DATES TO REMEMBER

- **STUDENT BANKING** - TUESDAYS
- **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES**
  WEDNESDAY 8.45 - 9.15 AM
  IN THE PERFORMING ARTS FOYER
- **LUNCH ORDERS THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS**

**April**
- 13th Term 2 resumes
- 13th - 17th Yr 6 Camp

**May**
- 5th Billy Tea Bush Dance 6.30pm
- 6th Foundation and Yr 1 Dog Safety visit
- 18th — 22nd Education Week
- 19th Bed Time Story night

School Absences
0427 016 460 is the number you can text to alert us that your child will be absent from school. Please always include your child's full name and grade.

Thank you

Did you come to our Fun Night?

There are heaps more photos on Page 3
TERM 1 HAS BEEN SUCH A FAST MOVING TERM!
It is incredible how much students, teachers and parents can fit into such a short period of time. Some highlights this term for Julie and I have definitely been the opportunity to meet with all classroom teachers to discuss the learning goals for each student at PCS. Our discussions have focused on the identification of where each child is currently working, particularly in the areas of Reading and Numeracy and where they will grow their learning to. It has already been exciting to see students moving up to 3 reading levels in one term.

The School FUN NIGHT was a huge success and the amazing community atmosphere was brilliant to see and experience. I was lucky enough to be able to bring my son Xavier along for the last hour and to be able to walk around the school sharing the experience with him was amazing.

This week we have seen the Nathan’s Nightmare Production, which was very exciting to watch. Over 70% of our 60 staff were here at school for all 3 nights encouraging the students, applying make-up, sewing costumes, selling popcorn, fairy floss and drinks and many more behind the stage things. Thank you to Miss McCurdy and her team of helpers for the many hours before and after school they have spent putting it altogether.

Next term Miss McCurdy has organised for a Whole School Bush Dance for Tuesday 5th of May, which will start at 6.30 to allow for all families to be able to attend.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:
Monday the 23rd of March saw the election of the 2015 Pakenham Consolidated School Council members. The 2015 School Council is made up of the following representatives:

President: Ainslie Thomson
Vice President: Jenny Young
Parent Representatives:
Lisa Webster
Bec Allman
Tammy Wells
Dwayne Carter
Stacey Polkinghorne
DET Representatives:
Tanya Roberts (Principal)
Julie Smith (Assistant Principal)
Aaron Bickery (Leading Teacher)
Sasha Lucas (Foundation Year Level Teacher)
Jarrod Jende (Physical Education Teacher)

School Finances: Maria Barnes

As of the start of term 2 there will be a suggestion and query box at the front office for parents to place any feedback they have for school council. These suggestions will be tabled at the beginning of all school council meetings.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Liz Marchingo who has served on School Council for 8 years, 4 as School Council President.

Tanya Roberts
Principal
Pakenham Consolidated School
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Centrepay Payments and Excursions

Thank you to the people who have elected to pay 2015 Books & Requisites by fortnightly Centrepay payments.

If you wish to pay excursions by Centrepay please come in and see whether you need to elect a greater amount deducted to cover both books & excursions. It is the schools policy that excursions are paid for before the students attend the excursion and in some cases families do not have sufficient credit on the system to cover the excursion at the time.

Please do not hesitate to call in to see Cheryl – Junior Admin or Linda – Senior Admin, if you require any assistance or would like any further information.

Gaylene Petchell from the Visiting Primary School Nursing Program will be visiting our school early next term. The school nurse will:
- Contact families or assess prep children as relevant to responses in the School Entrant Health Questionnaire.
- Assess children in Years 1-6. If you would like your child to be seen referral forms are available from the office.
- Assess children who are newly arrived from overseas.
- Follow-up children where school nurse intervention was previously required.
- Provide general health information to the school community where requested.
FEELING IS THINKING APPLICATION FORM

Student Signature

Yes, I would like to participate in the Feeling is Thinking Group

Parent/Guardian Signature

Is there a group in your care that is interested in participating in the Feeling is Thinking Group?

Yes

What would be the preferred day for the group to meet?

Parent/Guardian Signature

How does your child/child in your care express their feelings?

Child's preferred day to meet:

Contact Number:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Grade:

Name of Child:

FEELING IS THINKING APPLICATION FORM
Officer Secondary College

Officer Secondary College
Information Evening and School Tours.
Tuesday 28th April 7pm
Venue: Officer Secondary College
1 Parker St Officer 3809
Phone: 5942 4000

The Principal of Officer Secondary College welcomes all prospective parents of students for Year 7 2016 to attend an information session. During the session, you will have the opportunity to meet Principal, Mrs Michaela Cole, staff and students. The Information session will provide an outline of the College Curriculum, environment and approach to Teaching and Learning. Information provided will also include: uniform, computers, extra-curricular activities and enrolment procedure.
Dear [Parent/Guardian Name],

Thank you for your interest in Seasons for Growth Coordinator.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at [phone number] or [email].

We would like to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program.

Signature:

[Parent/Guardian Name]

Please do not send payment until you receive the request.

[Seasons for Growth Coordinator]

[Address]

[City, State ZIP]

Phone: [phone number]

Email: [email]

Seasons for Growth is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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Smoking to be banned at certain building entrances

On 5 August 2014, the Tobacco Amendment Bill 2014 was introduced into Parliament. The Bill will introduce further outdoor smoking bans to prohibit smoking:

- within the grounds of, and at and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens (or preschools) and primary and secondary schools
- at and within four metres of an entrance to children’s indoor play centres and Victoria public premises. Victoria public premises are all public hospitals and registered community health centres and certain Victorian Government buildings.

The Bill will also quadruple the penalty for possession of illicit tobacco by retailers and wholesalers, and will amend the powers of entry for inspectors to enhance enforcement of outdoor smoking bans.

Smoking ban where children play
From Tuesday 1 April, 2014, smoking is banned outdoors within 10 meters of playgrounds and skate parks, sporting venues during under 18s events and within public swimming pool grounds.

Smoking will be banned:

- at or within 10 metres of children’s playground equipment that is an outdoor public place
- at or within 10 metres of a skate park that is an outdoor public place
- at or within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organized underage sporting event, including training or practice sessions and during breaks or intervals in play
- in an outdoor area of a swimming pool complex that is a public place.

Catch up with friends before school and walk there together. There’s more time to chat and have fun!