



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

Assistant Principal's Message

Calendar of Events

Week 3

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| Friday
5/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 students return from Canberra |
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Week 4

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| Monday
8/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-32 3 way conferences 4.00 to 5.30pm |
| Tuesday
9/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN 4-32 3 way conferences 4.00 to 8.00pm Parent volunteer training 6 to 6.30pm School Council meeting 7pm |

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| Wednesday
10/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day stall Parent volunteer training 9.15 to 9.45am NAPLAN |
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| Thursday
11/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN 2pm Tour & Chat with Principal |
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Week 5

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| Monday
15/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Daicos Strength Based Parenting session 7-9pm |
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| Wednesday
17/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPPS Y4/5/6 Athletics Day at Meadowglen Athletics track |
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| Thursday
18/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preps excursion to Chesterfield Farm |
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| Friday
19/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-4 Dance program begins |
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Week 6

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| Monday
22/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report Writing Day Student free day |
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| Wednesday
24/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Tour & Chat with the Principal |
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| Friday
26/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P-4 Dance program |
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Crossing supervisor's retirement

Bill has been supervising children safely across the road in Blossom Park Drive for ten years. We are sad that he is retiring, but happy for him that he and his wife will be travelling overseas for a well deserved holiday. We will miss his smiling face as we wait at the yellow line to cross safely. At Monday's assembly, the JSCs reminisced about Bill and presented him with a gift from the school. Bill's final day at PPPS is Thursday 18th May. There is still plenty of time for you to thank him and say 'goodbye'. Whittlesea Council will be replacing Bill with

Welcome to the newest member of the PPPS community, baby Jayden Phoenix born 23rd April weighing 8lb 7oz. Isabella from P-10 proud big sister; congratulations from PPPS.



St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools program
Year 3s and 4s learnt DRSAB; Danger, Response, Send for help (000), check Airway and check for Breathing. The 5s and 6s had an additional focus on CPR skills if a person was not breathing and practised this technique using mannequins.

2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packs for 2018 are now available for siblings of current students at PPPS.
Packs are available for collection from the school office.

Principal - Claire McInerney

Assistant Principals - Julie Nixon and Alison Devereux

Business Manager - Kristina Elvey

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The year 6 students and staff have been busy in Canberra after their flight very early on Tuesday morning. Some of the highlights of their trip include a visit to the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, Parliament House, the High Court of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Electoral Education Centre, the Museum of Australian Democracy and for a panoramic view of Canberra, Mt. Ainslie lookout. They are due back to school at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. The remaining year 6 students spent Wednesday at the Victorian Parliament and the Shrine of Remembrance. We can look forward to hearing their stories.

We wish Mrs. Maria Stella an enjoyable long service leave for the remainder of the term.

I recommend that you consider attending the **Chris Daicos forum** in the school hall on Monday 15th May. For the past few years, we have invited Chris to speak to our (mostly prep) parents about developing resilience in our children. This Strength Based Parenting workshop will focus on identifying and understanding what your children are naturally good at and where they thrive – not on their weaknesses. It is a unique opportunity to learn and apply the latest evidence based strategies from positive psychology and neuro science for yourself, your children and your unique family circumstances.

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

go to the PPPS webpage: www.plentyparklands-ps.vic.edu.au
follow the path to; **Forms and Notices, Chris Daicos**

A message from Ms. Sibio, our Sustainability coordinator. PPPS has been working to become a 5-star certified school for sustainability through ResourceSmart Schools. The Green Cadets are proud to announce that our Energy Module has been certified! Congratulations to the Green Cadets past and present for their hard work. Also to the staff who have worked on this module in the past. This means we are one step closer to earning our energy star. Students at school will continue to learn about energy through our new radio station "Tune-in to turn off Tuesdays" during lunch eating time, and our Lights Off art competition.

Let's continue to make sustainability a priority.

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 tests for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in the following order:

Tuesday 9 May – Literacy – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 10 May – Literacy – Reading

Thursday 11 May – Numeracy

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test.

Later in the year, years 3 and 5 parents will receive their child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe their child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how their child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at www.nap.edu.au.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE YEAR 4-32

Students acted out a scene from the First Fleet, based on their learning from last terms Inquiry Unit 'First Contact'.





Thank you so much for the tennis racquets. Our Preps loved them!



Assembly roster

TERM 2

8/5	Years 3-6	3-18 performance
15/5	Years Prep-2	1-23 performance
22/5	No assembly—Report Writing day	
29/5	Years 3-6	5-6 + 5-5 performance
5/6	Years Prep-2	1-22 performance
12/6	No assembly—Queen's birthday	
19/6	Years 3-6	5-3 + 5-4 performance
26/6	Years Prep-2	1-21 performance
30/6	Whole school	End of term 1pm

Note: Student Recognition Certificates for Preps will begin on 15th May.

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	5/5	Sule Aygun
Fri	12/5	Penny Couper

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	5/5	Sule Aygun
Fri	12/5	Penny Couper

Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 10th May 2017

All gifts only \$5.00

Please see full flyer on your Compass portal.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

If you would like to help on the Mother's Day Stall

To register your attendance please go to the PPPS webpage.

Follow the path;

Volunteers / Mother's Day volunteers

Thank you



The Premier's Reading Challenge is an initiative run by the Victorian Government to promote the importance of reading among children and students, encouraging them to read more widely and more often.

Students from Prep to Year 2 who participate are required to read or experience 30 books, and students in Years 3 to 6 are required to read 15 books. The challenge runs until Friday 8th of September, and children who complete it will receive a certificate of achievement, as well as having their name being printed on an online honour roll.

Please approach your classroom teacher if your child is interested in joining the Premier's Reading Challenge, or visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc for further information and terms and conditions.

Interschool Sport Program - Round 1 Friday April 28th Results:

Round 1 games were cancelled last week due to no grounds being available.

Round 2- NO GAMES THIS WEEK DUE TO YEAR 6 CAMP. Intrascchool Sport will go ahead this week.



Intrascchool Sport Program: It is being run YMCA Epping Leisure (Miller St. Epping). If there are parents who are available to travel on the bus to and from the venue, please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Also you may contact Mr Scanu directly on scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or Julie Gatt on gatt.julie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au A phone call will be made to confirm attendance on any given date.

BAT TENNIS ORDERS (TERM 2)- HALF PRICE!!!! Previously \$14 now \$7.00

If your child is interested in placing an order for a new bat tennis bat please carry out the following instructions;

Place your child's name, home group and the words bat tennis bat along with \$ 7.00 in an envelope and hand it to Mr Scanu or Mrs Cadee in the front office. We have a limited number of bats available, so it will be first in best dressed!

BDSSA CROSS-COUNTRY 2017

This year on Wednesday May 24th the annual district cross-country will be held at Bundoora Park from 9.30am-12.30pm. There will be approximately 60 students representing PPPS. The squad has been selected and a permission note handed out. If you have any questions relating to this event please ring the school and ask for Mrs Gatt on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday on 9404-4311.



Watsonia Heights Junior FC requires Under girls for the 2017 season

WHJFC have a strong female participation with all girls teams from U12 – U18. There are positions available in a number of teams.. Season kicks off mid April. Training nights are at Elder St Reserve Watsonia.



Come and have a kick. For all enquiries contact Chris 0408 290876 or whjscpresident@gmail.com

Why should students drink in class?

Thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration. By the time a person is thirsty they are usually already dehydrated to some extent. Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Allowing and reminding students to drink water in class increases the likelihood that they will drink more. Drinking often, especially before, during and after physical activity is the best way to stay hydrated.

How much water should children drink?

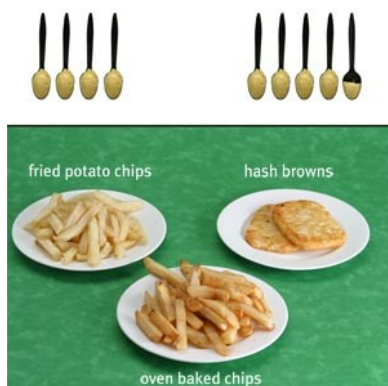
The recommended daily amounts of fluid for children and adolescents are:

- 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds
- 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 12 year olds
- 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 13+ years * a glass is 200 ml

More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat.



Fat in foods



You may not think you eat too much fat, because much of it is hidden in meals we prepare or buy and in foods like cakes, pastries, biscuits, chips and sauces. Because you can't see it, you don't know how much fat you are eating or what type it is.

These diagrams show how much fat or sugar is hidden in certain foods and how you can make meals that are traditionally high in fat healthier.

A teaspoon of fat (yellow) contains 4 grams of fat. A teaspoon of sugar (white) contains 4 grams of fat.

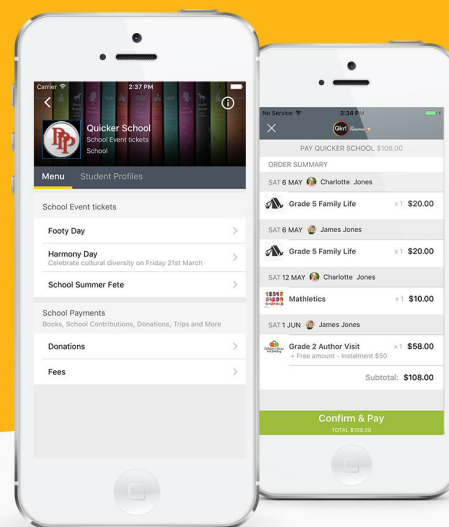


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Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

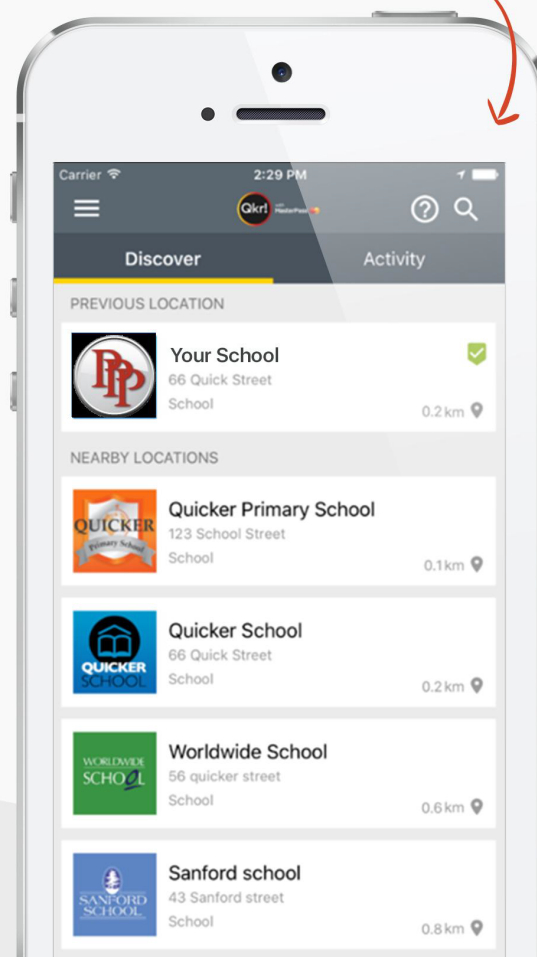
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

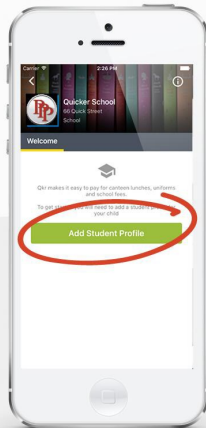
If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





Add your children's details in Student Profiles

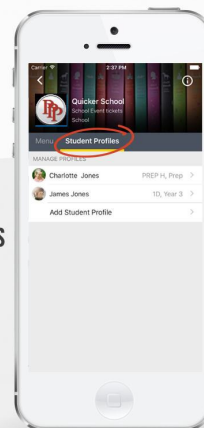
Select
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Add each
child's details

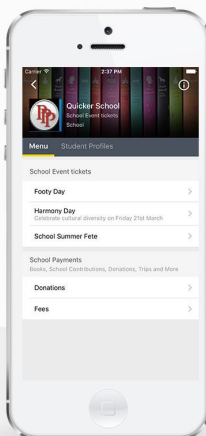


Manage each
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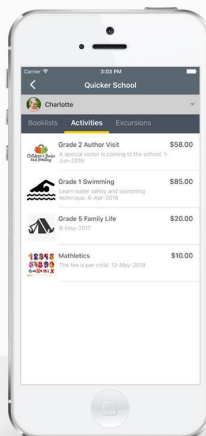


Purchase school items

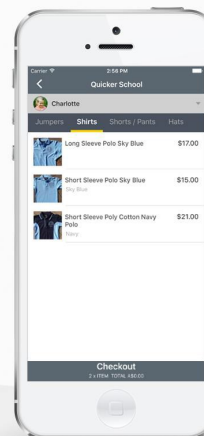
Select a menu
from our school



Select child
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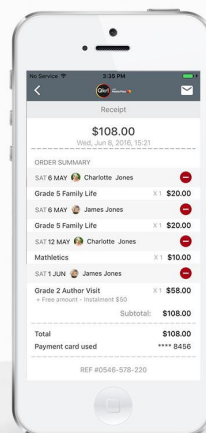
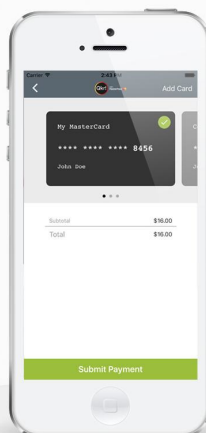
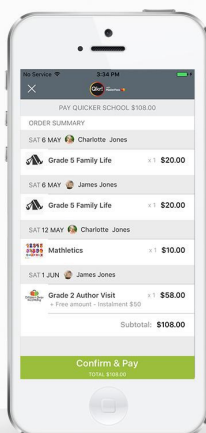
Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

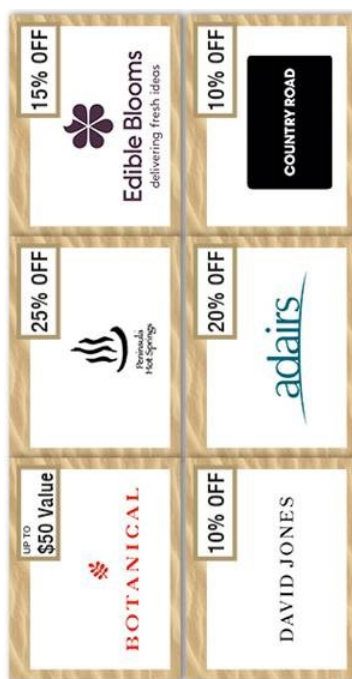
Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

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AUTUMN

MONDAY: Mother's day craft
TUESDAY: Active Group Games
WEDNESDAY: Fun with plaster
THURSDAY: Drama and Dance to music
FRIDAY: Cooking Activities

Children have been busy making autumn leaves for our display board. We have been continuing with our leadership program and we'll be doing it this term.

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