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## ***Diary Dates***

### **Friday December 12**

Whole School House Sports Day

Orange Tree Music Concert

Whole School Assembly 2:45pm

### **Monday December 15**

Year 6 Roy Dore Fun Day

### **Wednesday December 17**

2025 Foundation Graduation

Foundation and Year 1 Carp Christmas Show - only students attend

### **Thursday December 18**

Year 6 Graduation

### **Friday December 19**

Whole School Assembly 1:00pm

Last Day Term 4 – **1:30pm Finish**

## ***Principal's Report***

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our recent events and express my sincere thanks to our school community.



## *FOUNDATION INFORMATION EVENING*

Last Thursday we welcomed the families of our 2026 Foundation cohort at our annual Foundation Information Evening. It was a pleasure to meet our new families and to see so many current families supporting their children as they transition into our school community. My sincere thanks to our dedicated staff for giving their time to warmly welcome families and provide such valuable information as our newest students begin their schooling journey.

## *GRADUATION CEREMONIES*

Our *Year 6 Graduation Ceremony* will take place on **Thursday, December 18th** here at school. Having watched the students rehearse, I am confident it will be a beautiful and memorable celebration. To the families departing our community, thank you for your involvement and support over the years, I wish you all every success for the future.

Our *Foundation Graduation Ceremony* will be held on **Wednesday, December 17th**, and we look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our youngest learners.

## *STAFFING UPDATES*

On Tuesday we held a very successful 'Up Day', giving all students the chance to meet their 2026 class teachers.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Mangone, Ms Luckham, Ms Flaherty and Ms Reed for their wonderful contributions to Patterson Lakes Primary School. We wish them all the very best in their new school appointments for 2026.

We have also been fortunate to have Mrs Conway, Ms Berkelmans and Mr Clark supporting our staff and students this year, and we hope to continue working with them in some capacity next year.

A special mention must be made of Mr Clohesy, who will be taking well-deserved leave for the entire 2026 school year. After more than 22 years of dedicated service to our school, his calm, knowledgeable and efficient leadership has strengthened our community in countless ways. We wish him all the best for the year ahead and beyond. Mr Koppens and Mr Hodge will be stepping into the roles of Acting Assistant Principals during his absence.

With only a few days of the term remaining, I would like to thank all staff for their outstanding work and commitment throughout the year. With staffing changes, camps, excursions and curriculum updates, it has certainly been a full and eventful year. Our School Council members have also been tremendous in their support, from policy work to their creativity in fundraising efforts.

As we look forward to the holidays, I wish every family a safe, restful and enjoyable break. I hope you all have time to relax and recharge, and I look forward to hearing about your adventures when we return on January 28th.

Please remember that our final assembly for the year will be held on Friday, December 19th at 1:00pm in the courtyard. We hope to see many of you there.

## ***STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS***

Congratulations to the following students who won our 'Student of the Week' awards for Term 4 - Week 9 and Week 10. Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday December 12th. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

### ***Week Nine***

Foundation A Beau U for sharing and writing about such an interesting and personal ANZAC story. Well done Beau!

Foundation B Phillip A for making wonderful progress in Reading.

Foundation C Sadie D for her excellent focus during Maths when learning about place value. You are a super mathematician, Sadie!

Foundation D Will M for always displaying the school values of integrity, respect and excellence. Well done, Will!

1A Bianca F for your hard work, enthusiasm and excellent approach to learning. Well done!

1B Finn H for the effort you put into your work and your enthusiastic approach to learning. Well done Finn!

1C Stella R for being a helpful and conscientious student all year. Thanks Stella!

2A Liam S for demonstrating the PLPS values of respect, excellence and integrity on our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Keep up the great work, Liam!

2B Bobby J for demonstrating the PLPS values of respect, excellence and integrity on our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Superstar!

2C Lyla H for always setting an example to others with her exemplary behaviour, including during our excursion to the zoo. Thank you for being a leader all year.

3C Archer G for having an amazing year and making fantastic progress in all learning areas. Well done!

4A Oliver C for displaying high quality work and working consistently and attentively during all class sessions. Excellent work, Oliver.



4B Victoria N for contributing more frequently to our class discussions with thoughtful and valuable ideas. Keep sharing your strengths - your voice really adds to our learning community.

4C Zac C for always presenting his work with amazing artistic talent. You are such a great drawer Zac, and I always love seeing your artistic creations. Well done!

5A Lucas D for constantly encouraging others through sports, displaying great team spirit and making an active effort in his work. Well done, Lucas!

5B Everly B for outstanding commitment and dedication to all she does across the curriculum.

5D Linga W for an amazing year. Congratulations Linga on all of your achievements this year. Keep it up!

6B Kiara R- D for her quality effort with her graduation canvas.

6C Piper L for your excellent project, Surviving Adulthood. Well done on all your hard work, Piper!

## *Week Ten*

Foundation A Asher R for brightening up our classroom daily with his infectious smile and wonderful nature!

Foundation B Tatiana for working hard in all aspects of the curriculum.

Foundation C Savannah S for being a valued member of our class with a positive attitude to learning. You are a wonderful role model Savannah!

Foundation D Blake S for working so hard to complete all learning tasks. Keep up the great effort, Blake!

1A Harlow M for extending yourself when working on your determination to overcome obstacles. Keep up the great work Harlow.

1B Gemma M for the effort and persistence you have shown throughout the whole year with your learning. You should be so proud Gemma!

1C Mia C for always being a kind and delightful class member. Thanks Mia!

2A Zaid A for being an enthusiastic, funny and hard working member of 2A this year. We have loved having you on our team and will miss you next year. Best of luck at your new school, Zaid.

2B Charlotte J for being such a hard worker all year and very respectful to everyone. Keep it up Charlotte.

2C Isla G for an amazing year of hard work, quiet determination and being a wonderful role model of behaviour which reflects our school values. Congratulations, you super star!

3C Isla V for always being fantastic in the classroom, showing great progress in her learning this year, and being the best Class Captain for 3C!

4A Zac E for quietly and efficiently applying himself to all class activities and achieving a high standard, particularly with Writing. Well done, Zac.

4B Riley B for an amazing ability to refocus and apply yourself with respect and care in all your interactions. Keep shining, Riley.

4C Zac C Two in a row! Well done, Zac! You have been a superstar worker this week, going the extra mile to produce amazing work. You are amazing!

5A Mikayla V for being a valued member of the class. You always come with a bright smile and demonstrate true dedication to all tasks. Well done on your achievements throughout this year and keep up the great work!

5B Saxon V for accomplishing an outstanding year, with both his learning and sporting achievements.

5D Danica C for her continuous and unwavering dedication to being an amazing student. You are a gem, Danica. Keep up the great work!

6B Jason C for his great work on his graduation canvas.

6C Olivia P for your great work being a library monitor and your wonderful enthusiasm this semester. Well done!

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***



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*Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays over the next couple of weeks*

**12 December**

*Isabella F*

*Lucy D*

**13 December**

*Zach B*

**14 December**

*Darcy 14*

*Hazel M*

**15 December**

*Aston B*

**16 December**

*Tyler H*

*Olivia S*

*Melissa P*

**17 December**

*Pippa P*

*Riley D*

**18 December**

*Max U*

**19 December**



*Lenny I*

**20 December**

*Millie B*

*Max C*

**21 December**

*Zara B*

*Thomas S*

*Zara C*

**22 December**

*Noah B*

*Kade C*

*Jada C*

**23 December**

*Archie C*

**24 December**

*Elya T*

**27 December**

*Emmerson F*

**28 December**

*Zali C*

**31 December**

*Lily W*

*Olivia W*

*Aubrey R*

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## ***Working Bee***

The following families and staff did a fabulous job at the Working Bee after school on Friday, 28th November.

A huge thank you to the Shorts, Brownings, McNamaras, James', Marziales, Bacics, Bennetts, Scullins, Milners, Olivers, Pakenhams, Mrs Mayes, Mr Koppens and Mrs Rasdell. The school looked so much better after the great team effort to complete heaps of jobs on our list.















### ***Year 6 Radio Excursion***

On Friday 5th December the Year 6 podcast crew, Jayde, Ruby, Asha, Vienn, Tessa and Olivia visited RPP radio station in Mornington for a LIVE show with Rachel Singleton.

The girls discussed hot topics such as the social media ban, Year 6 highlights, graduation & book recommendations. They also created a song playlist which was played throughout the show.

Thanks to Mrs. Rasdell and Mr. Canavan & the parents who drove!







## *Christmas Food Appeal*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are again supporting our local charity, Pantry 5000 by asking the students to bring along a tin or non-perishable item to class in support of struggling families in the Carrum Patterson Lakes area. Pantry 5000 service over 250 families in our community with food deliveries each week and the holiday period can be tough on so many families. The class with the most items receive a free sports lesson; last term's winners were Ms Taylor and Ms Dyer's classes. Please get behind our appeal which runs from the 1st to the 12th of December.

## *PLPS Choir*

Last week our Senior Choir performed at the Parents Morning Tea, The Patterson Lakes Community Centre and The Illawong Retirement Village. They were outstanding at all three events and sang beautifully. They should all feel proud of themselves on an outstanding effort!







### ***Environment Leaders Dolphin Swim***

On Tuesday the 2nd of December the Environment Leaders set sail from Sorrento in search of dolphins. We weren't on the water long before we sighted fins and behold - a pod of 10 bottlenose dolphins! Kyson, Lily, Eve and Maya braved the freezing water for a chance to see the dolphins glide beneath them and later enjoyed a visit with the local seals. This was the perfect way to celebrate the end of the year.













## ***Library Stocktake***

As the school year comes to an end, the library is conducting its annual stocktake. We kindly ask all students return any library books they have borrowed promptly.

Returning your books on time helps us keep the library organised and ready for everyone next year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please visit the library and speak with Mrs Shaw.

Thanks for your co-operation and support!

## ***Kitchen Garden***

In Week 8 of our Kitchen & Garden Program, we learned about Thanksgiving and made mini apple crumbles/pies. In the final weeks of school, students began preparing for their gingerbread houses by making the dough and cooking the shapes needed for construction. Next week, they will have fun assembling and decorating their houses.

A big thank you to Celia and the ES staff for running such an incredible program and for all their hard work and dedication!











# SOCIAL STENCIL

What a great year we've had in the Social Stencil Program! Students have explored everything from understanding the Science of Anger to building healthy friendships and managing tricky social situations. The program celebrates each child's individuality and helps create inclusive, supportive classrooms where students feel accepted, build positive relationships, and develop a strong sense of belonging. It's been an action-packed and rewarding year for everyone.









## Happy December!

It has been a great year and an absolute pleasure watching everyone grow over the year. These last couple of weeks we are focusing on holiday cheer as well as filling in as many child suggested activities as possible. The highlights have been decorating our tree, fidget keychains, magnet constructions and various Christmas crafts.



## Special dates for the holidays



Who can believe it is the end of the school year already?! We can't! Keep an eye on your inbox for all of our open and closed dates, Holiday Program timetables, and our return to care for the new school year in 2026!

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From everyone at TheirCare, we thank you for a wonderful year and we wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays!



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## *Spanish Corner*



## *Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm*

Don't forget if you haven't already to go visit **Evergreen Christmas Tree Farm** and see Lou for a beautiful tree to take home.

Also don't forget to mention that you're from **Patterson Lakes Primary School** — the farm will generously donate **10% of your purchase** back to our school!





Evergreen Christmas  
Tree Farm

Opening weekend  
Saturday November 29th

A large, decorated Christmas tree with green and gold ornaments and red bows. The tree is the central focus of the page, with its branches extending towards the top and sides. It is adorned with numerous green and gold spherical ornaments, smaller gold bell-shaped ornaments, and red bows. The background is a light blue gradient.

The SunSmart logo features the word "SunSmart" in a white, sans-serif font. Above the letter "n" in "Smart" is a stylized yellow sun icon with three curved rays. The logo is centered on a dark blue background.

A reminder that all students must now wear school hats during any time spent outside.

Students are required to wear their hats during all outdoor activities until **Thursday, 30 April 2026**. When UV levels reach 3 or above, it is strongly recommended that students wear hats and apply sunscreen to protect against sun exposure.

You can check daily local sun protection times using the **SunSmart widget** on the school's website, the **free SunSmart app**, or by visiting **[sunsmart.com.au](https://sunsmart.com.au)**.

School hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier, **PWS in Carrum Downs**.

Thank you for your support in helping keep our students sun-safe.

## *Community Organisation Ads*

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- **Laser tag**
- **Bubble soccer**
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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**3:30-6:30**

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