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Diary Dates

Friday February 6

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Monday February 9 & Tuesday February 10

Meet the Teacher - Year 4, 5 & 6 Booking through Compass

Tuesday February 10

Year 3 - 6 Brainstorm Productions

Tuesday February 10 & Wednesday February 11

Meet the Teacher - Year 1, 2 & 3 Booking through Compass

Wednesday February 11

Foundation Testing Day

Friday February 13

2:45pm Whole School House Activities

Monday February 16 - Thursday February 19

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

Tuesday February 17

10am School Tour

Wednesday February 18

Foundation Testing Day

Friday February 20

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Tuesday February 24

10am School Tour

Wednesday February 25

Foundation Testing Day

Friday February 27

District Swimming selected students

2:45pm Whole School Inspire Activities

Tuesday March 3

Year 5 Play Leaders Training

Year 6 Leadership Day

Thursday March 5

10am School Tour

Friday March 6

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Monday March 9

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday March 11 -Monday March 23

NAPLAN Testing

Thursday March 12

School Photo Day

10am School Tour

Friday March 13

2:45pm Whole School House Activities

Wednesday March 18 - Friday March 20

Year 6 Phillip Island Camp

Friday March 20

2:45pm Whole School Inspire Activities

Monday March 23

Summer Lightning Premiership

Tuesday March 24

10am School Tour

Thursday March 26

Patterson Lakes River Run Year 3 - 6

Friday March 27

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Thursday April 2nd

Last day Term 1

2:30pm Finish

Principal's Report

The start of a new school year is always exciting, and I would like to thank the families and staff for making the transition back to school a very seamless one! Thank you for entrusting your children into our care!

It is lovely to welcome back Ms Jade-Colver Vella to our school community.

On their return to school, staff were involved in their own professional learning in regard to the implementation of the School - Wide Positive Behaviour Support Framework. Mrs Winberg and Mr Patane will include further information in forthcoming newsletters in regard to the Student Wellbeing program at Patterson Lakes Primary School in 2026 for your reference.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the school community that I am not renewing my Principal contract beyond Term 1 this year. This is my 40th year as a teacher and my 10th year as Principal at Patterson Lakes Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be Principal of this wonderful school and as a member of the extended Patterson Lakes school community. The position of Principal has been advertised to begin after the Easter holidays conclude and once the process has been completed, an announcement to the community will be made by School Council.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

It is Department of Education policy that students who choose to bring mobile phones and watches to school must have them switched off and securely stored in a provided safe in the classrooms during school hours.

The school's mobile phone policy can be found on our school website under Policies.

AMBULANCE COVER AND STUDENT INSURANCE

Departmental policy states that the cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student, will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred as a result of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs. I would encourage all families to ensure that they have personal ambulance cover as a minimum.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Just a reminder to all parents that teachers are officially on yard duty before school from 8.45am – 9.00am and after school from 3.30pm - 3.45pm. A bell is sounded at 3.45pm to ensure that students who have not been collected by parents report to the office.

For new parents to our school, the following procedures have been implemented in relation to student safety, with some children arriving at school well before 8.30am.

Contact will be made with parents informing them that staff are not officially on yard duty until 8.45am. Please note that TheirCare has a before school program as well.

PUNCTUALITY

The school seeks the cooperation of parents to ensure that children arrive at school no later than 8.50am, to enable classes to commence on time and without interruption. If students arrive after 9am they miss important introductions and instructions to learning sessions. This disadvantages the student who is late and also impacts negatively on the other students and the teaching time for the whole class, as the teacher often needs to stop teaching to re-explain instructions to the late member of the class. If you need to speak with a teacher, please send them an email or place a note in your child's bag as it is also important that morning classroom routines are maintained.

Students who are late are required to go to the student foyer and obtain a late pass before proceeding to class. If students are required to leave school early, parents are to sign them out from the student foyer. For students at Patterson Lakes, coming to school every day is their 'job'. It is important that they are at school each day.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT AND ROUTINES

We encourage all families to be involved in the programs at our school. When speaking with the classroom teacher, enquire as to whether they require any assistance within the classroom, on excursions or camps. This is a great way for your child to see you involved and interested in their learning. Please note, that all volunteers must have a Working With Children Check.

MEET THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY NEXT WEEK

A Compass post has been sent to families in regard to the chance to have a 'meet and greet' opportunity with your child's teacher.

Times have been allocated for families who have students in Years 4, 5 and 6 on Monday, February 9th and Tuesday February 10th. Families with students in Year 1, 2 and 3 have times allocated on Tuesday, February 10th and Wednesday, February 11th. We understand that some families have other commitments, please take the time to contact your child's teacher if a telephone call would be a more convenient option for you.

Our first Education Report will be sent out to families in week 4. It will provide an overview of the initial weeks of school and highlight the exciting plans we have for the rest of the term. We are looking forward to sharing other aspects of the school week with you as well, such as, the Play Leaders Program; the Kitchen Garden Program and our Student Leadership Programs.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR 2026

We're thrilled to share that during the first weeks of school, all students have had the opportunity to dive into their Specialist programs! It's been an exciting time as our Foundation Students explore a diverse range of subjects, including:

- **Languages**
- **Performing Arts/Music**
- **Visual Arts**
- **STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics**
- **Health and Physical Education**

We are actively seeking an additional Languages teacher. Thank you to the families who completed the online survey in support of this quest.

FUNDRAISING 2026

A very big thank you to all of the families in our community for supporting our fundraising ventures in 2025. Thank you to all of the hard work of Mr Clohesy, Mr Koppens, the School Council members and families who have supported our fundraising efforts. The first stage of the Junior playground is now complete and our focus this year is to finalise the Junior School playground rubber surface.

PARKING IN THE STAFF CARPARK

I understand that if you are running late, or have been caught in traffic, that quickly parking in the staff carpark might be an easy solution. However, parents are asked not to park in the carpark, or walk through the carpark, for the safety of their children around moving vehicles.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#). https://www.patterson-lakes-ps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/schoolsprivacypolicy.pdf

2026 SCHOOL CAMPING PROGRAM

The Year 6 camping program to Phillip Island is held early in Term1, March 18th – 20th. The planning and preparation for the camp is nearly finalised and when speaking to the students and staff this week, it is an event they are certainly looking forward to!

The Administration team and Year level leaders are working through the costings of the Year 3, 4 and 5 camps. Unfortunately the costs of the bus transport has had an impact on the final costings. Payment plans will be available to all families who would like the option to make regular payments prior to the camp date. Further information will be available to all families over the next few weeks.

A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING

The Department of Education has developed a website for families to find further supportive information on the return to the school year. [A new year of learning | vic.gov.au](#)

The website covers aspects such as:

- **Getting ready for kindergarten**
- **Early childhood supports**

- **Getting ready for primary school**
- **Getting ready for secondary school**
- **Getting ready for the final years of secondary school**
- **What to expect at school**
- **Help with school costs and fees**
- **Health, wellbeing and inclusion**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our 'Student of the Week' awards for Term 1 - Week 1 and Week 2 . Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday, February 6th. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Week One

Foundation A Charli C for being a wonderful listener in class and following our classroom routines. Well done on a sensational start to school Charli!

Foundation B Grace G for always listening during learning time.

Foundation C Alice W for coming to class every day with a positive attitude and a big smile. You have had a fantastic start to school, Alice!

1A Ollie Q for his excellent behaviour and wonderful start to Year One.

1B Nate G for being a great helper and upholding our school values. Well done, Nate!

1C Miles L for being an amazing helper who always upholds our school values. Well done, Miles!

1D Bonnie B for showing excellent listening during learning time and following our classroom expectations!

2A Kobe J for settling in wonderfully to his new class. Keep up the great work, Kobe.

2B Bianca F for following all of our classroom routines quickly and quietly and setting a great example for others.

2C Hudson M for the enthusiasm you bring to every lesson. Your joy for learning is wonderful to see!

3A Summer M for a terrific start to Year 3. Keep up the great attitude Summer!

3B Ava D for upholding the school values - Integrity, Respect and Excellence. You are a valued member of our class, Ava!

3C Lyla H for having beautiful manners and being a respectful member of our class.

4A Indy P for being an outstanding role model and demonstrating our School-Wide Positive Behaviours in the classroom.

4B Lexi C for being a supportive and enthusiastic helper to your classmates and buddy - sensational, Lexi!

5A Noah M for being kind and respectful to his new classmates and environment.

5B Haven B for being a great role model of our school values and having a wonderful start to the year.

6B Tyler B for having positive energy and effort!

6C Nathan H for an excellent piece of writing which reflected your effort and ability. Well done!

Week Two

Foundation A Leo S for being engaged during learning time and contributing to classroom discussions with enthusiasm. Well done on a great start to school!

Foundation B Madden E for trying your best and joining in the class activities.

Foundation C Archie J for listening to instructions and giving everything a go. Keep up the wonderful effort, Archie!

1A Anastasia C for demonstrating our school values of Integrity, Respect and Excellence throughout the week. Keep up the amazing effort Anastasia!

1B Loula G for showing kindness and consideration towards your classmates. Well done, Loula!

1C Macy J for being an enthusiastic member of our class who is always willing to share! Keep it up, Macy.

1D Skyla M for demonstrating a positive attitude and amazing effort in all learning.

2A Bradley S for being a friend to everyone and making others feel welcome. Well done, Bradley!

2B Archie B for being quick to follow instructions and leading the way for others to do the same. Great start!

2C Kodie T for your quiet determination when getting tasks done and always trying your best.

3A Ediz E for being a lovely class member by helping others when they need it. You are a superstar, Ediz!

3B Maxwell D-V-B for being a kind and caring class member and always being respectful. Well done, Maxie!

3C Ashton O for listening well in class and putting in 100% in all learning tasks.

4A Ryan F for consistently contributing rich conversations and valuable perspectives to our classroom discussions.

4B Oscar M for listening and responding with great respect for your learning. Keep up the excellent attitude, Oscar.

5A Ava G for always being kind and adjusting quickly to all that's been new in Year 5.

5B Eddie H for being kind and considerate to others. You are a pleasure to have in 5B.

5C Riley B for your enthusiastic attitude towards learning and always having a go. Keep up the great work Riley!

6B Nahla L for positive effort and completing excellent work!

6C Amelia E for your wonderful piece of writing and awesome start to grade 6!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

February 6

Mason J

Jack S

Levi G

February 8

Zach K

Remi T

Joshua Q

February 13

Lennon P

Ryan W

February 14

Morgan S

February 15

Luke R

Scarlet P

February 16

Mia R

February 17

Mason W

Friendly Reminder: Don't Forget Your Art Smock!

Mrs. Munnikhuis would like to kindly remind everyone that it's important for ALL students to bring an Art Smock to school. These important garments help shield our young artists' clothes from the unavoidable paint splatters that accompany creative activities. With an art smock, students can fully engage in their artistic endeavours without the worry of damaging their uniforms. An art smock can be as simple as an old shirt or t-shirt, but we highly recommend a smock made from soft, waterproof plastic material. Ideally, it should have sleeves and easily slip over the head, providing quick and hassle-free protection for your child's clothes.

Where to Purchase?

Smocks can be easily found at local retailers such as Officeworks, Target, Kmart, Big W, Uniform Shops, or Best and Less. There's a fun incentive! The first CLASS in which all students bring their Art Smocks will be rewarded with an icy pole treat. It's a fantastic way to encourage participation while fostering creativity in our classrooms. So, please:

- Acquire or check your child's wardrobe for a suitable smock
- Place your child's name on the tag to ensure easy identification
- Bring the smock to school
- Let's get creative and enjoy a splash of colour in our art classes! Happy creating!



Welcome to a New Year!

We had a jam packed, amazing holidays. We went on many excursions such as the movies, twisted science, silent disco and the museum. Our favourite was going to Silver's Circus! The fun didn't stop there, we also held incursion days with science days and water play. In house days were filled with science experiments, crafts, sports and more!

The start of term 1 is also an exciting time. It was wonderful to welcome back our families and meet plenty of new ones too! The new foundation students have been settling in well into service.



A big hello to our NEW and returning TheirCare families!

Welcome to the new school year and to TheirCare!
We are thrilled to have you and your children join us. Our program is designed to provide a fun and relaxed environment where children have the freedom to engage in a variety of activities, from arts and crafts to sports, or simply explore their interests at their own pace.

LET'S CELEBRATE THE 2026 OLYMPIC

WINTER GAMES!



FEBRUARY 9 - 13th

We're excited to kick off the new school year with our first week-long program activation: the 2026 Winter Olympic Games! Lots of fun on the surface, with plenty of meaningful moments underneath 🐻

A week of Winter Olympic-themed activities that celebrate teamwork, culture, and connection, one silly game at a time! Scan the code to book, or visit TheirCare.com.au



Welcome Neena



We would like to introduce everyone to Neena, our new 2IC. She will be working with us every day and will be aiding Amanda to run the service. Neena has many years experience working in specialist schools. She has been fitting in really well and we look forward to seeing how Neena grows with the service.

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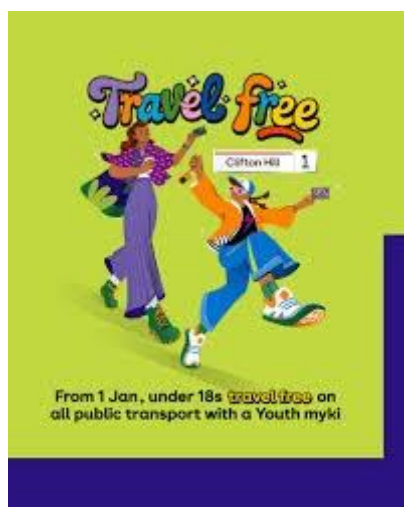
Youth Myki

Public transport is free for children under 18, saving families up to \$755, per child per year.

This makes it easier for young people to stay connected, whether travelling to school, sport, work or social activities, while helping families save on everyday costs.

The Youth myki is available for purchase for \$5 – this is for the cost of the card, you won't need to pay for anything after this.

Families are able to purchase their Youth Myki online via the [Transport Victoria website](#) or from a staffed station.



Sunsmart



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**.

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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KARATE ACADEMY**

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Our kids karate class is the perfect blend of fitness, focus, and friendship.

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**7-13
YEARS OLD**

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 www.lionbushido.com

The advertisement features a yellow background with a red circular graphic on the right. It includes a logo of a lion's head in a red triangle, two polaroid-style photos of children in karate uniforms, and a large photo of a young boy in a white gi making a fist.



Junior Sports

PROGRAM

\$15/
session

AGES 5-11 Y.O

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

5:30-6:30PM

FREE
TRIAL

Parties

PRICES FROM \$250 (INCL FOOD)

- JUMP
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Season Launch



Meet the coaches

Sausage sizzle provided

Mouthguard fitting

Playing gear and merch available

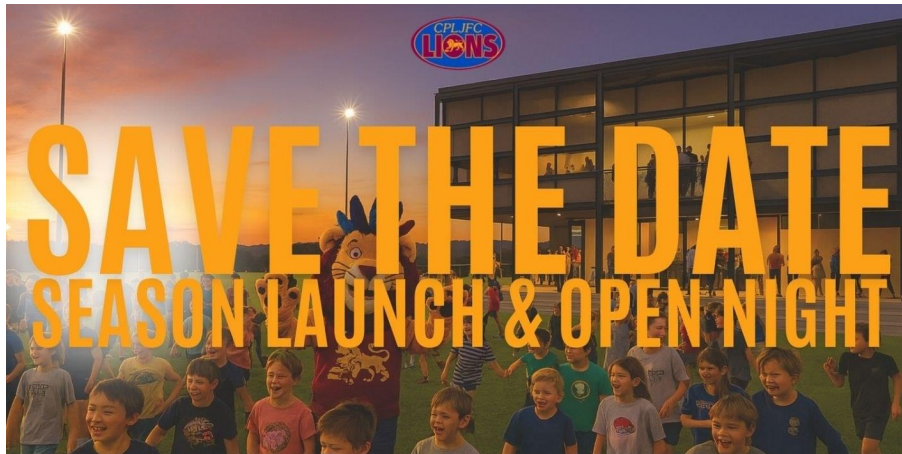
Registration and club information

Kicking and handball activities with players
from the Dandenong Stingrays


NEW PLAYERS
WELCOME


SAVE THE DATE

Sunday February 22nd, 10am to 1pm
Belvedere Reserve, Seaford



You're invited to the **CPLJFC Season Launch & Open Night**

 Friday 13 March

 Twilight Event

 Carrum Patterson Lakes Junior Football Club, Roy Dore Reserve

This will be a great night for our whole community – a celebration for our current members and a perfect chance for **new families** who are thinking about joining the club to come down, have a look around, and get a feel for what CPLJFC is all about.

We're planning a fun, family-friendly evening with plenty happening around the club – think **activities for the kids**, opportunities to **meet the coaches**, some **coaching drills** **food and drinks available**, the **bar open for mums and dads**, and even a visit from our mascot Rory... but with everything still being finalised, we'll share full details soon.

✨ More information to come.

To keep on top of updates, join our mailing list using the QR code below.

