



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

Principal's Message

Thanks *Calendar of Events* for your

2015 Term 1	
Week 7	
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	• 3 way conferences • 7pm 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

Family Fun Night



Tonight is the night for fun, laughter and some family time together. Yes, tonight is Family Fun Night. Join us from 5.00 to 8.00 pm and enjoy rock climbing, rides, the soft toy display, coloring your fair or getting a tattoo, the jumping castle, the farmyard animals, the BBQ, dancing with the DJ, popcorn, fairy floss, the reptile show and the chance to decorate a cupcake, and that is just the start.

So much time and effort has been put into the planning and preparation for our FFN that I would like to thank our band of organisers who are working to make sure the kids and our families have a fabulous time. Thank you also to the volunteers who are working on a stall or running an activity; we appreciate your willingness to give up time with your family so that other families can enjoy themselves.

I would also like to thank all the businesses and companies who have donated their time or goods and services to the night. Thank you all for your generosity.

I now have over 20 fabulous hampers sitting in my side office, just waiting to be won. You can still buy raffle tickets tonight until 6:45 when we will draw the raffle and announce the winners at 7:00. Our fundraising from the Family Fun Night will be put towards replacing the shade sails over the playgrounds.

Next week is **planning week** when the staff will be involved in planning the term 2 curriculum program in year level teams. Monday – Preps Tuesday – years 2 and 5, Wednesday – years 1 and 6, Thursday – specialist staff, Friday – years 3 and 4

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Front of school redevelopment

Work has begun with some excavation work and the relocation of the horse trough, the removal of the bollards, the sleepers and the raised garden at the front of the school. Special thank you to one of our parents, Jim Bozinovski (father of one of our students in 1-22) who donated his time and equipment last weekend; we greatly appreciate his generosity.



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence – Friday 20 March

The Junior School Council has organised a fundraiser - Wear Something Orange Day – to raise money for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. Gold coin donation.

School Council election results

Thank you to the nominated parents for their interest in being a parent representative on school council and thank you to the community who took the time to vote.

It is my pleasure to offer, on your behalf, our congratulations to Bianca O'Connor, Roger Baker, Daniela Krstevski, and Bobbi Nikoloski who were elected to serve on the PPPS School Council for the next two years. Thank you also to Belinda Petkovski, a new member of the community for also standing. This is an important role in our community and it is great to see the interest it generated.

"We would like to thank Lee, our **canteen** manager this year, and her staff for their time with us. Lee's final day with us was Tuesday and she made a point of telling me how much she had enjoyed her time getting to know the children and staff. While we wish Lee well, we also welcome Natalie who will take over the role at PPPS. The menu will remain as it is for now, however some changes will be introduced for the start of term 2; stay tuned."

Looking forward to enjoying Family Fun Night with you.

Claire McInerney
Principal



JSC TERM 1 FUNDRAISING FOR THE ALANNAH AND MADELINE FOUNDATION

Wear something Orange Day

Friday 20th March

The JSC is inviting everyone to come to school wearing something orange (ribbon in hair, socks, t shirt or headband for example), to raise money for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This day has been designated as the 'National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence'. All classes will be participating in activities related to bullying and violence.

We ask that you bring a gold coin donation on the day if you choose to come wearing something orange. Let's all help the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to keep children safe from violence.

Thank you for your support. The JSC.



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR CHILD'S 3 WAY CONFERENCE

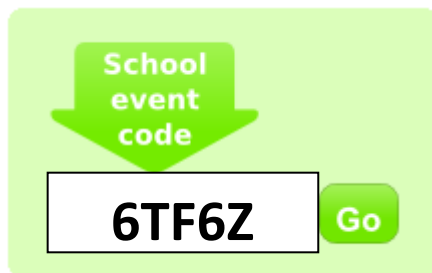
Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on

Thursday 26 March, from 10:00/10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You can book a time online that **BEST SUITS YOUR FAMILY**. If you have more than one child, make sure you leave time between meetings to move from one classroom to the next.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

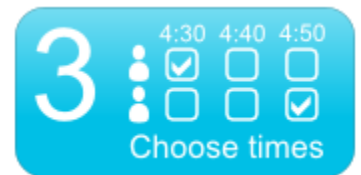
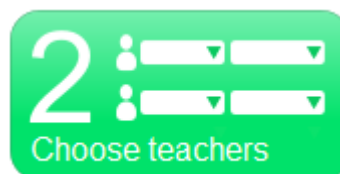
BOOKINGS OPENED ON FRIDAY 27 February at 9:00am
BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 25 March at 3:00pm



Go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your meeting time will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your meeting time - until bookings close.

Year 6 Canberra Tour

On Tuesday 14th April 91 year 6 students along with their teachers and parent volunteers will be boarding the bus and heading towards Melbourne Airport to make their way to the annual Year 6 Canberra Tour.

The tour includes visiting famous Canberra landmarks such as:

New and Old Parliament House

Australian War Memorial

Australian Institute of Sport

National Gallery...the list goes on.

We are also booked in for two evening activities whilst in Canberra and they are swimming at the Canberra Sports and Aquatic Centre and Questacon. While in Canberra we will be staying in Narrabundah.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return.



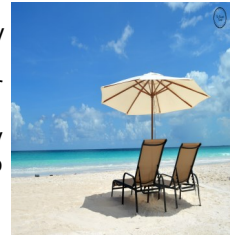
INTRODUCING THE YEAR 4 TEAM

Hi my name is Clinton Lowes and I have the pleasure of working with the students in 4-30 this year. This is my third year at P.P.P.S. I have been teaching Year 6 for the last 5 years and am looking forward to the challenges of a new year level. I came to P.P.P.S from Mildura where my extended family live. I am married with two fur kids (Maltese poodles) called Lucy and Jenna. They go pretty much everywhere with us. In my spare time I enjoy playing the drums, seeing bands and watching a good scary movie. I am looking forward to a great year!



Hi everyone. I'm Katrina Gouramanis and I've been teaching at Plenty Parklands for two years in Year Four. It has been a pleasure meeting the students of 2015 and I am looking forward to having a great year. In my spare time I play a little guitar and I used to play soccer, so I love watching children play soccer at lunch time on the sports ground. Before I started teaching at Plenty Parklands, I worked in science where I did research in biochemistry for cancer. I still like to keep up with the latest discoveries in the world of science and talking to students about them. Can't wait for a fabulous year!

Hello! My name is Ineke Van Vliet and I feel very fortunate to be teaching year 4-31 at Plenty Parklands. This is my first year teaching at this school and I already feel at home. This is my fourth year as a classroom teacher, plus 3 years working as a School Liaison Manager for a not for profit organization, promoting peace education and Anti bullying. I am excited to be back teaching in the classroom again after 3 years, especially teaching in year four. In my spare time I enjoy dancing, listening to music, eating good food and spending time at the beach. I look forward to a great year and making good memories.



My name is Jeremy Matheson and I'm enjoying spending my 5th year at PPPS working with the brilliant 4-32 class. My family includes wife (Linda), daughter (Georgia), dog (Charley), cat (Max) and the 2 chooks (Edna and Pixie). When I'm away from school I love to play tennis and I'm a very loyal supporter of the mighty Hawks. I've also recently started sailing lessons, which is the first step in my lifelong dream of sailing around the world. I am a fairly keen gardener and I happily waste hours watching my plants grow. I am really excited about 2015 and feel sure that we will have a fabulously productive time in 4-32.

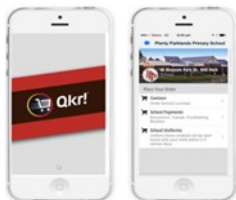
SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

Walk, ride or catch a bus to school if you can. This reduces carbon emissions released into the atmosphere.

Check that no taps are dripping. If they are, get them fixed to save water and energy. Hot water uses a large amount of energy to heat.



Preferred Payment Method



Did you know that you can make school related payments anywhere and at any time of day or night that suits you?

Did you know that you can now also complete your child's permission form if required at the same you make your payment? *

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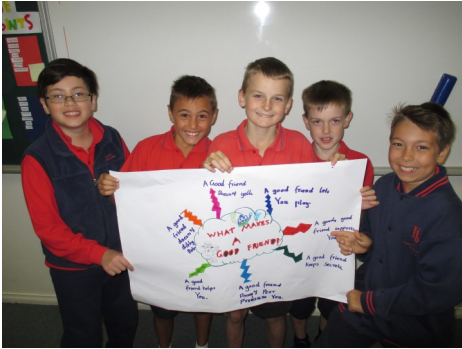
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If you are already a registered Qkr user please be sure to check that you are using the latest version of the Qkr app (3.5.256 Android or 3.9.4.135 Apple) so that you are able to access new features.

4-30

4-30 have been using a lot of Quality Tools to help us set up our classroom for learning.

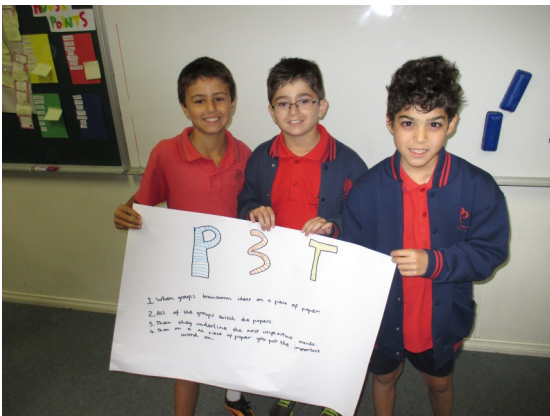
Here are some of our favourite tools that we have used.



A Structured Brainstorm gives everyone in a group a chance to share their ideas.



A Consensogram is a fantastic way to see if everyone agrees on an idea.



A P3T, helps us to sort out ideas and choose the most important ones to create the best processes.



Mind Maps are a great way to organise your thinking and get your ideas down about any topic.



A Y chart shows what something should look, sound and feel like.



An Affinity Diagram makes it very easy for people to group together ideas that are the same. You can see which ideas are the most popular.

PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented on Monday March 16

P-14	Devdan	P-13	Maya	P-12	Katija
P-11	Isabella	P-10	Olivia	P-9	Zoe



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campastralia.com.au/newparents to begin.

Opening Hours: 7.30-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm

For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

Easter

Monday:	Autumn Collages
Tuesday:	Indoor/Outdoor Active Play
Wednesday:	Candle Drawing
Thursday:	Polydron and Lego Construction
Friday:	Easter Activities

Star of the week: Maddy D from Prep for all her beautiful drawings and bubbly attitude at Before School Care

OSHC news

We have had lots of fun looking at the environment and nature this term. We've learnt lots of different things. Now it's time to get excited for the Easter Break.

Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	13/3	Bianca O'Connor
Fri	20/3	Pamela Hatzipanagiotidis
FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER		
Fri	13/3	Anna Lettia
Fri	20/3	Pamela Hatzipanagiotidis

Tennis Programs Victoria is having a FREE TENNIS OPEN DAY at Norris Bank Tennis Club, McLeans Rd Bundoora Sunday 22nd March, from 2-4 pm

Come and try out our tennis FREE programs, all activities are free: Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, Fastest Serve Competition, free prizes and giveaways! Free sausage sizzle.

For more information please call Paul Mick on 0415 511 150 or email p.emick2011@gmail.com. Feel free to visit our website on www.tennisprograms victoria.com

YEARS 5/6 SPORT PROGRAM 2015

Last week's results round 3:

Redbacks Vs St Luke's

Cricket– **Redbacks** 142 runs to 82 runs
Tee-Ball– **Redbacks** 18 runs to St Luke's 5 runs
Bat Tennis– **Redbacks** 48 games to St Luke's 29 games
Girls Volleyball– **Redbacks** 2 sets to St Luke's 0 sets
Boys Volleyball– **Redbacks** 1 set to St Luke's 2 sets

Mernda P.S. Vs Bushrangers

Cricket– Mernda 91 runs to **Bushrangers** 238 runs
Tee-Ball– Mernda 4 runs to **Bushrangers** 16 runs
Bat Tennis– Mernda 8 games to **Bushrangers** 54 games
Girls Volleyball– Mernda 0 sets to **Bushrangers** 2 sets
Boys Volleyball– Mernda 0 sets to **Bushrangers** 2 sets

Interschool Sport Program - Round 5 Friday March 13th

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)

Mill Park v **Bushrangers**

Redbacks have a bye (there is NO training before school and no game this week)

For away games this week: Volleyball, Bat Tennis and Teeball are at Mill Park P.S.
Cricket is at Findon Reserve (lower ground)

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 13, 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

WHITTLESEA DIVISIONAL SWIMMING SQUAD 2015

On Monday March 2nd, we had the swimmers pictured participate in the Divisional Swimming Carnival. The following swimmers have qualified to swim at the NMR (Northern Metropolitan Swimming Carnival on Wednesday March 11th).

9/10 Yr Girls Relay: Jemma K, Hannah S, Vanessa D and Sasha C



9/10 Yr Girls Butterfly: Jemma K
9/10 Yr Girls Breaststroke: Hannah S
10 Yr Boys Backstroke : Angus D
11 Yr Old Boys Butterfly: Xavier C
11 Yr Old Boys Backstroke: James P
12/13 Yr Old Boys Freestyle: Ethan A
9/10 Yr Old Girls Relay: Jemma K, Hannah S,

Vanessa D and
Sasha C

9/10 Yr Old Boys Relay: Thomas G, Angus D, Zak H and Jackson N
9/13 Yr Old Girls Medley: Tiana P, Zoe K, Bethany D and Jordyn A
11 Yr Old Girls Relay: Isabella A, Maahirah D, Tiana P and Bethany D

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.

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.

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu

Rubyfish Hair Accessories Cash Only!!

You can purchase the hair accessories from the uniform shop at the gym every Monday at 2.50pm.

See New Product below.

Thanks for your support the Coffee and Chat group.



MUSIC AT PLAYGROUP PRESENTED BY: Playgroup Victoria & City of Whittlesea

- Develop an understanding of the benefits of using music with young children
- Plan ways to include music in the playgroup session
- Share songs and adaptations
- Develop ideas for making an instrument

Date: Tuesday 17 March 2015
Time: 12.30—2.30 pm
Location: Mernda Community Activity Centre
 70 Mernda Village Drive, Mernda
Cost: Free—childcare provided (limited spaces)

Register Online: <https://register.eventarc.com/28186/music-at-playgroup>
 For more information or to register your booking contact Council's Family Services Education Officer, on 9404 8865 or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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Wednesday 2015
18th March

Activities held between 5pm – 7pm



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PROGRAMS OFFERED:

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