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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**1:1 PROGRAM**

I was pleased to see so many parents from the Yrs 2,3 and 4 cohorts attend the 1:1 Devices computer information session last Thursday evening. I would like to thank Leanne Walker and Helene Bearup for their generosity in preparing and hosting the presentation outside of their working hours so that parents and carers had the opportunity to be informed and ask questions about the program.

**MAIN STAFF CAR PARK – ILLEGAL TURNS**

There have been some recent reports of cars making right hand turns into the main staff car park between 8am and 9am. It is illegal to make such turns during these hours and also between 3pm and 4pm. Please use the rear entrance behind the Hall to enter the car park for **morning drop offs only**. Alternatively drive around the roundabout at McLeod Road and then make a left hand turn into the school. The car park is for staff parking only and should only be used by parents during school hours for emergency situations. The police and local council officers regularly patrol the streets surrounding our school to ensure the safety of our students. Please consider the safety of the pedestrians and other drivers in our community, especially in this period of inclement weather.

**SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

Just a reminder to all parents that teachers are officially on yard duty before school from 8.45am – 9.00am and after school from 3.30pm – 3.45pm. A bell is sounded at 3.45pm to ensure that students that have not been collected by parents report to the office.

As a reminder to all families, the following procedures are implemented in relation to student safety and children arriving at school well before 8.30am.

- Contact will be made with parents informing them that staff are not officially on yard duty until 8.45am.
- Parents will be asked if they can find other alternatives for morning supervision. If there are no other supervision alternatives, parents will be provided with an enrolment form for Before School Care.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

A reminder to those randomly selected families who received surveys earlier this week that they are due to be submitted by tomorrow, Friday, 29th July. Thanks to those families who have already returned them. For those who are yet to return them, could you please send them to the office in the sealed envelopes that were provided. Thank you for taking the time to complete these.
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to Victoria Quirk and her husband Robbie who are the proud parents of Sonny Thomas Quirk who was born on Saturday, 23rd July.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 3 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

- Prep B – Chloe E for working so hard on her reading and writing. You are doing an amazing job Chloe. Keep up the terrific work!
- 1A – Niels P for being a quiet and hardworking member of the class.
- 1B – Ella F for trying hard with her spelling and writing. Keep it up Ella!
- 2A – Sienna P for making fantastic choices with her reading at school and home too!
- 2B – Dion V for always being enthusiastic and hardworking, no matter what the task. Great job Dion!
- 2C – Hudson H for showing respect and acceptance to every student in the class. You are a great friend to people Hudson!
- 3A – Milly L for doing a wonderful job reading last week. Your ideas and knowledge about the topic made the session quite entertaining. It is good to see that you are growing in confidence Milly. Well done.
- 3B – Cohen L for a fantastic explanation on his most valuable possession.
- 3C – Nicholas T for working very hard on attempting challenging tasks and having a great ‘have a go’ attitude. Fantastic effort Nicholas!
- 3D – Raymond Z for working hard on developing his organisational skills. Keep up the great work Raymond!
- 3D – Meg D for showing respect, integrity and excellence in all that she strives to achieve. Keep being a wonderful role model Meg!
- 3/4Z – Diaz W for showing respect for those around her and integrity in all she does. You are an asset to our class Diaz!
- 4A – Jarryd H for consistency and positive effort in all school activities.
- 4B – Nina D for always displaying integrity, respect and excellence. Well done Nina!
- 4D – Tahlia C for her continued persistence in class even when she finds the task challenging.
- 5A – Olivia L for consistently showing independence, maturity and diligence. Great job Olivia.
- 5B – Jack B for always being well mannered and helpful towards both his teachers and classmates. Jack is a fantastic role model to other students. Well done Jack!
- 5D – Tahlie Z for her persistence and willingness to improve in Maths and also for her positive attitude. Well done!
- 6C – Vivian L for settling into her new school really well. Well done Vivian!

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS** for last week were: Art – 6B, P.E – 5A, Music – 4A and Italian – 3/4Z. Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

**WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS WINNER**

Last week’s winning House team was Wells Wildcats (Red). Congratulations to all students in this team.

**ASTHMA**

**MANAGING ASTHMA IN WINTER**

Now that we are in the middle of Winter, you may find that asthma is flaring up more than usual. If you or a family member has asthma the following tips may be helpful:

- Visit your doctor for a review of your asthma and ensure that your Asthma Action Plan is up-to-date.
- Carry your medication at all times.
- Be aware that cold air can be a trigger for some people, especially children and older adults. Its effects can be anticipated and prevented by taking the necessary medication 10-15 minutes prior to exposure.
- Fires can be a real problem for some people who are sensitive to smoke. Be aware of smoke in your own home and also chimney smoke from neighbouring homes.
- There is an increased incidence of colds and viruses which can put increased pressure on the respiratory system and cause airway inflammation and trigger symptoms.

**ASTHMA PLANS**

Does your child have an Asthma Plan? Every student with asthma should have a written ‘Asthma Action Plan’. This is important for the school in caring for your child because it provides up-to-date, detailed information on how to manage your child’s asthma. This plan should:

- Be completed by the student’s parent/guardian in consultation with the student’s doctor.
- Outline how to care for day-to-day asthma (listing normal medications that have been prescribed and how often they should be taken).
- List key symptoms or special features that indicate the student’s asthma could be worsening or an ‘attack’ is developing and the steps that should be taken to manage it.
- List symptoms that are serious enough to need urgent medical assistance (i.e. ambulance).
- List the Asthma First Aid procedure for an asthma ‘attack’.
SCHOOL FETE - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are sought for local small businesses who are interested in setting up a display or market stall at this year's school fete. There will be a payment required to participate but this will depend on the type of stall required.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our local small businesses to promote their services or products to the school community.

To those who are interested, could you please send an email to Kylie Brady at kylie@kb4travel.com.au. You will need to explain what you will be displaying/selling and if you have an association with the school or the Patterson Lakes community.

All applications will be assessed by the fete committee for suitability and will be limited in numbers due to the space available.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Crazy Hair Day is an annual fundraising event organised by Cystic Fibrosis Victoria and is a fun way for schools to support and raise awareness and funds for those living with cystic fibrosis (CF). Here at Patterson Lakes Primary School we have two students who have CF and our Junior School Councillors have come on board and would like to support this cause by holding our own Crazy Hair Day tomorrow, Friday 29th July. We’d love as many crazy hair styles and a gold coin donation to help support our students.

Management and treatment of CF is lifelong, ongoing and relentless. A person with CF may consume up to 40 capsules daily to help digest food and may need to do up to three hours of airway clearance each day. Treatment generally involves:

- Intensive daily physiotherapy to clear the lungs
- Enzyme replacement capsules with food to aid digestion
- Antibiotic therapy to treat lung infections
- Aerosol mist inhalations via a nebuliser to help open the airways
- Salt and vitamin supplements
- A nutritious, high calorie, high salt, high fat diet
- Exercise – important to help clear the airways and build core strength. All this before they even start their normal daily activities like going to school or work.

ASTHMA PLANS cont.

- List the name and contact number of the parent/guardian, emergency contact and student’s doctor.
- Be easily accessible for all school staff.
- Be updated annually or when a student’s asthma changes significantly.

If an ‘Asthma Action Plan’ is not provided, school staff will follow the Victorian School’s Asthma Policy for asthma first aid which is a standard first aid protocol.

For a copy of a School Asthma Action Plan you can contact the school office. For further information about asthma you can call the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit the Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s website – www.asthma.org.au

Tips for staying active this winter!

Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities.

Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

**Before Exercise** take reliever medication 5 - 20 minutes before warming up.

**Warm Up** before exercise as normal.

**During Exercise** watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

**After Exercise** cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

Other things to remember:

- Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans
- If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger.
- Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!

For a copy of a School Asthma Action Plan you can contact the school office. For further information about asthma you can call the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit the Asthma Foundation of Victoria's website – www.asthma.org.au
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**NAME** | **BIRTHDAY**
---|---
Will G | 28 July
Ruby W | 28 July
Tia C | 31 July
Cooper L | 31 July
Will K | 31 July
Paige W | 31 July

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**1:1 PROGRAM**

Thank you to the Year 2, 3 and 4 families who attended the 1:1 program information session last Thursday evening.

The information night explained the 1:1 program and was a forum for answering any questions. All Year 2, 3 and 4 families will receive the current 1:1 program policy shortly.

Year 2 families will also receive information regarding the purchase of a device via the JBHIFI portal along with the school's minimum specifications for devices.

All information sent home will be placed on the school website. Another information evening will be held early Term 4. If you have any questions please email Leanne Walker walker.leanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**RUNNERS CLUB BREAKFAST!**

To reward our regular Runners Club participants we will be holding a special breakfast on

**TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**

*8.10am - 8.30am: Runners Club (weather permitting)*

*8.30am - 8.50am: Breakfast in the undercover area.*

Regular participants will be invited to the breakfast during the term.

**New runners are always welcome!**

Runners Club is held every Tuesday 8.10am
We are all different…

Differences exist amongst all children and they will all benefit from having their individual needs met. Children with additional needs (such as children affected by a disability or medical condition) may face additional challenges when attending school or in the community. When a child has additional needs, it may restrict them from being able to do some of the things that other children can do. For instance, chronic or permanent illness may affect children’s physical health. Children with additional needs have their own unique strengths and abilities that need to be promoted to build resilience and support their learning, mental health and wellbeing.

Kids Matter Parent Survey
Wellbeing Leaders have been greeting you at the school gates in the afternoons this week, asking you for some time to complete the Kids Matter Parent Survey. All feedback given will be much appreciated. Alternatively, you can complete the survey by going to the link www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

Thank you to the parents who have taken time already to complete the survey.

Act of Kindness
Congratulations is extended to Steffani S of 5C for being awarded with the Act of Kindness this week. Steffani received this award for always following the school values and being a good friend. A wonderful act of kindness Steffani.

InSPIRE
We have InSPIRE tomorrow afternoon. We look forward to playing the game of ‘Roll the Dice’. Hopefully the weather is kind to us!

Patto Olympics
Next Friday 5th August, we will be participating in the Patto Olympics. The Opening Ceremony will take place at 11am, and fun events will be held after lunch.

All children are asked to come dressed representing their country, or colours of their country that their class is representing. Please refer to the list of countries and grades in this newsletter.
Fun with the Staff

Annelise and Maddie had fun interviewing Mrs Buckett.

Mrs Buckett (Prep teacher)

When did you start teaching?
2012.

Did you do anything before you were a teacher?
Yes. I was in Events Management.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?
1 half brother, Jacques.

Do you have any pets?
3 cats: Mushu, Cleo and Bookie.

What is your favourite TV show?
Once Upon a Time.

What is your favourite food?
Ice cream.

What is your favourite sport?
Soccer.

What football team do you barrack for?
Richmond.

What do you like doing in your spare time?
Read, yoga and going on walks.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?
Teleporting!
Patterson Lakes Primary School

Science & Technology Night 2016

5:30 to 7:30pm, Friday 12th August 2016

$6.00 Entry to Professor Bunsen
FREE ENTRY to Marble Run & Robots

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<td>Complete the construction of a dancing alien robot using some simple circuitry, an unbalanced motor, an old CD and some paperclips. Program our new 'Bee-bots' to create an artistic masterpiece.</td>
<td>Create a marble run that lasts longer than 10 seconds! Newspaper, sticky tape, duct tape, broomsticks, balsa wood, chairs, old pipes and hoses are allowed. Manufactured marble run toys are not permitted. YOU MUST ENTER THIS EVENT WITH AN ADULT HELPER. The marble run must be made during the course of the evening. We will provide materials but it would also be helpful to bring some of your own.</td>
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<td>A sausage sizzle will be set up from 5:30 to 6:15 in the courtyard between the Science room and the Year 6 rooms. $2.00 for a sausage in bread.</td>
<td>Everyone's favourite mad scientist is returning this year with a brand new show! Please visit <a href="http://www.profbunsen.com.au/">http://www.profbunsen.com.au/</a> for more information.</td>
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LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!!!!!!!

You must return your permission slip no later than Monday, 8th August.

PLEASE NOTE: students must be accompanied by an adult to attend our Science Night.

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Marble Run 2016

My family would like to make an entry into the Marble Run. In my team are:

1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________
5. ____________________________ 6. ____________________________

(There is a minimum of two and a maximum of six participants. An adult MUST be in each team)

Parent signature: ____________________________ date: ____________________________

Professor Bunsen Performance 2016 - $6.00 per head
(the performance is between 50min in duration)

I would like [ ] tickets to see Professor Bunsen on Friday 12th August.

Student name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

(please place your order in an envelope and deliver to your class teacher or the office)
Patto Olympics

Friday 5th August

11.00am - 11.45am

Opening Ceremony

Students will parade for their country.

1.00pm - 2.00pm:

Fun Activities

Children are asked to come dressed representing their country, or colours of their country that their class is representing.
### Patto Olympics

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By wearing a CRAZY hairstyle and donating a gold coin you can help young Australians living with Cystic Fibrosis. Use your imagination and join in the fun for Crazy Hair Day. Curl it, colour it, twist it, tease it... all for Cystic Fibrosis!

Crazy Hair Day will be held:
Friday 29th July 2016

For more information about Crazy Hair Day please contact Cystic Fibrosis Victoria
Phone: (03) 9686 1811  Email: events@cfv.org.au  Website: www.cfv.org.au
FOOTY DAY LUNCH
16TH SEPTEMBER 2016

On 16TH SEPTEMBER 2016 the canteen will be holding a Special 'Footy' lunch day for the whole school. If you would like to order a 'Footy' lunch please complete the form below and return with payment to your class teacher:

- NO LATER THAN 4pm ON 31ST AUGUST 2016
- NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY
- LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
- PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME AND HOME GROUP VERY CLEARLY ON THE PAYMENT FORM BELOW AND ENSURE YOU PROVIDE EXACT MONEY AS NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN

PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘FOOTY’ LUNCH DAY
16TH SEPTEMBER 2016

CHILD’S NAME: _______________________ GRADE: _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED $

Cash Only (No cheques accepted)
Due to the food and drinks being pre-ordered, money cannot be refunded.
The I♥Frankston Family FUN RUN

Sunday 11th September 2016

9am Start - 2.5km WALK/RUN or 5km RUN through Beauty Park & George Pentland Botanical Gardens

Enter online @ www.ilovefrankstonfunrun.com
or call 9783 3424

Proudly presenting our 2016 sponsors
Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.

Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child’s school apart from others.
- **Support a broad, balanced curriculum** that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s.
- **Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.
- **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- **Consult with your child’s teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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Lunch Orders are available online on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

How do I set up an account to order online:

Go to: www.munchmonitor.com

Click LOGIN then REGISTER

Enter School Id: plps and Password: munch3197

Then follow the 4 easy steps to create your account:

STEP 1: Create a Parent Profile by entering information about yourself.

STEP 2: Add your Students to your account.

STEP 3: Transfer money to your account by clicking the Account Top-up button

STEP 4: Click MY ORDERS and you’re ready to Order lunches!

Orders can be cancelled on the day as late as 8.30am and should you have any concerns with your lunch order, please call Bellbrook Catering direct on 9796 5888.

Gravity Zone - Curriculum Free Day

If any of students/parents simply mention the name of the school to our staff, we are happy to offer them the special price of $16 for two hours jumping or $25 for two hours of unlimited jumping and laser tag!! In fact students from Patterson Lakes PS can stay all day for those prices! (10am -3pm).