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Diary Dates

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

Winter Lightning Premiership

Friday June 13

Assembly

Tuesday June 17

School Tour

Wednesday June 18

Year 3 Reptile Encounters Incursion

Wednesday June 18

Regional Cross Country

Thursday June 26

Big Green School's Conference - Selected Students

Thursday June 26

School Tour

Friday June 27

Assembly

Tuesday July 1

Year 2 Olden Days Dress Up Day

Wednesday July 2

Student Led Conference Day - Students only attend school for their conference

Friday July 4

Last day of Term 2

2:30pm Finish

Principal's Report

Just a reminder that we have a Pupil Free Day this Friday, June 6th.

The focus of the professional learning opportunity for staff is within the area of Spelling – morphology to be specific. The English language is a morphophonemic language. Our junior classes begin the day developing their phonetic skills and the focus of the course is designed to provide our teachers with additional strategies to enhance the higher-level literacy skills of students with special emphasis on morphology for decoding, encoding and vocabulary development.

On Wednesday, July 2nd we will conduct our Student Led Conferences.

This is a celebration of your child's learning for the first half of the year and understanding what their personal goals are for the next half of the year. A truly wonderful opportunity to encourage student voice and agency in their learning.

Bookings for the 15-minute allocations will be available in Compass from Wednesday, June 18th.

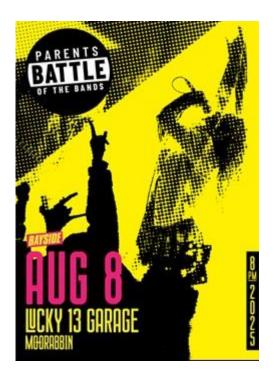
Parents will be able to access their child's Semester One report in Compass on Monday, June 30th from 3.00pm. The focus of the Student Led Conference is for your child to celebrate their learning with you. If parents would like to speak to their child's teacher in regard to the semester one report, an opportunity will be available in Week 1, Term 3. Your child is only expected to attend school for the duration of their conference on the 2nd July.

TheirCare is offering a program on both days Friday 6th June and Wednesday 2nd July for the families who require it.

PARENTS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

PBOB is an Australian Registered Charity that uses the power of music to ignite young hearts, build community, strengthen social connections and enhance mental and cognitive well-being. Thanks to Lauren Carter and her team, Patterson Lakes Primary School parents will be participating in the battle this year!

The concept is simple, there will be live music events being held with ours being held at the Lucky 13 Garage in Moorabbin on August 8th. The band has begun rehearsals and needs the support of the parent community! Place the date in your calendar and gather a group together for a great night out!



All proceeds are donated back to participating schools' music programs!

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.

Taking part in the 'WOW' is a good opportunity to use our road safety knowledge and skills.

Check with your child to see if they remember some of these tips:

- Stop, look both ways and listen before crossing the road.
- Use the Safety Door when getting in or out of cars. This is the kerbside, away from traffic.
- Don't cross the road when you're standing in between 2 parked cars.
- Always wear a helmet when cycling or riding a scooter.

We encourage everyone to continue participating in the 'WOW' program and to do so safely. Let's work together to make our journeys to school a safe and healthy experience.

We have now completed four weeks of our 6 week 'Walk or Wheel to School' program. Congratulations to **Foundation C** who won the Golden Boot for Week 3 for having the highest percentage of students in their class walk or wheel to school. **5A** did a great job to win Week 4. Well done!





WORKING BEE

On Sunday, 25th May we had a working bee at the school during the morning. Thanks to the families and staff members who attended our first working bee for 2025. For such a small team a lot was achieved. The four families who attended were: The Johansens, Smeatons, Castels and Rehman/Zohaib, and the five staff members: Kellie Taylor (with Maddie & Jarrod), Carole Mayes, Rachael Grady, Mark Koppens and Paul Clohesy.

Tasks completed were:

- 2 Weeding and pruning of garden beds, including the vegetable garden and car park area.
- 2 Redistribution of softfall mulch in the junior adventure playground.
- Sweeping and cleaning up around the outside seating areas.

When the next 'Working Bee' date is determined we will let you know via the newsletter and Compass.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our 'Student of the Week' awards for Weeks 5 and 6 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at the next assembly on Friday, 13th June. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

WEEK 5

Foundation A – Angadvir S for working so hard to write sentences. Great work!

Foundation B – Remi O for great progress in Writing because you always have a go.

Foundation C – Bodhi L for listening carefully during dictation and writing the sounds he hears in each word. Fabulous effort, Bodhi!

Foundation D – Zoe O for her dedication and persistent attitude towards her reading. Well done, Zoe. You are improving every day!

- 1A Kobe J for his persistence in using 'two thumbs up' behaviours at school. Kobe, you have so very much to be proud of.
- 1C Mason C for being a great classmate, displaying positive behaviour and putting in effort towards our lessons and classwork. Keep it up Mason!
- 2A Jamie B for his enthusiastic attitude to learning. Thank you, Jamie, for always putting in your best effort and bringing a

fantastic vibe to our classroom!

- 2C Salvador C for the effort you always put into everything. You have a clear love of learning and are not afraid to take on challenges. Keep flying high, Salvi!
- 3A Ollie A for the incredibly descriptive similes and metaphors he wrote when studying our class text. So impressive!

- 3B Isla O for her hard work in maths class and her improved understanding of number and place value. Keep up the great work, Isla.
- 3C Leon S for sharing his insightful knowledge during reading and writing discussions.
- 4B Levi G for showing great enthusiasm at our excursion to the Melbourne Museum. You made the most of every opportunity,
- reading lots of information, asking questions and sharing so much back at school with the class. Your thirst for learning is inspiring, Levi!
- 4C Lukas Q for being an absolute superstar during his MacqLit sessions, and for working extra hard in class this term. Keep up the amazing effort Lukas!
- 5A Elouise C for making great progress with her work and taking responsibility for her learning. Elouise has demonstrated some commendable work, particularly in her information report about Galaxies. She continues to seek feedback and improve in all areas of her learning. Well done!
- 5B Emily B for being a great student who is making a concerted effort with her spelling. Keep up the great work!
- 5C Max C for showing excellence during our numeracy sessions about area this week. Well done on pushing yourself and learning something challenging.
- 5D Danica C for being an enthusiastic and caring student, and a wonderful role model in class.
- 6A Poppy B for being highly organised, always completing her homework and contributing to the class in a positive way, every day!
- 6B April V for her random Australia map and atlas additions!
- 6C Tristan R for working hard in all subjects and especially your excellent work on the 'Government' topic covered this term. Well done!

WEEK 6

Foundation A – Malakai P for being a great thinker and doing a wonderful job with his learning. Well done, Malakai.

Foundation B – Willow F for doing your best at all times.

Foundation C – Sadie D for consistently displaying our school values of Integrity, Respect and Excellence. You are a very kind and thoughtful class member, Sadie. Well done!

Foundation D – Will M for actively seeking out ways to challenge himself during independent learning tasks. Fantastic effort, Will!

- 1A Adeline M for her use of our school values. Addie, you use Integrity, Respect and Excellence every day. You have lots to be proud of.
- 1B Amara K for the positive mindset you showed towards your learning. Keep up the good work, Amara!
- 1C Nate B for his effort towards improving his focus and behaviour in class and having a great week. Well done, Nate!
- 2A Bella Y for demonstrating incredible creativity in her schoolwork. Keep up the great effort, Bella!
- 2B Maxwell D for amazing work with similes for his Mother's Day card. Awesome effort, Max.
- 2C Hugh D for your passion and enthusiasm for learning. Hugh, it was great to see you so excited to start your project and I cannot wait to see the results.
- 3A Roy H for his clever use of similes and personification during creative writing.
- 3B Indy P for your work during our Maths session. You are a wonderful mathematician Indy. You show your thinking and explain your answers so beautifully. Well done. You are a superstar!
- 3C Rilee H for her creative sentences during our writing lessons on the text, 'Fire'.
- 4A Frankie F for her consistent and positive approach to all school activities and her outstanding attitude and effort in class. Keep up the great work, Frankie.
- 4B Zac D for always maintaining great enthusiasm and determination in a variety of class games and challenges. I love it when you encourage others and work cooperatively. Keep up the growth mindset and excellent attitude to learning.
- 4C Matilda B for always displaying our school values and being such a valuable class member. Matilda is an absolute superstar and I love having her as part of our team. Keep up the Amazing work, Tilly!
- 5B Olivia P for always trying her best and being a caring class member.
- 5C Olivia M for showing respect for her peers consistently. Olivia always shows kindness towards others in the PLPS community.
- 5D Eli B for always consistently making thoughtful choices and demonstrating strong integrity.
- 6A Asha B for being conscientious and enthusiastic in class and in her role on the JSC, and for always arriving at school with a bright smile. Well done, Asha!
- 6B Maddison L for consistent effort and positive attitude. Great job!

6C – Payton C for being a positive, ambitious and well organised learner. Your excellent work on narrative writing has been a pleasure to read. Well done.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Kingston D June 4

Dylan B June 4

Mac O June 4

Ruarc D June 4

Dimitri V June 4

Joel S June 5

Xavier M June 7

Finley M June 7

Nahla L June 7

Knox G June 8

Zane AA June 8

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William G June 9
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Lenny O June 9

Ashton O June 9

Zander S June 9

Blake S June 9

Maxwell D VB June 12

Isla S June 12

Ellie P June 13

Ethan P June 13

Nicholas M June 14

Stella R June 15

Hugh O June 16

Braxxton S June 17

Amelia E June 18

Dinuja G June 18

Mother's Day Inaugural River Walk

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your feedback and support. We're proud to share that we raised \$1,000 towards the resurfacing of the Junior Playground and \$461 for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed!





Winter Food Appeal

Once again, we're proud to support our local charity, Pantry 5000. We're inviting children and their families to bring a tin or non-perishable item to class to help support families in need within the Carrum Patterson Lakes area.

Pantry 5000 provides weekly food deliveries to over 250 families in our community, and every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

Year 6 Melbourne Walk Excursion

The Year 6 excursion to Melbourne began at Federation Square. Tour guides took pupils around the city as part of their learning on the topic of Federation.





























































Kitchen Garden

This week, both groups explored the topic of healthy eating, focusing on 'everyday' foods versus 'sometimes' foods. Students took part in a lunchbox challenge where they designed their own healthy lunchbox, drawing and listing the items they would include.

As a group, we shared and discussed everyone's choices, then voted on a lunch and snack item to make together. The F-2 group chose to make healthy chicken burgers and muesli bars, while the 3-6 groups voted for sushi and banana bread muffins.

Over the past two weeks, both groups had the opportunity to cook each menu. Everyone enjoyed trying new flavours and ingredients! Students also made healthy shakes to complement their lunchbox designs, blending strawberry and chocolate flavours with hidden oats and other nutritious ingredients.























Lego Program

This term, to further support and enhance student wellbeing, we have reintroduced the *Lego Program*. This weekly, targeted program offers a unique approach to helping children develop key social competencies. Through engaging and structured sessions, students build skills in the following areas:

- Communication and Interaction
- Social Understanding and Relationships
- Emotional Understanding and Self-Awareness
- Learning and Engagement

In this week's session, students focused on teamwork, sharing, and effective communication as they collaborated on a group building project. Each student took on a variety of roles, learning to adapt and work together, all while strengthening their fine motor skills in a fun, supportive environment.







Maths Problem Solving Competition Opportunity

Welcome to the 2025 APSMO Maths competitions which develop the creative maths problem solving skills of over 100,000 students each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and internationally. Our school has conducted these challenges over the past decade free of charge. There are four separate tests conducted over the next two terms involving Maths problem solving questions for students from Years 3-6 during class time where strategies and solutions are shared with the students. If you are interested in registering your child, can you please email me mark.koppens@education.vic.gov.au by the end of the term.

Kind regards

Mark Koppens (on behalf of the Maths Curriculum Team)

Division Cross Country 2025









Congratulations to the Patterson Lakes running team who competed on Wednesday the $28^{\rm h}$ of May at Cornish College. We were one of the schools with the most qualified participants and had multiple top 30 finishers.

A BIG congratulations to Chelsea Wilson, Saxon Vincent and Tilly Rukavina for qualifying through to the Regional meet on the 18 of June.











Battle of the Bands - Help Decided the Bands Name!



A group of parents from our school has formed a band to compete in the *Melbourne Parents* Battle of the Bands — and now they need your help to choose a name!

We're looking for something fun, clever, witty, or downright hilarious.

Need inspiration? Check out some names from past bands:

Lunchbox 20, No Hat No Play, The Late Notes, The Portals, Lost Property, The Nits

Think you've got a great idea? Submit your suggestion and be in the running to have it drawn from a hat at assembly on June 13!

Let's name this band in style! P



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Information about ticketing and naming the band competition is coming soon!



Get ready for a night of epic tunes, good vibes, and a whole lotta fun! On August 8th, parent bands from across Victoria will go head-to-head in a statewide showdown to raise money for their school's music program

We have talented parents across all year levels reppin' Patterson Lakes Primary and need YOUR support to take the win (and the \$\$\$)!

■ ALL ticket proceeds go straight to the school you buy them under – so be sure to grab yours for Patterson Lakes using the link below

- 6 5 live bands
- Fun night out
- Support a great cause
- Prinks, dancing & good times guaranteed

Let's pack the place and show 'em how PLPS does it!





Grab your tickets now:

https://parentsbattleofthebands.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/49cc3f70-7b08-4241-b81e-4f8a8a1ed2a2

TheirCare News



Patterson Lakes TheirCare

TERM 2



June 2025

Highlights

Throughout week 6 we explored our knowledge and understanding of our First Nations and Aboriginal culture. We explored this through various craft activity inspired by cultural crafts such as basket weaving, painting and handprints. We also explored traditional Aboriginal physical games such as Boogalah, Buroinjin and Koolchee. Other highlight activities have been paper planes, one touch (soccer game), crochet and chalk drawings outside.







Good Luck Tahlee!!

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Tahlee will be moving on from TheirCare. Tahlee's last day will be our Pupil Free Day. She is going to be missed dearly by the whole community. We wish her the best in her next endeavours.

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.

Pupil Free Day

Come and join us on Friday 6th of June for a whole day service. We will be embracing the beginning of winter with:

- Salt snowflake craft
- Cup Snowman Stacking
- Freeze Tag
- Winter window art
- We will finish of the day with a frosty themed movie.



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Spanish Corner



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

WELCOME TO CANTEEN HUB

GETTING READY TO PLACE YOUR FIRST ORDER

- Create a new profile at canteenhub.com.au/registercustomer
- Add Profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab
- 3 Search for your school via postcode or name
- Select your class
- 6 Head to Order Now
- 6 Select the person you are ordering for
- Select items from the approved menu & finalise your order
- 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)
 - ➡ help@canteenhub.com
 ➡ canteenhub.com.au



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.

**all instruments are available for hire

Simply enrol using the link:

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If you have any questions call Carol on 0411 402 102



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