**DIARY DATES**

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<td>Tues 14 February</td>
<td>Yr 3 Getting To Know You Excursion to Roy Dore Reserve 9am</td>
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. A call for nominations for the 2017-18 Patterson Lakes Primary School Council will be advertised next week.

If you are interested in being involved in our wonderful school, please don’t hesitate to speak with me in regard to your nomination.

**TEACHING PLACEMENTS**

Four pre-service teachers from Monash University have commenced their 4th year teaching placements with us. Lucy McWaters is in 2B with Mrs Phillips and has a three week placement to complete her teaching course and will then graduate. Jaimi Goodchild (Foundation D with Ms Bound), Jemimah Rogers (1C with Mrs Bowly) and Emily Hibberd (4A with Mr Canavan) will be with us throughout the year and are part of the Curiosity and Powerful Learning Project which our school has been involved in for the past two years. I am sure that the experience they will gain will be a very rewarding one.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES (YEARS 1-6)**

The following thirteen families have commenced at our school with students in Years 1-6: Farr (1C), Tran (1D & 3D), Wallace (1D), Quitlong (1A & 2D), Brown (2D & 3C), Bellamy (3D), Andreev (3D), Williams (3A & 5B), Apthorpe (4B), Thomas (4B), Hung (6C), Szadovszky (6C) and Taylor (6B). Welcome to Patto!

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CSEF)**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are deducted from the fees for Camps, Sports and Excursions.

The CSEF policy document which provides more detailed information for schools is also available from the website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP BADGES**

Our Year 6 student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges at the Whole School Assembly at 2:50pm on Monday, 13th February in the Hall.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

It was unfortunate that on Monday the Swimming Carnival was postponed due to a malfunction with the pump at the pool.

The Carnival will be rescheduled in Term 4, with further information to be provided to families closer to the date.

Our many thanks are extended to the parents who volunteered for the event; we hope to see you at the carnival later in the year.
INFORMATION PACKAGE
The school's Information Package will be handed out next Tuesday, 14th February. It includes:

- Internet User Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Local Excursions
- Headlice Policy
- Homework Policy

One package per family will be distributed. The school asks you to read these policies with your child(ren). The signing and returning of the agreement/permission forms to the school will only need to be completed for Foundation students and those students who are new to the school. This should be done by Wednesday, 22nd February. Those students who attended our school in 2016 have signed the forms for up until the end of Year 6.

The forms for Foundation and new students can be returned to the class teachers or be placed in the ‘Drop Box’ at the Office. There has been a change in department policy with Local Excursions and parents will now be required to sign these each time these take place throughout the year. The school will also distribute a Bicycle Code of Practice and consent form to all students intending to ride their bikes to school and these should be returned as soon as possible.

SMOKING BANS
From 13 April 2015 smoking was banned within four metres of the entrances to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.

CLASS CAPTAINS & WASTE WARRIORS
Congratulations to the following Year 3 - 6 students for being appointed as either a Class Captain or Waste Warrior for this semester. Foundation students are rotated daily, and Year 1 and Year 2 students are rotated each week.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday during the next week. We hope you have a lovely day.

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<td>Mischa C</td>
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<td>Marcus C</td>
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FAMILY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
Thank you to those families who have returned their Payment Plan and have either paid their account in full, or their first instalment.

If you haven’t already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. If you require another copy of your statement to make your first payment, please contact Monique Hunt on 9772 4011.

RUNNERS CLUB 2017
Runners Club commences Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 8.10am on the school oval and will run every Tuesday for the remainder of the year (weather permitting). Please assume that if it’s raining or if the oval is saturated, then Runners Club will be cancelled.

Runners Club is open to all students in Foundation to Yr 6, their siblings and parents. Students run, walk or jog as many laps as they can and record their results.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club Orders due TOMORROW
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Patterson Lakes Primary School welcomes 2 Indonesian teachers for program to build regional education practice

Next week and again in March, Patterson Lakes Primary School will partner teachers with counterparts from Indonesia as they take part in the Australia Awards in Indonesia, funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The program supports over 130 Indonesian education professionals and future leaders, to visit Victoria to access and share high-quality professional development opportunities. The goal of the Australia Awards in Indonesia is to build the Australian and Indonesian teachers’ use of knowledge, skills and attitudes to influence their professional field and communities.

Patterson Lakes Primary School, Principal Carole Mayes, said of the program, ‘This will be a fantastic opportunity for the whole Patterson Lakes community to develop our understanding of Indonesian history, society and culture, and in turn, our intercultural understanding and global competencies. We hope this is just the start of a mutually beneficial and long-term relationship with our visiting friends.’

High quality education providers led by Asia Education Foundation will work with these Indonesian teachers for a period of three weeks to strengthen their skills and knowledge in key areas to improve education outcomes. The program will address the focus areas of global competencies, gender and equality, student centered learning and special needs teaching through curriculum planning and delivery, student engagement and wellbeing, as well as leadership training.

The program will include a four-day school-visit and homestay with the Mayes Family, where the Indonesian teachers will have the opportunity to be fully immersed in Australian culture and observe local education practice first-hand. The homestay experience will support the Patterson Lakes community to build intercultural capability, share teaching practice with their counterparts and enhance the teaching of Indonesian language and culture in their own classroom.

The Indonesian teachers will visit Patterson Lakes Primary School as part of the program between February 12th and February 17th 2017; with a second group visiting the school during March 2017.

Media enquiries and interviews

Carole Mayes
Principal
03 9772 4011

About the Australia Awards in Indonesia

The Australia Awards is the largest and longest-running international scholarships program in Indonesia. Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships and short term awards, funded by the Australian Government, offering the next generation of Indonesian leaders an opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. The Short Term Awards equip individuals with knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute to their organisation’s priorities, to strengthen organisations and to develop people-to-people links between Indonesians, and between Indonesians and Australians. Engagement with alumni upon their return to Indonesia, is a priority for the program. These efforts aim to foster a stronger alumni network in Indonesia, and a network of advocates for Australia particularly on the world-class quality of an Australian education.

About Asia Education Foundation

Asia Education Foundation (AEF) is Australia’s premier organisation supporting schools to educate a new generation of globally competent and Asia capable young Australians. AEF is focused on ensuring that all Australian students develop a deep understanding of Australia and our place in the world, intercultural understanding and language skills to communicate and collaborate with the peoples of Asia and the world. AEF is a national not-for-profit initiative of Asialink at The University of Melbourne.
Patto FFFA (Family, Friends and Fundraising)
Class Representative Program 2017

An enjoyable way of becoming involved in your school community.

Marika Creaser from Family, Friends and Fundraising Association has kindly offered to help coordinate the Class Representative program for 2017.

As we settle into a new year, it’s time to start thinking about whether you would like to be a Class Representative for your child’s class this year.

The Class Reps play key roles linking parents, teachers and students together.

The Class Rep position may be shared amongst other parent(s) within the class as we appreciate many working parents would like to be involved.

The role of the Class Representative is to:

⇒ Liaise with and support the classroom teacher where requested.
⇒ Set up and create an inclusive family contact list for families who wish to be involved. A template will be provided to assist with this.
⇒ Organise social events throughout the year for those parents and/or children who wish to participate (e.g. class lunches, dinners, cuppas, plays in the park etc).
⇒ Organise via text or email request for parent helpers, where requested by teachers, for class activities and excursions, swimming, sports events etc.
⇒ Liaise with the FFFA Team (Marika), teachers and class parents, providing increased support and communication to both teachers and parents.

Kind Regards,

Marika Creaser (FFFA)
Notification of interest

Parent Name in Full:__________________________________________

Child/ren’s Name :_________________________________________ Class _________

Email:____________________________________________________

Phone:___________________________________________________

Please send back to school with student or drop off at office.

Thank you

☐ I would like to be involved in FFFA.
☐ I am interested in becoming a Class Representative
On Monday the 20th February there will be an opportunity to sign up to School Banking. This program is offered to all primary school students! This is a very exciting venture as it develops a life-long habit in financial literacy. Research suggests that when this habit is introduced at a young age, it will progress into adulthood!

Below is some information:

- Fee free account that can be opened with 5c
- The emphasis is not on how much the child deposits, but how often
- Banking day is on a Wednesday
- The school receives an initial $5 commission per child – even if a child is already a banker
- If a child already has an account, the child can bring in her/his bankbook and begin School banking without having to re-apply
- The school receives a 5% commission for each deposit and the minimum commission payment of $25 per quarter

**Application Process**

Parents will need to register and open a bank account. Parents have 2 options:

1. Take the application form to the bank with a primary form of identification (eg license/passport) and child’s birth certificate.
2. Fill the form in at school. We will be having an application day: Monday 20th February from 9.00am to 10.30am. Parents will need identification (a driver’s license or passport)
3. If the above options are not viable there is an option on the application form that allows you to be identified via a prescribed person i.e. a Justice of the peace, nurse, pharmacist etc... Once this has been filled out you can leave the application at the front office to be passed on to Karen Johnson and again an account will be opened and returned to the school for your child.
The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1991, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we’re introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year’s Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AUS$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.
CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY
ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

IS YOUR CHILD DUE FOR A CHECK UP?

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending your school.

Formally the School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the Community Oral Health Service.

**My child has visited the Oral Health Services (formally School Dental Service) before:**
If your child/children has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

**My child has never visited the School Dental Program:**
Please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Service on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

**Who is eligible?**

- Children and young people:
  - All children aged 0 – 12 years (fees apply for non concession card holders)
  - Young people aged 13 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders
  - **Children who are eligible for dental benefits under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme**

**Where is the service located?**

Central Bayside Community Health Service
Oral Health Service
335-337 Nepean Highway
PARKDALE
Phone: 8587 0350
Entrance is off Carrier Avenue
Make the most of this school year

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

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.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

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Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, 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. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning.

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

1. **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

2. **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

3. **Consult with your child’s teacher** about homework expectation and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

4. **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. 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. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

5. **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.

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.
Patterson Lakes Netball Club - New Players for U11’s
Currently looking to recruit players (girls) born in 2007 to join a new U/11 netball team. Training sessions Tues 4.30 - 5.30pm. Games Saturday mornings at the Chelsea Netball Association courts. For details phone Kimberley on 0419 591 958.

Edithvale Netball Club - New Players for U11’s
Edithvale Netball Club are looking for girls/boys born 2007 to join a team. Training is Monday at 4pm-5pm. Games are Saturday morning’s at Chelsea Netball Courts. Please call Sam McGuire on 0434 894 890 if you are interested.

Bricks4Kidz - After School Classes building with LEGO (R)
Patterson Lakes Community Centre. Thursday 4.30pm - 5.30pm $15 per class. Please contact Bindy Cammell on 0400 125 714 for further details.

Chelsea Basketball Aussie Hoops
Aussie Hoops held at Bonbeach Stadium, Cannes Avenue Bonbeach. $60 for the term and each child receives a basketball pack. Call Peter Caspersz on 9776 1895 for further details.

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.