DIARY DATES

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| Fri 13 Feb | Yr 6 Interschool Sports  
Yr 3 BBQ to Roy Dore Reserve                                      |
| Mon 16 Feb | Junior School Assembly 2.55pm                                        |
| Tues 17 Feb| Yr 2 City Of Kingston Incursion 9am  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS                              |
| Wed 18 Feb | Prep Testing (No Preps at school today)  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Yr 1 Kingston City Council Incursion                             |
| Thurs 19 Feb | Yr 5 Queen Vic Market Tour 9am  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS                               |
| Fri 20 Feb | Yr 6 Interschool Sport  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS                               |
| Mon 23 Feb | Senior School Assembly 2.55pm                                       |
| Tues 24 Feb | Yr 2 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens 9am  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS  
School Council Meeting 7.00pm                                     |
| Wed 25 Feb | Prep Testing (No Preps at school today)  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS                               |
| Thurs 26 Feb | Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Yrs 2 & 3 Parent Info Session on the 1:1 program at 7pm in the Yr 6 rooms. |
| Fri 27 Feb | Payment Plan #1 Instalment due today  
Yr 6 Interschool Sports  
Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Prep Welcome Picnic 6pm                                           |
| Mon 2 Mar  | Yr 6 Camp Coonawarra 8.45am  
Yrs 3 - 6 District Swimming Carnival (selected students only)  
Junior School Assembly 2.55pm                                    |
| Tues 3 Mar | Yr 6 Camp Coonawarra  
Yr 2 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Yr 5D & 5C (9 students) excursion to VSSEL 8am - 4.30pm            |
| Wed 4 Mar  | Yr 6 Camp Coonawarra  
Prep Testing (No Preps at school today)  
Yr 2 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Yr 5B & 5C (9 students) excursion to VSSEL 8am - 4.30pm             |
| Thur 5 Mar | Yr 6 Camp Coonawarra  
Yr 2 Swimming Program at PARCS  
Yr 5A and 5C (9 students) excursion to VSSEL 8am - 4.30pm           |
| Fri 6 Mar  | Yr 6 Camp Coonawarra returns 3.30pm  
Yr 2 Swimming Program at PARCS                                    |
| Thur 19th Mar | School Photos                                                        |

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Many thanks to parents who were able to attend their Year Level’s information session last Monday night. Parents are welcome to meet with classroom teachers if there is a need to pass on student information of a sensitive nature.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation and running of last Friday’s successful House Swimming Sports. Special thanks are extended to Michelle Conway, Kelly Laughlin, our committed group of parent helpers and staff for work completed throughout what was an ideal Summer’s day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of School Council will take place at 7.00pm Tuesday 24 February 2015.

In addition, School Council Elections will be commencing later this month.

There are a total of 7 vacancies on School Council. Parent members who are finishing their term of office are Julie Howick, Jodi Kitchen, Ruth Letch, Judith Allatt and Kristen Mellett. Department of Education and Training (DET) members who are also finishing their term of office are Kate Shannon and Kellie Davis.

The timeline proposed for school council elections is:

- Friday 20 February Call for nominations  
  [Nomination forms available at Office]
- Friday 27 February Nominations close
- Friday 6 March Distribute ballot papers by this date
- Friday 13 March Close of ballot and counting of votes
- Tuesday 17 March New and Old council meets at 7.00pm for AGM

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP BADGES

School Captains, Junior School Councillors and House Captains will be presented with their leadership badges at Senior School Assembly - 3.00pm Monday 23 February.

CLASS CAPTAINS AND WASTE WARRIORS

Congratulations to the following Year 3 - 6 students upon being appointed as either a Class Captain or Waste Warrior for this semester. Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students are appointed each week.

Class Captains

Luke M (3A), Caleb M (3B), Heidi C (3C), Ila M (3D), Brayden Z (3/4Z), James G (4A), Cameron C (4B), Holly B (4C), Natalia M (5A), Charlotte F (5B), James S (5C), Isabelle E (5D), Eve C (6A), Dior D (6B), Deena G (6C), Jack M (6D)
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS cont.
3B – Caleb M for being a wonderful role model to his classmates and for being nominated and voted as ‘Class Captain’.
3C – Jemma M for making such an independent, positive start to the year.
3D – Achuol G for settling in well at her new school and making many friends.
3/4Z – Sarah B for an excellent start to Year 4 and for displaying sound work habits.
4A – Lexie A for a positive attitude, great effort and perfect behaviour.
4B – Ryan M for showing a positive attitude and willingness to look after his classmates.
4C – Jet D for a wonderful start to the year.
5A – Lachy L for showing great leadership skills within class and being a polite and well mannered member of our class.
5B – Tarrant W for a fantastic start to the school year in 2015.
5C – Emma H for contributing well during class discussions.
5D – Hayden D for a fantastic start to the school with a big smile and lots of enthusiasm.
6A – Tie-La G for his great listening and turn taking improvement in class discussions.
6B – Dior D for being a helpful, caring and responsible Class Captain. You are a wonderful role model for others Dior.
6C – Jerzie V for demonstrating excellence in leadership and using her initiative to ensure the smooth running of our classroom.
6D – Ben F for being an excellent peer tutor and a caring class member.

INFORMATION PACKAGE

The Information Package will be handed out next Wednesday, 18th February. It includes:
- Internet User Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Bullying Policy
- Local Excursions
- Headlice Policy
- Before and After School Care
- Homework Policy

There is one package per family. The school asks you to read these policies with your child(ren).

This year the signing and returning of the agreement/permission forms to the school will only need to be completed for Prep students and those students who are new to the school. This should be done by Wednesday 25th February. Those students who attended our school in 2014 have signed most forms until the end of Year 6. The forms for Preps and new students can be returned to 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 has also distributed 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.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WEARING OF SUNGLASSES AT SCHOOL

Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses at school as part of our Sunsmart Policy. Wearing sunglasses at lunch play, afternoon recess and during outdoor school activities such as P.E helps to protect the eyes from the harmful U.V rays. It has been great to see a couple of students wearing their sunglasses at school this week and we hope to see a lot more doing so in the future.

LUNCH CLUBS

Please note: Social Club is by teacher request

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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HEAD LICE

HEAD LICE - LET'S FIGHT THEM TOGETHER .....

If you find lice, do not worry or be embarrassed. Head lice are a normal part of childhood - nearly 1 in 10 primary school children could have head lice at any one time.

Most of us know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

But parents can fight the spread of head lice by working together:

Check your family's hair for lice regularly - once a week is ideal!
Family School Accounts

‘Thank you’ to all of the wonderful families that have either paid their accounts in full or made payment arrangements with the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

All families will have received their Family Statement (posted in 2014). For those families that wish to utilise the instalment option for payment of family accounts, the form below must be returned to school by Friday 13th February 2015.

Thank you.

Accounts are payable via BPAY using the details on your statement, in person at the school office (Cash / Cheque / Credit card / EFTPOS) or you can call us on 9772 4011 to use your credit card over the phone.

Patterson Lakes P.S. - Payment Plan Election Form

Child/ren name/s: ________________________________

I wish to pay my school account in three equal instalments during 2015 as follows:

Instalment #1 due by 27/02/2015 $______

Instalment #2 due by 30/04/2015 $______

Instalment #3 due by 31/08/2015 $______

Total amount payable $______

Parent Name: ________________________________ Signature: ________________

Contact Phone: ________________________________

Friendly reminder

TUESDAY March 10
CURRICULUM DAY CANCELLED

It is a normal school day – yeah!

It was previously mentioned on the school dates notice sent home in your information packs last year. We wanted to be sure you were aware it has been cancelled. 😊
Runners Club 2015!

Runners Club began today **Thursday 12th February 8.10am** on the school oval and will run every Thursday 8.10am-8.45am for the remainder of the year (weather permitting).

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

This year we have recruited Mr Patane who is eager to help out and build the success of the club alongside Miss Conway and Mrs Laughlin.

Certificates will be handed out to students in Prep - Yr 2 for every 50 laps completed and to students in Yrs 3 - 6 for every 100 laps completed. Special awards handed out at the end of the year for students with the most laps overall.

**SPORTS CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Liam W 5B who competed in the Little Athletics Seaford Open Day last Saturday. Liam did extremely well receiving four medals in four events. 3rd 200m, 2nd in Triple jump and 100m and 1st in 800m. Well Done Liam!

**YEARS 3 & 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM AT PARCS**

Below is a table of swimming times for the Yrs 3 - 4 Swimming Program at PARCS commencing Tuesday 17th February 2015.

Please note times may change without notice.

We also require 2 parent helpers for each day. If you can help, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher. Parents must have a current WWCC and it must be registered to our school.

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**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

Many of the opportunities we provide our students at PLPS could not go ahead without the wonderful help from parents. We often require parent helpers for school sporting events, excursions, fundraising events and classroom programs. If you wish to help out at PLPS you will be required to register your Working with Children Check (WWCC) card at the School Office.

Please note there are no fees for a Volunteer WWCC, except for the cost of a passport photo if you don’t already have one.

For more information visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)
YRS 3 - 6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2015
EASTER BONNET PARADE & RAFFLE
Thursday March 26th

The Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday March 26th at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Tickets on sale for $1.00
Additional ticket books are available from the office.

Patterson Lakes Primary School
EASTER RAFFLE

In order for our Easter Raffle to be as big a success as last year we are asking families for donations of Easter Eggs and Baskets. The more eggs we get, the more baskets we make up and of course the better chance you have of winning one. All donations can be given to your classroom teacher.
Prep Families Welcome Picnic

Please come along and make this evening a success for all!

It is an opportunity for parents to connect and for children to meet outside of school hours.

A perfect way to meet the rest of your Prep class!

When: Friday 27th February 2015
Time: 6pm
Where: Patterson Lakes Primary School
BYO everything!

We will be sitting in Prep Classes so look for your section at the front of the school.

Prep A on the hill (Coles end)
Prep B on the hill (school hall end).
Prep C on the front grass (courtyard end).
Prep D on the front grass (front gate end).

(We will TiqBiz a reminder and let you know if it is cancelled due to bad weather, etc)
### Yummy Tummy Hot Food

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<td>Dim Sims Steammm (Low Sodium)</td>
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<td>Chicken crumbed tender</td>
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<td>Beef Burger with Lettuce and Sauce</td>
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### Super Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps

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<td>Egg &amp; Lettuce</td>
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<td>Ham (97% fat free) &amp; Salad</td>
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<td>Roast Chicken &amp; Salad</td>
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<td>Salad (Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Carrot &amp;</td>
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<td>Large Chicken Wrap - 2 Chicken Tenders, Lettuce &amp; Tomato, Sweet &amp;</td>
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<td>Sweet Chilli Twister Wrap - 2 Chicken Tenders, Lettuce, Tomato, Sweet &amp;</td>
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<td>Chilli Sauce &amp; Lite Mayo</td>
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### Mrs Mac's Good Eating Range

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### Wrap Packs Deals

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### Drinks

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<td>Orange, Apple or Tropical</td>
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<td>Aqua Fruits Flavoured Springwater</td>
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<td>Cola, Blue Heaven or Apple Raspberry</td>
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Each item on menu has been categorised by Nutrition Australia as a guide to encourage healthy choices

OPEN MON, THR & FRI

- ☀️ Every Day Foods (eat most)
- ☀️ Select Carefully foods (eat moderately)
- GF Gluten Free
- V Denotes Vegetarian

*****LUNCHES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE*****

www.munchmonitor.com

Please be aware food items may contain nuts, traces of nuts, nut products or processed on the same equipment that has processed nut products.

EFFECTIVE TERM 1 2015
Canteen Service is Back Monday 9th February...

Now you can save time by ordering online!

Service available Monday, Thursday and Friday

The Patterson Lakes Primary School canteen is ONLINE!

- place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance (up to 8.30am on the day)
- top-up the account using VISA/MasterCard (or with cash at canteen window)
- view your transaction history online
- list allergies to alert canteen staff

Patterson Lakes Primary School has teamed up with MunchMonitor to offer an easy to use online ordering system for parents and students. Simply set up an account, submit your orders online and the canteen will deliver your child’s lunches as they always have.

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!

What does it cost?

This fantastic service costs only $2.50 per Family Account per term (irrespective of the number of students on your account or how many times you place orders). You can cancel at any time & there are no other fees to use MunchMonitor.

Need more information?

Simply go to www.munchmonitor.com, enter the School ID plps and password munch3197 & click FAQ for answers to Frequently Asked Questions. Alternatively, send an email to help@munchmonitor.com

Added bonus: Counter Sales every Friday

Sales of icy poles and ice creams will be available at the Canteen Window (After School Care building) on Fridays only (Prices on canteen menu).
We currently have 600 users registered on Tiqbiz since the launch of our school’s Tiqbiz app, showing even more so that it’s certainly proving to be a valuable communication tool for our school.

If you haven’t downloaded the school app yet and wish to do so, please follow the simple instructions below. Should you require any assistance you can contact Tiqbiz direct on 9800 1489 or contact Rachael Grady at the school on 9772 4011.
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5–15 years who participate in CommmBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 16 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245.

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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 expectations 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.
**Peninsula Strikers Football Junior Football Club**

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