



**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 4	
Thursday 11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN • 2pm Tour & Chat with Principal
Week 5	
Monday 15/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Daicos Strength Based Parenting session 7-9pm
Tuesday 16/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 excursion to Bundoora Wildlife
Wednesday 17/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPPS Y4/5/6 Athletics Day at Meadowglen Athletics track
Thursday 18/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preps excursion to Chesterfield Farm
Friday 19/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-4 Dance program begins
Week 6	
Monday 22/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Writing Day Student free day
Wednesday 24/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2pm Tour & Chat with the Principal
Friday 26/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-4 Dance program
Week 7	
Wednesday 31/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisional X-Country
Thursday 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 excursion to Sovereign Hill
Friday 2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-4 Dance program

Welcome back to Ms McInerney, who has been away from school for a few days of long service leave enjoying the warmth of Australia's northern beaches. In her absence, the school has buzzed along as if she was here. The year 3 and 5 students have been busy doing the NAPLAN tests and the preps are getting excited about their trip to the farm next week.



We hope that every child was able to purchase a gift for their mum at the Coffee and Chat's Mother's Day stall yesterday. There was a wonderful range of gifts and some careful shopping by the children to ensure they got their mum the exact present they thought would suit her best. Thank you to each and every mother who helped out on the stall. I hope you are served breakfast in bed and have a lovely, restful Sunday. All money raised through fund raising this year will be put towards the construction of a new sand pit and sun shelter on the sports ground. Our small, but effective Coffee and Chat group do a wonderful job and we are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested, please phone Antonella in the office.

If you have a son or daughter who will be starting prep next year, please come up and collect an enrolment pack from the office. We currently have a waiting list of interested parents who are keen to see if we can include their child in our 2018 classes.

Education Week

In 2015, our school took part in the **National Trust of Australia (Victoria)'s Gallipoli Oaks Project**, when we planted our very own special oak tree.

This was a wonderful opportunity to help students connect with the Gallipoli story as they become part of the history and also part of the future, so that we will remember all people who served and died in this conflict.

At the core of oak tree project is the story of how a young Australian soldier, Captain Winter



Cooke from Murndal, near Hamilton, noticed some unusual holly bushes while stationed at Gallipoli that had acorns like oak trees. Captain Winter Cooke remembered that his Uncle Samuel in Hamilton was a bit of a tree enthusiast; someone that would be interested in these rare acorns, and so sent a package of acorns to him from Gallipoli almost 100 years ago. We planted a seedling that is a direct descendant of those acorns from Gallipoli, and in doing so now have our own direct link to the environment that the soldiers endured during the campaign.

Here is a photo of the oak tree now at two years of age.



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.

Assistant Principal's message cont....

"This is a reminder to all families that if your child is absent from school or late, you will receive an alert on your Compass Homepage as per below.

Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required
Ron was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation.
[Click here for more information](#)

You are required to click on the blue link which will take you to a screen displaying the day(s) the child was absent or late. From this screen you tick the relevant row which will display the date and sessions the child was absent or late and then click on the "Explain with Note/Approval" button. Here you can provide a note and your approval for the absence or lateness and save.

When ALL lateness and/or absences have been approved with a note the alert will disappear from your Compass Homepage.

Please note School Policy for lateness is if a child enters the classroom anywhere between 9.01am and 10.00am they will be marked as late. You will then receive an alert requiring your approval for the lateness. "

If you haven't yet returned the concert preference night form, please do so by Tuesday 23 May.

PLENTY PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL 2017 SCHOOL CONCERT

Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September

We need to know which night your family would prefer to attend the concert. Children will perform on one night only. The more people who indicate they don't care which night, the easier it will make our job to get equal numbers across the year levels.

Please return the reply slip (one per family) by Tuesday 23 May, as we wish to finalise the two groups before the end of term and start rehearsals immediately in term 3.

PPPS concert committee

Child's name	_____	Home group	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

Our family would prefer to attend the concert on: (please circle your preference)

Wednesday 20 September or Thursday 21 September or DON'T CARE

3-18 ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

3-18 have been learning about the symbols associated with commemorating ANZAC Day. They were very excited to share what they had learnt.



"I'm lost for words!" Charlee



"My nerves were out of control but I felt confident when I saw my parents!" Alexia



"I enjoyed singing the most," Shouyi



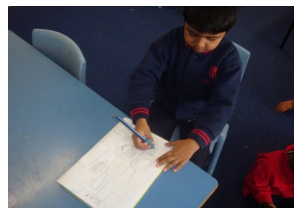
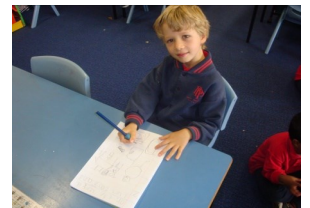
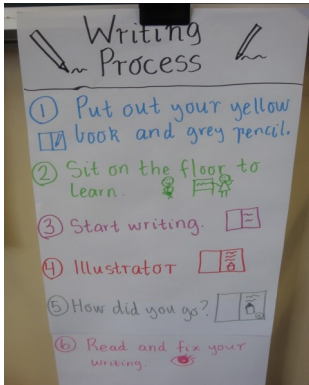
"I felt nervous, excited and relieved," Olivia










"My stomach was full of butterflies and knots. I enjoyed sharing what I had learned," Om

Prep 11 Writers

In Prep 11 we are practising every day to become better writers. We created a writing process. We love writing our weekend recounts and using



INTRODUCING SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Our Favourites	Sarjit Ladd LOTE	Sebastian Scanu Phys. Ed	Julie Gatt .6 Phys. Ed
Colour	Pink	Blue & Black	Red & Pink
Food	Asian	Italian Food 	Salmon with rice
Book	Any books about dogs or books by Cathy Kelly	Car books and Non –Fiction stories	Children's books
Movie 	Any true story movies.	Any comedy- e.g. Meet the Parents and films based on true events.	Dirty Dancing
Sport 	I enjoy watching tennis – the Grand slams	Football, soccer, basketball and tennis 	Netball & Tennis 
Footy Team	<u>COLLINGWOOD !!</u>	BULLDOGS <u>grrrrrrrrr</u> 	COLLINGWOOD GO PIES 2017 
Holiday destination 	London, New York, Berlin, Paris, Amsterdam, Hawaii, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, India, New Zealand, Japan, China (including Hong Kong) and parts of Australia. Switzerland would be a dream come true!	Queensland with all its theme parks and anywhere along the Bellarine Peninsula 	Hope to travel to New Zealand one day.
Hobbies/interests	Language – I speak 6 languages!! Listening to music Travelling	Spending time with my family and friends and car shows (old Holdens)	Going to the gym, Reading, dancing, taking photos, watching movies
Family Life 	I live with my husband, Warren and my son Stefan. I also have a dog called <u>Missyrose</u> .	On the home front I have a beautiful wife Lidia, 2 great boys (Christian and Steven) and Sienna a beautiful 9 year old girl who is in year 4.	At home there is my husband Danny and 2 kids, Lauren (18) and Nathan (16)
Role at PPPS	Teaching: Indonesian and other areas of the curriculum. Curriculum Improvement Leader for the Specialist unit	Physical Education and Sports Coordinator. I teach Preps, year 2, 3, 4 and 5 and 6.	<u>Phys.Ed</u> Teacher, 3 days a week. This year I teach year 1 and 4, 5 and 6.
Years Teaching 	Over 30 years and almost 21 years at <u>Bundoora</u> & PPPS, 5 years at TAFE & 5 years as an ESL teacher in Malaysia	This year will be my 27th and I have spent the last 14 of those years at PPPS in PE. 	26 years, this is my 13th year at PPPS 

PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented on Monday 15th May

P-14	Aleksan & Hava	P-13	Ally & Michael	P-12	Massimo & Sarsha	P-11	Tanish & Isla
P-10	Ebony & Phillip	P-9	Valentino & Alannah				

Assembly roster

TERM 2

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 this Monday

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	12/5	Penny Couper
Fri	19/5	Rosa Harrison

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	12/5	Penny Couper
Fri	19/5	Rosa Harrison



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.

Drama Program

The Performing Arts Program at Plenty Parklands Primary encourages and nurtures creativity, confidence and expression. Students learn how to perform on a stage, work in groups, create characters and develop a story into a performance. They have the opportunity to develop the performance skills of focus, timing and energy. They consistently practice expressive skills such as facial expression, movement, voice and gesture to create and enhance characters. They develop stories through discussion and improvisation and as a result can begin the rehearsal process for performance. Students also have opportunities to work on improvisation tasks and develop skills to think creatively "on their feet" without rehearsing. They are given opportunities to focus on their acting with the help of techniques like mime, slapstick comedy and freeze frame. There has been a strong focus on Mime, Melodrama, fractured fairytales and Commedia dell'Arte in Semester one. As student's progress in Drama, they also look at and discuss the key features of their own and others' performances to develop an understanding of the impact performance has on its audience.

Interschool Sport Program - Round 3 Friday May 12th:

All games to commence by 9.30am. First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Hot Shots Tennis and Netball played at PPPS, Football at Kelynack Reserve (across the road) and Soccer at RMIT (McKimmies Road)



**PPPS Bushrangers Vs Rockets (Mill Park Heights)
Redbacks (away).**

Wolves (St Francis of Assisi) Vs

For away games this week: Hot Shots Tennis at St Francis. Netball at Mill Park Basketball Stadium.
Football is at Redleap Reserve and Soccer at Hillsview Reserve (bottom ground).

Intraschool Sport Program: It is being run YMCA Epping Leisure (Miller St. Epping). The Intraschool Sports program will run on the following Friday's: May 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. If there are parents who are available to travel on the bus to and from the venue, please 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 the parents 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.



PPPS ATHLETICS DAY 2017

We are holding our annual PPPS athletics carnival on **WEDNESDAY MAY 17th**, for all year 4, 5 and 6 students down at the Meadowglen International Athletics Track (McDonald's Road, Epping). The back up date is **TUESDAY JUNE 7th**. This day will give all students the opportunity to be measured and timed for the 100m sprint, the 200m sprint, the 800m run, hurdles, shot put, discus, long and triple jump. I will require helpers on the day to assist with each of the events; recording times and measurements, timing students, raking sand pits etc. Please contact Mrs Julie Gatt (gatt.julie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) at the school if you are available to assist on the day or fill in parental assistance section of your child's permission form. You will be required between the hours of 9.15-2.30pm. Let me know if you have a preference for a particular event on the day. Mark this day in your diary. Thankyou Mrs Julie Gatt.



Why is it so important that students drink water?

Water is good for you. Our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather. Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Any level of dehydration can cause physical symptoms such as headaches and irritability. Given the impact of dehydration on physical ability, it is believed that your ability to concentrate will be worse if you are dehydrated.

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. Allowing and reminding students to drink water in class increases the likelihood that more. Drinking often, especially before, during and after physical activity is the best hydrated.



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they will drink
way to stay

How much water should children drink?

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

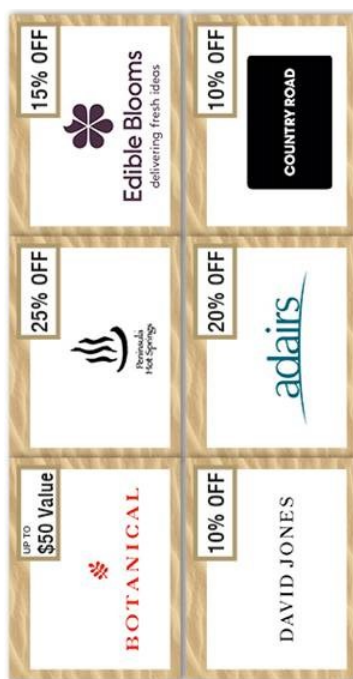
- 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds
- 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 12 year olds
- 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 13+ years * a glass is 200 ml

More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat.. Accessed online via 'Crunch and Sip' on 23/11/09
http://www.crunchandsip.com.au/interface/controls/Questions/landing_CommonQuestions.asp?q3

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Learning about disabilities

Throughout this term we will be discussing Disability Awareness and Communication as part of Camp Australia's TCAF program. Next week our activities will be focusing on abilities. We will be drawing positive images of people with disabilities to create a poster. Some fun, energetic games the children will also be participating in are, soccer skills and active group games.

For Bookings, go to www.campaaustralia.com.au

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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](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au) 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.campaaustralia.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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MERNDA DRAGONS

Email:
secretary@merndadrasons.com.au

Venue:
WA Smith Reserve
188-192 Darebin Drive, Lalor

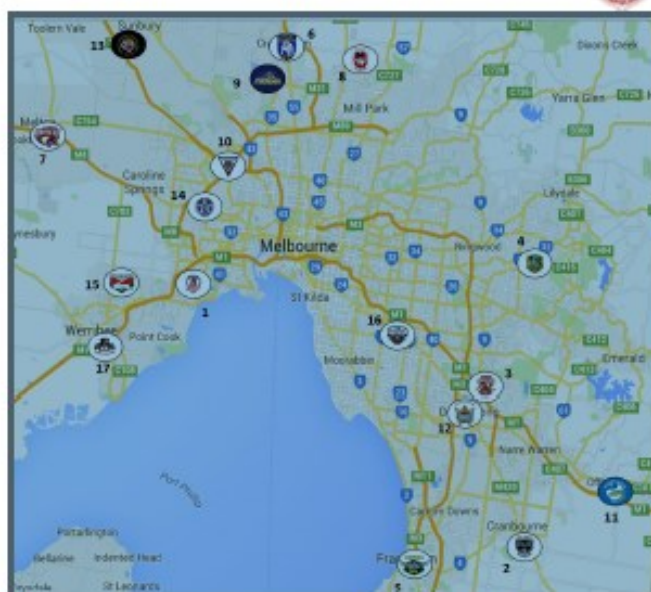


NRL VICTORIA CLUBS



- 1. Altona Roosters**
Bruce Comben Reserve, Altona
- 2. Casey Warriors**
Casey Fields, Cranbourne
- 3. Doveton Steelers**
Betula Reserve, Doveton
- 4. Eastern Raptors**
Colchester Reserve, Boronia
- 5. Frankston Raiders**
Peninsula Reserve, Frankston
- 6. Hume City Bulldogs**
Hothlyn Reserve, Craigieburn
- 7. Melton Broncos**
Macpherson Park, Melton
- 8. Mernda Dragons**
WA Smith Reserve, Lalor
- 9. Northern Thunder**
Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows

- 10. North West Wolves**
Al Davis Reserve, Airport West
- 11. Pakenham Fels**
O'Neil Road Recreational Reserve, Beaconsfield
- 12. South Eastern Titans**
Greaves Reserve, Dandenong
- 13. Sunbury Tigers**
Langama Park, Sunbury
- 14. Sunshine Cowboys**
More Park, Andeer
- 15. Truganina Rabbitohs**
Clearwood Drive Reserve, Truganina
- 16. Waverley Panthers**
Fregon Reserve, Clayton
- 17. Werribee Bears**
Haines Drive Reserve, Werribee



From Under 6's to Senior Divisions, rugby league is continuing to grow and thrive in Victoria.

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