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Diary Dates

Friday February 20

Year 6 Interschool Sports Carrum Primary School vs Patterson Lakes - Away

Environment Leaders Peer Teaching Workshop

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

Year 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion

Friday March 6

Year 6 Interschool Sports Patterson Lakes v Bonbeach Primary School - Home

2:45pm Whole School Assembly

Monday March 9

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday March 10

Year 1 Rock Pooling Excursion

Wednesday March 11 - Monday March 23

NAPLAN Testing

Thursday March 12

School Photo Day

10am School Tour

Friday March 13

Year 6 Interschool Sports Cornish Collage v Patterson Lakes - Away

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

MEET THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to meet with their child's teacher last week. Building a trusting relationship is the cornerstone of effective teamwork, and I'm delighted that many of you have embarked on this journey with us.

If you have any follow-up questions or queries, please feel free to email your child's teacher directly, insert a note in your child's bag, or leave a message with our admin team.

This year, we are excited to reintroduce our **Parent Class Representative Program**. To help maintain open lines of communication and create more opportunities for families to be involved in school events. We are looking for one parent volunteer from each class to support and assist with planned school activities throughout the year.

If you are interested in serving as a Parent Class Representative, please email me directly carole.mayes@education.vic.gov.au and include the name of your child's class.

We look forward to partnering with you!

Next week, our first Education Report will be sent out to families. 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.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL PICNIC

Thank you to all of the families who joined our annual Foundation Picnic on Monday 16th February. It was a warm afternoon, but fortunately everyone was able to find a shady spot to sit!





WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT TO THEY DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- act with honesty and integrity – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

- act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds
- act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest
- use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available
- exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school
- use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage
- act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions
- comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law
- demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

We currently have 6 Parent vacancies for School Council. The School Council meets twice per term on a Wednesday from 6.00 – 7.15 pm. We would love for any interested parents to join in developing the policies for our school. Nomination forms are now available from the office.

Patterson Lakes Primary School Council Election Process and Timetable 2026- 2028

School Council Elections 2026

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of
Patterson Lakes Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on
Friday, March 6th, 2026

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on
Friday, March 13th, 2026.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category
Parent member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2028
202026	

Number of positions: 6

Membership category
School employee member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2028

Number of positions: 4

Membership category
Student member: Junior School Council members are welcome to present during the school year.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.




If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.


Principal signature


SPORTS UNIFORM

It was great to see so many students wearing their house colours on a Friday. As part of the uniform offerings, there is also an **optional** school sports top which may be purchased from the PSW uniform shop in Carrum Downs. The fabric has been sublimated with the design, creating a more breathable, soft hand feel to the fabric, often preferred by students when competing in sporting events.

Attention Parents of Patterson Lakes Primary School.

  **Do you play an instrument?**  

 Do you want to raise money for the school music program while having the time of your life?!? 😊

Well if you do, come join us, reigning Champions, for a chance to win this year's statewide primary school Parents Battle of the Bands!

<https://parentsbattleofthebands.com>

What is it: Parents of primary school children form a band and compete against other parent bands across the state. Money raised from ticket sales goes directly to the school music program.

If you don't play an instrument, no worries, you can be part of the experience with other unique skills, hair and make-up artists, choreographers and photographers. It takes a village to get us stage ready!

We currently have vacancies for a Bass Player, horns (sax or trumpet) and an experienced vocalist.

Please contact Lauren at laurencarter9@me.com if you are interested in more information and check out last years' experience and winning performance at @the_drop_offs.

You must be available 7th August for the show and be prepared to commit to mid-week evening rehearsals.

Warm regards,

Lauren.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who won our 'Student of the Week' awards for Term 1 - Week 3 and Week 4 . Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday, February 20th. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Week Three

Foundation A Willow H for doing a sensational job on her Wednesday testing. Well done!

Foundation B Max T for being a conscientious student and always finishing your work.

Foundation C Amilie W for being such a caring and thoughtful member of our class. Well done, Amilie!

1A Noah A for being such a kind helper for Ms Bound. Thank you for helping me learn our team's names!

1B Maeve C for showing great enthusiasm towards your learning. Well done, Maeve!

1C Sadie D for taking pride in your work and an outstanding effort during writing! Keep up the good work, Sadie.

1D Ruby W for her excellent information report filled with fascinating facts. Ruby is neat, imaginative and uses amazing vocab!

2A Amara K for always sharing with others and showing kindness during play and learning times. Well done, Amara. Keep up the great work!

2B Darcy S for working hard, following routines and making a great start to the year in the classroom. Thanks Darcy.

2C Zoe E for the pride you take in completing your work. Your focus on presentation sets a wonderful example to others.

3A Aria S for being a conscientious and hard-working student. Keep up the great work Aria.

3B Patrick L for his fabulous effort in persuasive writing. Congratulations Pat, keep up the great work!

3C Emily J for writing a fantastic persuasive piece about cats and finishing all tasks on time.

4A Rebecca T for being a wonderful helper to her teachers and those around her when needed! We need more students like you Bec!

4B Lewis M for being an empathic friend who takes the time to care for friends when they are upset or in need of support.

4C Charlotte S for ALWAYS displaying our school values in everything she does. You are an absolute delight to have in our class Charlotte. Keep up the amazing work!

5A Olivia W for working hard, displaying the school values and always being kind. Well done Olivia!

5B Madison A for a wonderful start to the year with your beautiful manners and excellent effort. Well done!

5C Ruby L for accurate and meticulous maths work.

6A Elya T for displaying excellent manners and having a positive attitude to the start of Year 6. Well done, Elya!

6B Penny P for an entertaining and insightful WINTER OLYMPICS project and presentation.

6C Aarohe S for excellent effort and work in all subjects, demonstrating the school values of Integrity, Respect and Excellence.

Week Four

Foundation A Indie A for being such a kind and considerate member of the class. Well done Indie!

Foundation B Kira J for listening in class and joining in class discussions.

Foundation C Rocklyn S for his willingness to help others during learning tasks. Keep it up, Rocky!

1A Zavey W for such a fantastic start at a new school. You are a valued member of our 1A team and our Patterson Lakes Primary School community. Congratulations for finding your brave feelings and entering our classroom each morning with a smile.

1B Isabella S for showing great enthusiasm toward your learning. Keep up the great work!

1C Romeo M for walking into class each day with enthusiasm and an eagerness to share ideas and make our class a fun and interesting place to be! Great work, Romeo.

1D Chay S for demonstrating our school value of Excellence. Chay works hard and completes tasks with independence, neatness, and amazing effort!

2A Addie M for showing respect and kindness to her teachers and peers. Thank you, Addie, for being a wonderful role model in our classroom.

2B Aaliyah A W for listening intently and completing all tasks with effort and independence. Your hard work is always appreciated, Thank you Aaliyah.

2C Stella R for a wonderful start to the year! I love your positivity, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn! You are a wonderful role model.

3A Bobby J for the excellent delivery of his Class Captain speech where he used eye contact and spoke clearly. Well done Bobby.

3B Zali L for coming into school each day with a lovely smile and displaying such enthusiasm to learn. Well done, Zali!

3C Izaak N for being respectful to all and showing great focus in his learning.

4A Poppy M for demonstrating fantastic organisation and confidence to present a well thought out speech to her class. Amazing work Poppy!

4B Eliza L for confidently speaking up and following the right steps when faced with challenges. I am proud of your courage and considered choices.

4C Seb H for showing kindness to others and being a helpful classmate. Keep up the terrific work Seb!

5A Tim N for always working hard and being a wonderful class captain.

5B Ethan E for always being respectful to others and working hard. Congratulations on your great efforts!

5C Juliet V for your diligent work ethic and helping your class mates.

6A Tiarna B for displaying excellent manners and having a positive attitude to the start of Year 6. Well done, Tiarna!

6B Harper G for strong leadership in her environmental portfolio. Well done!

6C Lucas R for a great start to the year, always trying your best. Well done, keep up the great work!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

February 20

Lexi M

February 21

Ted H

Gunbileg U

Ava G

Macie C

February 22

Sebastian W

February 23

Dilara D

Ben P

February 24

Marcus A A

February 25

Harvey P

Zavey W

Riley B

February 28

Carter S

March 1

Matilda S

Sonny P

March 3

Ezra W-D

Juliet V

March 4

Aria O

March 5

Zakkariya R

Zac D

E-Safety Brainstorm Production Incursion

On Tuesday 10th February, our Years 3–6 students participated in *The Protectors*, an engaging theatre performance by Brainstorm Productions, held in recognition of **Safer Internet Day**. The performance aimed to raise awareness and equip students with practical strategies for bullying prevention, online safety, social skills, and emotion regulation.

The story follows Leo and Serena, two students experiencing challenges in their peer relationships. Serena engages in teasing and bullying behaviour both at school and online, while Leo is thoughtful and sensitive but struggles to manage his emotions and assert himself. Through their journey at “Protector School,” they discover that empathy, assertiveness, and resilience are their true superpowers.

Developed by educators and a clinical psychologist, *The Protectors* provided an entertaining and meaningful learning experience for our students.

We rely on the internet for almost everything in our lives, so online safety is more important than ever!





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.

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!



Kitchen Garden Update – A Busy and Delicious Start!

Our Kitchen Garden has been bursting with growth and activity! Over the holiday break, the **corn, pumpkins and zucchini** flourished in the warm weather and are looking incredibly healthy. The corn in particular has grown tall and strong, and this week we are excited to begin harvesting our first cobs. There is nothing better than enjoying produce straight from the garden!

A huge congratulations to our **Lunchtime Club students**, who did an amazing job weeding and tidying the garden beds. Their hard work has made a noticeable difference. To reward their efforts, they cooked delicious brownies, served warm with ice cream - a well-deserved treat!

Meanwhile, our Kitchen Garden group embraced a cultural celebration this week by making **Chinese Almond cookies** to celebrate Lunar New Year. Students enjoyed learning about the traditions connected to the celebration while practising their baking skills.

It has been a wonderful mix of gardening, cooking, teamwork and cultural learning we are so proud of the enthusiasm and effort our students continue to show.











Patterson Lakes TheirCare

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NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Hello February!

It has been a fantastic start to 2026 with everyone settling in well. Last week we focused on the Winter Olympics. Our favourite Olympics activities were Snowman Throw, Olympic Torch creations and Mini Ice Curling. Overall some other popular activities over the last couple of weeks have been free construction, crocheting, jewellery craft and various basketball games.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

We're getting into the Irsih spirit with some St. Patrick's Day cheer! We'll be enjoying green crafts, making good luck charms, and playing silly games.

Join in the fun during after-school care, at no extra cost to families. To book visit TheirCare.com.au

Check your enrolment is up-to-date, so you're ready when life 'happens'!

You know the feeling - stuck in traffic, an unexpected meeting or appointment, or managing the unexpected! We are ready to support your family with flexible, last minute bookings!

Jump into our booking system and check all your enrolment details are up-to-date, so that we are ready to take your before or after school care booking. There are also some really fun activities planned for throughout Term One that you won't want to miss!! Dive in at theircare.com.au and click the 'Book Now' button.



TheirCare's Autumn 2026 Holiday Program

iSpy Kids

Something exciting is coming this Autumn... iSpy Kids! Packed with mystery, curiosity and fun filled adventures, it will be one school holiday program you won't want to miss! Bookings open soon...

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Parent Webinar: Mental Health First Aid for Children and Teens Presented by Dr Billy Garvey

Parents and carers are invited to attend a free online webinar presented by Dr Billy Garvey, focusing on Mental Health First Aid for children and adolescents.

This informative session will support parents to recognise early signs of mental health challenges, respond confidently, and learn practical ways to support their child's wellbeing. The session emphasises early intervention, positive communication, and creating supportive environments for children and teens.

Date: Tuesday 24 March

Time: 7:30pm AEDT

Location: Online (free)

Register here:

<https://py108.share-eu1.hsforms.com/2u1u3AKNYSbWSGyvLR56ryw>

Parents may also be interested in Dr Garvey's podcast, Pop Culture Parenting, which provides helpful insights into parenting and child development.



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 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.

TK Tuckshop - Monday & Wednesday

Lunch orders are available every **Monday** and **Wednesday** through TK Tuckshop.

Simply order by 8am on the day via the app (except for Sushi which needs to be ordered the day prior by 10pm for preparation) and the food will be delivered approx. 11am just prior to our lunch break at 11.30am



Canteen Hub - Subway Fridays

Subway Lunch Orders – Every Friday

Subway lunch orders are available each Friday through Canteen Hub

<https://app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer>.

Orders must be placed via the Canteen Hub app by **12:00pm on Thursday**, with lunches delivered to students by **11:30am on Friday**.

*Please note: Late orders will incur a **\$1 late fee** and will be processed subject to availability. In some cases, late orders may need to be refunded if they cannot be*


accommodated. If you submit a late order, please check your order status on Friday morning to ensure your child(ren) have lunch arrangements for the day.


WELCOME TO CANTEEN HUB



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- 2 Add Profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab
- 3 Search for your school via postcode or name
- 4 Select your class
- 5 Head to Order Now
- 6 Select the person you are ordering for
- 7 Select items from the approved menu & finalise your order
- 8 To place orders for multiple people. You will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)

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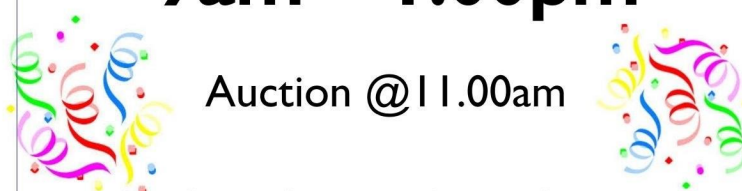
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Church Fete

Saturday 14 March
9am ~ 1.00pm

Auction @ 11.00am



St Chad's Anglican Church
12 Thames Promenade
Chelsea

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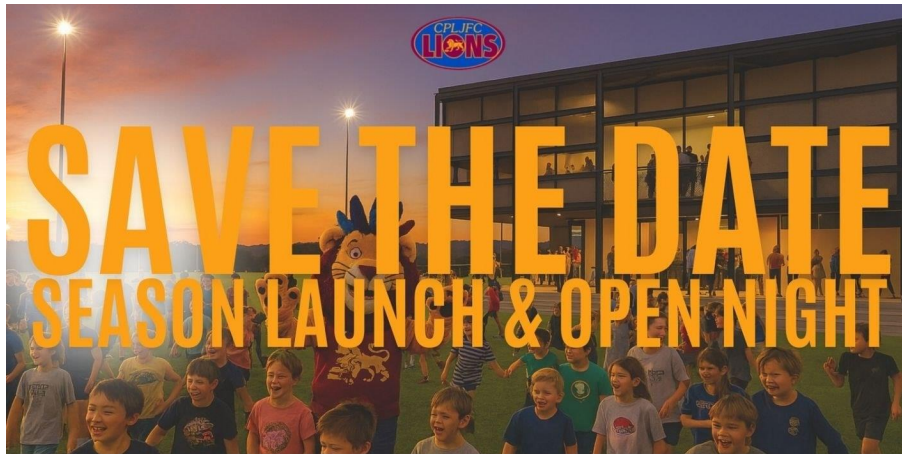
Meet the coaches
Sausage sizzle provided
Mouthguard fitting
Playing gear and merch available
Registration and club information

Kicking and handball activities with players
from the Dandenong Stingrays


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.

