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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**STAFFING NEWS**

Natalie Groat will be taking Maternity Leave in August. We wish Natalie and Matthew every happiness for the arrival of their first baby.

Helene Bearup is on LSL for the next 8 weeks. Craig Jenner [2 days] and Belinda Canavan [3 days] will be backfilling Helene during her absence.

Colette Williams is on leave for the remainder of the term. Kylie Ann Freshwater will be backfilling Colette.

Jessica Holfield is temporarily filling the Teacher Aide vacancy left by Jill Clark. Her position has been advertised.

Sarah Alford is currently on Maternity Leave. Her one day a week Music position has been filled by Gisele Renault.

**COMPOSITE CLASSES**

Colleen Ricci, from The Sydney Morning Herald, provided an excellent article last week on Composite Classes. There are many parents that still have negative perceptions about composite grades, despite research showing students can thrive in multi-age classrooms. I have included the link for you.


**HOUSE NEWS – PATTO’s GOT TALENT**

Patto’s Got Talent auditions had a record number of entries. I wish students every success and enjoyment throughout the competition.

**PLPS PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Next Friday 8 May sees the launch of this year’s Kinder-Prep Transition program with the production ‘Happily Ever After’. The performance time is 9.30am – 10.30am in the school hall.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 3 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

Prep A – Asha B for working really hard to learn all of her red magic words.

Prep B – Chloe C for always contributing wonderful ideas in classroom discussions, particularly sharing strategies in Independent Reading.

Prep C – Hudson M for being such a helpful member of the Prep C team. You always use your best school behaviours.

Prep D – Esteban H for working so hard on your M100W. Such a terrific effort. Keep up the hard work.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS cont.

1A – Stephanie P for her hard work and dedication to learning her visual words. A massive improvement of 54% in one term.
1B – Cooper L for taking on challenges in Mathematics to extend his learning.
1C – Sienna O for persisting with her Maths and being a super mathematician problem solver.
1D – Eve E for always taking her time to produce work of an excellent standard.
1/2Z – Emma C for making her recounts exciting by using fantastic descriptions.
2A – Erin P for giving her best effort with all her work.
2B – Will M for making a really big effort to produce more writing.
2C – Tam K for writing an excellent recount about our Historical Society Incursion.
2D – Alex M for his amazing efforts in learning list 1 and 2 visual words.
3A – Max S for working extra hard to complete his work on time. Keep up the amazing effort Max!
3B – Chelsea W for her persuasive arguments on ‘Why School should not be on a Sunday’?
3C – Lachie M for really thinking hard when reading which is helping with his understanding.
3D – Siella M for her excellent attitude towards learning and always having a big smile on her face!
3/4Z – Thomas W for an excellent start to Term 2 and for his enthusiasm for learning.
4A – Tom W for persisting with his ‘smartie’ division pattern problem solving task.
4B – Adam S for his enthusiasm towards Maths and for demonstrating excellent problem solving strategies.
4C – Isabella D for her wonderful work with multiplication strategies in Maths.
5A – Sophie D for using a range of effective strategies to make inferences during reading this week.
5B – Jonathan N for his creativity and his outstanding work in narrative writing.
5C – Josh A for an outstanding job during independent reading. Keep up the hard work.
5D – Nathan A for always having a positive attitude towards his learning. Keep up the great effort!
6A – Austin M for his brilliant historical recount.
6B – Aaron G for his impeccable manners and his willingness to listen to and empathise with others.
6C – Andy S for impressive ‘Show not Tell’ writing.
6D – Tiahna M for being a consistently awesome student and showing persistence in Maths.

SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS for last week were: Art – 1D, P, E – 3B, Music – 5A, Italian – 3B and Computers – 5D. Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS WINNER

Last week’s winning House team was McLeod Mustangs (Green). Congratulations to all students in this team.

OFFICE NEWS

2nd instalment is due TODAY
Thursday 30th April

If you still have an outstanding balance on your school account, a reminder statement has been sent home with the youngest child in your family.

If you have missed paying your first instalment or will have trouble paying your second instalment, please call Monique Hunt on 9772 4011 as soon as possible to make payment arrangements.

BPAY is the school’s preferred payment option. Thankyou.

SOUTHERN VOICES CHOIR VISIT

A representative from Southern Voices will be visiting our Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 classes on Monday, 4th May to speak to the students, listen to them sing and provide information about the choir.

FOREST LODGE READING VISITS

Next Tuesday morning we have a group of seven people from Forest Lodge Aged Care Facility visiting our school to listen to some reading in some of our Year 1 and 2 classes. Thanks to Janine Ridley for organising this.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos were distributed yesterday. If there were any concerns with your photos or you didn’t receive them you can contact the photography company, School Pix, directly on 1300 766 055. Samples of the group photos taken for School Captains, Junior School Council, House Captains and Environment Leaders will be displayed outside Room 10 (6C) on Friday and order forms will be sent home then if you wish to purchase these.

TEACHING PLACEMENT

Sarah Cluney who is completing her Master of Teaching course at Monash will be teaching at our school in 6C with Mrs Carmona for 3 weeks as from Monday, 4th May. Welcome Sarah!
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday during the next week. We hope you have a lovely day.

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**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Mother’s Day Stall
THURSDAY 7th May
(During morning classes)

Gifts from $1 to $10

Parents & Friends Association will be having the Mother’s Day Stall on THURSDAY 7th MAY

Children will be able to purchase gifts for their Mum at the stall during the morning session. Please send money with your child in a named envelope, on the day, if you wish for them to participate. Wallets should also be named. A plastic shopping bag may be helpful to take your gift home in.

Any parents who are able to assist on the day with the running of the stall would be most welcome.

Please see Julie Shaw.

**MUNCH MONITOR ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch Orders are available online on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

How do I set up an account to order online:

Go to: [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)

Click LOGIN then REGISTER

Enter School Id: plps and Password: munch3197

Then follow the 4 easy steps to create your account:

**STEP 1**: Create a Parent Profile by entering information about yourself.

**STEP 2**: Add your Students to your account.

**STEP 3**: Transfer money to your account by clicking the Account Top-up button

**STEP 4**: Click MY ORDERS and you’re ready to Order lunches!

**KIDS DISCO**

Patterson Lakes Primary School Disco will be held in the school hall on Friday 15th May. Prep - Yr 2 commences at 5.30pm - 6.45pm and Yr 3 - Yr 6 commences at 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

We ask for your co-operation in that children are promptly dropped off and picked up in the foyer area of the hall ONLY and ask that parents do no enter the disco/school hall area. If you could simply drop your child off and leave, it would also help alleviate congestion and allow ease of moving the students through into the disco. In the event that your child becomes distressed, you will be notified.

We have a duty of care to our students here at Patterson Lakes Primary that requires us to be diligent in their safety and well being and given the popularity of our school discos, it becomes extremely difficult for us to ensure the safety of our students is being met, when parents/carers enter through the foyer and into the actual disco area.

Attached to this newsletter is the disco flyer with the option to order prepaid tickets to avoid long queues on the night.
CROSS COUNTRY RIVER RUN!

On Thursday 23rd April students in Yrs 3 - 6 competed in PLPS’s annual Cross Country River Run at Patterson River! Age groups 8/9/10 ran a 2km course and age groups 11 and 12/13 ran 3km’s.

It was a fantastic event and wonderful to see students trying their absolute hardest to make it to the finish line! It is fair to say that Patterson Lakes PS is not short of superstar athletes. It was also great to see a number of Runners Club regulars leading the way - well done!

Impressive results were shown from the Yr 3’s who experienced the River Run for the first time and were competing in the same age group as the Yr 4’s and some Yr 5’s.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to help out or support their child(ren).

The District Cross Country Team and winning HOUSE will be announced at a special assembly on tomorrow (Friday 1st of May) at 3.00pm.

District Cross Country is on Friday 22nd May at Cornish College.
ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On the 25th of April a boat landed on Gallipoli and they fought their enemy. People broke their arms, legs and even died. My great Grandpa Jack went to war. My uncle Billy also went to war. I love the Anzacs. We all do. On Anzac Day we shall remember them. I will never forget them. Gallipoli is known as Anzac Cove. My Grandpa Jack was an electrician. Lest we forget.

By Madison M 2B

Writing using the strategy of ‘Show, Don’t Tell’

I hear the thumping engine as I squeeze my feet into my boots. Ever so slowly I shuffle into the icy water. Shivers run up my legs as my spine becomes frozen. I pull with all my strength to get up. Water sprays everywhere like a broken sprinkler. The slippery board is now under control and I'm now cutting out the wake like a missile. I make a quick turn back into the wake. With a gigantic spray of water I hit the wake and I fly like an eagle. I land on the other side of the wave with a thump! A sign of relief passes my mind.

By Joel Z 6B
23rd April, 2015.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is holding the Annual School’s Science Competition. This competition is open to all students in Yrs 3 - 6 who wish to participate.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It also gives parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance.

The data the school receives helps a great deal in determining the success of current programs. The school needs as many students as possible who enjoy Science to sit the exam, in order for us to get any meaning from the results.

The cost for the competition is $8.00. If you would like your child to participate, could you please complete the attached form and return it to the school no later than Monday, 4th May, 2015.

Please note there can be no refund if your child is absent on the day of the test. However, the test can be given at a later date but the school will have to correct it when results are forwarded by the University of New South Wales for those who sat the test.

Thank you,
L. Milgate.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - Science Competition

I would like my child …………………………………………………….. of Year…………… to sit for the Science Assessment on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2015.

Enclosed is payment of $8.00.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: …………………………………………………..

Date: ……………………………….……
KIDS DISCO

WHEN:    Friday 15th May 2015
WHERE:   School Hall
TIME:     Prep to Yr 2: 5.30pm - 6.45pm
          Yr 3 - Yr 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Cost includes: Entry to disco, bottle of water, packet of chips and a python snake.

Cost: 1st Child $10, 2nd Child $10 3rd & 4th child $5

Please note discounts are only offered to FAMILIES, not friendship groups.

To avoid long queues we are pre-selling tickets for the night. Please fill in the form below and return it with your money and the tickets will be sent home to you. If you choose to pay on the night the cost will be $15.00 per child, no discount will be offered.

Glow products will be sold on the night, prices ranging from $1 to $4 but there will be no canteen.

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

PREPAID TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL TUESDAY 12TH MAY. AFTER THE 12TH MAY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT AT THE EXTRA COST.

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KIDS DISCO TICKET BOOKINGS

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

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Cardholder Signature:.................................................. Date.............
Which would you choose for your child - I.Q. or persistence?

**It will impact heavily on your child’s success at school, his future levels of achievement and eventually income as an adult.**

Imagine at the birth of your child you are given a choice between bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your baby. Which would you choose? Take your time and think about it.

Your choice will make a profound difference. It will impact heavily on your child’s success at school, his future levels of achievement and eventually income as an adult.

Smarts or persistence? What would you choose? If you chose persistence then you are on the money. You are giving your child a significant leg-up for future success. This is the finding of the ground-breaking research into factors determining children’s achievement levels by Professor Charles Desforges from the University of Exeter in the UK.

Desforges found that the greatest individual characteristic that determined children’s success at school was persistence. It was number one by far.

In fact, persistence was a staggering seven times more significant than intelligence as a determinant of a child’s achievement.

**SEVEN TIMES!! THAT’S HUGE!!**

Now the good news is that persistence is not merely an inborn trait. It is the one aspect of a child’s temperament that can be impacted by people.

Desforges found that parents, rather than teachers, are the people most likely to impact on a child’s persistence. This is consistent with many other studies in the area.

**What does a persistent child do?**
Persistent kids do some or all of the following:

- They stick at tasks until the end.
- They set goals and work toward them.
- They are not easily distracted.

✓ They don’t let failure stop them.
✓ They are more likely to take risks as learners.
✓ They can sometimes be seen as stubborn or unwilling to bend.

There are heaps of ways you can encourage your child to persist. But the BIG strategies all revolve around MODELLING, ENCOURAGEMENT and VOCABULARY.

**As a parent think how you:**

1. **Model** persistence on a daily basis so your child sees what persistence is.
2. Actively **foster and promote** persistence so your child sees it is possible.
3. Develop a set of words and phrases about persistence that your child hears routinely so that persistence becomes part of your child’s frame of reference.
4. **Make a fuss** when your child sticks at a task regardless of their success so they know that it is something you value.
**Seaford United Soccer Club - Boys and Girls to Play**

Vacancies in most junior age groups for boys and girls to play soccer. Contact Dave on 0490 035 434 or juniors@seafordunited.com.au for more information.

**Bayside Basketball Club - New Players for Winter Comp**

Winter Competition (runs Terms 2 & 3) Chelsea Basketball, U10 girls & boys and Under 14 girls & boys. Contact Ruth Letch & Sarah Tobias at baysidebasketballclub@gmail.com

**Scorpion Basketball Teams Looking For Players**

2 x girls U10, 2 x boys U10 & 2 x boys U12 Mon night at Patterson River Secondary College, training Wed at PLPS 3.30pm. Call Sara on 0410 523 378 for further details.

**Mentone Girls’ Secondary College - Open Sessions**

Open Night Wed 29th Apr 7pm - 9pm in the Gymnasium. Open Afternoons Tues 5th & Thurs 7th May 2pm - 3.30pm in the Nina Carr Hall. Call 9581 5200 for further details.

**Play Baseball at the Chelsea Dolphins Baseball Club**

We’ve got programs for juniors aged from 4 - 14 years old. Edithvale Rec Reserve, Edithvale Road Edithvale. Call Trevor on 0450 784 728 for details.

**Carrum/Patterson Lakes Junior Football Club**

Looking for Under 9 boys and girls for the 2015 season. For more information call Rachel on 0410 564 374.

**Elonera Pre School Open Day - Sunday 3rd May**

10am - 12pm, 85 Davey Street, Parkdale. Applications for our 2016 3 y/o program will be taken on the day and for the following 2 weeks. For more details phone 9580 2193.

**Stringrays Frankston Hockey Club**

We cater for all players of all levels and are looking for U10 Girls & mixed team, U12 & 1U16. Training at Monash Uni in Frankston. Call Jason on 0424 143 226 for details.