

**PATTERSON LAKES
PRIMARY SCHOOL
EDUCATION REPORT
TERM 1 #2
2025**



Harmony Day!

Thank you all for wearing a 'splash of orange' to celebrate diversity in our community last Friday!





The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Patterson Lakes Primary School is excited to be taking part! The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 and aims to help young readers develop a lifelong love of reading.

It is not a competition; it is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5 September 2025. Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers. This year, the Challenge is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme '20 years of words and wonder' and a year of special activities. For details, follow the [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook](#). Since it began in 2005, more than 4.5 million young readers have taken part and together read more than 63 million books!

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

You can also contact our school's Challenge coordinator, Mrs Mayes with any questions.

Happy reading!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FOUNDATION



What's happening in Foundation

Thank you to all the families that attended the Foundation Picnic last week, it was wonderful to see everyone coming together.

In Literacy we are continuing to focus on letter names and sounds. We have now learnt m, s, t, a, p, f, i, c, b, h and n.

In Maths we are exploring numbers to 20, sorting and classifying objects and identifying and creating patterns.

Passwords have been sent home to access Mathletics, along with your child's Reading Diary and 'Learned Words' book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Dress Day - Monday 31st Match

Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 4th April



Friendly reminders

- Please check Compass regularly for important information and events.
- Please have the blue reader bag at school daily and check for any notices.
- Ensure you label all your child's possessions very clearly.
- Students are to wear their house colour polo to school every Friday.
- Please ensure your child brings their drink bottle to school each day along with a healthy lunch, fruit and snack.

Specialist Timetable

MONDAY

Library: OA

PE: OD and OB

TUESDAY

Library: OA

Spanish: OA,OB,OC,OD

Music: OA and OD

STEAM: OC and OB

Art: OC and OA

THURSDAY

Library: OC and OD

FRIDAY

P.E: OC and OA

Music: OB and OC

STEAM: OA and OD

Art: OD and OB

Year One Newsletter

Term One #2 2025

Year one Teachers

1A: Mrs Bound

1B: Miss Lynch

1C: Mrs Clark and
Miss Conway

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Easter Hat
Parade
Friday 4th
April



COMMUNICATION

It is important that each student brings their **Reader Bag** to school **every day**. Please be sure it contains their **take home reader book and yellow reading diary**.

WHAT'S ON AT PATTERSON LAKES

The end of term is fast approaching. Please be sure to check the school newsletter for information regarding:
The Easter Hat parade
Free Dress Day
Easter donation
Last day early finish.



THIS TERM'S FOCUS FOR:

Maths

Skip counting, Subtraction, Finding the Difference, Balancing Equations and Sharing.

Literacy

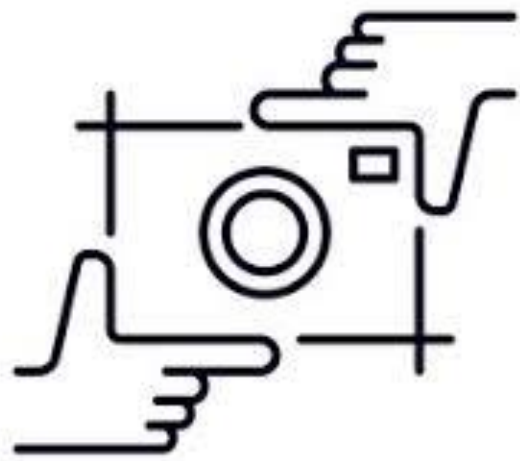
Reading with fluency, sentence structure, extending sentences with more information and similes.

INTEGRATED STUDIES TOPIC

Beyond the Beach.

We had a fantastic excursion to Balnarring Beach. Students had an amazing time exploring, discovering amazing sea creatures in their natural habitat. A big thanks to the volunteers for giving up their time. Photos of the day will be sent out to families in a SWAY document very soon.





Year 2

SNAPSHOT

Term 1 Week 1

Year 2 News Updates

Briars excursion; Monday 17th March 2025. Students need hats, fruit, snacks, lunch and water in a small backpack.

Photos will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for the Briars excursion this term assisting us with our program. We appreciate your help!

Year 2 Wellbeing

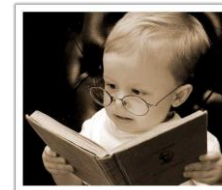
Year 2 students are focusing on our values of Respect, Integrity and Excellence.

We are encouraging the students to make eye contact with the teacher as they enter the room and saying Good Morning! They are focusing on putting in their best effort as their best is good enough!


When faced with incidents in the yard, students are working on ignoring minor behaviours, using their words ie Stop it! I don't like it when you..... and telling the Yard Duty teacher for any physical inappropriate behaviours.

Literacy

- Reading stamina.
- Reading fluency.
- Decoding skills and improving spelling knowledge; sh, ch, th, ang, wh.
- Spelling common words.
- Using full stops and capital letters when writing sentences.
- Using adjectives to make our sentences more descriptive and interesting to read.
- Making connections between the text and own experiences.



Maths

- Place Value; expanding numbers. 
- 2 D shape identification and features.
- Addition strategies e.g. Friends of ten, fact families, counting on, number lines.
- Days, months and seasons.
- Use of calendars
- Measurement – capacity

What's happening in Year 3

Portsea Camp Wednesday 23rd April - Thursday 24th April

Year 3 Teachers

3A – Mrs Taylor

3B – Mrs Luckham

3C – Ms Vella

Our Year 3 students are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their very first camp at the Portsea Camp. This much-anticipated adventure will be a fantastic opportunity for them to develop independence, build friendships, and challenge themselves with fun outdoor activities.

To help your child feel more comfortable about attending camp, consider arranging a sleepover with a friend or family member. This will give them a chance to practice being away from home in a familiar and supportive environment. Encourage them to pack their own bag, follow a bedtime routine, and manage small tasks independently. This experience can build their confidence and ease any worries about their upcoming camp adventure!

Don't forget students are to come to school each day with a fully charged laptop!!!



What's happening in Year 3 - Term 1

Inquiry

Students have started presenting their Inquiry projects to the class. They have made PowerPoints, posters & dioramas and have been presenting them beautifully. When students have finished presenting them, we will move onto conservation of Australian animals, what we can do about it and why it is important.

NAPLAN

As you would be aware, we are in the midst of NAPLAN. Students have completed the Writing and Reading aspect and will do the Maths, Reading and Conventions of Language this week. Students are feeling, well prepared and confident. We are confident the students will do a great job!



Homework

- Practice automatic recall of times tables every night 2's 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's
- Aim for 1000 Mathematics points every week
- Read aloud to an adult every night

Maths focus..

Place value, time, fractions, 3D shapes,

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YEAR 4

PLANTS IN ACTION

Year 4 students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about plants and the significant impact they have on our planet's survival.

Students have planted bean seeds and are enjoyed watching them grow. We look forward to planting these in our school veggie garden very soon.



They have also grown alfalfa from seeds, and many enjoyed making delicious sandwiches to enjoy their freshly grown alfalfa. Some students were surprised how much they enjoyed it.

HOMEWORK

The Year 4 teachers are so impressed with the quality of the projects students have completed at home this term. It has been wonderful watching students present their plant projects with such passion, enthusiasm and pride. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with this process to make it the wonderful success it has been.



What's happening in Year 5 - Term 1

Homework and Projects. We have sent home the homework grid outlining the Year 5 requirements for reading, maths and a special fun project aligned to our topic Healthy Me. The projects are due on Monday 24th March.

Remember!

Students are to come to school each day with a fully charged laptop!!! Unless otherwise informed.



Year 5 News



The students were very excited to be undertaking the Big Bike Ride to Bicentennial Park as part of the Healthy Me topic. The weather was kind to us, and it was a huge success, although many did feel the heat!



Literacy and Maths

Students continue to develop their reading fluency and comprehension through weekly class texts, a novel study, and topical material. A weekly focus on prefixes and suffixes underpins the spelling program. This new learning is also incorporated into the students writing. We have been providing many opportunities for students to write about what they are passionate about and encourage this as a means of building confidence and a love of writing. The NAPLAN tests have been completed, and we believe the students coped well. The maths focus has been ensuring that students are revising areas of need, particularly multi step worded problems.

Year 5 Teachers

5A Miss Reed
5B Mrs Cross + Ms Bensted
5C Miss Emmett
5D Mrs Morris





YEAR 6 TERM 1

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP
WAS CONQUERED!





Year 6 Term 1...more!

• Term 1, Year 6 2025

- The Year 6 students have made a pleasing start to the year, establishing class routines and adhering to the high standard of behaviour set by their teachers. The first few weeks consisted of cooperative games and activities that allowed us to get to know all students across the year level, and for the students to become familiar with their peers. Using different combinations for grouping students not only prepares them for secondary school, but also helps the teachers form a rapport with students from other classes. As we approach Year 6 with a more collaborative teaching model in mind, it is important we get to know all the students in our care.
- This term we have been working through our topics, 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' which focuses on self-awareness, family and friends & 'Our Backyard – Patterson Lakes' which included local excursions to appreciate and understand the surrounding environment.
- Year 6 LEADERS will be attending Carrum Social Club @ Roy Dore Reserve for a day of fun teamwork activities with Mr. Canavan & Mrs. Rasdell. Mrs. Mayes and Mr. Clohesy attended the day for a Q&A session about leadership.
- Interschool sport began with all Year 6 students participating in Basketball, Cricket, Kickball & Volleyball teams. The Lightning Premiership was held at many venues on Friday 21st March, with PLPS achieving some outstanding results.
- Year 6's delved deeper into understanding & developing Respectful Relationships during WELLBEING sessions with Mrs. Morgan. Emotions & safety were the focus topics.
- The River Run was another highlight of Term 1. Many of our best athletes have moved on to district cross-country at Cornish College in Term 2. Our elite swimmers also participated in district competitions.
- CAMP – What an amazing 3 days at PHILLIP ISLAND CAMPS. Surfing, Climbing, Playing, Socialising, Dancing, Walking, Talking, Eating and not much SLEEPING (for some!)
- Maths – MathPLUS guides our curriculum with a cyclical focus on NUMBER, ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY & STATS. Teacher's have been also pumping in Timetables and online maths activities.
- English – Writing across a couple of genres – Descriptive and Procedural has been the focus in February and March. Students completed this block of writing with a typed/published piece about themselves. Spelling and Grammar is a weekly staple. Reading is focused on building STAMINA and developing comprehension skills based on SIGNPOSTS.
- LAPTOPS – Ongoing focus on basic skills using MICROSOFT and GOOGLE. Blockly.games was used for coding and programming and Typito used for video making during our CAMP project.



DISTRICT SWIMMING

- *Congratulations to the Paterson Lakes swim team. We had 8 students qualify through to the Division meet held in Oakleigh on the 12th of March.*
- *Also, a big well done to Piper Lea for breaking the Patterson district 50m freestyle record!*

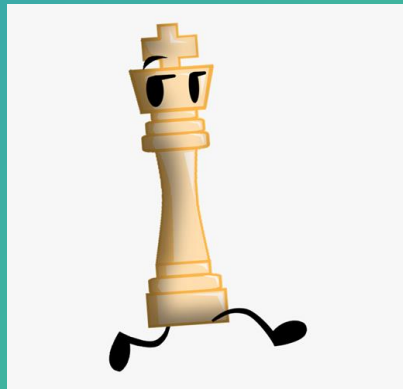
2025 RIVER RUN

Congratulations to all runners, House Captains and Patterson Lakes staff on a fantastic 2025 River Run. Results will be out before the end of Term 1.





Coding & Chess on Thursday Lunch!



STEAM



ROBOTICS 2025 CAMPAIGN BEGINS!

Our Year 6 robotics team are well into their first challenge of the year!
They will share their work with you via Padlet over the coming months.

Our team for Terms 1 & 2 consist of: Marcus Raunik, Piper Lea, Payton Cooper, Braxton Grogan, Nicholas Michalitsis, Jonathan Kohler, Tyson Bancilhon, Archie Cocking, Jason Clappis, Emmi Saunders, Max Kruse, Kyson Miller, Zach Bray and Lara De Luca. Good luck, everyone!

CURRENT CLASSROOM INVESTIGATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Foundation: How do meteorologists record and measure the weather?
They look at the sky and the direction of the wind. They use a compass and a thermometer.

Years 1&2: Why can an oil tanker float when it is so heavy? Use observations about floating & sinking to discuss.

Years 3&4: Does eucalyptus oil help gum trees fight disease? Design and conduct a fair experiment.

Year 5: Is the human 'tongue map' accurate? Measure and find out!

Year 6: Use the greenscreen to make a presentation on your chosen Geography topic more engaging.

CODING & CHESS CLUB

The STEAM room is open every Thursday lunch for coding and chess. This club is being run by two of our Year 6 students, Braxton Grogan & Kyan Roberts.



Wellbeing -

Respectful Relationships Education has immersed the students in understanding our brains, and why social and emotional health can be enhanced with good practice.

Topics covered to date include Emotional Literacy, Personal and Cultural Strengths, Positive Coping, Problem Solving and Stress Management.

.Check out these useful links for further details –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6vqSehMYQQ>

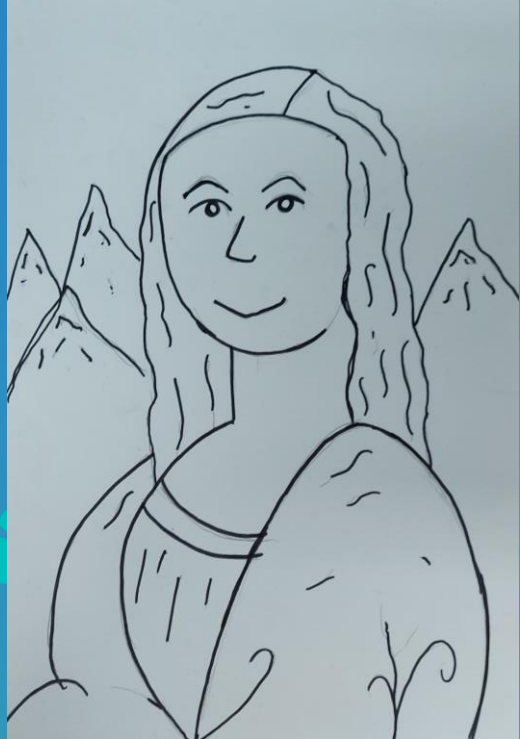
<https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships>

Sunny brings her calm self, observing the classes and brings big smiles on her days at Patto

Kim Morgan



Visual Arts



TALENTED ARTIST for February 2025

Myra Janjua 5B

has received this award for carefully listening and following instructions to recreate the Mona Lisa through drawing. Super work!

Art Room Update: Exploring the Vibrancy of Colour

In our ongoing art journey this term, we are focusing on portraits while also diving deep into one of the seven elements of art: **colour**! Our students have begun exploring the three primary colours and learning how mixing two of them can create exciting secondary colours. Our upper grade students are taking this a step further by investigating warm versus cool colours and the value of colour, specifically how to create tints and shades. Value, as you might know, refers to the lightness and darkness of a colour, and it's an essential element in any artwork. The light source plays a pivotal role in how colour is perceived, and our students are discovering this through a variety of engaging projects.

CURRENT CLASSROOM PROJECTS:

Foundation: Students are bringing their imaginations to life with vibrant art featuring **Yellow Chicks, Blue Fish, and Red Dragons** using primary colours!

Years 1 & 2: Our young artists are creating **Crazy Hair Portraits and Emus** by mixing primary coloured paint to form delightful secondary colours!

Years 3 & 4: In these grades, students are exploring **Fun Portraits**, delving into the world of colour mixing with food dye, resulting in fantastic secondary colours.

Year 5: Our artists are focusing on a unique artistic style of **Picasso Cubism Portraits**, where students are introduced to warm and cool colours while learning to paint both tints and shades.

Year 6: In revisiting essential colour concepts, students will create **Self Portraits** that revise primary and secondary colours, alongside discussions on colour value.

COMING SOON...

Prepare for the announcement of our "Talented Artist of the Month" for March! We can't wait to celebrate the creativity and hard work of our outstanding students!

REMINDER...

A big thank you to all the families who have provided an art smock. As we get more hands-on, please ensure your child has their own individual art smock for classroom use to keep those creative clothes safe! We are truly excited about the captivating projects ahead and look forward to seeing all the colourful masterpieces come to life! Happy creating!