

Edition Five for 2023

PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Empowers students to become respectful and resilient lifelong learners



PO BOX 120 PAKENHAM 3810 T: 03 5941 1511 F: 03 5941 1541 E: Pakenham.cs@education.vic.gov.au



Term 3 has begun well, and the F-4 students are all in routine of swimming on Wednesdays. This is a very valuable program that we are fortunate to be able to offer. The swimming program operates each Wednesday until 30th of August.

This week we have 19 students and 1 staff member at Somers Camp. This is a biannual camp that is offered to our network. Students spend 9 days at the camp and get to meet with other local students while doing a range of outdoor activities. I look forward to hearing all their stories when they return on Wednesday.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results have arrived at school. We have your results sheets ready to send home. If you would like it sent home with your child, please email the school. Otherwise, they will be posted at the end of the week. Please note that we do not have a copy of the results and many secondary schools ask for them. Make sure you keep the results in a safe place.

Congratulations to all our students who have been out representing our school. The last 2 Thursdays we have had our basketball Hooptime teams playing at Cardinia Life. I was able to get down to the senior day and it was great to see all our students encouraging each other. We had a few teams make the grand finals and everyone enjoyed the day. We have also had our aerobics teams compete at Diamond Creek on Thursday. The staff said they were also great sports, and all did their very best.

Last Friday we had 45 of our 2024 foundation students attend their first transition session. This is the biggest first session we have ever had. If anyone knows of students who are looking at attending here in 2024, please ask them to call the office before the next transition session on August 11th.

Book Week dress up day is on Thursday 24th August. I look forward to having a great day celebrating books.

Katrina Stewart

Principal

dates to Remember

August

- 2nd - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program
- 2nd to 4th - Year 5 Camp
- 9th - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program
- 11th - Year 3 & 4 PrimeSci Incursion
- 16th - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program
- 18th - Year 5 & 6 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- 23rd - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program
- 24th - Book Week dress up
- 25th - House Meetings **Students can wear their house colours!!!!**
- 25th - District athletics
- 29th - Year 6 Graduation photo day
- 30th - Foundation to Year 4 Swimming Program
- 31st - Fathers Day Breakfast and Stall

September

- 7 to 8th - VSSS Rehearsal
- 9th - VSSS Performances
- 14th - R U OK day
- 14th - Year 3 & 4 Carnival Of The Animals Art Centre Excursion

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 as we have handed these out to students who had no spare uniform.

Parent parking near OSHC/ELC

Parents are not permitted to park in front of the OSHC/ELC building, for safety reasons.

Please park across the road in the car park, or in a near by street.



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



All our school policies are available on our school website
www.pakconps.vic.edu.au



Emergency Management Training

During the school year we will be testing our emergency procedures to ensure that the School Community are familiar with their role, should such an event occur.

These evacuation safety drills and lock down safety drills will occur at random. If you are in the school visiting during these times, we ask that you follow staff directions. If you are about to enter the school, you may be asked to leave and return later.

We will try to minimise any inconvenience, however, as in real emergencies, students may not be available to be picked up until after the practise drill has concluded.

Thank you for your understanding as we promote safety preparedness throughout our School Community.

LOST PROPERTY

Blue bin & hanger located in main corridor near Staff Room

Please ensure clothing, hats, drink bottles & lunch boxes are **named with permanent black OR white ink or stick-on labels**. Please ensure FIRST INITIAL and SURNAME are included if you can't fit full name. e.g. S. Smith. Grades aren't necessary. We have had many new jumpers without names. Please **re-ink faded labels**, particularly those students who are going swimming.

Thank you!



Nicole Jones

Art Teacher

Second hand uniforms are available at the office.

School dresses \$10 each

Everything else \$2 per item

House t-shirts, windcheaters, sun hats and discounted uniform are available through our Trybooking page:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/eventlist/eventListingAccount/pakenhamconsolidatedschool?embed=1>



Our Father's Day breakfast will be held on the
morning of
Thursday 31st of August.

Please check Compass for more details.

**The Father's Day Stall will be held on the same
day.**

**We are looking for volunteers to run the stall.
If you are interested, please contact the office.**

Celebrating Book Week

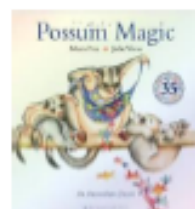


The Children's Book Council of Australia's annual Book Week returns in 2023 with the theme **"Read, Grow, Inspire"**. Every year, the CBCA holds a Book Week across Australia to promote the importance of reading and the joy that children can find in it. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. It is a chance to celebrate reading and emphasise the importance of literature in education.



During the week of Monday 21st - 25th of August, PCS will be celebrating **'Book Week'** with a **'Dress Up'** day on **Thursday 24th August**.

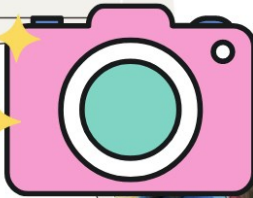
We are inviting students to dress up on this day around this year's theme or come dressed as your favourite character, favourite author or your favourite book! You do not need to go out and purchase expensive costumes. See what you have around the house and enjoy being creative!



*Please note that **'Book Fair'** will take place during the week of Monday 4th – Friday 8th September. Students will be given the opportunity to browse the books in their weekly library session and make a wish list of possible books to purchase.

Further information about **'Book Fair'** to follow shortly.

FOUNDATION *newsletter*



In the Classroom!

What a fun start to Term 3 we have had!

In Writing, we have been looking at Procedures. The Foundation students have had so much fun exploring and learning the methods of how to do different things, and what a procedure looks like.

In Reading, we have been focusing on making predictions! Students have been really good at using the clues from the text to predict what might happen next.

In Maths sessions, we have been learning about counting on, and we are now beginning to learn and explore addition!

For Topic, we have been exploring how things work! Students have had so much fun learning about and experimenting with how popcorn and lava lamps work!

The Foundation students have also really enjoyed their swimming lessons each week on Wednesday!

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!

FA: Mansirat, Ben

FB: Raiden, Eden

FC: Will, Dirusheak

FD: Lylah, Asra

Bucket Filler!

FC: Fateh

FD: Olivia





Pakenham Consolidated School



Grade 1 Classroom News

Welcome to Term 3.

Well done to all students who worked with enthusiasm during Semester One, producing work of a high standard in all curriculum areas. In Term 3 we are ready to learn more.

We are excited to be going swimming on Wednesdays and looking at minibeasts in our topic studies.

Writing: In Term 3 students will be given further opportunities to extend their writing skills. The writing types covered this term will be Procedure and Narrative writing and there will be a focus on handwriting.



Reading: This term the students will continue to work on strategies to assist them with decoding unfamiliar words. The students will investigate fiction and non-fiction texts. They will look closely at verbs, adjectives and adverbs. We will use the Reading Eggs Program to further build our knowledge of reading, letters and their sounds. This program uses a personal password and can be used at home if you have a computer or iPad. Ask your class teacher for your password!



Mathematics: We will be covering a range of concepts including Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Measurement, Problem Solving, Chance and we are also looking at Division for the first time! Maths lessons are differentiated, practical, interactive and fun!

Topic: This term our topic is MINIBEASTS. We are excited to explore the incredible creatures that live on Earth like insects, arachnids, myriapods, crustaceans, annelids and molluscs. We will look at their features, habitats and life cycle.



WHAT'S NEW IN GRADE 2

6+1 TRAITS!

Throughout Term 3, all Grade 2 classes have had a big focus on the 6+1 traits.

The 6+1 traits consist of organisation, ideas, voice, word choice, conventions, sentence fluency and presentation.

These are all traits that good writers possess. As a year level, all classes have been referring to these traits in both reading and writing.

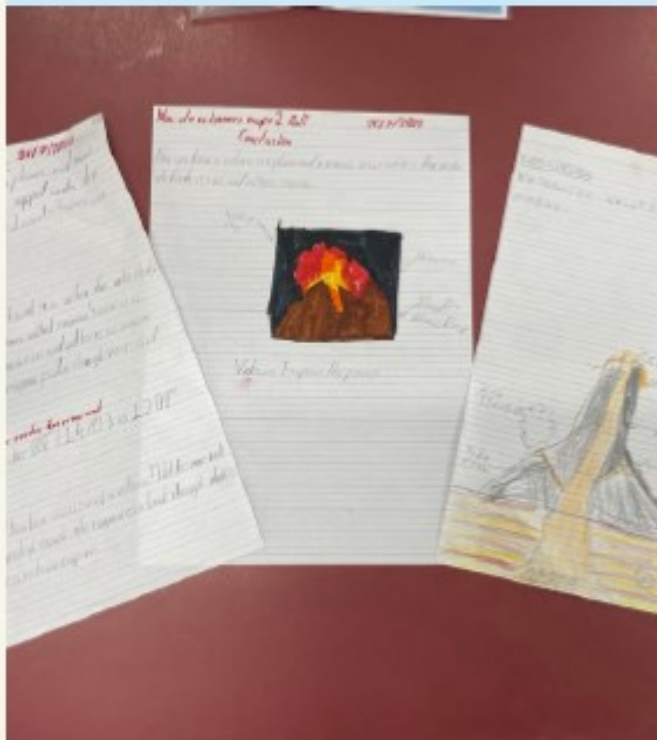


Procedural writing!

In writing the Grade 2s have been learning about procedural texts. We have recently completed a procedure on 'How to brush your teeth'. All classes have also been focusing on the 6+1 traits of writing to become amazing writers!

YEAR 3 NEWS

26.7.2023



MATHS

Students have been exploring how to solve a range of different number patterns. They have used hands on materials and counting strategies to solve problems.

Water	freeze	
Water/Salt	freeze	
Cordial	freeze	
Milk	freeze	
Milk/sugar	freeze	
Soft drink	freeze	

LITERACY

Over the past few weeks we have been looking at explanation writing as well as the similarities and differences between two texts. Students have researched different topics and explored how specific things work within our world.



TOPIC

Students have begun looking at different states of matter. They have explored the difference between a solid, liquid and gas. We have completed a range of experiments freezing different liquids and looking at how some states of matter can be reversed while others are irreversible.

Fantastic Fours

4

JULY EDITION, 2023

**TERM
3**

WELCOME TO GRADE 4!

Welcome back to Term 3 and Semester 2 of Grade 4. Things are certainly going to be busy over the next few months, so please make sure to be checking Compass regularly, getting those diaries in and ensuring we are getting to school.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Swimming- every Wednesday up to and including Week 8 (last session- 30th of August)
Week 6- Science Week- 14th- 19th of August
Week 7- Book Week- 21st- 25th of August
24th of August- Book Week Dress Up Day
25th of August- 'States of Matter' incursion in the gym

READING

In Reading, we have been focusing on finding information in non-fiction texts, with a particular focus on procedural texts and explanations. We also doing reading testing, so you may see some different levelled readers coming home.

WRITING

In Writing, we have been making and creating items. Once these items have been made, we have been writing the procedure we have followed in order to make the items, ensuring to include the steps/instructions and the materials.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we have spent the first two weeks focusing on money, including making values using coins and notes, change and creating financial plans. We have now moved onto Mass and are figuring out the weight of various items.

STATES OF MATTER



TOPICAL STUDIES

In Topic, we are looking at the three different 'States of Matter'- solids, liquids and gases. We have looked at how they change through the processes of heating and melting.

Awards!

4A	4B	4C	4D
Ava, Indie.L	Gurfateh, Chloe	Fatima	Bailey, Taya

Bucket Filler

Simra 4A and Hayley 4B

Fantastic Fours

4

Fun Times!



A collection of photos from our Topic Project presentations at the end of Term 2.

What's news in Grade 5?

Welcome to the July edition of Grade 5 News! We are now well and truly into the swing of things for Term 3 with some wonderful learning happening in each of our classrooms. We are excitedly preparing for camp and can't wait to head off on our city adventure on the 2nd August.

In English we have been analysing and developing our understanding of explanation texts and how they differ from information reports.

In Numeracy we have been exploring and investigating number properties and the 4 operations. We have also been creating our own Maths games based on 1 or more of the 4 operations.

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

Our Stars:

5A - Lucius, Isaac
5B - Madi, Miah
5C - Alouera, Caleb
5D - Karlyn, Kellan
5E - Ekam, Blake

Our Bucket Fillers:

Jack
Jacob

Reminders:

- *Grade 5 camp is almost here: Wed 2nd - Fri 4th August.
- *Excursion to Melbourne Museum - Friday 18th August. Please see Compass for consent and payment.

Our month in pictures



In the classroom



Maths
Masters



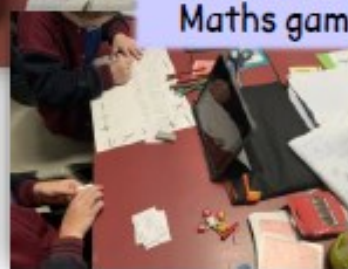
Topic



Wellbeing



Making our own
Maths games



Battle of the seniors



Mr Squiggle
challenge



These are the
winning designs
from each class



◆◆◆ 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 features of explanation texts in order to write their own text on a topic of their choice

In word work we are exploring a range of spelling rules and strategies to improve our ability to spell regular and irregular plurals.



Maths



During maths, we have been extending our understanding of number and place value, specifically focusing on the four operations and positive and negative integers.

In maths masters, our students have been working hard to practise skills in order to achieve their goals.

Topic

This term we have begun investigating biological sciences including concepts such as evolution and adaptation.

So far this term we have been exploring adaptations in plants and animals and how these adaptations help the organisms survive. We have also been looking at the scientific method in order to run a range of experiments.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reminders

- Science excursion to Melbourne Museum on the **18th of August.**
- Don't forget your nightly reading!



6A

Andrew
Declan

6B

Izzy
Lexi

6C

Chloe
Aliyah



BUCKET FILLER

Alecia & Tyler O



◆◆◆ SAVVY SIXERS ◆◆◆

★ FUN TIMES ★

Topic Experiments



BOTS: Mr Squiggle



Winner: Shakoby from 6C

Human Knot Teamwork Challenge



Auslan News

July 2023

The Auslan alphabet



Making puzzles to learn the Auslan alphabet was fun, fun fun! Students did an amazing job fingerspelling 3 letter words after building their puzzles.



WONDERFUL!



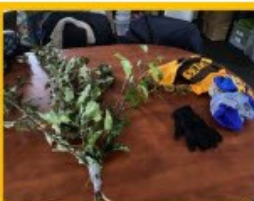
Katie loves visiting our classrooms to see what we can sign!



Melbourne Art Centre
Grade 4 excursion



A great day was had by all in the city watching a live theatre performance!



Weather

Students had a wonderful time making videos, dressing up and reporting on the weather in Auslan. They gave each other feedback, uploaded their videos to Seesaw and added captions to show what was being signed.



I look forward to sharing our learning with you again soon,
❤️ Mrs Green



Taking away one of our senses to learn about Listening Fatigue.



WELLBEING WISDOM

8 TIPS TO HELP CREATE A POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE

1

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE POWERFUL

What we are is far greater, far superior, far more important, and far more mysterious than our conceptual mind tries to define.

2

CHOOSE TO EMBRACE LIFE

Let go and embrace the moment, whether it contains an obstacle or an opportunity. Stop fussing over trivial matters and start focusing on what's really important to you.

3

YOU GET TO CONTROL YOUR REACTIONS

We create our outside reality by the thoughts and beliefs we maintain about life in general. What we believe in our inner world, we see in our outer world—not the other way around.

4

KNOW THAT NO ONE IS BETTER QUALIFIED

No matter what anybody says about you, it doesn't hold any significance to who you truly are unless you identify or agree with them.



If you have good
thoughts, they will
shine out of your
face like sunbeams
and you will always
look lovely!

Roald Dahl

Junior Lunch Time Clubs

MONDAY 1st HALF	Dancing Club In Performing Arts room
TUESDAY 1st HALF	Skipping/Hula Hoops near Junior Basketball court
WEDNESDAY 1st HALF	Chalk Drawing in the Courtyard
THURSDAY 1st HALF	Chalk Drawing in the Courtyard
FRIDAY 1st HALF	Drawing Club in the Gym Foyer

Senior Lunch Time Clubs

MONDAY 1st HALF	Basketball on Senior Basketball court
TUESDAY 1st HALF	Drawing Club in Room 4 (3A)
WEDNESDAY 1st HALF	Skipping/Hula Hoops in the Courtyard
THURSDAY 1st HALF	Netball near Senior Basketball court
FRIDAY 1st HALF	Chalk Drawing near Senior Basketball court



**MacKillop
Family
Services**

Drop in and have a coffee with us

Free advice/information. Make friends. Enjoy social activities.

Who: All welcome (parents/carers/family/friends)

Cost: Free (coffee provided)

Where: Chimes Café, Cardinia Cultural Centre

When: 9:30am, every Thursday

Themed Sessions

27 July: NDIS/ECEI: What is it and how to access it?

10 August: School Refusal – What now?

17 August: Emotional Regulation – Some tips and strategies

24 August: Managing Anxiety – Some tips and strategies

31 August: Money Mind – Financial Education

To find out more, please contact our Early Help team on the details below.



0467 422 457



earlyhelp.sma@mackillop.org.au



Saver Plus

Program includes:

- Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500
- Money Minded workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings



SCAN ME

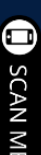
Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a health/concession card holder;
- Be in receipt of a Centrelink Payment
- Be studying or have a child in school
- Have some regular income from work
- Be 18+ years old



State Schools' Relief

Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.



SCAN ME

Eligibility Criteria

Situations include but not limited to:

- Unemployment
- Health issues/illness
- Financial difficulties
- Independent living and/or homelessness
- Natural disasters
- Bereavement
- Domestic and family violence



Eligibility Criteria

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder;
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care

Camps, Sports and Education Fund

Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
 - swimming and school-organised sports programs
 - outdoor education programs
 - excursions and incursions
- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students
\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.



SCAN ME



Computerbank

Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker



SCAN ME



REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER



BLISS
DISABILITY
CARE SERVICES

Your Care Our Responsibility

About Us

Bliss Disability Care Services is a registered NDIS Provider. We are committed to enriching peoples quality of life and supporting skill development. We provide flexible consistent and reliable support services that are responsive to the individuals needs.

Services We Provide

- **ASSIST WITH PERSONAL CARE**
- **COMMUNITY ACCESS**
- **HOUSEHOLD TASKS**
- **ACTIVITY CENTRE**
- **TRAVEL/TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE**
- **LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**
- **SIL / STA / RESPITE**
- **COMMUNITY NURSING CARE**
- **CONTINENCE ASSESSMENT**



0470 483 767



info@blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au



www.blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au



**BLISS
DISABILITY
CARE SERVICES**
Your Care Our Responsibility

About us

Bliss Disability Care Services is a registered NDIS Provider. We are committed to enriching people's quality of life and supporting skill development. We provide flexible, consistent and reliable support services that are responsive to the individual's needs and wishes.

How we can help you and your family

We can provide your family with a support worker to assist with getting your child ready for school, transport to and from school as well as supporting your child after school whether it be assisting with meals, homework or engaging in activities. Anything your child may need, we are here to help.

Please contact us so we may discuss how we can assist your family.



REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER



0470 483 767

info@blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au

www.blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au



**BLISS
DISABILITY
CARE SERVICES**
Your Care Our Responsibility

ACTIVITY CENTRE

When:

Saturdays and Sundays
10am - 2pm

Where:

60 Main St, Pakenham

Who:

NDIS participants aged 5-18yo

What:

ARTS AND CRAFTS
HEALTHY COOKING
GAMES AND DANCING
COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS



REGISTERED
NDIS
PROVIDER

0470 483 767

info@blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au

www.blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au



**BLISS
DISABILITY
CARE SERVICES**
Your Care Our Responsibility



Registered NDIS Provider



About us

Bliss Disability Care Services is a registered NDIS Provider. We are committed to enriching people's quality of life and supporting skill development. We provide flexible, consistent and reliable support services that are responsive to the individual's needs and express wishes.

FREE CONSULTATION

Bliss Disability Care Services provides a free consultation to everyone. Contact us to arrange a meeting according to your suitable time to discuss your future support opportunities.

Our Mission

To be the first choice for people with disability. We aim to be creative and responsive to your needs and aspirations whilst embedding people in their community.

Our Vision

We envision a world where all people hold the power to create opportunity for themselves and others.

Our Services

- Plan Manager
- Community Nursing Care
- Household Tasks
- Development Life Skills
- Assist Personal Activities
- Assist Travel/Transport
- Participate Community

+61470483767

Info@blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au

www.blissdisabilitycareservices.com.au



What is NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a Commonwealth Government initiative helping people under 65 with a disability to access the care and support they need. It is for people with a permanent or significant disability that affects their ability to lead an everyday life and delivers a broad range of care and support services.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has the task of implementing the NDIS. The NDIA commenced work in July 2013 following years of discussion about the need for a major reform of disability services in Australia.

Our values:

- **Inclusiveness:** we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- **Participation:** we value and recognise the contribution of people with disabilities within organisations and communities.
- **Quality:** we strive for excellence through continuous improvement.
- **Openness:** we are committed to a culture of teamwork and collaboration with all our stakeholders and families.
- **Innovation:** We create and respond to innovative practices that will enable our people to flourish.
- **Honesty & Integrity:** In all that we do, in all that we say, in all that we create.
- **Empathy:** We understand what others are going through and are here to provide support.
- **Accountability:** It's what we do and do not do for which we are accountable.
- **Respect:** We show people they are important to us and the community by what we do and say.



**BLISS
DISABILITY
CARE SERVICES**
Your Care Our Responsibility