

Edition Six for 2023

PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Empowers students to become respectful and resilient lifelong learners



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What a colourful day we have had here today. There are book characters everywhere. It is great to see the excitement that comes from books. Thank you to everyone who put in time to celebrate with us.

Swimming is concluding next week. I hope everyone has enjoyed increasing their swimming and water safety skills. As we head into summer, these are very important skills for children to have.

Finally, we are getting some warmth back into our days. Next Friday is the 1st September, which means that we need to wear hats to go outside. We will have a warning day on Friday but **by Monday 4th September, all students must have a hat on to play outside.**

This week, I had the privilege of looking through the new buildings with our school captains. We spoke about the operable walls, the lighting and heating systems as well as how the buildings are being built to have a reduced environmental impact. We should have access to these buildings early in Term 4. This will be the start of some very major moving with the administration building being the next one to be upgraded. Please keep looking at Compass for updates on the access to the school.

I look forward to seeing all our dads and father figures at our annual Father's Day breakfast next week. The following week, everyone will be invited to come and have a look around our book fair where you will be able to purchase some books you would like.

Katrina Stewart
Principal



dates to Remember

August

29th - Year 6 Graduation photo day

30th - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program

31st - Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall

September

1st - House Meetings - **Students can wear their house colours!!!!**

7 to 8th - VSSS Rehearsal 9th - VSSS Performances

14th - R U OK day Market

14th - Year 3 & 4 Carnival Of The Animals Art Centre Excursion

15th - Last Day Term 3

October

2nd - First Day Term 4

13th - Year 2 sleep over

17th to 18th - HOP A Camp

19th to 20th - HOP B Camp

18th - Regional athletics

20th - Divisional Summer Sports

23th - Art Show

26th - Foundation Breakfast

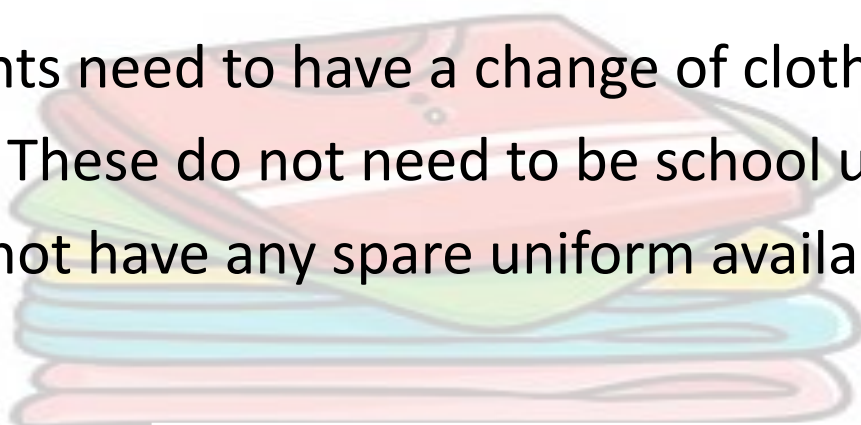
27th - House Meetings - **Students can wear their house colours!!!!**

Please remember to check Compass regularly for upcoming events!



SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES

ALL students need to have a change of clothes in their school bag. These do not need to be school uniform. We do not have any spare uniform available!



Please remember to check Compass daily for any upcoming events and newsfeeds.

If your child is away please log an attendance note with a detailed explanation explaining their absence.



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Important information about the school crossings



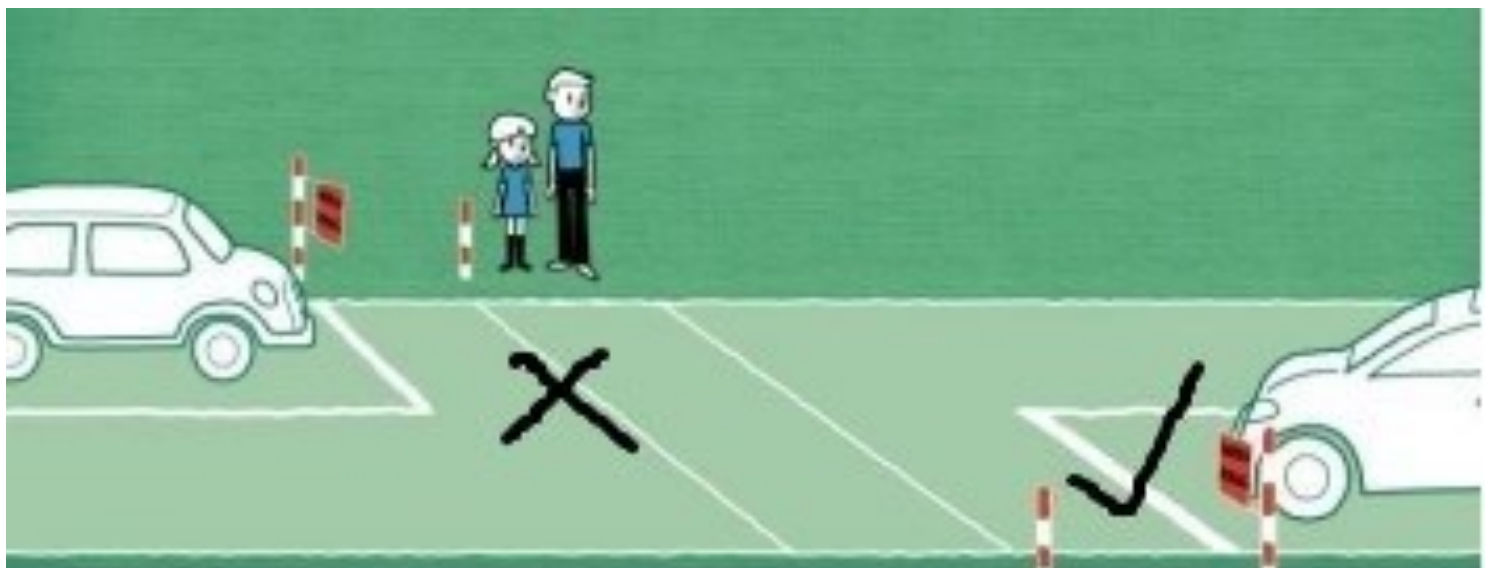
A driver approaching or at a children's crossing must stop at the stop line at the crossing if:

- (a) a hand-held stop sign is displayed at the crossing; or*
- (b) a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing.*

If a driver stops at a children's crossing for a hand-held stop sign, the driver must not proceed until the holder of the sign:

- (a) no longer displays the sign towards the driver; or*
- (b) otherwise indicates that the driver may proceed*

If a driver stops at a children's crossing for a pedestrian, the driver must not proceed until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing.



WELLBEING WISDOM

Thought of the Day

“Children merely want to know where the boundaries lie and who’s available to enforce them.”

- Dr. James Dobson

Setting boundaries for children

Setting boundaries with your child is extremely important. Healthy boundaries teach children self-discipline, safety and coping skills. Boundaries also teach children rules about what is acceptable behaviour, which is especially important when they start entering preschool.

What’s acceptable?

Before you can teach your child about boundaries, you need to know what’s acceptable for you and your family. Every family has different values, so knowing what yours are will help you to set rules and limits that work within your family dynamic.

Why are boundaries important for children?

Children need to know what you expect. This helps them to know what is appropriate behaviour and helps to set a tone for a child’s emotional development. Other benefits of healthy boundaries include:

- Helping the child feel safe and secure
- Disrupting a child’s natural entitlement tendencies
- Encourage the child to learn healthy limits
- Supporting the child get ready for the real world

Helping the child to learn healthy socialising

WELLBEING WISDOM

How to establish healthy boundaries in children

We all accept the lifelong benefits offered by healthy boundaries, but the challenge is often in the how. Establishing healthy boundaries can, at times, be challenging, but there are some easy ways to start the process, including: Setting rules, limits and routines:

These help children to know what you expect of them, especially when it comes to mealtimes, bath time, bedtime etc. Routines are especially powerful in helping kids to feel secure.

Be clear:

Don't use vague or wishy-washy language. This creates confusion and makes it harder, especially for younger children to know what you expect of them.

Be consistent:

Doing one thing one day, and something else on another day, like letting them go to bed without brushing their teeth, when normally they have to brush their teeth leads to confusion. Mixed messages also send a message to your child that it's ok to test your boundaries. Being consistent with consequences is especially important in helping children to know what to expect when rules and limits aren't respected.

Be firm, but not cold:

A warm tone goes a long way. Yelling only triggers the fight or flight response, and should only be used in emergencies. Getting angry also models unhealthy behaviour for your child.

Acknowledge and praise their efforts:

When your children do the right thing, you should acknowledge it. This encourages and provides a further incentive to keep up the desirable behaviour.

Growing early minds website is a great resource :

growingearlyminds.org.au

2023 Spring is almost here!

Is pollen a trigger to their Asthma?

Would your son/daughter like relief from their Asthma?



It's time for them to start using their prescribed Asthma "Preventer" medication.



Your son/daughter should take their prescribed PREVENTER (Flixotide, Pulmicort, etc.) medication at home every day as recommended by Asthma Victoria and their prescribing Doctor. This will help treat the underlying inflammation by making the airway less sensitive, reduce redness & swelling, help to dry up mucus and lessen the need for their prescribed RELIEVER medication. RELIEVER medication is usually a blue puffer, used for Asthma flare ups. It shouldn't be required more than twice in a week.



2023 Asthma Action Plan

Dear Parents/Carers,

If your daughter/son has been diagnosed with Asthma; we need their 2023 school Asthma Action Plan. If the Dr. doesn't want to give you an Asthma Action Plan but prescribes a Reliever medication (i.e. Ventolin), ask for a Dr.'s letter for school. This is especially important with the random changes in air quality caused by smoke haze, high pollen counts, dust / storms and the current flu and colds season. This will better enable us at PCS to care for your child in a respiratory emergency, should this arise. Asthma Action Plans must be signed by a registered Medical Practitioner.



All PCS staff are trained in Asthma First Aid & all PCS excursion First Aidkits carry reliever medication.

FOUNDATION *newsletter*



In the Classroom!

We have had so much fun celebrating our 100 Days of School this month!

We spent the day looking at everything 100, and celebrating all the learning we have done so far!

In Writing, we are beginning to look into Narrative Writing.

In Reading, we have been focusing on making inferences!

In Maths sessions, we have been learning and exploring counting backwards, and subtraction!

For Topic, we have been exploring how things work! The Foundation students have had so much fun exploring how seeds can change when planted and the water cycle.



Reminders

- Take home readers will pause during the holiday period.
- Practice High-Frequency Words
- Please check Compass regarding important information.
- Label your child's jumpers and property to ensure it can be returned correctly.
- Swimming on Wednesday!
Please label every item your child brings to swimming to ensure it can be returned if left behind.

FOUNDATION *newsletter*



Stars of the Week!

Charlotte, Luca & Jacob
FB: Noah, Wesley & Cruze
FC: Fateh, Chloe B & Hammad
FD: Alexis, Ajith & Avam

Bucket Filler!

FB: Serenity
FC: Xander
FD: Declan





Grade One News



Grade one has been busy, busy, busy learning lots of different things in the past few weeks!

Here are some of our students' favourite things so far...

1A – I really liked learning about mini beasts and ants in Topic. ELIJAH

I have loved Maths Masters because I am on my green belt. JACK

Edward the Emu is my favourite big book so far. It is a narrative. KATHLEEN

I liked soccer and running in PE. MASON

I really liked learning new things in the ICT lab. OLLIE

1B- I have enjoyed narrative writing. EVA

Learning about the different sounds vowels make, like the long o sound. LINK

We wrote a procedure about how to make fairy bread. ELISHA

Reading about ants has been fun. WALI

I liked the ball games in sport. KOA

1C- I read all about frogs. ALEXIS

The procedure writing when we made fairy bread was the best. JYE

Halving in MATHS MASTERS. Leilani

In visual arts, we learnt how to make a drum. MARTIN

I liked reading about red back spiders. NATE

1D - Minibeasts, butterflies and ladybirds, have been interesting. CLAIRE

Maths masters has been good fun, especially learning about doubles. HUNTER

The sounds of vowels I have liked it. ASHER

Blue blet in MATHS MASTERS and skip counting. HENRY

In visual art we have learnt how to draw. LAUREL



Whats new in grade 2?

NARRATIVES !

This term we have been exploring the features of narratives. The grade 2s have been exploring creating interesting characters, sizzling starts and exciting problems. We have also been analysing our favourite authors narrative writing styles.

Some sentence starters created by 2D -

I have a group with my friends, but I don't want to add anyone else.

I love Issy, but sometimes we fight.

When it was my first day of school, I was nervous.

On a sunny day, Hops wanted to go outside, but it was too hot.

Once upon a time there was two extremely close friends who were inseparable and they loved playing footy.



Money!

Grade 2 students have been learning about Australian currency system. We have had a focus on identifying the features of the coins and notes. Students have been working towards being able to correctly order the value of money and to calculate change from simple transactions.

GRADE 3 NEWS

LITERACY

We have now finished explanation writing and spent some time sharing our amazing published pieces that the grade 3s created.

This past week we have begun looking at making 'Splendid Sentences' by adding adjectives and adverbs to interesting verbs and nouns. This will help us with our narrative writing over the coming few weeks. We have also been looking at how prefixes and suffixes can change the meaning of a word.

MATHS

Students have begun to explore how to collect and identify different data sets using tally marks. This has extended to students creating questions to survey classmates, then collecting, counting, and comparing this data.

TOPIC

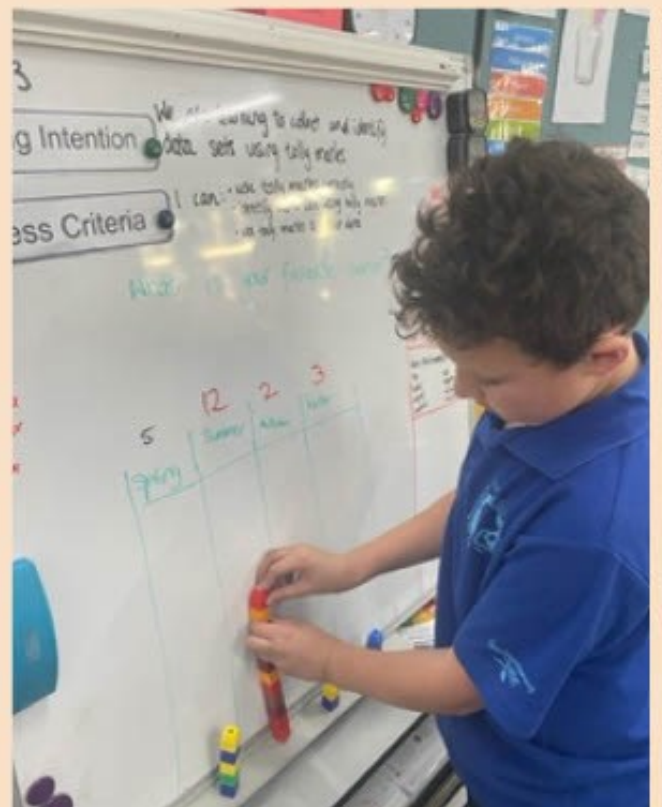
Students have continued looking at states of matter. They have explored the differences between solids, liquids and gases. They enjoyed hands on experiments with the incursion through Prime SCI and also in our classrooms.

Reminders!

Wednesday 30th August:
Survival Week at swimming

Thursday 14th September:
Carnival of the Animals and RUOK market day.

TERRIFIC THREes!



Fantastic Fours

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AUGUST EDITION, 2023



Grade 4 Winners



READING

In Reading, we have been working on Recounts, Explanations and Narratives. Many students have experienced success in their reading assessments and meeting the success criteria set for each Reading lesson! We have also been working on making inferences.



WRITING

In Writing, students finished up writing their Recounts. We also worked on writing Explanation pieces, which has involved a fair bit of research. Finally, as we have just begun our focus Narratives, they have been introduced and started being drafted. We will continue working on these.



MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we have been focusing on capacity and various containers. Students noticed that sometimes the containers are deceptive with how much they can hold. We also focused on data, data collection, data representation, location and mapping.



TOPICAL STUDIES

We have been focusing on different states of matter. They include solids, liquids and gases. Students have conducted experiments and have considered what they would like to do their presentations on.

4A Stars

Coco, Hollie, Cooper and Isabella

4B Stars

Ellarose, Naomi, Ella and Anderson

4C Stars

Sam, Aaliyah, Aqsa and Ellie

4D Stars

Alice, Carolina, Madison B and Symphony

Bucket Fillers

4A-Amelia, 4B-Harper, 4C-Sequoia, 4D- Maddison M



Fantastic Fours

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Fun Times!



A collection of photos from Maths and Science over the past month.

Stay tuned for Book Week photos next time!

What's news in Grade 5?

Welcome to the August edition of Grade 5 News! We have certainly had a jam-packed month with lots of exciting things happening in and out of the classroom. We started the month with our City Camp, conducted lots of science based investigations in topic sessions and visited the Melbourne Museum with the Grade 6s.

In English we have begun analysing and developing our understanding of narrative texts including a deeper look into the different types of narratives and creating our own worlds to base our narratives on.

In Numeracy we have been exploring and investigating location and transformation including reading maps and using directional language. We are now looking at statistics and probability.

In Topic we have begun our focus on Biological Science, including how living things evolve and adapt to their environment.

Our Stars:

- 5A** - Liam, Taya, Mason, Isaiah
- 5B** - D'Maria, Tyler, Sam, Jermaine
- 5C** - Sharon, Jackson, Jayden
- 5D** - Charley, Alex, Amber, Jonah
- 5E** - Kate, Grace, Cooper, Aurora

Our Bucket Fillers:

Sophie
Laurance
Cooper L
Brodie

Reminders:

- *Fathers Day Breakfast - Thursday 31st August
- *RUOK? Day & PCS Market Afternoon - Thursday 14th September
- *Term 3 finishes - Friday 15th September



Our month in pictures

MUSEUM EXCURSION



TOPIC WORK



Our City Camp



SAVVY SIXERS

July

Please encourage your grade 6's to keep up their nightly reading!

Literacy



In reading and writing students have been analysing the structure and language features of narrative texts to create their own. So far, they have constructed maps of their location, developed a main character and created a story arc.

In word work we are exploring a range of spelling rules and strategies to improve our understanding of apostrophes and prefixes and suffixes.



Maths



During maths, we have been extending our understanding of location and transformation as well as chance and data. Students conducted chance experiments, graphed data, applied transformations to a range of shapes and used coordinates to identify locations.

In maths masters, our students have been working hard to practise a range of number skills to achieve their goals.

Topic

In topic sessions, students have been enjoying hands on activities including digging for fossils!

As part of science week students participated in science rotations which included making oobleck, separating DNA from fruit and making ice-cream.

Students also had the opportunity to get a better understanding of how species adapt at the Melbourne Museum.



STAR OF THE WEEK

6A

Scarlett
Maddy
Andrew
Sophia

6B

Cody
Alier
Harry
Caitlin

6C

Tommy
Cooper
Winston
Lachlan

Reminders

- Don't forget your nightly reading!



BUCKET FILLER

Seth, Dante & Mikayla



◆◆◆ SAVVY SIXERS ◆◆◆

★ FUN TIMES ★

BOTS



Fossil Digging



Excursion to The Melbourne Museum



Book Week

"Read, Grow, Inspire"



Book Week





Sustainability

Don't forget the Green Team meet in Ms Harrington's room once per fortnight on a Monday. All Senior School students are encouraged to come along and join us in helping make PCS more sustainable!



Competition for Primary School Students

"Wonderful Worms"

Tell us how wonderful worms are for our soil and for the environment.

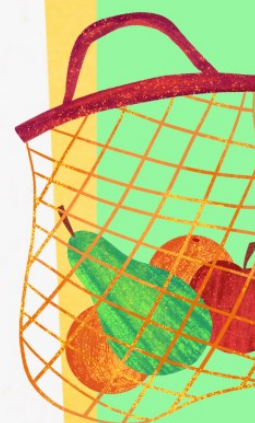
Lots of GREAT PRIZES to be won including \$500 and \$100 vouchers

Entry can be in any digital format - video, mural, posters, or even a rap dance!

To enter, scan the QR code
or visit:
www.soilweekaustralia.com.au



Free to enter
Competition open now
Closes 15 Sept 2023





Biology Elective



Incursion with Louisa from Bunnings





Cooking Through Science



CASEY ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE

SNACKS AND
DINNER PROVIDED

KIDS GROUP

PILOT PROGRAM
ONLY 20 SPACES
AVAILABLE

FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER KIDS
AGED 5 - 9 YEARS OLD



JOIN US EVERY WEEK AND HAVE FUN

EVERY TUESDAY | 4PM - 5:30PM

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Aspire Pakenham's 'Mums & Bubs' Fitness Session

Are you a new mum?

Join us at Aspire Pakenham for free fortnightly fitness sessions run by personal trainer Chantelle. These classes will help you gently get back into movement, as well as provide a supportive environment for your baby to play, interact and enhance their social skills.

Tuesdays at 11:00am - 12:00pm

~ from July 24th on a fortnightly basis ~

Run by Personal Trainer Chantelle!

Chantelle is a Mum of four, who is passionate about training mums, pregnant and postnatal.

The classes are specifically designed for the needs of you and your new baby or younger child.

Light equipment and mats provided

RSVP

Register your interest in attending at reception or emailing us at pakenham@aspireearlyeducation.vic.edu.au

Numbers will be limited so get in quick!



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BERWICK BRAVES



SOFTBALL

CLUB

REGISTRATION/COME AND TRY DAY

SATURDAY 16 SEPT 2023

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Sweeney Reserve - corner of Melzac Drive
and Dempster Way, Berwick



**ALL NEW JUNIOR PLAYERS WHO
REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A FREE
GIFT WHICH INCLUDES A BAG, HAT
AND DRINK BOTTLE.**

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FREE FATHER'S DAY FAMILY EVENT

Thursday 31st August

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Free Sausage Sizzle, Photo Booth, AEG, Makita,
Swan Security! Kids Craft and Free Popcorn!!

For more details or to book
your spot, scan QR Code

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Moonlit Sanctuary
the best way to see Aussie animals

GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AND NATIVE ANIMAL CARE

Includes interactions with kangaroos, pythons, feeding animals, food prep and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.
For ages 7-14 years.

Spring Holiday Program

Week 1: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd September

Week 2: Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th September

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935
www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 4pm. Keeper Club runs
from 9:00am-2:00pm.

