**DIARY DATES**

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| Fri 30 October | World Teachers’ Day  
Life Ed Van  
Yr 6 Interschool Sport  
Prep 2016 Uniform Orders due today  
Prep 2016 Transition Classroom Activity  
Session 10.30am - 11.30am |
| Mon 2 November | Life Ed Van  
No Canteen Orders today  
No Assembly today |
| Tues 3 November | MELBOURNE CUP DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Wed 4 November | Life Ed Van  
Yrs 1 & 4 Footsteps Program  
Prep - 2 Parent Info Session for Life Ed Van  
2.50pm - 3.20pm in the Life Ed Van |
| Thur 5 November | Life Ed Van |
| Fri 6 November | Life Ed Van  
Yr 6 Interschool Sports  
Yrs 3 - 6 Parent Info Session for Life Ed Van  
2.50pm - 3.20pm in the Life Ed Van |
| Mon 9 November | Life Ed Van  
Yr 3 Camp to Portsea 9am  
Senior School Assembly 2.55pm |
| Tues 10 November | Life Ed Van  
Yr 2 Butterfly Adventures Incursion  
Yr 3 Camp to Portsea returns 2.30pm |
| Wed 11 November | Life Ed Van  
Prep Excursion Melbourne Zoo 8.55am  
Remembrance Day |
| Thur 12 November | Life Ed Van |
| Fri 13 November | Life Ed Van |
| Mon 16 November | Prep Responsible Pet Ownership  
Incursion  
Junior School Assembly 2.55pm |
| Tues 17 November | Yr 4 Excursion National Gallery Vic 9am  
School Council Meeting 7pm |
| Mon 23 November | Whole School Assembly 2.55pm |
| Tues 24 November | Prep 2016 Information Session 7pm - 7.45pm in the school hall |
| Thur 26 November | Yrs 5 & 6 Making Our Mark Expo  
Crazy Hair Day - Gold Coin Donation |
| Fri 27 November | Yrs 5 & 6 Hoop Time State Finals Future Star Team in Dandenong 8.15am  
Yrs 5 & 6 Making Our Mark Sale Day |

**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY**

Tomorrow is World Teachers’ Day. In our rapidly changing world, great demands are made of teachers. They not only have to ensure that students acquire the necessary core learning skills, but also that they become responsible and decent citizens, at ease with new technologies and able to make informed decisions. Teachers play a leading role in giving students the knowledge, attitudes and values that help them understand the world in which they live. Great teachers make great schools. We are fortunate to have so many great teachers at Patterson Lakes Primary School.

**MUSIC: COUNT US IN**

Congratulations to Mr Drysdale and our teachers for their work in preparing the whole school to participate in the Music: Count Us In performance today in the hall. This was an Australia wide initiative in which over 2,000 schools participated. It was great to have a large number of parents there to join in with the singing of ‘Gold’.

**SILENT MOVIE AWARDS NIGHT**

Congratulations to our four Year 6 students, Deena, Leisel, Olivia and Zoe who received an ‘Acknowledgement’ award last Saturday night for the silent movie they produced and entered in the International Youth Silent Film Festival. Well done girls for your award and on being the only primary school students who were shortlisted in the Top 20.

**STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to Abbey T (5D) who represented our school at the Victorian Primary Schools State Athletics Championships on Monday. Abbey qualified for the Triple Jump final and did an amazing job to place 5th overall. A super effort Abbey!

**VCE EXAMS**

Patto’s class of 2009 commenced their VCE exams this week. The school wishes all our ex-students the very best of luck over the next few weeks.

**TEACHING PLACEMENT**

Welcome to Lucy McWaters who is in the first week of a three week teaching placement with Kim Morgan and 1/2Z. Lucy is in her 3rd year at Monash University and also works at our Out of School Hours Care program.

**APPROACHING STUDENTS IN THE PLAYGROUND**

There have been a couple of reports recently of parents approaching students other than their own in the playground. This has either been to sort out an issue that has taken place between their own child and another student or an instance of inappropriate behaviour. If you have any concerns with these types of matters please report it to a staff member on Yard Duty or your child’s class teacher. Yard Duty teachers wear fluoro yellow vests in the playground and are on duty from 8:45am - 9:00am and 3:30pm – 3:45pm.
FAMILIES MOVING SCHOOL FOR 2016

Thank you to those families who have contacted the office to inform us of a change of schools for 2016. This assists us in our planning for next year. If you are intending to move schools next year please let the office know or email me at clohesy.paul.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 4 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Prep A – Izac B for settling in really well at Patterson Lakes and being a wonderful member of Prep A.

Prep A – Declan F for trying really hard to express his ideas in his weekend recount.

Prep B – Kayne H for making an excellent effort in class and working so hard on his magic words at home.

1A – Gabriel I for showing excellence in his writing piece on worms. It was informative, interesting and humorous.

1B – Will K for displaying resilience when faced with challenges.

1C – Will B for a fabulous narrative about being as small as a mini beast.

1D – Liam V for persisting with challenging tasks in Maths.

1/2Z – Oscar R for being a Maths superstar when working on our challenges.

2A – Josh M for putting in a great effort with his writing.

2B – Tamara I for always being a kind friend to everyone in our class.

2C – William T for improving his writing and taking more time to complete it.

3A – Emma B for always making sensible choices and being an amazing role model to her peers. Keep up the fabulous effort Emma!

3C – Jacie O for being an expressive reader and writer, and trying hard with being resilient.

3/4Z – Logan S for making an effort to complete his work within the given time frame.

4A – Lochlan O for being an excellent role model and class coach in ICT.

4B – Bethany W for her excellent behaviour and great attitude throughout the entire year.

SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS for last week were:


Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

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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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.

We have a student at Patterson Lakes Primary School who suffers from a condition called Alopecia. Alopecia is a condition that causes a person's hair to fall out. It is an autoimmune disease; that is, the person's immune system attacks their own body, in this case, their hair follicles. When this happens, the person's hair begins to fall out. On rare occasions, the person loses all of the hair on his or her head or entire body.

Alopecia is an unpredictable disease. In some people, hair grows back but falls out again later. In others, hair grows back and remains. Each case is unique. Even if someone loses all of his or her hair, there is a chance that it will grow back.

To show our support to this cause, our Junior School Councilors have organized a Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 26th November in return of a Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Australian Alopecia Foundation Inc.

The Red Poppy is symbolic of those who have fallen in times of war and the Poppy Appeal is run in the lead up to Remembrance Day on 11th November.

During this term the Junior School Council members will be selling Poppy Appeal merchandise. The merchandise includes things such as bracelets and badges and prices range from $2 - $10.

We would love everyone to support the Red Poppy Appeal. The money raised goes towards the veterans’ families to help pay for funerals of the fallen soldiers, food and much more.

Thank you for your support
Yours Sincerely
Junior School Council Members.
Count Us In

Thursday 29th October
3pm in School Hall

PLPS children will be performing a song called ‘Gold’. The lyrics and song can be found at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZtG9wUdyVk

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, involving over 2100 schools nationwide. Last year in October, Patto students, staff and a few parents performed ‘Paint You a Song’ together as part of the MCUI initiative. On the same day the song was performed by over 500 000 students around Australia.

We are excited to be a part of this again.

Parents are invited to come along and join in on the day.

Mark Drysdale
Music Teacher
# PLPS Timetable 2015

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## Modules:

- **Prep**  Harold’s Surprise
- **Yrs 1 - 2**  Harold’s Mystery Tour
- **Yrs 3 - 4**  All Systems Go
- **Yr 5**  Think Twice
- **Yr 6**  It’s Your Call

*NB: The break down of each module unit is on the following page.*
Life Ed Van

PLPS Year Level Life Education Modules

PREP - HAROLD’S SURPRISE

Harold’s friend Possum holds a party in the park and invites the class and Harold to come along. The students use our realistic props to help Harold pack healthy picnic food, and on their way to the party respond to new situations and dilemmas around health and safety, presented on specially produced videos.

- ways to seek help from trusted adults
- the benefits of physical activity
- how to spot safe and unsafe behaviours and environments
- choosing healthy food options

YRS 1 - 2 HAROLD’S MYSTERY TOUR

In this session, the class take a mystery tour with Harold. An animated video magically introduces them to internal body parts such as the heart and lungs. They explore safety at the park and on the beach, and talk about how people feel in different situations.

- identifying the function of vital organs (heart, lungs and brain)
- recognising that a balanced diet and exercise promotes good health
- exploring strategies to manage feelings and emotions
- safety in public places
- recognising the safe use and storage of medicines

YRS 3 - 4 ALL SYSTEMS GO

Inside a futuristic machine ‘The Venture’, the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood, the class explore and discover how magnificent the human body really is. They learn the functions of various body parts and the actions required to keep these systems working well.

- factors that influence the function of body systems such as exercise and drugs
- exploring ways to manage peer pressure
- the effects of second hand smoke
- the function of vital organs (heart, lungs, brain and kidneys)
- healthy food choices

YR 5 THINK TWICE

Using distinctive animated and vox-pop videos, this module tackles the topic of drinking alcohol in an age appropriate context. Students explore concepts such as the effect that alcohol has on body systems, myths and facts about alcohol, laws relating to its sale and reasons why people choose not to consume alcohol.

- myths and facts surrounding the use of alcohol
- strategies for responding to encouragement or pressure to drink
- physical, social and legal consequences of alcohol use
- strategies to reduce harmful effects of alcohol on self and others

YR 6 IT’S YOUR CALL

This session focuses on improving students’ decision making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility, facts, information and influences. Peer influence, cyber safety and cyber ethics are themes used to explore decision making.

- exploring the decision making process
- safe and appropriate use of communication technology
- short term and long term consequences of a range of legal drugs
- factors that influence decisions such as friends, family, media, and laws
Nurture your child’s thinking skills

Take advantage of your role modelling position and take an active interest in your child’s learning and in the activities, such as reading and questioning, that foster learning.

How can you nurture your child’s thinking life in the pre-primary and primary years? The purpose is not so much for your child to excel at school, but to instil a desire to learn and the ability to think for themselves and be resilient enough to resist following the crowd in thoughts as well as actions.

Children spend more time at home than at school yet parents often feel most children’s learning occurs behind the classroom door. Learning is natural and has no boundaries and can happen anywhere.

Parents teach their children both implicitly and explicitly. Take advantage of your role modelling position and take an active interest in your child’s learning and in the activities, such as reading and questioning, that foster learning. If your child sees you reading and taking an interest in a myriad of subjects he or she will be more interested in reading and more than likely develop a sense of curiosity as well.

Curiosity may be the most important learning behaviour that your child develops. Bake a cake with your child and see it rise. Make a model plane and see it fly. Help your child dismantle a broken clock. Ask questions of yourself and of your child. Curiosity needs to be fed by experiences and they don’t have to be expensive or externally provided. They can be provided at home by parents.

It is worth considering how your home environment fosters a sense of curiosity and enquiry in children. Consider the following:

- **Spaces for doing and thinking:**
  Look at your home through the eyes of a child and his or her learning needs. Do you have spaces that invite your child to explore, create and think? Do you have a quiet place for reading and drawing? Do you have a space for kids to be creative and messy? Do you have a space for noise and music? Do you have a space for kids to be tactile with plenty of textures (this can be outside or inside)?

- **Materials:**
  Look at the materials available that can stimulate the senses of a child. These include art materials, books, costumes and masks, sketch pads, construction materials, puzzles and games. Take a minimalistic approach. That is, the more bells and whistles that a toy has the less opportunity a child has to be creative with it. Kids don’t need much to be creative.

- **The role of television:**
  Some specifically designed children’s programs such as Playschool are great but much of television promotes a spectator mode of consciousness and suppresses active thinking. Don’t let the TV dominate your child’s free time.

- **Teachable moments:**
  Be on the lookout for teachable moments. These are the opportunities to explain, question and prompt exploration with your child. Looking at insect wings, ants walking in a line or moths flying around the lights can provide teachable moments as long as you are lead by your child and don’t get too heavy handed with the ‘lessons’ learned. Sometimes the experience is enough.

Nurturing in children the ability to think openly about their world starts with their own environment. It involves a mixture of free, open exploration on their own and interactions with adults that stimulate discussions and prompt them to explore new ideas and think. It is these types of experiences that can foster in kids a love of learning and thinking that can help them succeed at school and beyond.

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Activities at Chelsea Heights Community Centre
A range of activities are on offer from Japanese crocheting, Nutritionists, Child Care, Brewing of Tea, Arthritis Victoria & Positive Mind Courses. Phone 9772 3391 for details.

Join Seaford Little Athletics Centre
Comp starts first Saturday in October at 8.30am Riviera Reserve, Eel Race Road, Seaford. Normal comp runs 9am - 12pm Sat. Further enquiries call Jeff Block on 9774 3009.

Aspendale Primary School 90th Birthday Celebration
90th Birthday Celebrations and the Learning Precinct Official Opening held on the new courtyard beginning at 2pm Friday 6th November at 2pm. RSVP to the school on 9580 3255.

Christmas Hand Made Market
Includes a silent auction with proceeds going to the family of Andrea Lehane
Sunday November 29th
Banyan Fields Primary School
Cadles Rd, Carrum Downs
9AM - 2PM
(Stalls available - contact Carol on 0432617730)