



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

Calendar of Events

TERM 1

Week 8 Planning week

Monday 20/3	• Years 2 and 4 staff planning for term 2
Tuesday 21/3	• Year 3 and Specialist staff planning for term 2
Wednesday 22/3	• Year 6 staff planning for term 2
Thursday 23/3	• Years 1 and 5 staff planning for term 2
Friday 24/3	• Year Prep staff planning for term 2

Week 9

Tuesday 28/3	• 6-6.30pm Parent Volunteer training • 7pm School Council meeting
Wednesday 29/3	• 9.15-9.45am Parent Volunteer training • Hot Cross Buns delivered
Thursday 30/3	• 10.30am-7.30pm 3 Way conferences, students do not attend school except for their 3 Way conference when they will be marked 'present' on the roll • Compass Parent training in the computer lab
Friday 31/3	• BDSSA District Finals • Last day of term 1 • 1pm Assembly for whole school • 1.30pm dismissal

Term 2

Week 1

Tuesday 18/4	• First day of term 2 • Year 5 camp to Forest Edge
Friday 21/4	• Year 5 campers return

Week 2

Monday 24/4	• Curriculum Day—no school for students
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Principal's Message

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at our **Family Fun Night**

5:00 to 8:00 pm; do not miss it.

Thank you to everyone; students, staff and community members who contributed to our **Quality process last year**, where we **reviewed our school Purpose and Vision statements and our Values**. The student leaders who are still at PPPS this year launched our revised Values at assembly last week.



Using scenarios of kids playing on the sportsground and another in the sandpit, the student group recreated situations that kids could relate to in the playground. They modelled what sometimes happens and then how living by the values can help to avoid problems or help to resolve them. Great job and thanks to Jorga, Andrew, Will, Daniel, Vanessa, Willem, Damion, Brandon, Jemma and Alyssa.

*Our **VALUES** remain at the core of our school community.*

Our six revised values are

A FAIR GO FOR ALL – I live by Australia's tradition of democracy and freedom. I live in harmony and am open minded to diversity.

HONESTY – I tell the truth, even when it is difficult.

RESPECT – I treat others as I would like to be treated, with kindness and courtesy.

TRUST – I am responsible and do the right thing.

CARE – I am kind to others and am considerate of their feelings.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT – I put in my best effort by being persistent, resilient and responsible for my learning and behaviour.

As a Quality school, we also reviewed our **System Map**, which identifies our key Inputs and Stakeholders, the Purpose, Vision, Values, Critical Success Factors, Result Measures, People working in the school, processes needed within the school, our Clients, the Outputs and the Outcome.

For us the outcome is students who live by our values, are equipped with life and social skills, are engaged life-long learners, are academically prepared for their future, are curious and questioning, are optimistic, confident, responsible, and resilient, contribute to society and are fit and healthy.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Our **PURPOSE**:

Plenty Parklands Primary School is a place of learning.

We educate children as lifelong learners to thrive in our rapidly changing and increasingly connected world.

Our **VISION** is

1. Our students, staff and community learn and are cared for in an environment that reflects our school values and Quality Principles.
2. Our students are creative and discerning thinkers with the skills, knowledge and personal attributes to contribute as global citizens.
3. Our school promotes and fosters individual and team excellence.
4. Value is added to each child's life through our interdependent partnership between parents, staff, students and the community.



Our students also stressed that it is important to know the values, but it is more important to live by them by demonstrating them every day.

Please visit our webpage to see our System Map and Values Chart.

Earth Hour Schools Day – March 24, 2017

This Friday Plenty Parklands will be participating in Earth Hour for Schools Day. On this day, all classrooms will switch off their lights and not use electricity for one hour after lunch. Children will participate in lessons provided by Cool Australia or they may just do a lesson outside, weather permitting. Thanks for your support and you might like to do the same on Saturday during Earth Hour 8:30 to 9:30 pm, which is Lights Out for everyone.

In 2017, World Wildlife Fund is celebrating 10 years of Earth Hour and 10 years of progress on changing climate change. Our actions on climate change will shape the future for our children. They know more about climate change than any other generation and they have extraordinary views on what they want for their planet. PPPS will become a part of the movement and start to take action on climate change by participating

in Earth Hour Schools Day this Friday.

See you all tonight.

Claire McInerney
Principal

Mill Park Secondary College invites you to **EDUCATION WEEK TOURS** from 9:15am on the 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 26th May 2017. The Senior Campus tour will be held on the 24th May 2017.

Join them for personalised tours of the Middle Years Campus and morning tea with members of the Principal Team. Please register for a tour by contacting the General Office on 9407 9700.



SEAL, STEM and ACCELERATED ENGLISH PROGRAMS INFORMATION EVENING

An Information Evening for their special programs will be held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 6:00pm in the Middle Years Campus Library. Testing will occur on Friday 12th May 2017. Application packs are available from the Middle Years General Office. Please contact Leesa Mereos for more information about the current programs at the Middle Years Campus, Moorhead Drive, Mill Park.



Bundoora Secondary invites you to an Open Night on Wednesday 26th April 2017 between 5:00-7:00pm.

Rigour, Respect, Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience
Balmoral Avenue, Bundoora Victoria 3083
Telephone: 9467 1511

FREE workshop for parents and carers of teenagers who live in the City of Whittlesea.

Topics will include:

What is resilience; How to build resilience in your teen; How to connect with and understand your teen.

When: **Wednesday 26 April 2017**

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Edge Services for Young People

Shop MM1, Westfield Plenty Valley

415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park

Light supper provided.

Bookings essential - contact Sally on 9404 8800 or email baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

YEAR FIVE CAMP

***Year five students are getting ready for the time of their lives!
We are heading to Forest Edge for an adventure camp in the first week back of Term 2!***

Dates: 18th to the 21st of April

What to bring: A sense of
ADVENTURE (check your equipment list
if you need the specific items)

Adults coming on the camp: Andy
Broadbent, Diana Mitrevski, Lachlan
Challis, Katrina Gouramanis, Kristy
Caruso, (parents) Youssef Ahmad, Nicole
Dindevski, Kathleen Allen and Daniel
Cooper.



Forest Edge

Year 6 Canberra Tour

On Tuesday 2nd May 54 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:



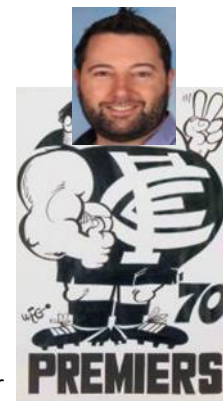
New and Old Parliament House
The Australian War Memorial
The Australian Institute of Sport
QUESTACON...the list goes on.



We are also booked in for two evening activities whilst in Canberra and they are swimming at the AIS and Clash of the Clans. While in Canberra we will be staying at the Greenhills Centre in Stromlo. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributes \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return.

Meet the Year 3 Team

Hello. I'm Scott Jessup and this is my fifth year at PPPS. I'm excited about working with a new team in 2017. My interests outside of work include watching as much sport as possible and travelling to new places. I'm a passionate Carlton supporter and have been waiting patiently for a change in fortune for the mighty Blues.



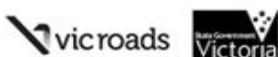
Hi everyone, my name is Stephanie Hughes and I am the very lucky teacher of 3-19 this year. This is my second year here at Plenty Parklands and I look forward to a fantastic year teaching and learning with the amazing students in 3-19! I live with my family and my dogs, Bailey and Milly. I love spending time with my family and friends. I love to read in my spare time and enjoy sharing my love of picture story books with the students in my classroom. I also enjoy travelling to new and exciting countries and spending time at the beach during the summer time.

Hi everyone, my name is Emma Wallmeyer and I am the very proud teacher of class 3-17. This is my first year teaching and I am very lucky to be working at this wonderful school. My spare time consists of playing netball, which I absolutely love! I play at quite a competitive level called the Victorian Netball League and have played at this level for the last 5 years. If I am not playing netball, then you will find me either coaching or umpiring the game. I also enjoy spending time with my family and my partner Josh. I am really looking forward to the journey which PPPS takes me on this year!



My name is Jeremy Matheson and I'm enjoying spending my seventh year at PPPS. The previous 6 years I have worked in the Year 4 & 5 levels, but I'm very excited to be working with the brilliant teachers and students in the Year 3 level, particularly my 3-20 class. My family includes wife (Linda), daughter (Georgia), dog (Charley) and (Max) the cat. When I'm away from school I love playing tennis and going to the footy. I'm a very loyal supporter of the mighty Hawks and I'm looking forward to watching as many games as I can this year. I'm a pretty keen gardener and I happily spend a lot of my time pottering around with plants. I also love to travel when I get the opportunity. I've got a very good feeling about 2017 and feel sure that we

Keep the children's crossing clear. Parking is not allowed within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side. Parking there makes it difficult and dangerous for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.



Clean Up Australia Day



On Friday 3rd March, all of the Year 3 students participated in schools Clean Up Australia Day. The students did a thorough clean up of our school grounds and surrounds. All of the students did a wonderful job showing their support for the environment.



Bushrangers Vs Mernda

Cricket– Bushrangers 185 runs to Mernda 69 runs
Tee-Ball– **Bushrangers** 20 runs to Mernda 0 runs
Hot Shots– **Bushrangers** 27 games to Mernda 3 games
Girls Volleyball– **Bushrangers** 2 sets to Mernda 0 sets
Boys Volleyball– **Bushrangers** 2 sets to Mernda 0 sets

Interschool Sport Program - Round 5 Friday March 16th

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)

PPPS Redbacks Vs St. Luke's P.S.

St Damian's Vs PPPS Bushrangers

For away games this week: Volleyball and Hot Shots Tennis at St Damian's
Tee Ball and Cricket are at Yulong Reserve

A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.45am for all interschool sports teams. District Grand Finals will be held on March 31st. Only teams involved in grand finals will train the morning of the finals.

PREMIERS ACTIVE APRIL CHALLENGE 2017

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

In 2017, every Premier's Active April participant will receive;

- 10 FREE YMCA passes or access to a local government recreational facility, one FREE "Get Into Cardio" Tennis session, 20% off any annual membership with cycling Victoria, 15% off Sportsmart in store or online, a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEALIFE Melbourne Aquarium, one hour FREE tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve, entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australia Open Tennis Finals.

WATSONIA BASEBALL CLUB

Watsonia Baseball Club is a family oriented club based at Loyola Reserve in Bundoora, the club fields six senior teams and junior teams

With a dedicated committee and a talented group of club coaches led by former Australian and Olympic baseball representative Adam Burton, Watsonia Baseball Club is keen to invite interested new members to come and try baseball during the winter season.

They are holding a 'Come and Try Day' for juniors on Saturday March 25th 10am – 11.30am at Loyola Reserve Bundoora. Come and meet the junior coaches and join them for a throw, a hit on the main diamond and to register your interest. They'll have a free BBQ and water/softies for the little ones too. Junior pre season starts the week commencing March 20th. Junior games are played locally on Saturday mornings. The actual junior season starts mid-April and continues through to August plus finals.

For further information contact Murray Noble the club President on;

wbcpresident@outlook.com

0413 555 892

<https://www.facebook.com/WatsoniaBaseballClub>

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Christopher Stingas (5-5). Over the long weekend, Christopher competed in the Australian National Karate Team Selection Competition for the 14th Funakoshi Gichin Cup – a.k.a. the World Championships. He qualified 2nd for the Australian Japanese Karate Association (JKA) Team and will compete at the World Championships mid-August in Ireland.



Come and play hockey for Greensborough Hockey Club

All Juniors aged 5 to 17, girls and boys **welcome.** Beginners to experienced players.

Teams in U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18.

Hockey is an Olympic team sport with Greensborough players competing at State and National Level.

Registration Day (& watch adult practice matches) is on Saturday March 18th, 10am-3pm at Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty. For further information please contact;

Erika Newbegin 0419 888 050 juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

James Dunell 0437 081 584 james.dunell@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au



Sebastian Scanu
Physical Education and Sport Coordinator

Assembly roster

20/3	Years 1-2 assembly	2-24 + 2-25 performance
27/3	Years 3-6 assembly	3-20 performance
31/3	1pm Whole school assembly	End of term

TERM 2

18/4	No assembly—no school	
24/4	No assembly—Curriculum day	
1/5	Whole school assembly	4-32 performance
8/5	Years 3-6	3-18 performance
15/5	Years Prep-2	1-23 performance
22/5	No assembly—Report Writing day	

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	17/3	Kaisha Taylor
Fri	24/3	Bianca O'Connor

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	17/3	Kaisha Taylor
Fri	24/3	Bianca O'Connor


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- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Opening Hours: 7.00-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm
For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

Our week, at OSHC program, was busy with a wide range of activities welcoming children and families into our service. The preps have been working on family trees. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing our Leadership Program, giving out Leadership Bands which will provide opportunities for children to learn from each other and build self confidence.

We also kept ourselves busy with Connect 4, Uno, Scrabble and Polydron construction. Children also enjoyed outdoor fun with ball games and skipping.

Reminder

If your child is not attending child care for a session in which they have been booked, you may cancel the booking online or call customer service. This avoids us calling you to confirm that your children have been collected safely from school and are not supposed to be in our care.

For bookings, cancellations and holiday club bookings go to www.campastralia.com.au

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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Volunteer Helpers at PPPS

Please note that if you attended a training session in the past, you do NOT need to attend another one. 'Once trained, we have you for life!'

For new volunteers we are offering two briefings this term

So that we can strengthen our interdependent partnership between Plenty Parklands Primary school and the community we offer training sessions for parent and community members. Over the years our students have benefited from the work and dedication of hundreds of helpers. We are always ready and willing to welcome even more. You may be a new member of our community and keen to offer your help while also getting to know other community members.

The sessions will outline your role and responsibilities with regard to Privacy, Work Cover, Harassment and Occupational Health and Safety legislation. In line with our values, particularly those of Care, Trust and Respect, you will understand that the safety and care of your children are the most important considerations when implementing a program such as volunteer helpers. Also **with legislation related to a range of issues it is imperative that ALL volunteers are briefed before they are able to help in any way at school. You need only attend one of the briefings.**

This training includes everyone who would like to start to help in any or all of the following areas; canteen, Parents Social and Fundraising sub committee (PSF), interschool sport, uniform shop, classroom helpers (in any area of the curriculum), excursions, special event days, fun day at the end of the year, fruit distribution, gardening, sports coaching, P.E. programs such as the Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) and any transportation of students. In fact, anyone who helps at the school in any way. Please note that helpers on school camps have a special briefing prior to camp. The dates for term 1 are:

Tuesday 28 March 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday 29th March 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.

Remember that you need to participate in a training session in order to help in any capacity at the school. The briefing takes about 30 minutes and will be held in the conference room (library) or staff lounge (staff room).

After completion of this short briefing, you will be welcome to help at PPPS at any time in the future in a 'one off' or ongoing situation.

Please see this invitation as an opportunity to get to know other members of our school community while also providing the students of PPPS with invaluable support and assistance.

Don't worry; there are no hard questions to answer or problems to solve. You just need a willingness to help and we'll do the rest!! We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions.

PLEASE SEE PATH BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

For information about Volunteer Training and to register your attendance for one of these sessions please go to the PPPS webpage.

Follow the path;

Forms and Notices, Volunteers, Volunteer Training for information and registration.



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

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

Thursday 30 March from 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.

Specialist staff will also be available and we encourage you to book a time with one or more of them.

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

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

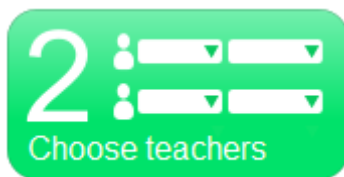
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 29 March at 3:00pm



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.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

We look forward to meeting with you and your child and request that you are punctual and teachers will endeavour to be the same.

If you will require more than the fifteen minutes allocated time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

On Thursday 30 March, children do not attend school, **except when they come with you for the conference and they will be marked as 'present' on the roll.** If your child is in year 1 to 6, they will present their personal learning goals. Prep students do not have learning goals at this stage of their schooling. Instead the prep teacher will talk with you about the You Can Do It capabilities, class goals and how your child has worked towards these. You will also have the opportunity to give them feedback about the prep transition program and the first few weeks of school.

Parents can change their booking, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their conference time after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 94044311.

Welcome to Compass



Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on Thursday 30 March. On this day we will be running Introductory Information Sessions about the Compass Parent Portal in the Computer Lab and they will run for approximately 30 minutes.

Compass Parent Portal Information Session Times

Thursday 30th March, 2017 – Computer Lab

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm

The Information sessions will cover;

- Accessing Compass
- Logging in to Compass
- The Compass home screen
- Student Profile
- Messaging system
- Attendance data
- View and download semester reports
- Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way conferences

You can book into one of these session times via the Plenty Parklands Primary School webpage.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 3 MARCH AT 9.00AM

BOOKINGS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH 3.00PM

Please note that if you are unable to attend one of these sessions every family will be e-mailed a copy of a Guide to “Using the PPPS Compass Parent Portal” in the last week of Term 1.

Please note as Miss. Shelden will be involved in running these Compass sessions, she will not be available for 3 way conferences. If you wish to speak to Miss. Shelden please phone to arrange a time to meet.