**DIARY DATES**

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<td>Mon 7 Sept</td>
<td>Prep Planning Day&lt;br&gt;No Assembly due to Planning Week&lt;br<em><strong>Free Dress Day in return of non-perishable Grocery Items for the Fete</strong></em></td>
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<td>Yrs 3 &amp; 4 Planning Day&lt;br&gt;Prep - Yr 6 African Beat Music Incursion&lt;br&gt;School Council Meeting 7pm</td>
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<td>Yrs 5 &amp; 6 Planning Day&lt;br&gt;Special Runners Club Breakfast 8.10am</td>
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<td>Fri 11 Sept</td>
<td>Specialists Planning Day&lt;br&gt;Yr 6 Interschool Sport&lt;br&gt;Prep 2015 &amp; 2016 Fairy-tale Parade&lt;br&gt;9.30am - 10.30am in the school hall</td>
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<td>Whole School Assembly 2.55pm</td>
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<td>Yrs 3 &amp; 4 EFA&lt;br&gt;Whole School Concert Rehearsal in the school hall 12pm - 3.30pm</td>
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<td>Thurs 17 Sept</td>
<td>No Canteen today due to the School Concert.&lt;br&gt;Coffee and Tea will be served from the hall canteen window for $2 during all 4 performances - 9am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 6.30pm.</td>
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<td>Term 4 commences 9am&lt;br&gt;No Online Canteen Orders today</td>
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<td>Thur 8 Oct</td>
<td>Online Canteen resumes today&lt;br&gt;Yrs 3 &amp; 4 Regional Hooptime Finals at Dandenong Stadium (8 girls only) 8.15am</td>
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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**FATHER’S DAY**

The school wishes all dads a happy Father's Day this Sunday. According to McCrindle Research, 20% of Australia's population is made up of dads. There are approximately 4.6 million dads in Australia, with an estimated 2.2 million dads currently with children aged under 18. Of these, approximately 156,000 are single parent fathers, who look after 228,000 children, which averages out at 1.5 kids for each single dad.

There is certainly a trend of fatherhood becoming a delayed life stage, with the average age of a new father in Australia now being 33.1 years of age! The Northern Territory and Tasmania are home to our nations youngest dads, with the median age of the fathers at 31.5 and 31.7 respectively at the child’s birth. However, Victoria and the ACT have the oldest dads, with a median age of 33.7 years at birth.

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**STAFF NEWS**

Last week we were very sad to hear of the loss of Colette Williams' husband, Alan. Our thoughts are with Colette and her family.

Mrs Morris commences Long Service Leave today and will return on Friday, 11th September. Mr Wilkins will be assisting with Student Wellbeing and some administrative tasks to support Mrs Marston and myself.

Mrs Macaulay will be taking Long Service Leave for the final two weeks of this term. Miss Eloise Murphy will be the replacement teacher in 5D for four days and Mrs Walsh will continue her one day per week.

Mrs Murphy will be on leave next week and will return for the final week of the term. Mrs Karen Bastidas will be the replacement teacher in Prep B for the week.

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY**

Today is Australian National Flag Day. The flag was first flown on the 3rd September 1901. The Prime Minister at the time, Edmund Barton, announced on that day the winners of a competition to find a flag for Australia. It was a large flag, 5.5 metres by 11 metres, and was flown over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne.

At that time the flag was known as the 'Commonwealth Blue Ensign' and later became known as the 'Australian National Flag'. All Australians are encouraged to fly or display the flag to celebrate Australian National Flag Day on the 3rd September each year.
2016 SCHOOL TRANSFERS

The school has commenced the process of determining its staffing profile for 2016. To assist the leadership team in this matter, could you please inform the office if your child(ren) will not be at PLPS next year by completing the following form or alternatively you can email your intentions to my email account clohesy.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

SUNSMART POLICY

Just a reminder that our school’s Sunsmart Policy came in to effect this week for the remainder of the school year. Students are required to wear their hats from the 1st September, 2015 through until the 30th April, 2016 when involved in outdoor activities.

WHO TO GO TO WITH A CONCERN

Occasionally parents will have a concern or query in relation to their child’s education. When this occurs, the best person to see is your child’s class teacher. If you require clarification at a higher level, I have listed Coordinators, Subschool leaders and members of the school’s Leadership team who will be able to assist if required.

Katrina Bound  Prep  
Melinda Bowly  Year 1  
Sarah Ashburn  Year 2  
Abbie Krieger  Year 3  
Leanne Walker  Year 4  
Amber Ryan  Year 5  
Deidre Carmona  Year 6  
Helene Bearup  Specialists  
Poppy Morris  Junior Subschool Leader  
Kristin Dyer  Senior Subschool Leader  
Samantha Marston  Acting Assistant Principal & Student Wellbeing  
Paul Clohesy  Acting Principal

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 A – Alanna M for always working hard on classroom tasks and having a positive attitude.
Prep B – Taj D for working so hard in Maths and showing excellence in his Mathletics.
Prep B – Alice M for being such a wonderful classroom team member by showing persistence and working hard in all activities. You are also an amazing helper.
Prep B – Brodie P for persisting and working hard in all classroom activities. You share wonderful ideas with the class and you are a fantastic classmate.
Prep C – Grace M for her persistence when learning to use neat handwriting.
Prep D – Sienna S for being such a wonderful Prep D team member. You are always giving your best with a beautiful smile on your face. Thank you for helping make our classroom a wonderful place to be.

1A – Wayd G for showing persistence with his writing, resulting in some fabulous work.
1B – Sarah A for being an enthusiastic student in all areas of her schoolwork.
1C – Charlotte H for being a helpful classroom member.
1/2Z – Kynan M for the joy and knowledge he brings to our class every week.
1/2Z – Hunter R for working very hard on his writing with good results.
2A – Jaspar R for a consistent effort in everything he does.
2B – Declan M for writing a great recount of our Spanish Day.
3/4Z – Jade B for always displaying a positive attitude and for trying her best in all areas.
4A – Ruby K for dedication to improve the quality of her work.
4B – Michael I for being an independent, organised and mature student.
4C – Lachlan C for his continued effort with all areas of work in the classroom.
5D – Jackson S for being a quiet achiever. Well done!

SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS for last week were:

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS WINNERS

Last week’s winning House teams were Gladesville Gladiators (Blue) and McLeod Mustangs (Green). Congratulations to all students in these teams.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUNDS (CSEF)

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. (CSEF)

Applications for the new CSEF fund are being accepted until 18th September. If you are eligible and wish to apply please contact the office.

The State Government has recently announced that this fund will be available to all Victorian families who hold an eligible Centre Link Health Care Card, Veteran Affairs Gold Card, Pensioner Concession Card or be a temporary foster parent.

The fund will provide $125.00 payable to the school, to be used for Camps, Swimming and Excursions.

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.

MAKING OUR MARK DONATIONS

Each year our Year 5 & 6 students work in teams to budget for, create, market and sell a product at our school market in Term 4. All profits generated from the ‘Makin Our Mark’ program will be put towards a Grade 5/6 legacy project, as a reminder of the students’ great contribution during their time at Patterson Lakes Primary School.

This year Amber Ryan (5A) will be working with a group of students on a project that requires jars, so with this in mind we are asking for donations of jars of any size.

Donations can be brought to the office or taken directly to Amber Ryan in Room 8.

Thank you in advance.
Many of the opportunities we provide our students at PLPS could not go ahead without the wonderful help from parents. We often require parent helpers for school sporting events, excursions, fundraising events and classroom programs. If you wish to help out at PLPS you will be required to register your Working with Children Check (WWCC) at the School Office.

Please note there are no fees for a Volunteer WWCC. For more information visit:
www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

PLPS is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, which is located in the front office.

We can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school.

We invite all students to come to school dressed in free dress clothing, in return for the donation of a non perishable grocery item or 2 that we can sell at our school fete on Sunday 18th October.

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From Tuesday 1st September all students must wear their school hat when outside.
Junior school

Year Two have been learning how to write information reports.

**Australian Animals**

By Alanah S - 2B

There are many types of Australian animals. Three very interesting animals are the kangaroo, the platypus and the Tasmanian devil.

Kangaroos have big ears to cool themselves down. They are usually found in the wild and they use their long tails to balance. They have reddish brownish fur with a white belly.

Platypuses are monotremes, which are egg laying mammals. They eat crustaceans and worms. They have webbed feet and a duck billed beak. Platypuses also have skin which protects their eyes and nose when under water.

Tasmanian devils love to play with toys and people. They are an endangered species because of a disease. They used to be found all over Australia but now they’re found in Tasmania only.

Senior school

This is an excerpt from a booklet Charlotte made about animals.

**Sharks**

By Charlotte K - 3C

Sharks attack fewer than 100 people each year. They live in the ocean. They hunt for other fish. Sharks don’t have a backbone, instead they have cartilage and can be black, white or have white spots. They are covered with tiny puff scales, which feel like sandpaper. There are different sizes of sharks, but the Whale Shark and the Barking Shark are the biggest.
In true Patto spirit our National Literacy & Numeracy Week celebrations was a huge success with a record number of students dressing up and participating in the Book/Math Character parade.

Students worked with their buddies, created their own poetry, listened to intriguing stories and learned all about tessellations.

Thank you to all involved!
Holiday Clinic

Let the DC Tennis professionals at Patterson Lakes Tennis Club Inc improve your child's game during the school holidays in a fun, friendly and caring environment.

The DC Tennis professionals will ensure your children have a memorable experience. Suitable for children aged 4-17yrs.

Venue: Patterson Lakes Tennis Club
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Dates: Clinic 1: Monday 21st Sept - Wednesday 23rd Sept 2015

Cost: $45 a day or $120 inc GST for 3 half days 9.30am-12.30pm
$55 a day or $150 inc Gst for 3 full days 9.30am-3pm
(Early drop off available from 8.30am)
$50 off 2nd child (3 days only)

Morning tea provided

Payment Options:
- Cash: Please put in an envelope with your name
- Cheque: (Cheque to be made payable to Debbie Carr)
- Direct Deposit: Quote child’s name as reference
  Bank: NAB  Account Name: Deborah Carr
  BSB: 083 293  Account Number: 45 868 6040

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CONTACT: DEB: 0433 820 088  EMAIL: deb_carr@hotmail.com

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SCHOOL FETE
Sunday 18th October

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Only available until 7th October

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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: _______
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Teach children to persist

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

“Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”

John Quincy Adams

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn’t understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the ‘stickability’ to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn’t allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children’s gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. “You can do it” is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than “If it is a little too hard then try something else.”

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Here are four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence.
   Words like “Hang tough”, “Work Hard” and “Hang in there” can become part of their every day vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task.
   Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children.
   They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

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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.

Chelsea Gulls Basketball - New Domestic Season
Summer season commences Oct 5th and entry forms are now available on website or through email. Junior Rep tryouts also on website for dates/times. Contact Peter on 9776 1895/0448 557 323 or email: manager@chelseabasketball.com.au

Bonbeach St Chads Baseball Club - Summer Season
Bonbeach St Chads Baseball Club is currently preparing for the upcoming summer season of T-Ball & Baseball. For more info visit: www.bonbeachbluejays.baseball.com.au

Chelsea Heights - Aspendale Gardens Cricket Club
Registration day Friday 11th September 4.30pm - 6pm. Beazley Reserve, Thames Pde, Chelsea Heights. For further details contact 9772 2509 or visit www.chelseaheightsscc.vic.cricket.com.au

AMAZE (Autism Victoria) is offering a free workshop for parents of young children who have a diagnosis (or undergoing a diagnosis) of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
Monday 7th September 2015 (9.30am-3.00pm).
Venue: Quest Dandenong (cnr Princess Hwy and James Street, Dandenong).

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