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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**WELCOME BACK**

I would like to welcome back all families to the new school year. Our current school enrolment is 733 students and our average class size is 25.3 students. I would also like to welcome our 90 Prep students, our 18 new students in Years 1 - 6 and their families to Patterson Lakes Primary School. I hope your stay at Patto is rewarding and lots of fun. I have included some reminders below to assist parents for the commencement of 2016.

**STAFFING**

Patterson Lakes Primary bid farewell last year to James Nicklen, Kerryn Mitchell, Julie Helm, Kylie-Ann Freshwater and Stan Szuty. I will be continuing as Acting Principal for this term and Sam Marston will continue as the Acting Assistant Principal. A Principal Selection panel will be put in place this term and an appointment of the next Principal to our school will be made towards the end of this term for the commencement of Term 2.

We welcome Julie Novak-Savage (Integration Aide) and the return of Jason Zarb (3A) to Patterson Lakes Primary School. Melinda Bowly is on leave and will return on the 9th February. Amber Ryan is replacing Melinda in 1C. I will be taking Long Service Leave from 22nd February to the 11th March and Sam Marston will be Acting Principal during this time. Danny Wilkins will be in during my time of leave to support Sam with Wellbeing and other administrative tasks. Amber Ryan will commence Family Leave during Week 6 of this term. Rachael Grady, our first aid officer, will be on sick leave for most of the term due to an accident over the holidays. We thank Christina Goodwin who is helping out as her replacement and wish Rachael a speedy recovery.

**HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS**

Our school has not received any recent hoax threatening phone calls but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

**2016 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

At last year’s final assembly, the following students were announced as our 2016 school leaders. I wish them every success in their leadership roles.

**School Captains**

Joshua B and Charlotte O

**Junior School Councillors**

Thompson Tornadoes House Captains
Tyler R, Kobe M, Mackenzie M and Whynter V.

Gladesville Gladiators House Captains
Jack M, Fletcher M, Samantha S and Ellie C.

Wells Wilcats House Captains
Luke C, Lachlan L, Kristy R and Abbey T.

McLeod Mustangs House Captains
Cooper F, Kyle B, Rhys M and Jae B.

Environment Leaders
Max W, Lena F, Beth R and Victoria G.

Aerobics Captain
Natalia M.

Our school leaders will be involved in a Student Leadership day on Wednesday, 24th February.

CLASS CAPTAINS AND WASTE WARRIORS
The names of Class Captains and Waste Warriors will be published in next week’s newsletter.

‘MEET THE TEACHER’ MEETINGS & INFORMATION SESSIONS
Parent Information meetings will be held on Monday, 22nd February.
Preps will hold individual parent meetings from 2.00 – 7.30 pm.
Year 1 and 2 will hold their information sessions from 6.00 – 6.30 pm.
Year 3 and 4 will hold their information sessions from 6.45 – 7.15 pm.
Year 5 and 6 will hold their information sessions from 7.30 – 8.00 pm.
If parents require an individual meeting with teachers, please arrange a time at the end of the information session.

VALUABLES AT SCHOOL
The Department of Education and Training [DE&T] does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

WATER BOTTLES IN CLASSROOMS
Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to use in their classrooms during class time. Research informs us that children usually do not drink enough water during hot weather. This can sometimes result in dehydration. Headaches, bad behaviour, sleepiness are all associated with dehydration. Bottles should contain water only.

TWO BIN POLICY
During the past 5 years, students have been encouraged to bring ‘nude food’ to school that has minimal wrapping. Most food will be eaten in classrooms, with only unpacketaged food being allowed in the eating area. The aims of the ‘Two Bin Policy’ are to:
- Encourage parents to adopt an active role in planning the types of snack foods and lunches, and their packaging that is provided for their children.
- Reduce the amount of material going to landfill.
- Reduce the amount of litter being produced.
- Reduce the cost to schools of waste and litter management.
- Encourage Patto to be a good example on waste minimisation practices.

STUDENT ABSENCE BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL
The office encourages parents to leave a message on the Absence Line [Press 1] when your child is going to be absent from school or to send an email to the school email address patterson.lakes.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

PUNCTUALITY
The school seeks the cooperation of parents to ensure that children arrive at school no later than 8.50am to enable classes to commence on time and without interruption. Our data indicates that there has been an increase in lateness without good cause. If students arrive after 9.00am they miss important introductions and instructions to learning sessions. This disadvantages the student who is late, and also impacts negatively on the other students and the teaching time for the whole class as the teacher often needs to stop teaching to re-explain instructions to the late member of the class. Students who are late are required to go to the office and obtain a late pass before proceeding to class. If students are required to leave school early, parents are to sign an early leave pass at the office.

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

For new parents to our school, the following procedures have been 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.

CHANGE OF BELL TIMES
Please note that there has been a slight change to the bell times for the commencement of 2016. The new times are:

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for the first week and a half of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

Prep D – Zak B for being such a friendly and helpful Prep D team member. Your bright smile helps to make our classroom a wonderful place to be.

1A – Tommy C for making a great start to Year 1.
1B – Tahlia G for an enthusiastic start to Year 1.

2A – Elysia A for always being ready for learning everyday.
2B – Carley B for great reading during our Independent Reading sessions.
2C – Hannah W for settling in to her new school, showing initiative and being a friendly class member to everyone. You are a welcome addition to our class.
2D – Gabriel I for having such a fantastic start to the school year.

3A – Olivia S for an outstanding beginning to the year. Olivia has displayed attributes such as kindness and consideration towards others, and has been a very responsible role model.
3B – Oscar H for showing persistence and mastering the skill of making an amazing origami boat.
3C – Remy B for making a positive, organised and confident start to school at Patterson Lakes. Welcome to your new school and a wonderful year of learning.
3D – Melpomeni P for being a friendly class member and settling into P.L.P.S so easily.

4A – Keira T for her positive attitude, excellent effort and fantastic behaviour to begin the school year.
4B – Evie H for a great start to Year 4 at her new school.
4C – Kallum O for confidently demonstrating on the IWB to the class how to use the cyber safety game.
4D – Jade B for settling into her new class with a big smile on her face and a friendly attitude.
4D – Bridget B for a wonderful first week at Patterson Lakes Primary School.
5C – Jae P for showing excellent manners and bringing in a big smile to class each day.
5C – Ben S for being an outstanding role model in class to his peers.
5D – Lachie C for a fantastic start to Year 5. Your speech was inspirational and congratulations on being elected class captain.
6A – Paddy F for settling in so well to our class and school.

THANK YOU

Over the school holiday break the Ristevski Family donated some sand for our junior sandpit.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery and make up [other than studs and sleepers] should not be worn at school. This policy reduces health problems, peer group competition and in the case of jewellery, the chance of losing a valuable item or causing an accident. Earrings should be of the ‘sleeper’ or ‘stud’ type. In some activities, Workplace Health and Safety Regulations may require sleepers to be covered by tape or the removal of all jewellery.

BIKE SAFETY

Bikes must be walked in the school grounds after 8.30am and before 4.00pm. This ensures the safety of all students and adults. Students who disregard this safety guideline will not be permitted to ride their bike for the remainder of the school term. The use of other forms of wheeled transport, i.e. skateboards, scooters, rollerblades continue to be banned as a mode of transport by students to and from school. School Council discourages students below Year 3 from riding their bikes to and from school, unless under the supervision of an adult. Did you know that there is a $185 fine for not wearing a helmet?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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I would like to attend the Creating Resilient Families presentation.

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Name of child: ________________________________________________________

Grade of Child: ________________________________________________________

Number of tickets: ________  @ $5 each  Total enclosed: $_________________

Tickets will be sent home via your child’s class on Tuesday 16th February.

As Andrew describes, resilience is “the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life – to rise above adversity and obstacles.”

If you would like to attend, please purchase your tickets via Qkr, or complete the return slip with your payment before Friday 12th February.

We all want our children to be resilient.

This presentation outlines the key factors as well as what adults can do to promote this in kids.

Thursday 18th February 2016

7.30-9.00pm

(please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm prompt start)

Patterson Lakes Primary School
School Hall

Andrew Fuller

Andrew has been a principal consultant to the national drug prevention strategy REDI, the ABC on children’s television shows, is an Ambassador for Mind Matters and is a member of the National Coalition Against Bullying.
Welcome to 2016!

Mental health and wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers. Good mental health in childhood also provides a solid foundation for:

- managing the transition to adolescence and adulthood
- engaging successfully in education
- making a meaningful contribution to society.

Patterson Lakes Primary School is part of the KidsMatter Program which focuses on providing a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools, and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

KidsMatter Primary is divided into four components as a way of making the task of improving student mental health and wellbeing more manageable. Each of the four KidsMatter components has specific, evidence-based target areas and goals. In 2016, we will be taking the journey of Component 1: A Positive School Community.

When schools take on KidsMatter, they build on the work that they are already doing in these areas.

We have created an Action Team of teachers, who meet to plan and develop ideas, placing wellbeing at the forefront for children and teachers. We are seeking 2 committed parents to join our Action Team. If you would like to be involved, please email me: cooke.samantha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. Meetings will be held once a term at 8.15am.

Samantha Marston
Wellbeing Officer
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) at the School Office.

Please note there are no fees for a Volunteer WWCC.

For more information visit:

www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

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Canteen News

Please note the fried rice is no longer gluten free. The new fried rice is green coded and is FOCIS approved.

Canteen Orders Monday, Thursday and Friday only.

Window sales of Icy Poles Friday only.

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.

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Runners Club 2016

Tuesday mornings 8.10am – 8.45am

On the school oval

Open to all students Prep-6

**STARTING Tuesday**

16^TH^ February

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bonbeach YCW Football Club**. Registration day Sunday 14th February 2016 10 am - 1 pm. Under 9’s to Under 17’s.

**Where**: Bonbeach Reserve No 5 Mel Ref: M97 F3
FAMILY ACCOUNTS INFORMATION
RETURN TO SCHOOL BEFORE 17.12.2015

Parent / Guardian: ____________________________ Contact phone number: _______________________

Students Name(s): __________________________

PAYMENT PLAN

(please tick one)

☐ I intend to pay my account in full by 28.01.2015

☐ I would like to take advantage of the payment by instalment plan via three equal instalments
due on the first day of Terms 1, 2, & 3.

Instalment #1 - 28th January 2016
Instalment #2 - 11th April, 2016
Instalment #3 - 11th July, 2016

Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________ Signature: ______________________

Date: ______________________

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Our family wishes to donate to the Voluntary Contributions Funds as follows:

Building Fund Donation $ _________
Library fund Donation $ _________

Total $ _________

A tax receipt/invoice will be issued to you for your taxation records.

2016 SWIMMING LESSONS

I DO NOT intend for my child to participate in the swimming lessons during 2016.

Child’s Name & Year Level: __________________________

Reason for not participating: __________________________

________________________________________

Please return this form to the school no later than 17.12.2015
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Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children's details

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology

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SUNSMART POLICY

NO HAT / NO PLAY

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Present this voucher upon arrival. (Expires Feb 20, 2020)

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