

PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION REPORT TERM 3 2026



A Snapshot in Foundation

Term 2 Wrap Up-

People in our Community

Last term, Foundation students learnt about community helpers and the important role they play in our lives. Through visits from the local library, Victoria Police and the Fire Brigade, students explored how community helpers keep us safe, informed and connected.

Maths & Literacy

In Maths, students will continue exploring mass, capacity, addition and subtraction concepts through fun, hands-on measuring activities. In Literacy, students will continue to strengthen their phonics knowledge using sounds to read and write.

Term 3

This term students will be exploring fairytale and narrative writing concepts through books, such as Jack and the Gumnut Stalk, Goldilocks and the Three Koalas. We will also be exploring the weather and the changing seasons.



Integrated Studies

This term the Year One Integrated Studies topic is Dinosaurs! It is always a fun topic where the students have lots of facts of their own to share. Later in the term the students will participate in an interesting and engaging incursion called Dinosaur Detective!

Y E A R 1

Literacy

This term we will continue to learn new sounds such as ear, alk, all, ie and ei. We will read lots of interesting dinosaur facts and continue to practice writing different genres such as reports, narratives and procedures.

Maths

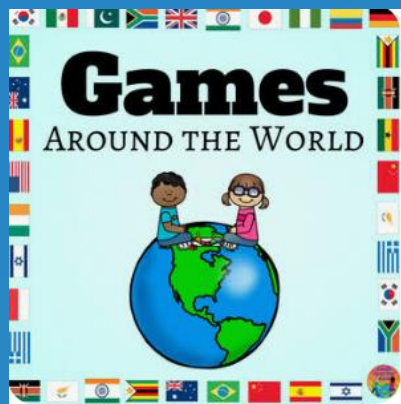
This term we will continue exploring number patterns, practicing skip counting and refining our addition and subtraction strategies. We will aim to learn our doubles and near doubles facts as well.

Vocabulary

Some words we are learning this term:

- fossil
- paleontologist
- carnivore
- herbivore
- predator
- exhibition
- spectacular
- ferocious
- descent
- volunteers
- amazing
- quarry
- limestone





Our topic for Term 3 is 'Games Around the World', where we will explore games we play at home, games from different countries and internationally recognised games, such as, The Olympics. This year, we are excited to tie into our topic, the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, which will begin in Week 3.

In Literacy, we will start our term with some new types of texts – dictionaries and atlases. We will be reading to explore the countries the games we play originate from. Other focuses this term will include features of fiction and non fiction texts, thick vs thin questions, fact and opinion, procedural writing, narratives, our weekly grammar and daily phonics lessons.

In Maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and looking at division, more complex number strategies for addition and subtraction, mapping and location, telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, money, number sequences and patterns and measuring length.

We are learning to use MS Word, PowerPoint, open and save documents, change fonts and cut and paste images from Google on our laptops.

Don't forget our weekly homework expectations of a minimum of four nights of reading and Mathletics tasks. Reading diaries to your teacher on Mondays!



What's happening in Year 3

Literacy

Students are enjoying our class novel *The One and Only Ivan*, while developing their comprehension and higher-order thinking skills. They are strengthening their writing by responding to the novel using complete sentences and will continue to write persuasive texts, letters, information reports and narratives. In spelling, students are exploring prefixes, suffixes and root words to build their vocabulary and understanding of word meanings.

Maths focus...

- Using a variety of strategies to solve multi-step addition and subtraction problems with more than two numbers
- 3D Representation of Objects
- Units of Time and Duration
- Multiplication and Division and their Representations
- Data Representation and Interpretation
- Measuring Dimensions (Area)
- Linking Fractions to Decimals and Percentages

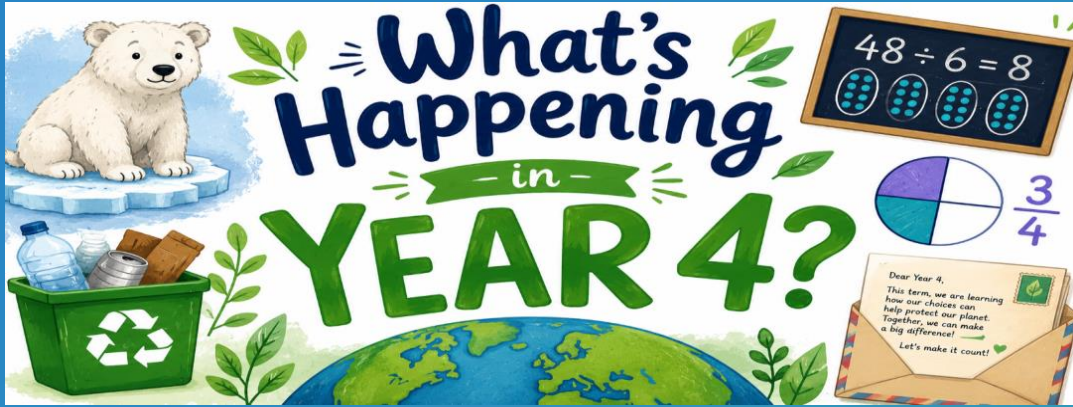
Homework

- Practice automatic recall of the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s times tables each night.
- Aim for 1000 Mathletics points every week
 - Read aloud to an adult every night

Inquiry

This term, students are learning about democracy and the City of Kingston. They will explore the role of local council, how decisions are made in a democratic society, and the rights and responsibilities of community members. We were fortunate to have the Mayor visit this week, providing students with an insight into local government. Over the coming weeks, students will work in teams to design and build a model town that reflects the laws, rules and key features explored throughout the unit.





We are excited to begin our first novel study this term with *The Last Bear*. Students will work in small groups, integrating their reading and writing as they explore the novel.

This term, we will also focus on developing our persuasive writing skills. Students will write a persuasive letter to Mr. Bainbridge, encouraging a positive change to our school environment.



In **Maths**, we are exploring a range of division strategies and building confidence in using efficient methods to solve division problems. Students will also complete a unit on fractions, including hands-on learning experiences involving capacity and mass.

We encourage students to continue logging into their Mathletics account at home to work towards achieving 1,000 points, while reinforcing the concepts we are learning in class.

Our Term 3 topic is **War on Waste**. Students will explore ways to care for the environment at home and at school, learn how to recycle correctly, and discover how small actions can make a big difference as they become our Year 4 Eco-Warriors.

To support this learning, students will also participate in an **Urban Upcycle** incursion.

Students will also have a project relating to our unit, which will go home by the end of week 3.

YEAR 5

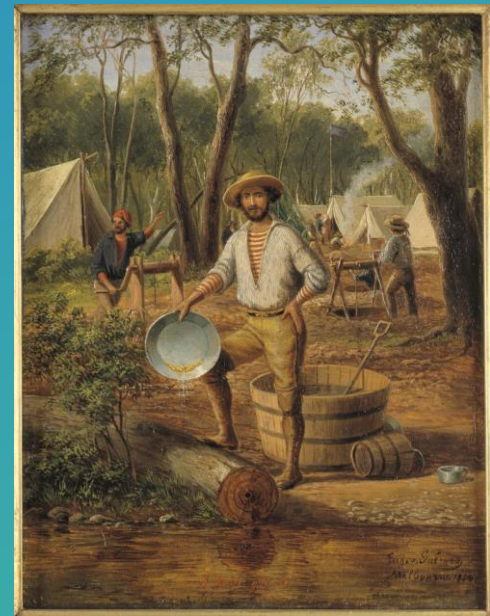
We welcome Ms Julie Braakhuis to 5B.

Units of Study – This Term is all about Australia!

Students will learn about Australian Citizenship, Australian Colonisation and The Australian Gold Rush.

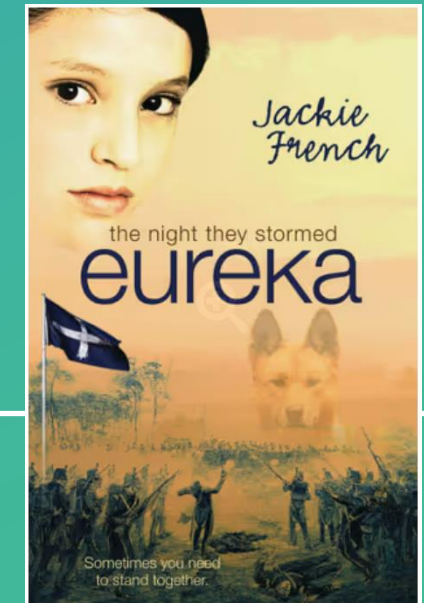
Reading⁺ fluency and comprehension will be supported through our class novel ● ‘The Night They Stormed Eureka’ which is Set on the 1854 Ballarat Goldfields.

In Maths, students will investigate Prime and Composite Numbers, develop Number Skills with a focus on Division and understand the Order of Operations.



Year 5
Sport.
Every
Friday!

Class Novel
The Night they
Stormed Eureka



YEAR 6

Term 3... WELCOME BACK – keep an eye on...COMPASS

WINTER interschool sports continue...

Queen Victoria Market excursion...

Pyjama Day...

Silly Sock Day...

Education Week...

Patto's Got Talent...

And some...

English and Maths...English - reading and writing stamina & Maths streaming...

A bit of Immigration, Commonwealth Games and Refugees study...

And of course, some FITH, Robotics, Kitchen Garden, Digitech, Genius Hour, House Sports, inspIRE & assemblies!

Ms.Conway is teaching 6A this term.

ENJOY!

Visual Art



TALENTED ARTIST
for May and June 2026

Isla Osborne 4A and Lewis McDonald 4B

for studying portraiture and confidently
creating a shadow artwork through drawing,
colouring, cutting, and arranging shapes to
show a figure and its shadow.

Art Room Update:

CURRENT CLASSROOM PROJECTS

Across the middle and senior school, classes have been engaged in a variety of exciting collage projects while further developing their understanding of warm and cool colours. Year 1 and 2 classes have explored secondary colours and have recently been introduced to warm and cool colours. Foundation students are continuing to consolidate their understanding of the three primary colours.

COMING SOON

Foundation: Children have created a mixed media artwork of birds in a nest and are completing a printing project inspired by **Piet Mondrian** to strengthen their understanding of the three primary colours.

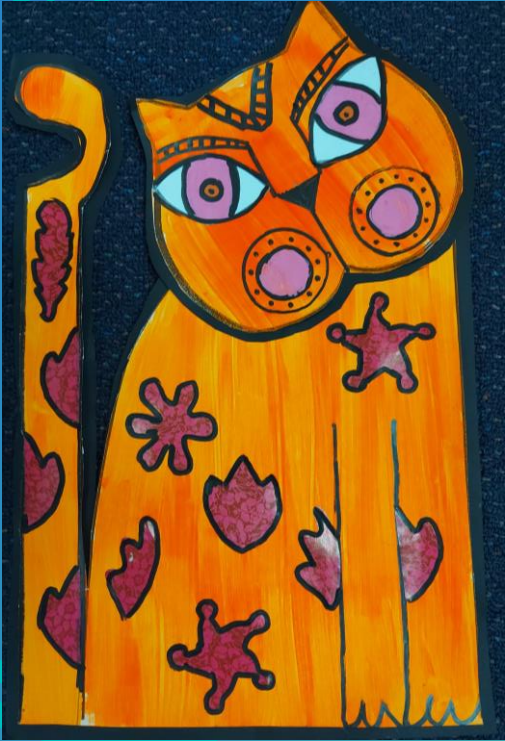
Years 1 & 2: Young artists have modelled with both Magiclay and Plasticine and have begun exploring landscapes inspired by the renowned artist **Friedensreich Hundertwasser**.

Years 3 & 4: These classes are completing their landscape artworks inspired by Australian artist **Frederick McCubbin**. They have closely studied his iconic works: *The Pioneer*, *Lost* and *On the Wallaby Track*.

Years 5: The students are currently studying **Pablo Picasso**, continuing to develop their understanding of portraiture while exploring the use of tints and shades to create depth and expression.

Years 5 & 6: Our senior artists are focusing on creating their graduation portraits.

Visual Art



TALENTED ARTIST

for July and August 2026

Sophie E 3C and Salvador C 3C



for using warm and cool colours to create a brightly coloured cat inspired by Laurel B, while skilfully incorporating pattern, painting, and collage techniques.

Art Room Update: ART JOURNEY – THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

With Education Week fast approaching, our whole school will be learning about **street paste-up art** while discovering the work of several renowned street artists.

On **Thursday 20 August**, students will take part in an interactive **Art Journey** throughout the school. As they travel through the corridors, they will display their own street paste-up artwork, complete a range of interactive activities, and answer questions about the artworks and artistic techniques explored throughout the year.

This exciting event will celebrate the creativity and artistic growth of our young artists while showcasing the wonderful work they have produced in Visual Arts.

Families are warmly invited to visit our junior school corridors during Education Week to explore this year's student artwork and our "**Talented Artists**" displays. Our newly upgraded display boards beautifully showcase the creativity, effort, and artistic achievements of every year level.

REMINDER

Please ensure your child has their own individual art smock for classroom use to help keep school uniforms clean and protected.

Visual Art



TALENTED ARTIST

for September and October 2026

Victoria N 5B, Xavier P 5C, Hudson S 5A and Frankie S 5C

for creating a vibrant still-life collage inspired by Australian artist Margaret Preston, using warm and cool colours to compose colourful flowers arranged in beautifully detailed zentangle-patterned vases.

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○ AN INTRODUCTION
FROM SHAUN PENNY



Hi Patterson Lakes Families,

I am Shaun Penny and I will be joining the team at Patterson Lakes Primary School as the new Physical Education Teacher.

It's lovely to be back in the Patterson Lakes community after completing two of my teaching rounds here back in 2014 and 2016. I am looking forward to meeting all the staff and students next week.

A few fun things about me

- Years teaching: 8 Years – 2 at Devon Meadows Primary School and 6 at Cheltenham Primary School
- Favourite Footy Team – Carlton
- Favourite Author – James Patterson
- Coffee Order – Strong Latte, regular milk
- Weekend Hobby – Field Umpire in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition
- Teaching Career Highlight – Coaching the Cheltenham Primary School Girls Cricket team to the State Finals in 2025!
- Fun Fact – Our dog Winnie (Jack Russell Terrier) has been a model for Petstock – keep an eye out in stores soon for more photos of Winnie



MUSIC- TERM 3

Foundation: Students are exploring how music can communicate ideas through songs, chants and rhymes. They are using movement, body percussion, words and simple rhythms to express their ideas.

Years 1 & 2: Students are exploring musical elements such as tempo, dynamics, pitch and rhythm while creating, improvising and performing music using voices, body percussion and instruments.

Years 3 & 4: Students are creating music through lyrics, melodies and accompaniments while developing their improvisation skills and exploring a range of instruments.

Years 5 & 6: Students are using Soundtrap to create and record their own original songs. They are experimenting with digital tools, layering sounds and developing skills in composition and music production.





MUSIC EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Patto's Got Talent Auditions

Monday 27th July – Gladesville auditions, 11:30am–12:30pm

Tuesday 28th July – McLeod auditions, 11:30am–12:30pm

Wednesday 29th July – Thompson auditions, 11:30am–12:30pm

Thursday 30th July – Wells auditions, 11:30am–12:30pm

Friday 31st July – Makeup auditions, 11:30am–12:30pm

Patto's Got Talent Finalists Run Through

Tuesday 1st September – 9:00am

Patto's Got Talent Grand Final

Monday 7th September – 12:30pm–2:00pm in the school hall

Senior Choir

Every Friday at recess in the courtyard (weather permitting),
otherwise in the Music Room

Wellbeing Dance Crew

Every Monday and Friday at lunchtime in the courtyard (weather permitting)



STEAM – TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

ROBOTICS – TEAM 1 have completed their projects. Results will be known in a couple of weeks. Congratulation to Harrison Ng, Willem G, Michael W, Ruarc D, Lucas R, Oscar W, Jackson E, William H, Emma W, Ben W & Nathan H! See a [Padlet](#) of their fantastic work [here!](#)



MOUNT MARTHA OBSERVATORY EXCURSION

A huge thank you to all those families who braved the cold and the wet last term to visit Mount Martha observatory. We had one very clear night and the other one was cloudy. The volunteers from the Astronomical society were very engaging and both nights were extremely worthwhile!





STEAM – TERM 3



YEAR LEVEL	TOPIC
Foundation	Introduction to Computers
Years 1 & 2	Introduction to Coding & Robotics
Years 3 & 4	Digital Solutions & Chess
Year 5	Makers Empire & The Wobblebot Project
Year 6	Energy & Electric Circuits



IMPORTANT DATES

ROBOCUP REGIONALS

Friday, 14th August - Our second robotics team starts their campaign on this date.

STEAM DAY

Wednesday 19th August - Encourage your child to be involved and make an entry for the STEAM Fair. Forms are available from class teachers and the STEAM room.

ROBOCUP STATE COMPETITION

Saturday, 5th September - We are the defending champions in the Novice Onstage division for 2026.



CHINESE – TERM 2 SNAPSHOT

Dragon Boat Festival (端午节)

Students explored the traditions of the Dragon Boat Festival through hands-on cultural activities.

Year Level	Learning Activity
F – 2	Created rice dumpling (粽子) hanging decorations
3–5	Made dragon boat and zongzi craft
Year 6	Designed zongzi collage artwork



Chinese Learning Highlights

Throughout the term, students learnt Chinese through engaging and interactive activities, including:

-  Learning Chinese numbers through games
-  Fishing Game
-  Chinese songs
-  Jianzi (Chinese shuttlecock)
-  Chopsticks Challenge



Chinese – Term 3

Students will learn

- Consolidate and extend Chinese numbers
- Family members (家人)
- Colours (颜色)
- Chinese character writing (汉字书写)

Education Week

- Chinese Zodiac (十二生肖)

Cultural Learning

- Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节)
- Year 6 students will learn about Chinese naming traditions and create their own Chinese name.

