



Calendar of Events

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

Principal's Message

Week 5

Friday
19/5

- P-4 Dance program begins

Week 6

Monday
22/5

- Report Writing Day
Student free day

Wednesday
24/5

- 2pm Tour & Chat with the Principal
- Cross Country Carnival

Thursday
25/5

- Education Week open morning 9-10.30am

Friday
26/5

- P-4 Dance program

Week 7

Thursday
1/6

- Year 5 excursion to Sovereign Hill

Friday
2/6

- P-4 Dance program

Week 8

Monday
5/6

- 2pm Tour & Chat with the Principal

Tuesday
6/6

- 7pm School Council meeting

Friday
9/6

- P-4 Dance program

Week 9

Monday
12/6

Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

Friday
16/6

- P-4 Dance program

If you missed another 'easy to listen to', enlightening, informative and engaging presentation by Chris Daicos on Monday, that is a real shame.

Thank you so much to the fifteen families who took advantage of this fabulous opportunity. Along with our 50 or so staff, we learnt to see things as 'strengths' which we can use to the optimum, over use at times, and under use on other occasions. The idea is we all have a range of strengths and that when we look at the children we start by identifying and reinforcing the strengths they use well and then try to see any behavioural traits or issues through the lens of a strength that we need to use more. Don't be surprised if your child's teacher talks to you about a strength your child displays appropriately, over uses, or under uses.

Strength Based Parenting was also Strength Based Teaching and all our staff learnt something from the night.

Thanks to the parents who have shared their thoughts about Chris' message.

We found Chris' presentation on strength-based parenting very informative. It reinforced some of our parenting strategies and we discovered new tools and dialogue to implement. The presentation has taught us to focus more on our child's strengths. We took the online survey and it was a great insight into our own strengths. We will try this with our child. This was our third time attending Chris' presentations and each time we have taken away many useful ideas. We highly recommend attending any of Chris' presentations in the future. Nick and Lena

As I have every other time I have been to a Chris Daicos presentation, I walked away with an adjusted perspective on understanding my children, and how I can improve my parenting. The biggest mind-shift I came away with was instead of focusing so much on what I saw as deficits in my children, I now realise they are simply "under-used" strengths and this simple change of language means I view my children differently. Chris was engaging as always, and I couldn't wait to go home and try the Virtues in Action test!! I love how PPPS finds such forward-thinking ... sessions. Emma

We are looking forward to next week's Education week celebrations, starting Sunday 21st to Friday 26th. Join us next Thursday the 25th of May when we will open the school between 9am and 10:30 am. Parents, grandparents, step parents and bald headed babies are welcome to see what really goes on in learning time.

The table below shows you if your child will be in a specialist class during this time. You are more than welcome to join them as they sing, create works of art, learn a new skill or game, 'ham it up' in drama or explore a new program in eLearning.

	9:00 to 9:50	9:50 to 10:30
Mr. Scanu PE - gym		Prep 12
Ms Keating – art room		2-25
Ms McKay – music room	1-21	1-16
Mrs. Mercer – drama (Ruang)	Prep 13	Prep 11
Computer Lab	Prep 9	Prep 14
Library	4-32	4-30

Thank you to our choir who will visit local kindergartens on same day to spread the good news about government education.

Principal's message cont.....

We also invite you to an evening activity to celebrate learning, however due to parent requests we have 'spread them out a bit', to allow you to be part of the Parent Partnership activities, such as Year 6 Debates. Your child's teacher will provide more details closer to the date. Just remember to mark the date on your family calendar.

A change at PPPS. After working as our cleaner for almost twenty years, Mr Rob Peel has decided to retire. His last day as cleaner will be on Friday 2nd June.

School Council would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication that Mr. Peel has shown to PPPS as both a cleaner, a parent representative on School Council and as President of School Council for a number of years. He also goes 'above and beyond' in his cleaning role. Just ask any of the children who Mr. Peel is, and they will be able to tell you exactly who he is and what he does. He's the one who gets up on the roof to retrieve balls and often shoes; who has to clean up their mess in the toilets; who opens and locks the gates; who fixes things around the school; who changes the times on the clocks; who always helps to set up and pack up for events such as Family Fun Night, to name a few things. In addition, through it all, he is the one who always has a smile on his face and a nice word to say to the children (despite the mess they make).

Please join us at assembly on Monday 29th May for a presentation to Rob and a chance for the kids and community to thank and farewell Rob as our cleaner. We'd love as many people in the community to join us as possible.

School Council has been through the long and involved process of selecting a new cleaner. We are pleased to announce that the cleaning contract has been awarded to Keyts Cleaning. Keyts is a family owned business who prides themselves on providing superior service in a friendly and accommodating way. All cleaning staff have current Working with Children Checks and thorough Occupational Health and Safety Training. There will be a handover with Mr. Peel, but essentially, the new cleaning contractor will begin on Monday 5th June.

School Council is pleased to announce that we don't lose Mr. Peel entirely as he will remain with us, but in a different role. Mr Peel will continue in his maintenance and Occupational Health and Safety role; work in the garden with Kim Crawford; do all our electrical testing and tagging; liaise with contractors; mow the grass, and you guessed it, continue to smile and have a nice word to say to our kids.

Enjoy your week by making the most of your strengths; try to curb your overused ones and make more use of your underutilised strengths. Good luck with it.

Claire McInerney
Principal

Is your child turning 4 years of age before 30 April 2018?

Apply by Friday 30 June 2017 to be considered in the first round of kindergarten placement offers for attendance in 2018. Applications submitted after this date will be accepted and processed at a later date.

If your child currently attends a 3 year old kindergarten program, they do not automatically receive a place for 4 year old kindergarten.

Application forms available from:

- Council's website: www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au
- Kindergartens
- Maternal and Child Health centres
- Whittlesea Community Connections at Pacific Epping
- City of Whittlesea Council Offices:

25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang, Westfield: Shop MM9, 1st Floor, 415 McDonalds Rd, Mill Park

For more information contact the **City of Whittlesea:**

Phone: 9217 2170 **Email:** keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

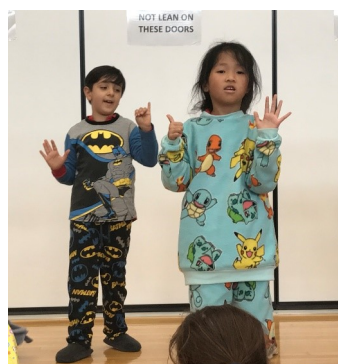
**Enrolment packs for 2018 are now
available for siblings of
current students at PPPS.**

**Packs are available for collection from
the school office.**

Ten in the Bed

by 1-23

We have been learning about subtraction in Maths. We know that counting backwards can help us to work out subtraction problems. Here is a song to help us count backwards and subtract numbers from 10.



Our Sustainable World with Prep 10

We have been learning about how to look after our planet.

We can turn off our classroom lights when we aren't in there.

We can turn off our computers at the end of the day.

We can use containers in our lunch boxes.



We are trying to grow vegetables in our classroom using the ends of carrots, sweet potato and spring onions.

We are watching very carefully to see what will happen!

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.

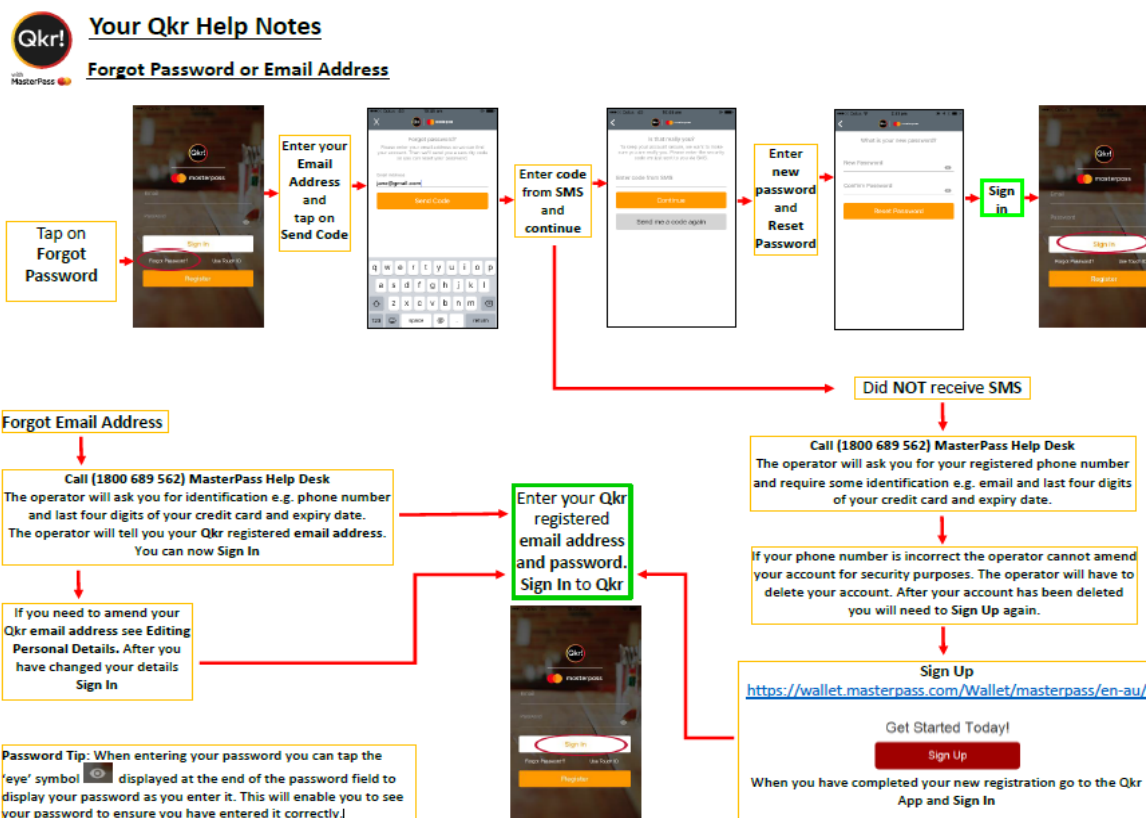
Please return the reply slip (one per family) by Tuesday 23 May, as we wish to finalise the two groups before the end of term and start rehearsals immediately in term 3.

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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students were presented on Monday 15th May, 2017

2-28	Olivia & Lucas	2-27	Elias, Lana, Maya, Faith & Andreas	2-26	Lucas & Sia	2-25	Charlotte, Lincoln, Meric & Charli
2-24	Aisling & Viola	1-23	Eric & Jerika	1-22	Peyton	1-21	Taya
1-16	Ashwath & Ashlee	1-15	Zac & Mia				

Assembly roster

TERM 2

22/5	No assembly—Report Writing day	
29/5	Years Prep-6 (special whole school assembly for Mr. Peel)	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

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	19/5	Rosa Harrison
Fri	26/5	Sylvia Hoyet
FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER		
Fri	19/5	Rosa Harrison
Fri	26/5	Catherine Norton

ANTI LITTER AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an anti litter award.

2-27	Maya	2-25	Kayla
2-24	Madeline	2-24	Olivia
1-16	Aiden	1-16	Jennifer

HOUSE POINTS

15/05/17

1st	Blue Bandcoots
2nd	Green Grasshoppers + Gold Goannas
3rd	Red Rosellas



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.

Jessica Marcy, Reading Challenge Coordinator

Round 3 results– Friday May 12th

Bushrangers Vs Mill Park Heights (Rockets)

Football– **Bushrangers** 66 points to Rockets 24 points

Soccer– **Bushrangers** 3 goals to Rockets 2 goals

Hot Shots Tennis– **Bushrangers** 1 game to Rockets 14 games

Netball A– **Bushrangers** 29 goals to Rockets 8 goals

Netball B– **Bushranger** 9 goals to Rockets 15 goals

St Francis of Assisi (Wolves) V Redbacks

Football– Wolves 22 points to **Redbacks** 26 points

Soccer– Wolves 2 goals to **Redbacks** 4 goals

Hot Shots Tennis– Wolves 8 games to **Redbacks** 7 games

Netball A– Wolves 6 goals to **Redbacks** 6 goals

Netball B– Wolves 3 goals to **Redbacks** 3 goals

Interschool Sport Program - Round 4 Friday May 19th :

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 Redbacks Vs Jets (Mill Park Heights)

Mill Park Vs PPPS Bushrangers (away).

For away games this week: Hot Shots Tennis and Netball at Mill Park PS.

Football is at WA Smith Reserve and Soccer at Sycamore Reserve



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.

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.



Winter Workout Tips

With the cold weather now setting in, it is often more tempting to stay indoors than brave the outside and exercise. But it is just as important to exercise and be active in winter as it is in warmer times.

Keeping your family active over winter can lead to a stronger immune system, making you less likely to catch colds and flu. And being outdoors in the fresh air (no matter how cold the air is!) also means you are not breathing in as much 'indoor air' which may be contaminated with colds and flu. You should feel warmer and reenergised after exercise as well!

So what are you waiting for (summer is 6 months away still!!!). Grab a coat, hat and warm shoes and head out for a family walk or other type of physical activity.

Remember these exercise tips during winter.

Warm up - Cold temperatures can make your muscles tight and prone to injury. Make sure you do a thorough warm-up prior to your exercise. (eg jogging on the spot or some star jumps)

Insulate your body – If exercising outdoors, wear layers of clothing. Layering provides the most effective heating method and allows you to remove the top layer if you get too hot.

Drink up - It's just as important to stay hydrated when exercising in winter as it is in summer, even though you might not feel as thirsty.

Wear sunscreen – You can still get burnt in winter, so if you are exercising outdoors slip, slop and slap.

Exercise Tips taken from the YMCA website (<http://www.victoria.ymca.org.au>)

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu



We are raising as much as we can to support our fundraising for constructing a new sand pit and shade cover on the sports ground, behind the gym, and we need your help!

Order your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership now. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! *THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

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

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.campaustalia.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.campaustalia.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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