**DIARY DATES**

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<td>Yr 2 Hands on Science Incursion&lt;br&gt;ICAS Maths Sitting Date&lt;br&gt;School Council Meeting 7pm</td>
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<td>Thurs 13 August</td>
<td>Prep 2016 - Be A Prep 3pm - 4pm</td>
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<td>Sat 15 August</td>
<td>PLPS Trivia Night in the school hall 7pm</td>
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<td>Junior School Assembly 2.55pm&lt;br&gt;Science Night Light Exhibition Entry&lt;br&gt;Forms Due today</td>
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<td>Whole School Assembly 2.55pm</td>
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<td>Yrs 5/6 Hoop Time Comp at Dandenong Basketball Stadium. Meet at school 8am (selected Yr 5/6 students only)</td>
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<td>LANGUAGES WEEK&lt;br&gt;Prep, Yrs 1 &amp; 2 Spanish Day&lt;br&gt;Specials Languages Week Canteen&lt;br&gt;Order - Form attached below&lt;br&gt;Senior School Assembly 2.55pm&lt;br&gt;Family Accounts - 3rd instalment due</td>
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<td>Yr 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill depart 9am&lt;br&gt;Yrs 3 &amp; 4 EFA</td>
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<td>Yr 5 Camp Returns approx 6pm&lt;br&gt;District Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park (selected Yrs 3 - 6 students)&lt;br&gt;Yrs 3 &amp; 4 Italian Day</td>
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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

Thank you to the 50% of the randomly selected families who have returned the Parent Opinion Surveys. The school must send completed surveys to the department on Friday, 7th August. If you have not completed your survey it will still be accepted if you return it during the day tomorrow.

**STAFF NEWS**

We had some very sad news when we heard of the passing of the mother of one of our Prep teachers last week. Our thoughts are with Sandra Murphy and her family at this very sad time.

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS**

Over the next couple of weeks we have a number of pre-service teachers from Monash University who will be completing their teaching placements at our school. Josh Chapman will be working with Mrs Phillips in 2B and Eun Bi Jo and Mia Fine will be in Prep A with Miss Davis. More details of other placements will be placed in next week’s newsletter when they are confirmed.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 4 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

- Prep A – Elina T for always being a kind, considerate and caring friend.
- Prep A – Giselle L for working so hard on all classroom tasks and always being a helpful class member.
- 1A – Ryan H for using his initiative to keep our class from being disrupted during learning time.
- 1C – Ryder P for persisting with his writing and getting fabulous results.
- 1D – Matthew S for always being a happy and helpful class member.
- 1/2Z – Oscar R for his expert knowledge and writing about soccer.
- 2A – Reis Z for being one of the hardest workers in the class.
- 2B – Mathilda M for working really hard to produce a wonderful information report about Australian animals.
- 3D – Jay C for working hard to concentrate during independent reading.
- 3D – Brinley T for her excellent effort in all writing tasks.
- 3/4Z – Hao Z for always working cooperatively and for being a good friend to his class mates.
- 4A – Jasmine H for her informative presentation on explorer Yuri Gagarin.
- 4C – Tyler C for his wonderful work in Numeracy and sharing his division strategies.
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

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.
SUN SMART POLICY

NO HAT/NO PLAY FROM TUESDAY
1ST SEPTEMBER 2015

Our school’s SunSmart Policy comes into effect on Tuesday, 1st September for the remainder of the school year. In light of the following SunSmart information, our school updated its policy and students are required to wear their hats from the 1st September through until the 30th April.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. More than 1700 people die from skin cancer every year – that’s more than the national road toll.

The SunSmart UV Alert is based on the UV Index forecast, which predicts how much UV radiation will reach the ground that day. The SunSmart UV Alert times are issued throughout the year by the Bureau of Meteorology when the UV Index is forecast to reach 3 or above.

The general rule of thumb for sun protection is as follows:

In Victoria, from September through to the end of April average UV levels are 3 and above, which is when UV radiation can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. This is when sun protection is required.

From May to August the UV radiation levels are generally low (1 or 2) in Victoria. Sun protection isn’t needed unless you are in alpine areas or near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or water.

So when the UV Index is 3 and above:

1. Slip on sun-protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF30+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen – put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards
3. Slap on a hat – that protects your face, head, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards

DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTIONS

Making our annual Trivia Night and School Fete a success takes a lot of hard work and commitment from not only our Fundraising committee but also our school community and we are currently looking for donations for our Silent Auctions. Whilst a very small number of sponsors may make a financial contribution, the majority of sponsors contribute through the donation of goods or services, most of which are directed to our Silent Auctions which have high visibility throughout the school community.

If you have a business or know of someone else that may be willing to offer any goods, services or even voucher offers that we can use for our Silent Auctions, we would greatly appreciate it.

Please contact Julie Shaw at school on 9772 4011 or via email shaw.julie.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

LANGUAGES WEEK AT PATTO

Monday 31st August - Friday 4th September 2015

A celebration of the languages taught at Patterson Lakes Primary School - French, Italian and Spanish. During this week the students will be participating in fun cultural activities according to the language they are learning:

Monday 31st August
- Spanish Day - Preps, Yr 1 & Yr 2

Tuesday 1st September
- French Day - Yrs 5 & 6

Friday 4th September
- Italian Day - Yrs 3 & 4

Students are to come to school dressed up in costumes of characters representing the culture of the language they are learning this year, or the colours of the flag, French, Italian or Spanish.

A special Languages Week Canteen menu has been organised for Monday 31st August 2015. Canteen Order Forms were sent home with students last week and we’ve also attached another copy to this newsletter. They must be returned to school no later than 9.30am Monday 10th August.
Rockin’ Through the Ages
PLPS Concert
Thursday the 17th September
2015

Your child will have received a Concert Ticket Order Form last week. Remember to fill out your order and return it to school ASAP.

The initial allocation of tickets will go home tomorrow.

After the 7th of August any seats not filled will be made available to those who wish to order more tickets.

Thankyou,
The Arts Committee

Athletics Results

Congratulations to WELLS WILDCATS on winning the 2015 Senior School Athletics Carnival! This is the 3rd year in a row Wells have taken the title of Athletics Champs! Well Done!

The District Athletics Team will be confirmed over the next few weeks. Successful students will be competing at Ballam Park again on Friday 4th September.
Year 3 Hoop Time!

On Tuesday, sixty-five PLPS Year 3 students went to Hoop Time at FDBA. Our school entered nine teams. All teams played 4-5 games throughout the day and had a fantastic time! Everyone was so proud of our students’ effort and good sportsmanship.

Students have been attending training sessions at lunchtimes and developed their basketball skills as well as their teamwork along the way. Well done to everyone for your participation!

We took ten Year 6 helpers for the day and they impressed not only the teachers but also all of the parents with their leadership, organisation and maturity. Great job!

A big thank you to all parents who came and helped with coaching and scoring again, we cannot offer these opportunities without your support, so it is greatly appreciated.

Year 5/6 Hoop Time will be held at Dandenong on Wednesday 26th August. GOOD LUCK!
Dear Parents/Guardians,

On MONDAY 31st August 2015, the canteen have organised a special Languages week Lunch for the whole school.

Please return the form with payment to your class teacher no later than 9.30am on Monday 10th August 2015 (Please supply exact money as no change can be given).

All money and forms are to be placed at the canteen or in your lunch tubs.

No other lunch orders on this day & No late orders can be accepted

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**Canteen Languages Week Lunch**

**Monday 31st August 2015**

Patterson Lakes Primary School

Payment Form

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TOTAL ENCLOSED $ 

Cash Only (No cheques accepted)

Due to the food and drinks being pre-ordered, money cannot be refunded
Reserve your arm band early for unlimited rides.
1 ride band prepaid—$30, 2 ride bands prepaid—$55
3 ride bands prepaid—$80, 4 ride bands prepaid—$100
Pre-School Wristband $15
Ride bands $35 on the day, Pre-School—$20

THE RIDES
Bad Boys 2, Cha Cha, Cadillac Dodgem Cars,
Cup N Saucer,
Animal Farm, Fire Rescue Challenge, Rockwall, Jumping
Castle, Haunted House Maze, Chair O Plane

FETE WRISTBAND BOOKINGS
1 BAND PREPAID—$30 2 BANDS PREPAID—$55
3 BANDS PREPAID—$80 4 BANDS PREPAID $100
Pre-School Wristband $15.00

Student Name: _________________________ Grade: ___
Number of Tickets: _______

Credit Card No: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________ EXP: _______
Cardholders Name: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________
Cash/Credit Card: Amount: _______
Number of Tickets: _______ TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
Patterson Lakes Primary School

Science Night 2015

School Hall, 5:30 to 7:40pm, Friday 21st August 2015.

FREE ENTRY

Light Exhibition

2015 is the International Year of Light. Create an experiment involving light to show at our Science fair. You must prepare your experiment before the evening with the help of an adult. For some ideas, search Pinterest under ‘Light experiments for kids’.

Every entry gets a prize!

MIRROR MADNESS

Bring any or all of the following: a hand held mirror (no sharp edges), a small torch, glow sticks, fluoro face paint

Wear: your brightest clothes

Task: A 15 minute dance off to finish the night in style

Note: ‘Mirror Madness’ is open to Light Exhibition entrants, their families and any students of the school who have come to observe the exhibition with their parents.

You must return your permission slip no later than Monday, 17th August.

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<td>Barbeque starts - $2.00 for a sausage and bread (School Hall entrance)</td>
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<td>Light exhibition starts (in the School Hall)</td>
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<td>Mirror Madness dance</td>
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<td>7:00pm</td>
<td>Presentations of prizes and certificates by Melissa Toifl, Water Scientist at Swinburne University and our CSIRO Scientist in Schools representative</td>
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<td>Clean-up of the hall and evening close</td>
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Light Exhibition Entry 2015

I ___________________________ would like to make an entry into the Light exhibition.

I have the support of my parents, who will help me finish it on time.

Parent Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

(Entries close 17th August 2015)
Give your parenting a spring clean

With spring in the air there is no better time for a little parenting spring clean to make sure you are on track to raise happy, confident and resilient kids.

Every parent I know wants be the best parent they can be. Yet despite the best intentions it's easy develop poor parenting habits that don't do our kids any favours.

With spring in the air there is no better time for a little parenting spring clean to make sure you are on track to raise happy, confident and resilient kids.

Here is a checklist of 10 parenting ideas designed to help you put some psychological muscle on your kids:

1. **Encourage effort and improvement more than results:** Descriptive praise is better than generalities. Better still, as kids get older focus your comments more on effort, improvement and contribution than on results. And don't make your kids reliant on what you think about them as their source of self-esteem.

2. **Get kids to help without being paid:** A little payment for jobs is okay, but don't go overboard. Teach kids what's in it for 'we' not 'me'. By the way, the use of rosters is a great way to get kids to help.

3. **Balance free time with organised time:** For learning reasons (kids learn a lot when play and activities are self-directed) and mental health reasons make sure kids have plenty of MOOC time.

4. **NO deals with kids:** If you bribe kids to behave well you teach them that they get what they negotiate. That's hard work in family life. Better to give them a treat after they've behaved well as a show of appreciation rather than make their good behaviour contingent on a reward, also known as bribery.

5. **Train your kids to speak for themselves:** Give your kids the words they need to speak for themselves in all situations including when they are not with you.

6. **When kids can, they do (make lunches, get themselves up, etc.):** Sometimes we do things for kids that make us feel like a mum or a dad. Your job is to make yourself redundant as a parent so teach your kids to do/make/speak for themselves and work your way out of a job. **NB:** You will never become redundant as a mum or a dad.

7. **Don't give them things just because they ask:** Character is built through impulse control. Resist giving them what they want even if you have the capacity to do so. Waiting, saving and goal-setting are admirable skills that are developed through scarcity.

8. **Give kids a chance to sort out their fights and squabbles:** The default mechanism for most sibling conflict is compromise. We've just got to give kids a chance to work things out themselves. There are legitimate times to get involved but we need to know what we are doing and why.

9. **Use consequences to develop responsibility:** Don't rescue kids when they leave that school lunch at home, when they are late for school or they are less than pleasant to another child. Allow consequences to teach your kids the important lessons of life. You mess up sometimes but you can learn and move on -- and you can learn from the experience.

10. **Put the camera down -- be in the moment:** Make sure your mind is where your body is and be fully present when you are with your kids. Take more mental pictures than photos and build their family memories.

This checklist is designed to stimulate some thinking and conversation about your current child-rearing practice. It's not intended as a template for good parenting. It may even stimulate you to do less of some things and more of others. Incremental change is how we become better at most endeavours, including raising children.
Melbourne Football Club - All Girls Clinic Day
For girls 5-14 yo, Sat 15th August at 10am with the MFC women’s team. For further details follow the registration link: http://melbournecfc.formstack.com/forms/mfcwomensauskick

Winds From The West - All Ages Event
St Aidan’s Church, 1-3 Poulson Street, Carrum, Saturday 15th August at 2pm. Tickets $15 adults, $12 concession $35 family, available from Parish Office, call Anita on 9772 1251

City Of Kingston Vacation Care
Enquiries and enrolments are now open for the September/October Vacation Care Program. Please contact Julie on 9581 4846 or Kim on 9581 4875 for details.

Activities at Chelsea Heights Community Centre
A range of activities are on offer from Japanese crocheting, Nutritionists, Child Care, Brewing of Tea, Arthritis Victoria & Positive Mind Courses. Phone 9772 3391 for details.