Newsletter #16
29th of October

Patterson Lakes Primary School

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 30th October
Assembly

Monday 2nd November
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day
Pupil Free Day

Friday 13th November
Assembly

Thursday 19th November - Friday 20th November
Year 3 Camp

Friday 27th November
Environment Leaders
Dolphin Swim

Monday 30th November
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 2nd December
6.00pm Foundation 2027 Information Evening

Wednesday 9th December
2.45pm Christmas Concert

Tuesday 15th December
Year 6 Roy Dore Fun Day

Wednesday 16th December
Year 1 Christmas Show
Foundation Graduation

Thursday 17th December
Year 6 Graduation

Friday 18th December
End of Term 4



Principal's Report

Colour Run

Thank you to our school community for their wonderful support and fundraising efforts. We have raised over $20,000 and are greatly appreciative of everyone making this event a success.

Weather Event – Power impact

Thanks to our staff and students for working through the day during Monday's power outage and demonstrating their flexibility. We currently have a generator in place until our normal power supply has been restored.

2027 School Year

If you have a child in Foundation to Grade 5 and will not be returning to PLPS next year, could you please inform the school office. This helps with our planning for class structures for 2027.

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams as well as our Boys' Cricket team who have represented the school recently at Division Finals. Well done on all your achievements and sportsmanship at each event.

Safe Tree Program

Next week an arborist from the Victorian School Building Authority, will be undertaking a tree audit of all trees on our site. They will review the state of each tree and make recommendations to ensure they are safe, healthy, not impacting buildings or infrastructure and planted in suitable locations.

Student Free Day

A reminder that Monday is a student free day and the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday is on Tuesday. We will see everyone back on Wednesday 4th November.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who earned our 'Student of the Week' Awards for Term 4 - Week 3 and 4
Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday, October the 16th.
Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Student of the Week.

Week 3

Foundation A: Charli C.
Foundation B: Ewan J.
Foundation C: Josh G.
1A: Liam B.
1B: Lenny H.
1C: Sadie D.
1D: Lilah F.
2A: London V.
2B: Aaliyah AW.
2C: Lincoln C.
3A:
3B: Lilly RB.
3C: Lexi C.
4A: Poppy Mc.
4B: Oscar Mc.
4C: Alanna D.
5A: Brooklyn S.
5B: Parker S.
5C: Lachlan H.
6A: Romeo OB.
6B: Remi T.
6C: Olivia P.

Week 4

Foundation A: Louie N.
Foundation B: Izzy L.
Foundation C: Harvie S.
1A: Noah K.
1B: Maeve C.
1C: Miles L.
1D:
2A: Bella S.
2B: Zakk R.
2C: Liam E.
3A:
3B: Liam S.
3C: Kyan A.
4A: Jasper G.
4B: Levi H.
4C. Rilee H
5A: Indi R.
5B: Evie A.
5C: Ruby L.
6A: Vera P.
6B: Stell P.
6C: Yi Wen T.

Birthdays

30th October
Liam S.

31st October
Harvey S.

2nd November
Harry G.
Layla C.

4th October
Kyrie H-P.
Ben W.

5th November
Zac C.

7th November
Phillip A.

8th November
Leo S.
Lily K.
Isaac R.
Jeremiah B.

11th November
Oliver A.

12th November
Louie N.
Vinnie C.
Linga W.



Robocup National Event 2026

During the recent school holidays, six students from Year 6 travelled to Canberra with their families to participate in the Robocup Nationals for 2026.

Our two teams did extremely well, bringing home one trophy each! That brings an end to the competitive robotics season, with six trophies for the year and our best results ever!

Special thanks to the parents who took the time and effort to give students this opportunity.

The Sapphires (Amelia E & Luna I) – 3rd place Onstage (from a field of 21)

Terminal Velocity (Ben W, Nathan H, Joel S and Charlie S) – Resilience award (from 51 soccer teams)











Kingston Division Boys' Cricket

Congratulations to the Boys' Cricket team that competed in the Kingston Division finals at Roy Dore Reserve in Carrum on Tuesday.

The boys won their first two matches to qualify for the final and came up against a strong opponent in St. Louis. We batted first in the final and set a total of 135.

The match came down to the final over with St. Louis running out 18 run winners on the day.

A wonderful effort was made throughout the day with great sportsmanship and incredible skill on display throughout. A big thanks to Mr. Bainbridge who dropped in to watch and support the boys in the final!



Kingston Division Boys' Basketball

On Thursday the Patterson Lakes Boys Basketball team travelled down to Jubilee Park to compete in the Kingston Division Basketball playoffs. The competition was fierce, with many representative players taking the floor for each team. The boys improved throughout the day and demonstrated wonderful resilience and comradery.

The boys improved in each game and continued to put up points and make each game a little bit closer on the scoreboard.

We finished the day without a win, but the boys can hold their heads high.

Thank you to the parents who came along to support and special thanks to Angelina and Koby for scoring.







Mathletics Certificates!

Dear Parents,

This week at assembly the below students will be acknowledged for earning a Mathletics Certificate:

Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond
Jackson E	Jasmin P	Olivia P	Danica C
Saige B	Emmerson F	Brooklyn S	Riley L
Mia R	Luna I	Finley M	Carter S
Jaxon C	Poppy M	Taylan G	Liam S
Stella P	Conor C	Oliver A	Zachary K
Mayley D	Boudicea C		
Aaryash S	Nadine A		
Patrick L	Alex DJ		
Lily W	Willow H		
Thomas M			

Epic	Legend
Willem G	Sophie E
Alexis B	Logan E
Bianca F	Ethan E
Noah B	
Olendra A-R	
Isla V	

Foundation Myuna Farm Excursion

This term in Foundation, our integrated studies focus is 'All Creatures Great and Small'. To launch the unit, all Foundation classes went on an excursion to Myuna Farm. We had an amazing time visiting the vegetable patch, planting our very own seeds, petting and feeding the animals, and riding the train around the paddocks.

A special thank you to all the parent volunteers that came along on the day!









IN WEEK 2 THE BELOW STUDENTS WERE DUE TO RECEIVE AN ARTIST OF THE MONTH AWARD, BUT OUR GRADE 5S WERE AWAY AT CAMP.

THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED THIS FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER AT ASSEMBLY.

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TALENTED ARTIST

This is to certify that

Victoria Nguyen 5B

has received this award at

Patterson Lakes Primary School



For

creating a vibrant still-life collage inspired by Australian artist Margaret Preston, using warm and cool colours to compose colourful flowers arranged in beautifully detailed zentangle-patterned vase.

Date: September 2026
Teacher: Mrs Munnikhuis
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TALENTED ARTIST

This is to certify that

Xavier Percy 5C

has received this award at

Patterson Lakes Primary School



For

using a vibrant still-life collage inspired by Australian artist Margaret Preston, using warm and cool colours to compose colourful flowers arranged in beautifully detailed zentangle-patterned vase.

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TALENTED ARTIST

This is to certify that

Hudson Spowart 5A

has received this award at

Patterson Lakes Primary School



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using a vibrant still-life collage inspired by Australian artist Margaret Preston, using warm and cool colours to compose colourful flowers arranged in beautifully detailed zentangle-patterned vase.

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TALENTED ARTIST

This is to certify that

Frankie Sandry 5C

has received this award at

Patterson Lakes Primary School



For

using a vibrant still-life collage inspired by Australian artist Margaret Preston, using warm and cool colours to compose colourful flowers arranged in beautifully detailed zentangle-patterned vase.

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First Aid Comes to Patterson Lakes

On Tuesday 20 October, St John Ambulance ran first aid workshops for every student from Foundation to Grade 6. Students learnt the DRSABC Action Plan, a simple set of steps for what to do in an emergency. Each year level explored age-appropriate first aid skills and strategies to help them respond safely in an emergency.

Foundation: Storytime

Students learnt the first steps of basic first aid through a story. They practised checking for danger and responding to someone who needs help.

Year 1–2: DRS

These students learnt to check for Danger, check for a Response and Send for help. They also practised how to call for an adult.

Year 3–4: DRSAB

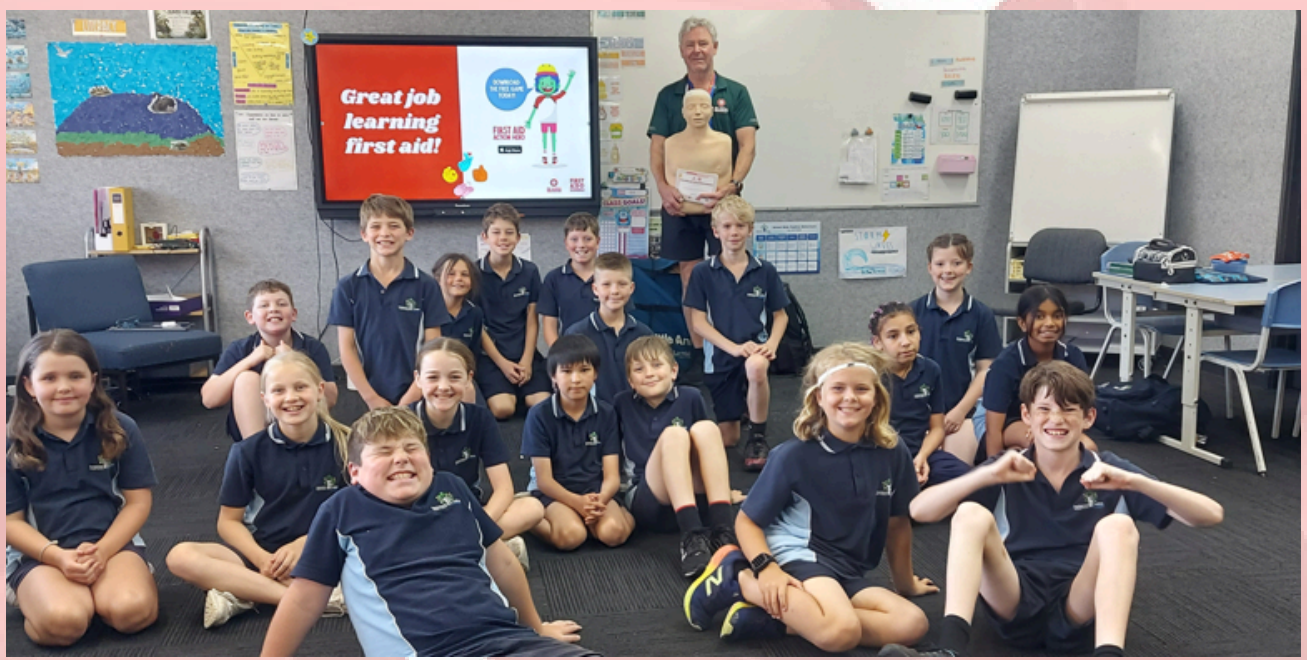
Students built on DRS by learning to open the Airway and check for Breathing. They practised these steps in pairs.

Year 5–6: DRSABC

Our senior students explored the full DRSABC Action Plan, including how to perform CPR, and had the opportunity to practise their new skills through hands-on activities.







YEAR 5 ADEKATE BUSH CAMP & SOVEREIGN HILL EXPERIENCE

Sovereign Hill Review by Evie 5B

I would highly recommend treating yourself to an all-day adventure at Sovereign Hill where you can pan for gold, walk through the olden day themed stores, meet the funny characters, learn what the gold miners went through and see the Welcome Nugget - A huge golden nugget found in 1858 by 22 Cornish miners.

If you love history, this place is perfect for you! For starters, all the activities you can find here are super fun! I went there for year five camp and it was perfect for our gold miner's topic, but all the activities made this place ten times more fun. For our first activity we went gold panning. Gold panning is super fun (if you have the patience for it). You can find yourself sitting around the river with the pan, swirling it around looking for those tiny specks of gold. If you're more of a shopping person, Sovereign Hill has the perfect place for you. At Sovereign Hill, there is a whole shopping area where you can find yourself waiting in cue for lollies or making a candle.

All the actors at Sovereign Hill are so funny but so believable. They are so good at playing the olden days act that I fully believed the role that they were playing. There was a lady at Sovereign Hill that a couple of my mates and I were talking to and she acted like she had no idea what anything was in 2026 and only knew about the stuff from back in the day.

My last reason why you should visit Sovereign Hill is because playing the games are really fun. You can find yourself running around with your friends and family, playing a gold mining game, or going underground to walk around the dark gold mines and see the Welcome Nugget.

The worst part of being at Sovereign Hill would be the hard rocks that would slip into my shoes while walking on the trails and walking up the hills while trying to get from place to place. My favourite part was getting the raspberry drops from the lolly store.

Overall, I hope you visit Sovereign Hill and try all the fun activities and yummy foods. My overall experience was super fun, entertaining and enjoyable. I would rate Sovereign Hill a 9.5/10!





Adekate Camp, Zipline review by Millie O 5B

I would highly recommend doing the zipline at Adekate Camp if you love a sense of thrill, fun and excitement.
The zipline is a must, you have to try it!
I love the zipline because it's fast, interesting and amusing. There are so many tricks you can do on the zipline, things like the dead man's drop, upside down and backwards. The best part is when you look over at your partner and your'e both upside down! Trust me and try it.
If you're unsure how to do any tricks just ask your instructor. They're all really nice and they'll help you. If you don't know what the dead man's drop is, you stand facing backwards on the edge with your hands out in a tee shape. The instructor can push you off or can just fall.
When you're going upside down, make sure you don't hold on otherwise, you'll struggle.
How the zipline works is that the instructor will harness you up and you will get into pairs. Then you will line up with your partner and when it's your turn, you and your partner will clip up and go.
My least favourite part was how it went so fast. We got three turns and it still felt so quick. It was loads of fun, but I wish it would last longer!
I recommend giving it a go. You might be a little scared but once you're gone all your fears go away. Try it and do everything I recommend. If you do, your experience will be amazing. I promise.

10/5 Stars







PLPS COLOUR RUN











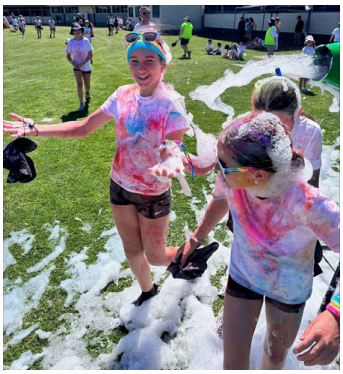


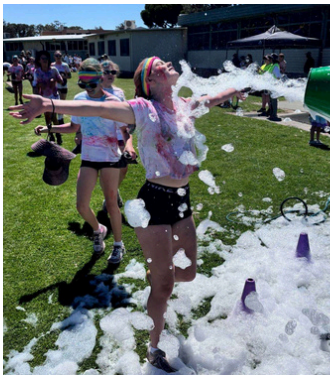


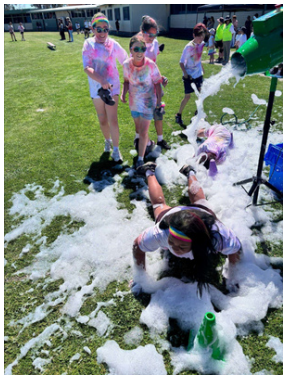

















Chinese Bookmark Design Competition

中文书签设计大赛

This term, students in Years 1–6 participated in our Chinese Bookmark Design Competition during their Chinese lessons.

Inspired by Chinese language and culture, they created bookmarks featuring Chinese characters, zodiac animals, pandas, traditional patterns, festivals, food and other cultural elements. They were encouraged to use their imagination and develop designs that reflected their individual ideas and interests.

The result was a wonderful collection of colourful, imaginative and carefully completed bookmarks. Our students have filled the school with the beauty of Chinese language, culture and art. All bookmarks are currently on display in the school library.

A special thank you to our student judges, who carefully considered each bookmark and helped select the winners.



Congratulations to Our Award Winners

Year 1

Award	Student
First Prize	Tatiana Mauer, 1C
Second Prize	Bonnie Bailey, 1D
Third Prize	Skyla McEvoy, 1D
Best Chinese Writing Award	Hudson Vitiello, 1C
Most Creative Award	Iona McDonald, 1A
Best Cultural Design Award	William "Will" Meredith, 1B

Year 2

Award	Student
First Prize	Aaliyah Abdul Wahab, 2B
Second Prize	Elouise "Ellie" Percy, 2B
Third Prize	Nevaya Clarke, 2B
Best Chinese Writing Award	Bianca Fabrizio, 2B
Most Creative Award	Charlotte Kohler, 2C
Best Cultural Design Award	Kobe Jones, 2A

Year 3

Award	Student
First Prize	Bella Ye, 3A
Second Prize	Maggie Magee-Mathieson, 3C
Third Prize	Kai Makary, 3B
Best Chinese Writing Award	Mason Hocking, 3C
Most Creative Award	Salvador Castellano, 3C
Best Cultural Design Award	Hudson Christensen, 3C

Year 4

Award	Student
First Prize	Charlotte Sok, 4C
Second Prize	Poppy McLachlan, 4A
Third Prize	Alanna Diron, 4C
Best Chinese Writing Award	Isla Osborne, 4A
Most Creative Award	Ivaan Saxena, 4B
Best Cultural Design Award	Chloe Viljoen, 4B

Year 5

Award	Student
First Prize	Olivia White, 5A
Second Prize	Millie Ogge, 5B
Third Prize	Kiah Hale-Palmer, 5A
Best Chinese Writing Award	Haven Bevis, 5B
Most Creative Award	Annabelle Degabriele, 5C
Best Cultural Design Award	Madison Arlove, 5B

Year 6

Award	Student
First Prize	Max Ciccarella, 6A
Second Prize	Scarlet Phillips, 6A
Third Prize	Emma Waters, 6C
Best Chinese Writing Award	Yi Wen "Yvonne" Tan, 6C
Most Creative Award	Alisha McCartney, 6C
Best Cultural Design Award	Xavier Fitzgerald, 6B

Congratulations to all our award winners and every student who participated.
We are very proud of the creativity, effort and enthusiasm shown in your wonderful bookmark designs.

World Teachers' Day – Friday 30 October

This Friday, 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day. A huge thank you to our incredible teaching staff for their dedication, passion and commitment to supporting every student to learn, grow and thrive. Our staff will also take some time to celebrate together and enjoy a special afternoon tea at school.

Happy World Teachers' Day!



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TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Wow, it's October!

We had a blast over Holiday Program. Highlights were our colour incursion and Luna Park excursion. Due to the weather, we did not get to the Zoo but we saw Forgotten Island at the movies instead. Last week we enjoyed catching up with everyone and the children had the opportunity to enter a TheirCare wide competition, designing murals for our new head office.



What's on in Term 4!

TC Tucker

TC Tucker is back! Launching on World Food Day - Friday 16 October.



Friday 23 October is Grandparents' Day!
Invite your grandparents into service for
Nonna's Pasta Making

Tuesday 24 November is National Fairy Bread Day
Let's sprinkle kindness into After School Care

WeCare Spotlight Charity for Term 4:
Food Bank

More information about our Special Days will be available soon! Book now at no extra cost to families.

Did you know your child could attend before or after school care for as little as $2.30 per session*?

Government Support doesn't stop at Long Day Care! It can continue into Before School, After School and Holiday Care. The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) means your fees could be reduced by up to 90%. See how much you can save, visit TheirCare.com.au/families/#ccs

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