



The **PURPOSE** of Plenty Parklands Primary School is to educate children as lifelong learners to shape a better Australia.

Thanks *Calendar of Events* for your

2015 Term 1	
Week 7	
Monday 9/3	• Labour Day—public holiday
Wednesday 11/3	• Year 4 Bike Education
Thursday 12/3	• 5-8pm FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Week 8 Planning Week	
Wednesday 18/3	• Last day for the return of orders and payment of Hot Cross buns • Year 4 Bike Education
Thursday 19/3	• Last day for 'Kids & Fruit' program • Year 1 Responsible Pet Ownership
Week 9	
Monday 23/3	• Hot Cross buns to be distributed
Tuesday 24/3	• 7pm School Council meeting
Thursday 26/3	• 3way conferences • Prep 2016 Enrolment Forum
Friday 27/3	• 1.30pm dismissal—last day of term
Term 2 Week 1	
Monday 13/4	• First day of term 2 • Year 5 campers leave for Forest Edge
Tuesday 14/4	• Year 6 campers leave on Canberra tour
Thursday 16/4	• Year 5 campers return
Friday 17/4	• Year 6 campers return from Canberra
Week 4	
Monday 4/5	• Curriculum day—no students to attend school

## Principal's Message

**Family Fun Night is starting to really 'gear up'; I hope Thursday March 12 is on your calendar as there are only seven 'get ups' to go.**

Thank you to the families who have already donated new goods or vouchers for our hampers, or used books and toys for our stall; please keep those donations coming.



Looking for somewhere shady and comfy to sit has just become easier with the installation of the two new table and seat sets. Last year's Junior School Council selected the purchase of these as their final fundraiser; a great asset to the grounds. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Speaking of shady places to enjoy yourself, our fund raising focus this year includes the replacement of the shade sails over the 4/5/6 play equipment. After more than ten years of service we needed to urgently replace them so we gone ahead and trusted that we will be able to raise the funds needed. Joining in the fun of Family Fun Night is a great way to contribute to the school.



**Voting in our School Council elections closes this Friday at 4:00pm. Your vote can be posted to me, handed in by your child, or deposited directly by you into our ballot box in the office. Remember that votes must be received by 4:00pm Friday, March 06.**

Part of our compliance with the Department of Education and Training, is that we have an up to date **Emergency Management Plan (EMP)** and hold emergency procedures (lockdown, evacuation/relocation) at least twice each year. **We will hold our first evacuation to the school hall tomorrow (Friday),** which has been

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**Principal** - Claire McInerney  
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

identified as the site we are to go to in the event of a bushfire. Teaching staff will instruct the children to form 'safety lines' and to exit their building via the safest, closest doorway. We will make our way safely and sensibly to the hall. It is important that our community is aware of our responsibilities and the process for parents to follow in the event of a serious incident.

### School Responsibilities

All schools are required to develop and maintain a current Emergency Management Plan.

- Review the EMP annually and following an emergency or crisis incident.
- Test an element of the EMP, such as a partial or full evacuation or lockdown, twice yearly.

### Purpose of the EMP

The EMP assists staff prepare for emergencies that may occur by describing the work environment, potential risks and the manner in which emergencies will be managed. It assumes that staff, students and the school community will become familiar with its contents and will be regularly drilled in the procedures to be adopted during an emergency.

### Communicating to parents

At the beginning of each year parents and caregivers are to be advised of the school's Emergency Management Plans and emergency safety policies – and the 'rules' you expect parents and caregivers to follow.

In the event of an emergency, DET, school staff or Emergency Services will attempt – as soon as it is safe to do so – to contact parents to advise of the status of the emergency; if children have been evacuated, when they will be returned; and when it will be safe to collect children.

Parents should be advised in advance to be realistic about how long it may take for the school to contact them if an emergency arises, especially if children have been relocated to another site or it is unsafe to travel on the streets surrounding the school

### Parent Responsibilities

Depending on the type of emergency, the advice to parents is to keep the following in mind:

- **DO NOT contact the school, if it has been evacuated no one will be there to answer your call.**
- **Staff are endeavouring to deal with the emergency, so please do not distract them from seeing to the safety of your child/ren first. Their safety is of paramount importance.**
- Parents calling staff mobile numbers may prevent staff from:
  - ⇒ seeking assistance and guidance from Emergency Services thereby putting children in further danger
  - ⇒ trying to contact parents about the whereabouts of your or their children.
- If parents have provided their children with mobile phones, they should not call them. Making contact with parents may distract children from listening to instructions from staff and endanger their safety.

**RESILIENCE;** you hear us talk about it, we even had Chris Daicos here to share her insights into how we build it in our children, but what is it?

A couple of definitions include

1. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity, and for people it is much the same ...
2. the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
3. the capacity to withstand stress and catastrophe. Individuals and communities are able to rebuild their lives even after devastating tragedies.

Resilience develops as people grow up and gain better thinking and self-management skills and more knowledge. Resilience also comes from supportive relationships with parents, peers and others, as well as cultural beliefs and traditions that help people cope with the inevitable bumps in life. Resilience is found in a variety of behaviors, thoughts, and actions that can be learned and developed across the life span.

Chris shared this definition with us ...

**"Resiliency is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life - to rise above adversity and obstacles."** (A. Fuller 1998 Andrew is a clinical psychologist who works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families.)

The Importance of Resilience

- Resilience is essential to success in school and life
- Adults can help children become more resilient
- Fostering resilience in children improves school and personal outcomes and reduces risk behaviors

When we talk about your child's resilience, we see it like so many other skills; it needs to be modelled, taught and practised. Through our interdependent partnership we can do this together.

**Claire McInerney**  
**Principal**

# 4-32 Getting funky

For our assembly performance we decided to talk about the values. We looked at each of our values and came up with examples of how we show the values at home and at school. We also loved getting up and getting down during our funky song.



# THE YEAR 3 TEAM

	Ms. Susan Skrlj	Ms. Kristy Harvey	Ms. Cath Sloley	Mr. Drew Norgate	Mr. Scott Jessup
<b>Favourite Sweet</b>	Cinnamon Doughnuts	Pavlova	Pavlova	Gingernut Biscuits	French vanilla cheesecake
<b>Football Team</b>	Carlton	Carlton	Hawks	Collingwood	The mighty Blues
<b>Favourite Sportsperson</b>	Cadel Evans	Torah Bright	Luke Hodge	Scott Pendlebury	Tim Cahill
<b>Dream Superpower</b>	Invisibility	Time Travel	Invisibility	The Dome of Silence	Flight
<b>A hobby of mine is....</b>	Gardening	Photography	Volunteering for the CFA	Fixing things in the shed	Stamp collecting
<b>Favourite television show when I was in primary school.</b>	Gilligan's Island	A County Practice	Casper the Friendly Ghost	The Simpsons	Dukes of Hazzard
<b>The Mr. Men/Little Miss character I am most like.</b>	Little Miss Somersault. She is very agile. When she goes for a walk, she does cartwheels instead.	Little Miss Busy	Little Miss Sunshine	Mr. Busy	Mr. Clumsy
<b>Favourite Fairy tale</b>	Hansel and Gretel	The Princess and the Pea	Rapunzel	Goldilocks performed by Mr Cobb-Clark	Jack and the Beanstalk
<b>Favourite Band</b>	AC/DC	Pearl Jam	PPPS Rock Band	Radiohead	Biffy Clyro



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"I like our new class, it's so much fun learning."  
- Drita B.



"Year 6 is cool because we're finally the leaders of the school."  
- Matthew Z.



# What we like & are looking forward to in 6-8

"Year 6 has been fun, I've made a lot of new friends and I've learnt a lot...I'm looking forward to camp in Canberra." - Zoe T.



"I like Year 6 because it's fun and educational...I'm looking forward to more experiments and camp." - Leon C.



"I like everything about Year 6...I'm looking forward to camp." - Kobe H.  
"I like Year 6 because I get to do awesome projects and interschool sports is fun and exciting."  
- Ivana I.



"I like Year 6 a lot! It's fun and I like my class a lot and I'm looking forward to Canberra." - Ella B.  
"I like Year 6 because it's really fun and educational." - Jack K.

"I like all of it...I'm looking forward to camp and Year 6 has been fun and challenging."  
- Christian S.



"I'm looking forward to going to Canberra and I enjoy Year 6 because we're the leaders of the school."  
- Jayden C.

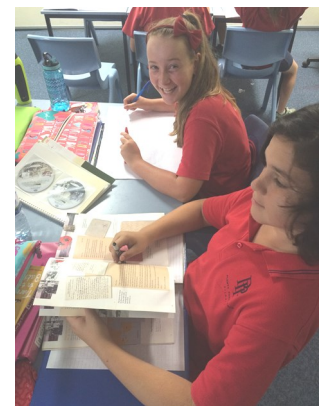


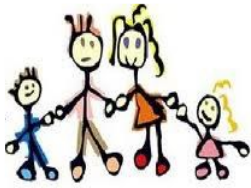
"I like doing speeches in Year 6." - Beth B.  
"I'm looking forward to going to camp." - Philip D.

"I like writing my biography on Louis Sachar and I'm looking forward to camp."  
- Phoebe H.



"I'm looking forward to Market Day this year."  
- David M.





# Family Fun Night Only 7 more sleeps

Don't forget to keep Thursday March 12th free for our annual Family Fun Night from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. You will have the chance to dance to the music of our guest DJ, buy something tasty, picnic with family and friends, and have fun on our rides.

**Reminder:** Raffle tickets must be returned to the classroom teacher by Tuesday 10th

**Hamper Donation:** We've had a fantastic response in the past and we are *trusting* that you will support the Family Fun Night with some great donations again this year. Thank you to those who have already donated.

We are still after:-

- new toys, games, art and craft materials, books, hobby activities etc.
- party items
- pampering services and goods
- chocoholic items (anything chocolate) and other treats within the 'use by date'.
- vouchers for donated goods and services

Plus, we are seeking donations for our stalls such as:

coloured hair spray

Plus, we have a pre loved toy and book stall again this year so we are seeking:

good quality and in good condition pre loved toys and books

We would be happy to help off load any items of good quality.

All donations will be acknowledged with a special principal's award.

Please bring all donations directly to the office.

## **Family Fun Night Sponsorship**

We are seeking sponsorship for the Family Fun Night 2015 RIDES. If you would like to sponsor our school or know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring us, please contact the office with details.

Any amount small or large will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation – The Coffee and Chat Group



Whittlesea

YMCA Whittlesea is offering young people between the ages of 10-15 to engage in a unique, fun and active program over the school holidays.

Each Tuesday and Thursday of the school holidays we are offering four separate excursions which will offer a mix of leisure and exercise, teach young people independence and new skills and get them away from computer screens!

Road Trippin will include the following activities:

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Awesome Adventure**

Participants will travel by bus to Lake Dewar Lodge and experience the Flying Fox, Canoeing and Cave Adventure

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Amazing Race**

Participants will travel by public transport and follow a range of clues to different landmarks around Melbourne, completing challenges along the way.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Intense Adventure**

Participants will travel by Public Transport to Galactic Circus where they will participate in Bowling, Laser Tag and an hour of Arcade Games!

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Extreme Adventure**

Participants will travel by bus to Lady Northcote Recreation Camp and challenge themselves on the Mountain Bike Course, High Ropes and Leap of Faith.

The cost of the program is \$97.00 per participant, per day. Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available to families to access this program.

Participants will benefit from this program by:

Meeting new people; Challenging themselves; Gaining independence; Being physically active; Learning valuable life skills

Parents will benefit from this program because: Their child will be supervised by qualified YMCA Staff; Parents will know that their child is participating in an safe and engaging program

CCB and CCR will ensures that the program is affordable by reducing the cost to eligible parents

For more information about this program please contact Jonathon Santamaria on 9407 6206 or email [jonathon.santamaria@ymca.org.au](mailto:jonathon.santamaria@ymca.org.au)

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# Year 4 Bike Ed



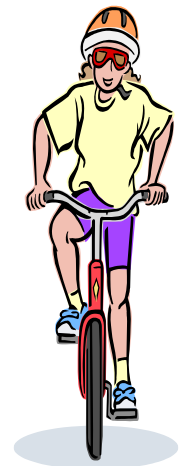
Students in year 4 will be involved in the Bike Education program to teach correct behaviour when riding a bike on the roads. The aim is to equip students with the necessary skills to avoid accidents and enjoy safe riding. Students become more aware of the dangers they may face on the roads and learn many important road rules.

Before starting the program, students will have already had a safety/maintenance check on their bike and helmet. Each week in theory sessions in the classroom the students will focus on various skills such as braking at speed, precision riding, how to negotiate a round-a-bout correctly, the skill to ride with one hand in order to scan over shoulder for any dangers, bike maintenance, road rules etc. In culmination to the theory sessions, the students will be involved in a two day intensive practical session where all of the above will be put into action. The two days of the practical sessions this year are Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

The final session of the Bike Ed. course will involve a ride outside the school grounds in the local area on quiet roads (Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March). We are looking for parents to accompany us on this ride. Only students who have demonstrated the necessary skills will be eligible to ride in this final session.

## SAFETY HINTS:

It is the law to wear a certified Australian Standards helmet when riding.  
Protect your feet when you ride- don't go barefoot or wear thongs or sandals.  
A bicycle is a vehicle. The rider has the same responsibility as other road users.  
When children are cycling with friends, their concentration may be poor and their cycling unsafe.  
Only students under 12 years of age (and their accompanying adult/s) are permitted to ride on the footpath.



## ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD:

- Help your child to select the correct size helmet and make sure it is properly fitted.
  - Take your child along cycling paths and stop to discuss potential hazards along the way.
  - Count the number of driveways, laneways or places where the path crosses the road.
  - Cycle together until you are confident your child is safe on the roads.
  - Ride to school together, we have a secure bike shelter.
- Obtain a copy of the road rules and have a Family Quiz.

"Happy Cycling", Kellie Goldspink, Bike Education Coordinator

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*The following students were presented on Monday March 2*

6-8	Elizabeth	6-7	Jett	6-2	Ellah	6-1	Ty
5-6	Monique	5-5	Ryan	5-4	Christian	5-3	Samanthy
4-32	Zak	4-31	Cooper	4-30	Elayna	4-29	Jordan
3-20	Alana	3-19	Rudra	3-18	Leah	3-17	Jordyn
2-28	Natalie	2-27	Alex	2-26	Kiara	2-25	Declan
2-24	Ana	1-23	Riel	1-22	Alexia	1-21	Emily
1-16	Scarlett	1-15	Nathan				

## LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	6/3	Betty Fiume
Fri	13/3	Bianca O'Connor

## FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	6/3	Bianca O'Connor
Fri	13/3	Anna Lettia

## LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thank you to Leah K (4-31) for her donation of books to our library.

Thank you to Jordyn (6-2) for her donation of books to our library. If you have any pre loved books and are wanting to rehouse them, we gladly accept donation. Thank you.

## YEARS 5/6 SPORT PROGRAM 2015

Last week's results round 3:

### Redbacks Vs Wolves (St Francis of Assisi)

Cricket– **Redbacks** 213 runs to Wolves 97 runs

Tee-Ball– **Redbacks** 15 runs to Wolves 2 runs

Bat Tennis– **Redbacks** 48 games to Wolves 42 games

Girls Volleyball– **Redbacks** 2 sets to Wolves 1 set

Boys Volleyball– **Redbacks** 1 set to Wolves 2 sets

### Interschool Sport Program - Round 4 Friday March 6th

**All games to commence by 9.30am.** First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Bat Tennis, Volleyball, Tee-Ball all played at PPPS, Cricket at Kelynack Reserve (across the road)

**Redbacks** V St Luke's

Mernda P.S. V **Bushrangers** (away)

**For away games this week:** Volleyball, Bat Tennis and Teeball are at Mernda P.S.

Cricket is at Mernda Reserve (Schotters Rd)

**Intraschool Sport Program:** students to board the bus by 9.10am, to travel to Epping Leisure Centre. Games to commence by 9.30am and conclude by 11am.

**A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.45am for all interschool sports teams. The dates are:** Friday March 6, 13, 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

### St Damian's Vs Bushrangers

Cricket– St Damian's 112 runs to **Bushrangers** 175 runs

Tee-Ball– St Damian's 4 runs to **Bushrangers** 14 runs

Bat Tennis– St Damian's 3 games to **Redbacks** 54 games

Girls Volleyball– St Damian's 0 sets to **Bushrangers** 2 sets

Boys Volleyball– St Damian's 0 sets to **Bushrangers** 2 sets

### BDSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday February 25, 25 excited students left PPPS to attend the annual swimming carnival at WaterMarc in Greensborough. Every student should be proud of their efforts. The school had a wonderful as well as successful day and managed to finish 2nd overall. It was a tremendous effort. We had a number of swimmers who won their events and moved on to compete at the Whittlesea/Hume Division Swimming Carnival which was on Monday March 2nd. Congratulations to all the students. I would like to thank the following parents



who supported and assisted me on the day; Mrs Adamo, Mrs Krstevski, Mrs Campanella, Mrs Kotronis and Mrs Koletsos. We had many other parents and friends come along and support the swimmers and cheer on PPPS.

Back at school Ms Caddy and Mrs Elvey in the office have been of great support to me and the support from the staff in years 4-6 has been awesome!

### PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE 2015

The Premier's Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It is a **fun** and **free** initiative encouraging your students and their families to get more active, more often throughout the month of April.

Registrations are now open! Families are encouraged to register and complete 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days. To sign up visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au).

**Registered participants will receive:** • 10 free YMCA passes; 15% discount at Sportsmart in store and online; one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Park Reserve; 2 for 1 entry to the Melbourne Aquarium  
Students will also have the opportunity to nominate their school for the chance to win between \$350 and \$750 in Sportsmart vouchers.





## Showcase Evening

Monday 16 March 2015

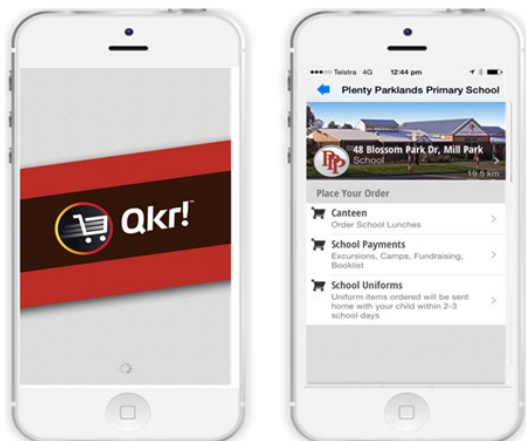
*Principal's addresses will be held at 5pm, 6pm  
and 7pm  
followed by a school tour.*

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- A fun and engaging learning program
- Focuses on literacy, numeracy and language
- Features the Little Learners Love Literacy program
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Small class sizes
- Run by a qualified and experienced teacher

All this is delivered in a fun structured program, made up of story time, crafts, songs, movement and group share time.

### PROGRAMS OFFERED:

#### TODDLER GROUP

2½-3 years old (parent & child)  
Learn alongside your child  
in this invaluable  
45 minute session

#### PRESCHOOLER GROUP

4-5 years old  
A 2 hour session that offers  
everything your child needs  
and more to become school ready

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