (a real person past or present), who would it be, and why, and what would you serve them for dinner?' All students were outstanding representatives of PLPS and delivered their speeches confidently. Congratulations to all our students for putting themselves forward and participating in this event. Thank you to Mr Runting for his organisation and support of our students in providing opportunities to participate in these events. Including organisation of our in school public speaking events, supporting students with preparation and attending Sunday's competition.

On Tuesday this week, our school captains and cultural captains participated in the 2026 Cardinia Network Koorie Cultural Leaders Conference. The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity for student leaders in the Cardinia Network to come together and learn what it takes to be a great leader. The day included meeting the Mayor, having a tour of the council building and meeting some members of council who spoke about their roles. The afternoon session included interacting with leaders from other primary schools discussing what activities could be done to further celebrate and learn about cultures within our schools.

In term three, the celebration of Book Week is one of the highlights of our school calendar. The theme for this year is "Symphony of Stories" and the celebrations will take place from Monday, August 24th to Friday, August 28th. One of the highlights will be the opportunity for our students and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Tuesday, August 25th. Throughout the week, each year level will also organise some special activities or events within their learning space to promote the love of reading and books.

During term three, the students in Year One are investigating the features of Minibeasts as part of their Science and Inquiry studies. The world of Minibeasts and the important role these creatures play in our lives will be explored. To launch into their learning on Minibeasts, students today participated in an interactive Minibeast incursion run by Labcoat Learning. The program brings the world of Minibeasts to the classroom and provides students with an opportunity to get up close and personal with a

variety of these creatures in a fun, safe and interactive way. There was a mix of excitement and trepidation when the stick insect and yabby were being held by the educator. The students shared that one of their favourite parts of the experience was being able to go inside the butterfly tent and closely watch the butterflies feeding, with some students having the butterflies land on them.

After winning the District Lightning Premiership the boys Teeball team then competed in the Cardinia Division finals at Pakenham Baseball Club, Toomuc Reserve last Friday July 24th. The boys competed in a 3-game round robin competition and performed extremely well winning their way through to the final. The team had a resounding win in the final game and has now earned their place to compete in the regional finals being played in Morrongton on Wednesday, August 19th. We wish them the best of luck.

Tomorrow a selected group of students from years 5 and 6 will compete in a Hoop Time competition at Cardinia Life. Seven teams will compete, and we wish them all the best for their competition. Thank you to Mr Vann for organizing the days and to the many staff who will be assisting with the coaching of our teams. Parents are welcome to come along to support our teams.

Hoop Time for the year 3 and 4 students has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 1st.

Recently we have had communication from community members with their concerns in relation to the way some of our students have been riding their bikes or scooters to school. This has included unsafe behaviours such as riding down the middle of the road as well as many students not wearing their helmet when riding their bike or scooter to or from school. Can parents please ensure children are wearing their helmets and reiterate the importance of taking care of themselves and others when riding. When riding on the road ensuring they are aware of the correct position on the road and how to manoeuvre around parked cars.

We have been informed by our uniform supplier, PSW that there will be a 3% adjustment to the pricing of our uniforms. This will be coming into effect on October 1st, 2026.

Our school photos were taken yesterday. All the students had a portrait taken, as well as their class photo. Orders for portraits and class photos can still be purchased through the Compass portal until Wednesday, 5th of August.

A reminder that Thursday, August 13th 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

Diary Dates

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2026		SEPTEMBER						
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Friday 31st July: Prep 100 Days of School Celebrations

Friday 31st July: 5/6 Hooptime (selected students)

Wednesday 5th August: Year 5 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Thursday 13th August: Curriculum day - Students do not attend on this day

Tuesday 25th August: Book Week Character Dress up day

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

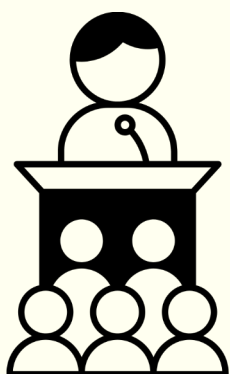
Thursday 27th August: Year 4 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Excursion

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

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

Assembly Dates

Whole School Assembly will be held in the school gymnasium



Wednesday 12th August 9am

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.

ATTENDANCE Matters



**Being at school helps us stay connected
to our learning and friends!**

Year One Showcase

TERM 3, 2026

BEE-mazing Day of Bee FACTS



Minibeast incursion



SYMPHONY OF STORIES



We will be celebrating BOOK WEEK from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th 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 25th 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.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK



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'



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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:



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