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[Diary Dates](#)

Wednesday May 21

Year 5 Science Dome Incursion

Wednesday May 21

Foundation Police Visit Incursion

Thursday May 22

Year 6 Melbourne Walk

Friday May 23

Assembly

Thursday May 29

School Tour

Tuesday June 3

School Tour

Friday June 6

Pupil Free day - No students attend school.

Monday 9 June

Kings Birthday - Public holiday

Tuesday 10 June

Year 5 Patterson River SC Transition visit

Thursday June 12

Environment Leaders - Kingston Catchments Workshop

Thursday June 12

School Tour

Friday June 13

Assembly

Tuesday June 17

School Tour

Thursday June 26

School Tour

Friday June 27

Assembly

Wednesday July 2

Student led conference day

Friday July 4

Last day of Term 2

2:30pm Finish

Principal's Report

STAFFING UPDATE

It is wonderful to welcome back, Ms Shauna McCarthy to Patterson Lakes Primary School. In a direct response to the Languages survey sent to families late last term, Shauna will be teaching Auslan.

Our school community communicated a sad farewell to Mr Mark Drysdale in our Education Report last week. On your behalf I thanked Mark for his valuable contributions to our school

and wished him well in his new position at Oakwood School. This provided Ms Larissa Scarlett with the opportunity to return to the Performing Arts role for the remainder of the year.

Mr Lachlan Clark has joined the Year 5 team and is team teaching 5B whilst Ms Bensted is on leave.

Ms Erin Berkelmans has also joined the Year 1 and Foundation Teams this year.

NAPLAN DATA SETS

The NAPLAN assessments were held in March this year.

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the assessments with the individual reports to be released later this term.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The 2024 Annual Report has passed quality assurance by the Department of Education and is now available on the school's website for the Community to review.

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The 2025 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge has started.

Number of books you need to read:

Foundation to Year 2 students

- Number of books: 30
- Number of books from the Challenge book list: 20 or more

Years 3 to Year 6

- Number of books: 15
- Number of books from the Challenge book list: 10 or more

Currently, there are 53 students who have taken on the challenge with certificates to be presented at assembly at the conclusion of the challenge. If your child would like to participate, there is still time.

ONLINE SAFETY

There has been a lot of discussion in the media in regard to digital and information literacy (the skills required for children to successfully learn and live in a digital society).

At Patterson Lakes Primary School we take our responsibilities very seriously in regard to:

- Internet Safety (staying safe when using the internet)
- Privacy and Security (keeping your information private and secure when operating online)
- Cyberbullying, relationships, etiquette and communication (Bullying or harassment through digital means)
- Creative credit and copyright (giving acknowledgement of the work to the original owner)
- Digital footprints (personal information that exists online due to their online activity)

I shared with the school community that, I know that parents and carers want to support their children in being a responsible digital citizen - children who have the knowledge and skills to effectively use digital technologies to communicate with others, participate in society and create and consume digital content.

This link, <https://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/for-families/for-parents-and-carers/cybersafety-at-home/> will support you in finding a collection of games, videos, activities and tools to help guide you through this.

For a comprehensive overview and resources about online safety refer to the eSafety commissioner resource [eSafetyparents](#). The school's Wellbeing Curriculum team are also developing a number of resources to share with both students and their families. Parents should note that many platforms require their child to be over the age of thirteen as younger children often do not have the emotional capacity or strategies to deal with online incidents.

Assistant Principal's Report

WALK OR WHEEL TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are pleased to see our 'WOW!' program is doing well since we started. This is the 'Walk or Wheel Once a Week' with the City of Kingston. This program encourages students to walk, scoot or bike to school every Wednesday.

As we approach the winter season, we understand that the weather can be challenging, but we have some encouraging tips to help make it easier for families to participate:

- Dress appropriately: Make sure to wear warm and waterproof clothing, hats, gloves, and scarves to stay warm and dry.
- Umbrellas and raincoats if it's a rainy day.
- Buddy up: Encourage your child to walk or cycle with a friend or a group of friends. This will not only make it more enjoyable but also safer.
- Stay visible: Bright or light clothing is helpful to stay visible. Reflective clothing or accessories are helpful, especially for the colder mornings.

We encourage families to participate in the 'WOW' program and make it a regular part of their weekly routine. Together we can promote healthy habits and reduce traffic congestion around the school.

We have now completed two weeks of our 6 week 'Walk or Wheel to School' program. Congratulations to **5A** who won the Golden Boot for the first week for having the highest percentage of students in their class walk or wheel to school. **Foundation B** did a great job to win the second week. Well done!



WORKING BEE

On Sunday, 25th May from 10:30am-12pm we will be having a working bee at the school. We are looking forward to having as many families involved as possible to help with a tidy up of the school. The working bee will commence at 10:30am and conclude with a sausage sizzle at 12:00pm. The school will provide sausages at no cost to helpers. We will be meeting at the undercover area outside the Hall.

The Buildings and Grounds committee have identified a number of items that need attention around the school that we are hoping to achieve. These include: ☐ Weeding and pruning of garden beds, including the vegetable garden. ☐ Trimming back of trees overhanging paths & seating areas. ☐ Tidy up of the edge of the basketball court ☐ Redistribution of softfall mulch in the junior adventure playground ☐ Sweeping and cleaning up all undercover areas and around the outside seating areas.

To complete the tasks we are hoping that families may be able to supply some tools, i.e. pruning shears, bow saws, secateurs, yard brooms, rakes, spades/shovels and wheelbarrows. If you are able to assist with the working bee, even for a small amount of time, could you please indicate by sending an email to myself at paul.clohesy@education.vic.gov.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our 'Student of the Week' awards for Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday, 23rd May. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

WEEK 3

Foundation A – Daphne I for showing braveness and determination to learn despite her broken arm. Well done, Daphne!

Foundation B – Hudson V for always doing your best.

Foundation C – Oscar W for trying his best with his learning and taking small steps to making good choices. Well done, Oscar! We are very proud of you!

Foundation D – Kora H for working so hard at decoding sentences. Your enthusiasm for reading is amazing, Kora!

1C – Hudson M for always putting his hand up to answer questions and contribute to class discussions. Keep it up Hudson!

2A – Hudson C for his amazing attention to detail in every piece of writing, which is always a pleasure to read. Keep up the great work, Hudson!

2C – Zander S for trying your hardest and always joining in our class discussions. I can see you trying your best to be organised and follow instructions. Thank you for being so helpful.

3A – Leo W for working hard and trying his best, and working cooperatively with others. Keep up the good work, Leo.

3B – Oscar M for your fantastic reading during our ‘Buddy’ reading sessions. You have worked hard on your fluency and expression. Well done, Oscar!

3C – Astin T for always trying his best and showing respect to all.

4A – Elle B for her positive attitude towards her work and showing excellent organisation and behaviour in class.

4B – Marcus A for being a friendly and outgoing class member who always has an enthusiastic story to share. Keep spreading the positive and fun vibes, Marcus!

4C – Xavier P for his terrific display of respect this term. Xavier has been an absolute superstar this term and he should be congratulated for his hard work. Great work!

5A – Scarlet P for always taking pride and care with her work, particularly with her presentation. She has made improvements to enhance her work. Scarlet always goes out of her way to assist others and help out where she can. Well done on your achievements so far!

5C – Chloe D for showing integrity when always persevering through learning tasks that she finds challenging.

5D – Luna I for always giving her all and a truly delightful student to have in our class. Well done, Luna!

6A – Lolah M for always making excellent contributions to class lessons and discussions. Fantastic effort, Lolah!

6B – Archie C for his enthusiasm during our ‘Shrine’ excursion.

6C – Olivia P for excellent work in literacy especially with your fabulous WW1 poem which you read out at assembly. Well done!

WEEK 4

Foundation A – Sadie M for working hard to learn her letters and sounds. Keep up the great work, Sadie. Well done!

Foundation B – Lilah F for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Foundation C – Savannah S for being a responsible member of our class and actively contributing to class discussions.

Foundation D – Chay S for always offering to help his peers without needing to be asked. Great job, Chay!

1A – Kaan O for his efforts towards using excellence in his behaviour when on the mat during whole class discussion. Well done, Kaan. You have been working really hard to put your hand up and not call out!

1B – Finn H for the kindness that you show towards your classmates. Well done, Finn!

1C – Ethan G for completing work efficiently and doing very well in our writing tasks. Well done, Ethan!

2A – Bodie C for her enthusiastic and respectful participation during our excursion to Rippon Lea Estate. Thank you, Bodie, for being a wonderful representative of PLPS and making the most of the learning experience!

2B – Alice R for great understanding of addition with regrouping during Maths sessions. Awesome job, Alice!

2C – Chloe B for the amazing writing you are producing in class. I always enjoy reading what you have written. Keep up the fabulous work!

3A – Amelia M for always contributing to class discussions with interesting and thought provoking ideas. Well done, Amelia.

3B – Poppy M for always being focussed during instruction times and contributing to all class discussions. Keep up the amazing learning attitude!

3C – Isabella B for always showing kindness and giving her best in her learning.

4A – Oliver C for his consistently excellent attitude, behaviour and effort at school. Keep up your fantastic work Olly!

4B – Amelia F for going above and beyond to help keep the class and school environment tidy and clean. This shows great care, respect and pride. Keep it up, Amelia!

4C – Adrian B for being a superstar in the classroom this term. Adrian has shown great respect and maturity in class these past few weeks, and it has been wonderful to see his growth in this area. Keep up the terrific effort, Adrian!

5A – Zoe M for demonstrating leadership in the classroom, fostering an inclusive and positive environment where all students feel valued. In addition, Zoe's helpfulness is evident in her willingness to assist others, offering guidance and support when needed. She brings a high level of creativity to her work, consistently finding ideas that enrich her presentation. Well done, Zoe!

5B – Nahla L for trying her best with her Maths. Great effort, Nahla.

5C – Patrick C for showing excellence during numeracy. Well done for showing confidence when sharing how you worked out a number problem.

5D – Lexi U for continuing to help others with unwavering dedication, always stepping up to support her classmates despite having an injured arm.

6A – Eve J for dedication to her role as Environment Leader and, in particular, her commitment to caring for our chooks. Well done, Eve!

6B – Tyson B for his role as clerk during our passing a bill debate during Democracy studies.

6C – Lacelle S for always taking great pride in your work and for diligently completing set homework tasks. Keep up the excellent work!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Nikolas G May 21

Emily J May 22

Hamarni J May 22

Salvador C May 23

Olivia M May 23

Zoe O May 24

Damien S May 24

Asher R May 25

Mitchell I May 25

Xavier P May 26

Poppy B May 26

Hudson C May 27

Cameron S May 27

Yvonne T May 29

Finn H June 3

Jackson G June 3

Kingston D June 4

Dylan B June 4

Mac O June 4

Ruarc D June 4

Dimitri V June 4

Artist Award

March: April Vincent 6B



Growing with Gratitude



Respectful Relationships

TALENTED ARTIST

This is to certify that

April Vincent 6B

has received this award at
Patterson Lakes Primary School



For

outstanding creativity and self-expression, by skilfully depicting herself through the imagination of colour, expressive facial features, detailed drawing, splat painting and intricate zentangles. A truly super self-portrait celebrating individuality and artistic flair!

Date: February 2025
Teacher: Mrs Munnikhuis

Principal: Mrs Mayes



April: Jason Clappis 6B



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Date: March 2025

Teacher: Mrs Munnikhuis

Principal: Mrs Mayes

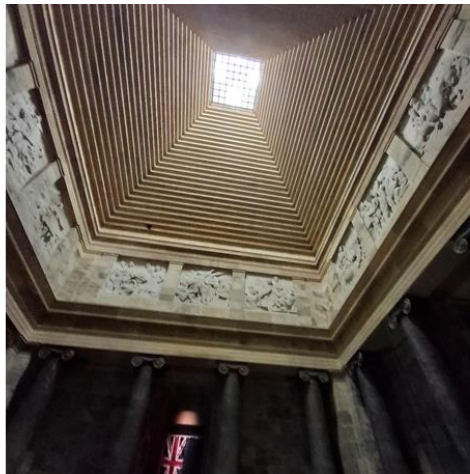


Year 6 Shrine of Remembrance

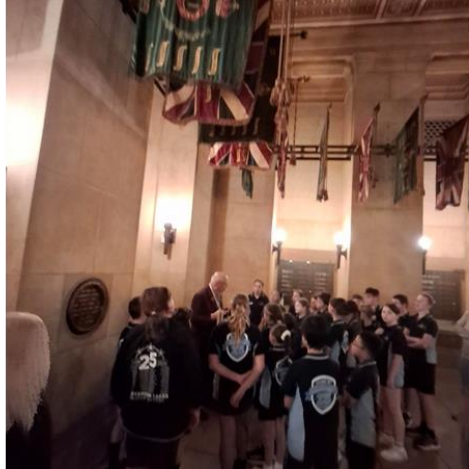
On Tuesday 6th May, PLPS Year 6 students were invited by the Longbeach RSL to attend a wreath laying service at the Shrine. The weather was perfect and students had the opportunity to explore the museum and enjoy the views of the city.











District Cross Country

Congratulations to our 60 students who proudly represented Patterson Lakes Primary School at the District Cross Country meet held at Cornish College.

Everyone ran exceptionally well, and it was fantastic to see our school spirit on full display!

A special congratulations to the 21 students who have qualified for the Division level—an outstanding achievement!







Kingston Junior Mayor

On Thursday 8th of May four of our Year 6 leaders attended the Junior Kingston Mayor event and our lead speaker, Jayde Dyson, did a fabulous job answering the question 'What does inclusion in your community look like to you?'. Well done to Lara, Lexi, Scarlett and Jayde on their excellent presentation.



Kitchen Garden

Term 2, Week 1

This week in Kitchen & Garden Program, students had a fantastic time making their own handmade soaps in preparation for Mother's Day. Using a base of goat's milk, plain, or glycerine soap, they melted the mixture and added their own scents, colours and special ingredients. Some of the creative additions included poppy seeds, dried lavender, Himalayan rock salt, dehydrated lemons and oranges, coconut and lemon zest. It was wonderful to see each student's unique combination and creativity shine through.

Students also began designing their own cards, adding a fun and artistic touch to the session.

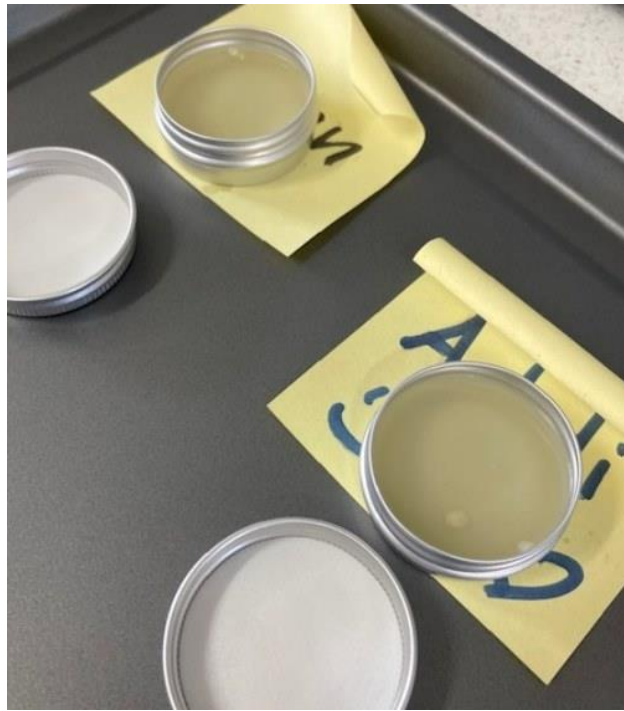
We were lucky to have Year 10 work experience students from Patterson River Secondary College join us for the day—they were a great help!

Through this experience, students discovered that the kitchen and garden can be used for more than just cooking—they can also be a source of ingredients and inspiration for creative, non-edible products.













Mother's Day– Week 2 Highlights

In Week 2 of the program, students continued their creative projects by wrapping and decorating their handmade soaps. They also completed their beautifully crafted cards, coupons, and flower bouquets—just in time for a special gift!

A highlight of the session was making lip balm using cold-pressed organic coconut oil and organic beeswax. Students added a delicious strawberry jam essential oil to scent and flavour their balms, creating a natural and nourishing product. To finish the day, our junior students headed out to the garden to weed and water the seedlings, helping keep our garden healthy and growing. It was another wonderful week of creativity, care, and hands-on learning!







Piper Shines in Water Polo

Over the Easter break, Piper competed in two high-level water polo tournaments. She represented the Queensland club Mermaids at the Australian Youth Championships, where her team placed 5th nationally and was named MVP. Piper also helped the Mermaids win the Queensland State Titles, going undefeated and beating the national champions in the grand final. Recently, Piper was selected to represent Victoria at the 13U National Development Carnival in Hobart this July. Congratulations & Good luck, Piper!





Kitchen & Garden Lunchtime Club

The Kitchen & Garden Lunchtime Club has been hard at work. In the latest session, students helped weed the garden beds and planted new seedlings, playing an important role in keeping our garden healthy and thriving.



Water Safety Program

On Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th of May, our students participated in an engaging and educational Water Safety program run by PARC Frankston. Throughout the sessions, students learned important life-saving skills, including the different types of lifejackets, when and why to wear them, and how to perform huddle and help positions in the water.

Older students also explored more advanced topics such as recognising and preparing for rips and currents, as well as what to do if caught in one.

Overall, it was a fun and valuable experience, with students thoroughly enjoying themselves while gaining essential water safety knowledge.









TheirCare News



Patterson Lakes TheirCare

TERM 2

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Highlights

The school's mother's day event was a great success. We created marshmallows and fruit on skewers with icing and sprinkles which were a huge hit! In service we have enjoyed making the most of the last sunny days by getting outside where the children have been playing footy, soccer, tag and monkey bars. Inside we have been exploring cotton sand, a wonderful new sensory activity the children have been enjoying at the end of our sessions. We have also been expressing our creative sides by writing with Lego and turning the doll house into a jungle!



Congratulation Asher!

A great job to Asher in grade 5 for having the closest guess in our lolly jar competition. This was a part of our mother day celebrations. Asher guessed 113 lollies and there were 114! We hope you shared the prize with your family!



Please remind your child when they have after school care. A great strategy we have found over the years is to attach a keychain or ribbon to your child's bag which can remind them they have after school care that afternoon. Also if they have a booking which is not in their normal routine or it was a last minute booking, please inform the school to let your child know they are coming.



Join us from 26-30th May for
Reconciliation Week

• Naming circles • Craft activities • Sensory activities • Bush cooking
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TK Tuckshop - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Lunch orders will be available every **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday** through TK Tuckshop and of course we will be continuing with our Subway lunch orders each Friday through Canteen Hub.

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

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Orange Tree Music

Music lessons at Patterson Lakes PS:

PIANO, GUITAR, UKULELE, VIOLIN, DRUM and VOICE

Lessons are offered during and after school hours with Orange Tree Music.

Lessons are \$44 for half an hour (private lessons) or \$18 for group lessons.

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5:30 - 6:30
AGE GROUPS:
5-7 year olds | 8 - 11 year olds

FREE TRIAL SESSION

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