

# PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION REPORT TERM 1 #2 2026



# FOUNDATION

## HARMONY DAY



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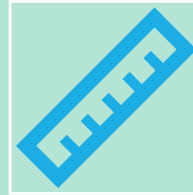
# What's happening in Foundation



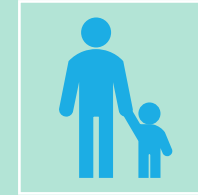
Thank you to all the families that attended the Foundation Picnic, it was wonderful to see everyone coming together.



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, n, m, a, e, i, o



In Maths we are: exploring numbers to 20, identifying and creating patterns, comparing weight and length and exploring days of the week.



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 30th March**

**Easter Bonnet Parade - Thursday 2nd 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.

## Specialist Timetable

**MONDAY**

*Library: OA*

**TUESDAY**

*Language:*

*OA,OB,OC*

*Music: OA OB OC*

**THURSDAY**

*Library: OB and OC*

*STEAM: OA, OB, OC*

*Art: OA, OB, OC*

**FRIDAY**

*Huff and Puff*

# Year One Newsletter

## Term One #2 2026

### Year one Teachers

**1A:** Ms Bound  
**1B:** Miss Lynch  
**1C:** Mrs Clark  
**1D:** Miss Jade

### 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.



### INTEGRATED STUDIES TOPIC

#### **Beyond the Beach.**

We had a fantastic excursion to Balnarring Beach. Students had an amazing time exploring and discovering amazing sea creatures in their natural habitat.  
A big thanks to the volunteers for giving up their time.

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

Easter Hat Parade  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**.

### THIS TERM'S FOCUS FOR:

#### **Maths**

Skip counting, Subtraction, Finding the Difference, Balancing Equations and Data Collection.

#### **Literacy**

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



# Year 2

Hello Year 2 families! Our students have been hard at work learning how reduce, reuse and recycle as part of our integrated studies topic. We reused a variety of recycled materials to create sock puppets, instruments and robots. We are looking forward to learning more at our incursion in week 7. Students have been assigned a **homework task** to record how they reduce, reuse and recycle at home. Please help your child to have this completed and returned to school by **week 9**.

## Literacy focus:

Phonemes *or*, *y=i* and *igh*, reading fluently, using correct punctuation and writing neatly.

## Maths focus:

Adding using renaming, reading number lines and measuring capacity.



## Reminders:

- Please continue to support your child to **read** nightly and complete **Mathletics** tasks weekly.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Home Project: Due Week 9.**

# What's happening in Year 3

This term the Year 3s have enjoyed participating in the swimming program. It was wonderful to see everyone building their confidence and developing their swimming skills. Students also attended an excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary, where they learned about habitats, ecosystems, food chains and food webs. They explored how animals depend on each other and the environment to survive. It was a very enjoyable and informative day for everyone.

## NAPLAN

As you would be aware, we are in the midst of NAPLAN. Students have completed the Writing and will do Maths, Reading and Language Conventions this week. Students are feeling well prepared and confident. Students are to come to school with their laptop fully charged for NAPLAN.

## Maths focus...

Graphs, Time, Fractions, Capacity, Mass, Symmetry, Money

## Homework

- Inquiry Project due week 9.
  - Practise automatic recall of times tables every night 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's
  - Aim for 1000 Mathletics points every week
  - Read aloud to an adult every night.
- Discuss the characters and what happened in the story.

## Specialist Timetable

### Monday

Languages - 3A, 3B, 3C

P.E - 3A, 3B, 3C

Library - 3A

### Tuesday

Library - 3B

### Wednesday

Library - 3C

### Friday

Music - 3A, 3B, 3C

P.E - 3A, 3B, 3C

Art - 3A, 3B, 3C



## Year 4 Update

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year in Year 4! This term, students have been exploring our integrated studies topic of People Who Shape Us. Through a variety of reading, writing and discussion activities, students have been learning about individuals who influence our lives and communities. They have been thinking about how people such as family members, leaders, authors and historical figures can shape our values, choices and future pathways.



## PARC Swimming

Earlier in the term, students attended a week of swimming lessons at PARC, where they had the opportunity to build their confidence and skills in the water. It was wonderful to see students supporting one another and showing persistence as they developed their swimming and water safety abilities.



## Homework:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the homework expectations for Year 4. Students are expected to complete at least **1000 Mathletics points** each week. They are also expected to **read each night**. Parents are encouraged to listen to their child read aloud and ask questions afterwards to support their understanding.

We also look forward to seeing the effort students are putting into their **'People Who Shape Me' projects**, which are due on **March 23rd**.



# Year 5

It has been a busy start to Year 5. This term we have been learning about Healthy Me. We have focused on what makes a healthy diet and how exercise helps our bodies.

In Literacy, we have been writing narratives and persuasive and continued with our novel study of Blueback by Tim Winton. In Maths, we have been learning different strategies for all four processes and taking a close look at 3D objects.

## NAPLAN 2026

Beginning on the 11th of March, our students started their first NAPLAN testing. Students began with writing, with reading, language conventions and mathematics to be completed in the following week.

## Play Leaders

Play Leaders is now up and running. Selected children attended a training day and learned lots of new games. They now teach these games to younger students each lunch time.

## Up Coming Events:

River Run will be held on Thursday 26th March  
Easter Bonnet Parade Thursday 2nd April

## Reminders:

Students home learning tasks 'Prepare a Healthy Meal for your Family' is **due on Monday 16th March**. Students will present their project to their class.

## E-Safety Incursion

Earlier this term we had an incursion to each us about internet safety. We learned what is and isn't acceptable and how to keep ourselves safe while online.





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## YEAR 6

A great morning of creative writing at Patterson River. (See Pics!).

Leadership Day @ Roy Dore Reserve was a BLAST!

Inter-School Sports continued V Bonbeach with all teams performing well.

Class Captain & Waste Warrior badges were handed out at our most recent assembly.

CAMP is upon us – MARCH 18/19/20 @ Phillip Island CAMPS

LEADERSHIP badges will be presented at ASSEMBLY 27th MARCH



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# Visual Arts



## TALENTED ARTIST

for January and February 2026

Hudson Vitiello 1C and Eliza Campbell 1A

for confidently mixing colours and applying a dabbing technique to create texture and detail in a fabulous white poodle painting.

## Art Room Update: Exploring Portraits, Colour, Drawing and Cityscapes

In our ongoing art journey this term, students have been exploring portraits while our junior classes dive deeper into one of the seven elements of art: **colour**.

Our **Foundation** students have begun learning about the three primary colours. **Year 1 and 2** students are discovering how mixing two primary colours can create exciting secondary colours. Meanwhile, our **upper grade** students have been focusing on creating cityscapes, using vibrant watercolours to complete their artworks.

Please take the time to visit the Junior School corridor displays to celebrate and enjoy your child's creative work.

### CURRENT CLASSROOM PROJECTS:

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

**Years 1 & 2:** Our young artists have created **Purple Poodle Portraits** and **Orange Tigers**. Next, they will explore the secondary colour green by printing caterpillars and beginning an artist study on **Wayne Thiebaud**.

**Years 3 & 4:** Students have been developing their drawing skills by creating **Fun Self Shadow Portraits**.

**Year 5 & 6:** Our senior artists are focusing on **cityscapes** and learning how to draw using **one-point perspective**. This has been a challenging and rewarding task, and these impressive artworks will soon be displayed in the Junior School corridor.

### COMING SOON...

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

### 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!

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# PE

## EVENTS

1. Swimming – See photos and next slide: PE Continued!

2. River Run

Dear Parents and Carers,

Start training for The Patterson Lakes River Run!

Year 3-6 students will be competing along the River (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of March) in 2km and 3km races.



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# PE CONT.....

- We would like to congratulate our Patterson Lakes Primary School students who represented our school at the recent District Swimming Carnival.
- Our swimmers represented the school with outstanding grit, courage, and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see their determination in the pool, and their efforts were rewarded with plenty of ribbons on the day.
- A special congratulations to **Pippa Pilcher** for qualifying through to Division — an incredible achievement that reflects her dedication and hard work. We wish her all the very best in the next stage of competition.
- Thank you to the parents and families who attended and supported the students on the day. Your encouragement makes a real difference.

PLPS 2025 CROSS COUNTRY  
YEAR 3-6  
THURSDAY THE 27TH OF MARCH 2026

VENUE: PATTERSON RIVER – SAME  
LOCATION AS LAST YEAR –  
GLADESVILLE BLVD, DOWN THE  
ALLEY WAY.  
STUDENTS ARE TO BRING A  
HOUSE POLO  
RIVER RUN PROGRAM: THESE ARE  
APPROXIMATE TIMES.

9:30-9:40	Welcome. Explanation. Chant off.
Event 1	12/13 Girls (3km)
Event 2	12/13 Boys (3km)
Event 3	11 Girls (3km)
Event 4	11 Boys (3km)
Event 5	9/10 Girls (2km) 8 Girls (2km)
Event 6	9/10 Boys (2km) 8 Boys (2km)
11.10-11.15	<u>Well done</u> , house winner, wrap up, pack up. Assemble in grades again and mark rolls.
11.15-11.30	Walk back to school.
11.30/40	Lunch



# Foundation PMP

A big thank you to all of the parents for your support!!!



# MUSIC



It has been a busy and exciting time in Performing Arts! Students in Foundation to Grade 4 have been learning about music from diverse cultures around the world. Pictured are the Grade 2 students (2C), who explored the Angklung from Indonesia and performed together in a class orchestra.



The Grade 5 and 6 students have been working on a composition project using the Soundtrap app to create their own piece of music. As part of the project, they are experimenting with musical effects and selecting specific instruments to include in their compositions.

Also pictured below is our Senior Choir, who rehearse every Friday at recess. They are currently preparing for their first performance and are learning vocal techniques to support their singing. More details about upcoming choir performances will be shared in future newsletters.

# STEAM

## ROBOTICS 2026 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: Harrison Ng Fok Kong, Willem Gibb, Michael Wallace, Ruarc Dunne, Lucas Russell, Oscar Wynn, Jackson Emir, William Higgins, Emma Waters, Ben White & Nathan Harbert. 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 do we have two eyes? Conduct an investigation to find out why two eyes are better than one.

Years 3&4: How do we classify animals? Students have been constructing their own branching keys and learning the rules for the classification of living things.

Year 5: How does our body digest food? Students have completed a very messy investigation to remember the workings of the digestive system.

Year 6: How does the movement of air create weather patterns? What is a warm front, a cold front or an occluded front? How can we model this in the classroom?

## CHESS CLUB

The STEAM room is open every second Monday lunch for chess enthusiasts, with Miss Jade.

## KITCHEN GARDENS PROGRAM

Mrs Celia Morgan runs the Kitchen Garden program every Wednesday lunchtime. Each group spends one week helping to maintain the garden, and the second week cooking. Students may sign up to the program through their classroom teacher.

