The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage and sacrifice continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

For our students, it builds an appreciation of the contributions of Australian men and women to maintaining the principles of freedom and democracy. Lest we forget.

I have listed some of our local RSLs that will be conducting ANZAC services on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Most RSLs have a dawn service at 6am and then a march at 9am but please make contact with your local RSL to confirm the times if you are planning to attend.

**Longbeach RSL** - 9772 1873
4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

**Seaford RSL** - 9786 5880
17 Station Street, Seaford

**Frankston RSL** - 9783 2288
183 Cranbourne Rd, Frankston VIC 3199

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015**

Our school’s Annual Report for the School Community was endorsed by School Council on Tuesday night and also by the Department of Education and Training. The report will be placed on Tiqbiz, on our school’s website and hard copies will be available at the office. The report is a celebration of the school’s fantastic achievements over the past 12 months and is something we should all be proud of.

**CLASSROOM SHORTCUTS**

There have been some reports that a small number of parents have been taking shortcuts through classrooms to get from the junior corridor area to the portable area. To show respect to our teachers and their workspace it would be best if everyone use the corridors and walkways please.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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

- **Prep B** – Lachlan S for working so hard to know all the 200 Magic Words.
- **Prep C** – Max B for being persistent when learning what good writers do.
- **1A** – Charlotte C for being a hard working member of the class.
- **1B** – Alice M for being a kind, considerate and caring classmate.
- **1C** – Archie H for a great start to Term 2. It is wonderful to see you so eager and ready for the term ahead.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to those students who have decided to take part in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Registration forms have been sent home with each student and a copy is in the newsletter this week.

We believe that the encouragement of extensive reading will further enhance and improve our students' literacy levels, as well as, their vocabulary, imagination and creative writing skills. Further details of the challenge can be obtained from www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc.

Please return completed forms to your classroom teachers by Friday 22 April.

Following this date each registered child will be provided with a login to record their books on the challenge website.

Thank you

Poppy Morris
English Leader

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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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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**Parent Helpers Needed**

We require a number of parent helpers with WWCC for our upcoming Athletics Carnival.

**Ballam Park Athletics Track**

**Tuesday 17th May**

9.15am-2.15pm

Roles may include setting up/packing up equipment, assisting at events or recording results.

Please email conway.michelle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au if you can help.

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**Year 3 and 4 1:1 Program**

Devices required at school

As of **Tuesday 26th April** students in all year 3 and 4 classes are expected to bring their devices to school everyday for use.

Thank you

Year 3 and 4 Teachers

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**CanTeen**

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.
Issue 9: What is cultural diversity?

Positive relationships between families and school staff convey respect for diversity and strengthen children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Cultural diversity refers to people who identify with particular groups based on their birthplace, ethnicity, language, values, beliefs or world views. This does not mean that everyone from a particular cultural group will hold exactly the same values or do things in the same way. Showing support for cultural diversity involves talking with people to find out how best to include them and respect their cultural needs. Valuing and respecting diversity encourages people to accept individual differences amongst individuals and groups.

Suggestion Box
A Suggestion Box has been placed in the ‘old’ canteen area at the entrance to the office building. This is for children and parents to provide the Kids Matter Action Team with positive suggestions about the wellbeing of our school. We welcome all ideas and ways we can further investigate and improve the wellbeing at Patto.

ANZAC Assembly
Tomorrow we are holding a special assembly in celebration of ANZAC Day. We will pay our respect to the soldiers past and present, and identify why we have a Public Holiday for this day. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. It will take place at 1.35pm in the School Hall.

Bunnings Partnership
Bunnings has donated a pot for every student. The Years P-2 painted their pots with 3 representatives from Bunnings helping them. Years 3-6 will paint their pots in their classrooms.

Thank you to Karen Donovan for organising this.

Act of Kindness Award
If you would like to nominate anyone (child, teacher, parent, community member) for displaying an ‘act of kindness’, please email Samantha Marston at cooke.samantha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Fun with the Staff

Shania and Maddie enjoyed interviewing Mr Treasure.

Mr Treasure (Year 1 teacher)

When did you start teaching?

2006.

Did you do anything before you were a teacher?

I was at university and worked at after school care.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

1 younger brother (Chris) and 1 older sister (Georgina).

Do you have any pets?

No.

What is your favourite TV show?

Basketball.

What is your favourite food?

Subway.

What is your favourite sport?

Basketball.

What football team do you barrack for?

Collingwood.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

Coaching basketball.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Controlling time.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is holding the Annual School’s English Competition. This competition is open to all students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 who wish to participate.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance.

The cost for the competition is $8.00. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the attached form and return it to the school with money by:

**FRIDAY 27th MAY 2016.**

Please note there can be no refund if your child is absent on the day of the test.

Thank you and good luck to all the participants.

Poppy Morris
English Leader

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - English

Sitting Date: Tuesday 2nd August, 2016

I would like my child ……………………………………………………………………………………………………

First Name    Last Name

Year………………..A/B/C/D/Z (please circle) to sit the ICAS/NSW English Assessment on Sitting Date: Tuesday 2nd August, 2016

Enclosed is payment of $8.00.

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature:
State Schools’ Relief
Prep CSEF uniform support

Program background
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time, SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
- OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credit towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr

State Schools’ Relief
Telephone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home school or, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Victorian Government Year 7 and Prep students (in 2016) who are CSEF recipients are also automatically eligible for uniform support. For more information please see the State Schools’ Relief website: www.ssr.net.au

How to complete the application form

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT(S) DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

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I authorize the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Customer Services to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate, or service. I also authorize the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

* DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

* this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

* I can obtain proof of my circumstance/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

* If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstance/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

* Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ___________________________ Date _/__/___

VICTORIA State Government
We are excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to our students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards items available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

The details of our School Banking day are:

School: Patterson Lakes Primary
Banking Day: Wed 27 April
School Banking location: Hall Foyer

Your School Banking Co-ordinator is: Karen Johnson

Our dedicated School Banking representative will be holding an account opening session at the school.

School Banking Specialist: Julie Shaw

Date: Wed 27 April
Time: 8.30 AM
Location: Hall Foyer

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver's licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Thank you for supporting School Banking!
Patterson Lakes Primary School now have stock of the 2016 Entertainment Book in both hard copy and electronic copy for sale. The book retails for $65 with 20% of sales going toward PLPS fundraising. The Entertainment™ Book, and the Entertainment™ Digital Membership, are your guide to the most popular restaurants, attractions, shopping, travel and more, all with valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bonbeach Baseball Club** are looking for U11 & U13 boys and girls to play baseball. For more info visit: bonbeach-bluejays.baseball.com.au

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