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 only

September
- 8th Footy Pie Day
- 8th Last day for Earn and Learn Stickers
- 10th-12th Victorian State School Spectacular
- 14th—18th Yrs F, 1, 5 and 6 Production week
- 15th Division Athletics
- 15th Jack and The Beanstalk—Foundation
- 16th Final Foundation—Yr4 Swimming lesson
- 17th Jack and The Beanstalk—Yr 1
- 17th National Aerobics Competition - Bendigo
- 18th Last Day of Term 3—2.30 finish

October
- 5th Term 4 Begins

Yr 4 Camp 25th-27th November

Reminder
In term 4 all PCS students must wear a Navy Blue Bucket hat while outside.

Hats are available for $10 from all offices

PCS ONGOING FUNDRAISING

The Good Guys - Pakenham Bucks. Three easy steps.
1. Visit Hardy’s The Good Guys Pakenham and make any purchase greater than $25.00. Good Guys will donate $1 to PCS for every $25 spent.
2. Mention the school name before making your payment.
3. Receive Pakenham Bucks vouchers to be returned to the school.

Thank you to all those people who have donated Pakenham Bucks vouchers to PCS.

Cardinia Shire Council have asked us to mention to our families the following points
- No Parking in the bus zone
- Do not remove the bollards from the grass areas
- Council will fine anyone for breaking these laws

We recommend that you park at Toomuc Creek oval and walk over. We understand your frustration on this but it is beyond our control.
2016 CLASSROOM NEWS
Earlier this week I was informed by the Department that we have been approved for a new portable for the 2016 school year. The new portable will help to ensure that we are not faced with the same classing challenges as this year, with our grade 5 & 6 classes having 30+ students in each grade. On Thursday the 27th of August a group of people toured our school to decide where the new classrooms will go and what work will need to take place to ensure they are ready to be used when school begins next year. The delivery of the classrooms should start in the next month.

NAPLAN
In May our students in years 3 and 5 sat for their NAPLAN tests. Last week each of these students received their individual report which indicates how they performed on the individual tests of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. Also included in the report package is a letter from ACARA which outlines to parents how they can read and interpret their child’s performance. It is important to remember that NAPLAN provides a snapshot of each student’s performance at a particular point in time. It is just one tool that our staff use to compile an overall assessment of each child’s learning and growth.

2016 SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM
Although still in third term, our Transition program for our 2016 Foundation students is well under way. Due to the high numbers attending the program we now have 8 staff members working with our future students while the school leadership staff: Mrs Smith, Mr. Bickery, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Westwood and I work with the 2015 Foundation students. At the Cardinia Principals Meeting last week it was shared that Beaconsfield Primary School now has a ZONE in place which restricts Pakenham families not already enrolled at the school. If you know of any family’s affected by this please encourage them to contact Mrs Horsburgh or Mrs Walsh for an enrolment pack to ensure that their child can gain a place in our weekly transition program. Our Transition program, which extends into our final term, is a crucial tool in preparing our new students for their first year of formal education. We currently have 98 students enrolled to enter Foundation next year. The number of Foundation home groups is a key component of our planning processes, so thank you to those families who have already enrolled their children. It is very much appreciated as it enables our school leadership team to commence planning staffing arrangements for 2016. If there are families in our school community who are yet to enrol students for next year, or you are aware of families who are considering Pakenham Consolidated School as the school of their choice, could I please request that this is attended to very soon.

EARN and LEARN
On behalf of our staff and students, I would like to thank our families who have been supporting our school through the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. This program provides our school with the opportunity to receive equipment and resources that support a number of our learning programs including Science, Mathematics and Literacy. Our collection box for the stickers is located in our office foyer. Sticker collection will finish on Tuesday, September 8th and all sheets and coupons must be at school by this date.

Tanya Roberts
Principal
Pakenham Consolidated School
Thank you very much to Jordan from Life of Bikes in Pakenham for servicing our HPV’s. Now our senior students are able to ride them. We really appreciate it.

Finance News

At the end of this term we will be starting to look at 2016 Parent Contributions.

If you still have outstanding fees for 2015, could you please make sure that they have been paid before the end of Term 3. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Cheryl—Junior Administration or Linda—Senior Administration.

Just a reminder also about Centrepay and CSEF. If you are eligible for either and would like to complete a form, please come in and see us.

Maria Barnes
HR & Finance Officer.
Curriculum Page

In Yr 2 “Aliens love Underpants”
GIRLS CRICKET
Come & Try

WHAT
Free School Holiday Girls Cricket Come and try. (No cost)

WHEN
10am to 12pm Tuesday 29th September come and give it a go.

WHERE
Pakenham Cricket Club Oval no 2 (Practice Nets) Princess Hwy
Pakenham (MEL 215 J5)

WHO
Girls aged 10-17, no experience or equipment necessary

Register online at:
https://jmathers.wufoo.com/forms/r2o8l7r15dc5do/

Free come and try session
Tuesday 29th of September
10 to 12pm Pakenham Cricket Club Oval no 2 Princess Hwy
Pakenham (MEL 215 J5)

contact
Michael Ryan 0439 395 487
WGCA junior co-ordinator

Cricket Victoria coaching session
Contact Jason Mathers 0413 888 398
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