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### ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### 1:1 PROGRAM FOR YRS 2 AND 3

The PLPS Portal is now open for all parents to choose their preferred payment method and begin making payments to be part of the PLPS 1:1 Program. Log on to [http://portal.lwt.com.au/PattersonLakesPS](http://portal.lwt.com.au/PattersonLakesPS). The ‘Expression of Interest’ form, located in the information pack sent home to Yr 2 & 3 students on Monday 25th of May 2015 is now due back at school.

Please complete this form and return as soon as possible.

#### STAFF CAR PARK NEAR COLES

It has been brought to my attention that a number of pre-school children have been playing unsupervised around the staff car park on the Coles side of the school. Some have been throwing stones and even setting off alarms of cars. Please ensure that your children are supervised whilst waiting to pick up your school aged children and be mindful that this is not a safe area for young ones to be playing in.

#### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Thank you to Miss Conway for her organisation of the Walk Safely to School Day last Friday. It was great to see so many families participate.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Kiran C (5B) has been selected for the 2015 Victorian Karate Team and will represent Victoria at the Australian Karate Federation National Championships in Adelaide later this year. Fantastic news Kiran. Good luck in August!

#### SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Commmencing this month, PLPS have restructured our system of presenting school awards and certificates.

There will be three levels of awards and certificates:-

- Exceptional Achievement or Improvement
- High Demonstration of our School Values
- Encouragement and Improvement or Achievement in a facet of schooling.

**Exceed Expectations Award**

Exceed Expectations is a Principal’s award and will be presented at Whole School Assemblies. There will be a maximum of two awards presented each assembly for students who have exhibited exceptional achievement or improvement. On occasion, there may be no award presented.

**Student of the Week Certificate**

This is a teacher’s award that will be presented during sub school assemblies to students who have exhibited high achievement of our school values - Integrity, Respect and Excellence. Student of the Week Certificates will only be awarded if there are students worthy of the award. There may be some weeks where awards will not be presented for all classes or specialist areas.
SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS cont.

Classroom Awards
Every teacher has a reward system operating in their class or specialist area such as Dojo points, House points, stickers, certificates etc. These rewards are awarded to students for encouragement, improvement or achievement in a facet of schooling and are not part of sub school or whole school assemblies

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 8 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

Prep B – Taylor W for showing confidence by always trying hard with any task.
Prep D – Sahara J for working so hard on your M100 words, writing and numbers at home. Your hard work is really paying off. Keep up the terrific work.
1A – Veronique G for demonstrating an improvement in her focus and endeavour this term, producing some excellent results.
1B – Carley B for doing your best in writing.
1C – Cooper S for being a super reader. Well done Cooper on working so hard and using your learned strategies to improve your reading.
1D – Yianni G for working hard at home and at school on his reading and writing.
1/2Z – Ally P for listening carefully, and following through with great results in her work.
2A – Hunter M for having the confidence to ask questions and make mistakes.
2B – Zac O for using his manners in class and putting in a great effort.
2D – Ryan K for displaying enthusiasm towards Maths tasks and sharing his understanding of fractions with his peers.
3C – Katie T for putting forth her best effort in everything she does.
3/4Z – Adam S for developing resilience in being able to control his anxiety in challenging situations.
4A – Isaac T for his consistent and positive approach at school.
4C – Emma B for presenting a wonderful biography on a well known Aboriginal.
5A – Christina N for working hard on your spelling words and making a huge improvement.
5C – Victoria G for being an outstanding role model to her peers and always having a positive attitude.
5D – Eliza D for her enthusiasm, humour and positive attitude to school and her peers.
6D – Molly M for consistently striving to do her best and coming to school with a bright smile every day.

SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS for last week were: Art – 6D, P.E – 5D, Music – 4B, Italian – 3A, French – 5A and Computers – 4C. Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

STAFF v STUDENTS BASKETBALL MATCH
At lunchtime on Wednesday a large number of students challenged our extremely talented staff team to a game of basketball in the Hall.

Once again the staff were victorious.
Thank you to all who participated and to Miss Conway for organising this fun activity.

BAND TOGETHER DAY
On Friday the 12th of June we are asking students to wear a touch of purple and bring in a gold coin donation for National Buddy Day. The proceeds will go to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

The foundations goal is to help reduce bullying in primary school, through education and much more.

We appreciate all of your support.

Regards
Mark Koppens and the JSC
### 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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### 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!

Orders can be cancelled on the day as late as 8.30am and should you have any concerns with your lunch order, please call Bellbrook Catering direct on 9796 5888.

### Canteen News

**Monday’s Only**

**Sausage Roll and Drink Special**

**ONLY $4.00**

Try our new Monday only Sausage Roll and Drink special.

You get a Sausage Roll (with or without Sauce)

PLUS

A GLEE 100% Juice (Carbonated).

### Canteen News

Hot Dogs will be unavailable to order on Fridays only.

Sorry for any inconvenience.
2015 Athletics Carnival (Yrs 3-6)

Friday 24th July

Parent Helpers Required!

Please contact conway.michelle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

NEWS FROM THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

Once again 35 students from PLPS took the opportunity to participate in the Language Perfect World Championships 2015. For ten days, 18th to 29th May, they had a great experience learning and competing by answering 29,519 questions. Their effort put our school in 1st place for Italian in the 1-50 students category in Victoria out of 12 schools. In the global ranking in the category 1-50 students for Italian we achieved the 7th place out of 92 schools.

Congratulations to Sarah B, Sophie B, and Fletcher R on achieving a Silver and two Bronze Awards, and also congratulations to the other 32 students for their participation.

The certificates will arrive before the end of the term and will be presented at Assembly. Well done!!

Clara Mangone,
Languages Teacher
Division Cross Country

Well done to the 22 students who represented PLPS at Division Cross Country. With around 70 competitors in each event we had some fantastic results! Jackson M, Islay P and Olivia P were very close to qualifying for regionals. Great effort everyone!

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Hoop Time!

This year PLPS will be entering Yr 3’s and Yr 5/6’s into Hoop Time. Hoop Time competitions are held in Term 3.

We will be holding tryouts for Yr 3 students of ANY level of ability to create various teams.

We will be holding tryouts for Yr 5/6 students to create an ‘All Star Team’.

Try outs will be held in the school hall at lunchtime on the following dates:

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For further information please visit: www.hooptimebasketball.com.au
Once again, Patto has celebrated a wonderful Education Week.

The week started with the corridors and classrooms bubbling on Monday morning with parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles joining in classroom activities. It was fabulous to see so many enthusiastic people having a look as to what happens in the classrooms. The Family Picnic and Book Fair followed on at lunchtime. We were excited to have a beautiful, sunny day for families to enjoy lunch together. Most families then went into the Book Fair and purchased a book (or two) to read.

On Tuesday, year levels celebrated the theme of Education Week ‘Crack the Code’. Each class and year level had a Maths focus for the day. It is fabulous to hear so many children voicing “I love Maths”.

House spirit was alive and happening on Wednesday; students were dressed in their house polo tops accompanied by face paint and hair spray! The whole school was placed into house groups combining children from Prep to Year 6. Children completed house rotation activities with house teachers and had a wonderful time. After lunch, the school gathered together to enjoy the spectacular Patto’s Got Talent. Most students were audience members, cheering on their house representatives in the finals. The competition was enthralling, with students in P-2 and 3-6 displaying an array of talent. Congratulations to all finalists and to the winners: Marcus C (1C Thompson Tornadoes) and Jerzie V (6B McLeod Mustangs). Thank you also to Mrs Carmona for her wonderful organisation of the event. Open Afternoon was an enjoyable end to a successful House Rally Day. Many families visited different classrooms to complete the House riddle competition. Wells Wildcats was the winning house with 178 correct answers.

A ‘splash of yellow’ was seen everywhere on Thursday. Once again, children were in support of our Welfare Day by wearing yellow and making a gold coin donation. The whole school joined together on the oval and had the ‘Biggest Morning Tea’; we raised $832.75 for the Cancer Council of Victoria…a SENSATIONAL effort and something to be very proud of. Thank you to all who kindly donated. This was then followed with classes buddies up and enjoying time with one another. The children love being with their buddies.

Walk to School Day was a big success. Floods of children walked to school and entered the school gates red faced from their brisk morning walk. It was a very fresh morning and a fabulous way to end a hugely successful Education Week at Patto.

I would like to thank all children, families and teachers for their support, enthusiasm and contributions to Education Week 2015.

Sam Marston
HOUSE RALLY DAY
PATTO’S GOT TALENT GRAND FINAL

In Education Week I went to the lunch on the oval and a picnic.

Patto’s got Talent.

Recount of Education Week from Audrey D (PB)
What to do in an Emergency!

When there is an emergency you need to do these things because otherwise you can not get out. You need to get down low and go, go, go! That means that you get down on your knees and go, go, go out of the house. You will have to survive the fire because fire is dangerous and you have to stay calm. You have to call 000 because there is no other way you can call the police and other officers. If anything goes wrong and your parents can’t get to the phone you will have to go to the phone.

War Descendant.

The news was almost unbearable for a little eight year old boy like me. I had been so close to my grandpa and now he was gone. His funeral was today. Everyone looked glum and their clothes were dull. He had been a kind man and one of the last known survivors from World War 1 to still be alive. He had always told me stories about his experiences there. They were probably my best memories of him so I decided to think more about them.

I remembered every day after school I would visit him and he'd tell me about his fights alongside military leaders such as Anton Haus and Oskar Patioreck. My grandfather lost his brother and some of his friends to that war. He told me that most men going over to war had no idea what it was really like. The government didn’t tell them the whole truth and that made me annoyed whenever I thought about it. Grandfather explained how hard life was and how strong the soldiers had to be. I was snapped out of my thoughts when mum called me over, her face streaked with tears. It was time for the funeral to start and I felt my own tears cold against my cheeks.

I didn’t really want to attend the funeral I knew it would just make me feel even sadder. Thankfully nobody forced me to go in so I sat outside on the steps. I looked around to try and see something that might cheer me up but everything was a blur through my tears. The only thing I could do was think about all the good times we had together and I ended up drifting back to the war stories he would always tell me. About how their first attempt was a failure and most of them got shot down before they got to shore. It wasn’t exactly a cheery thought, but at least they knew what to expect the next time they came and they were much more successful.

Maybe it’s because I was a little kid but I loved hearing about all the weapons they used. The main weapon was a rifle that could shoot and kill from up to 1,400 meters away. The machine guns had to be on a flat surface and worked by 4-6 men but they had the firepower of 100 guns. The German army were the first to use chlorine gas on the second battle of Cypress from 22nd of April – May 15th, 1915. But the most common and probably most dangerous was mustard gas which started to take effect after 24 hours, which was slow but the effects were pretty bad. The Zeppelin (also known as a blimp) was used by the Germans for bombing raids. They carried machine guns and bombs but got abandoned because they were too easy to shoot down. The first tank used in the World War I was named “Little Willie” and needed a crew of three.

Although there were many more weapons that were really cool I liked other parts of his stories too like the Battle of Lone Pine. My grandfather hadn’t actually been at that battle but he had friends that were. It was a bloody battle but probably one of the bigger successes for Australia. We may have lost over 2,000 people but that was nothing compared to their six or so thousand. We managed to take all the trenches which is why it was a success.

My grandfather was only at Gallipoli for a year before he came back home to Australia. When he returned he got his war medals which I still have today. He got those medals for his bravery and service to Australia. The highest award any war soldier could get was a VC which stands for Victoria Cross. 65 Australians received that award including some who died at war like Captain Alfred Shout.

I had always cherished these memories and I always will. Looking back at them now I felt a sense of pride and I knew there was no point in crying about his death. At least he’d be with all the other war heroes now.
Winter Health – Beating the Bugs

In Australia, our influenza 'flu' season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August.

It is just not possible to stop all bugs from spreading at school, however, a lot of illnesses can be prevented and controlled simply by practicing good hygiene.

**Handy hygiene tips for you and your family**

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Throw used tissues in plastic-lined rubbish bins
- Wash your hands with soap and water, preferably warm water if available
- Reduce the spread of germs by avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth

**What can you do to prevent the spread of infectious diseases?**

The three main ways of preventing the spread of infection are:

1. Remind your child of effective hygiene methods.
2. Keep your child home when they are unwell. Your doctor will let you know if your child has an 'excludable' condition. You will need to advise the school as soon as possible and keep your child home for the length of time that your doctor advises.
3. Ensure your child's immunisations are up to date.
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – Mathematics  
Sitting Date: Tuesday 11th August

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3rd June, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is holding the Annual School’s Mathematic Competition. This competition is open to all students in Years 3 to 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 in determining the success of current programs. The school needs as many students as possible who enjoy Mathematics to sit the exams in order for us to get any meaning from the results.

The cost and relevant dates for the exam is listed above. If you would like your child to participate could you please complete the form below and return it to school by Friday, 16th June, 2015 in order for me to organize the entries in advance. **No late entries will be accepted.**

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.

Thanking you,
Adrian Patane  
(on behalf of the Maths Committee)

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - Mathematics Competition

I would like my child ___________________________ of Year ___________ to sit the Mathematics Assessment on Tuesday, 11th of August, 2015

Enclosed is payment of _______________ (Cash or cheque only please – No Credit Card payments)

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ___________________________ Date ___________________________
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - English

**Sitting Date: Tuesday 28th July 2015**

1st June 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is holding the Annual School’s English Competition. This competition is open to all students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 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 provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance.

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 Friday 19th June 2015.

Please note there can be **no refund** if your child is absent on the day of the test.

Thank you and good luck to all the participants.

Poppy Morris

English Coordinator

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - **English** Competition

I would like my child ...........................................................

in Year .............. to sit the ICAS/NSW English Assessment on

**Tuesday 28th July, 2015**

Enclosed is payment of $8.00.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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**FAMILY & FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Memorabilia, Music, Raffles, Auctions, Games**

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**Date:**
Saturday 15th August 2015

**Time:**
7.00pm for 7.30 start

**Location:**
Patterson Lakes Primary School Hall

**Cost:**
$160 per table (10 per table) if paid before 26th June
Or
$200 per table after 26th June

**LIMITED TABLES SO GET IN QUICK**

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**Additional Information:**
A fun night getting together with friends over a few drinks and nibbles and answering some Trivia with a professional trivia host. Please feel free to make a table of friends and family (they don’t have to be parents from the school).

BYO nibbles, drinks and glasses. Good Luck

**For More Information**
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Raising Mighty Boys

Understanding what makes boys tick helps to make parenting easier for the males in your life.

Boys under the age of ten can be challenging for parents. It’s behaviour, poor self-confidence and learning issues that keep parents of boys in this age group busy.

The straight forward nature of adolescent boys makes them easier and less complicated to raise, compared to teenage girls so the pressure eases. However, personal relationships, school-life and being organised present challenges for teenage boys.

Sometimes mothers I meet in parenting seminars get flummoxed by the in your face, direct nature of their sons. Loveable yes, but they can be hard work as well. It helps to appreciate what makes boys tick.

They are wired for activity
It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

They are slower maturers
The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years, seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace. Girls are often better placed to succeed, and many boys get lost once they leave school.

They want approval
Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard. Some boys like to talk; others like to share an activity; while others are kinaesthetic and love to be touched, cuddled and hugged.

Make sure you match your relational style with theirs so that you can get on the same wavelength.

They want to blend in
Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to private praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

They need a disciplined approach
Boys usually like limits and boundaries. They make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules, so don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.

They are pragmatic learners
Boys need a reason to learn. If you are having difficulty motivating your son then try linking learning to their interests. They may play a musical instrument when they know they can play in a band or practise their kicking if they can see it will help kick more goals. If they love skateboarding the chances are they want to know more about it, so use this as a lever to motivate them if reading is a problem.

They are single-minded
Boys have a specialist brain, which tends to be logical and rational. They don’t have the same connections between the right and left side of the brain that girls have. This can be a hindrance particularly when careful communication is needed, or multiple viewpoints need to be considered. That’s why parents often have to coach boys of all ages in the finer points of communicating. However, it’s an advantage as it can help them focus hard on tasks, make quick decisions and get to the point when needed.

There is no doubt that raising boys can be a challenge for many parents. Those who do best understand and appreciate how they think, feel and behave and adjust their parenting accordingly. And they feel comfortable in their company as well.

For more information and great resources to help you raise mighty boys go to Parentingideas.com.au/parents.

Michael Grose is an ambassador for the Federal Governments Swap It, don’t stop it healthy lifestyles campaign. Find out how you can promote good health and a better diet in your family at swapit.gov.au
Olympic Ice Skate Centre - Celebration Skate Comp
Celebration Skate Queens Birthday Weekend, Saturday 6th June 4.30pm. Masters Skate Competition Monday 8th June 12.30pm. Free Entry, 1080 Centre Road, Oakleigh

Mordialloc Neighbourhood House
Tai Chi classes run every Tuesday from 1.30pm - 2.30pm For more information or bookings phone 9587 4534

Be A Guide For A Day - June School Holidays
Tuesday 30th June 2015, Carrum Community Guide Hall, Cnr Walkers & Dyson Rd, Carrum. 6 - 12 year old girls. For enquiries call Jan Withers 9772 7775 or 0421 042 296.

Gravity Zone - $10 Special Friday 5th June 2015
Just mention PLPS Friday 5th June and pay only $10 for 3 hours jumping. Please call 1300 479 663 for bookings.

School Holiday Basketball Camp
Bonbeach Stadium 3 day camp (June 30th, July 1st & 2nd) and (July 7th, 8th & 9th) 10am - 3pm, $90 for 3 days or $35 per day. Call Peter on 9776 1895 for details or email manager@chelseabasketball.com.au for registration forms.
COMMUNITY NEWS

NEEDED Clothing Newborn to 10 years

St Kilda Mums supports children and parents experiencing hardship.

We are a volunteer-run not-for-profit organisation based in St Kilda, Melbourne. We rehome new and pre-loved baby goods and nursery equipment to families in need. We believe that by reusing and recycling much-loved babies’ and children’s gear, we not only share the joy of motherhood with each other; but we save the earth’s precious resources too. These donations are distributed to families experiencing hardship in Melbourne and surrounding towns through our partnership with maternal and child health nurses and local social service agencies.

We take pride in ensuring all items rehomed meet safety standards and are in great condition. We give the items to people who are facing a variety of challenges and we want them to feel uplifted when they receive a donation from us. We see it as giving a gift, packed with love to provide practical support and show that people care about them.

St Kilda Mums was established in February 2009, Geelong Mums in April 2013 and Geelong Mums in Ballarat in February 2014.

Please help us ensure that no child go without the most basic material needs - like a safe cot to sleep in.

You can help by donating your pre-loved and new baby gear.

For collection of goods for donation to families in need please call Kellie

0410 659 061

Please check this link for a list of goods we can rehome.


COMMUNITY NEWS

Carrum Indigenous Nursery invites you to an Open Day to celebrate World Environment Day.

WHEN: Saturday 6th June 2015
TIME: 11.00am – 2.00pm
WHERE: Carrum Learmonth & Thompson Roads, Patterson Lakes (044 98 43)

A great opportunity to gain information about:
- the importance of indigenous plants
- indigenous plants that are best suited for your needs.

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