



**Empowers students to become respectful and resilient lifelong learners**

## Upcoming Events

### May

- 9th - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 10th - Mother's Day Stall
- 20th - Whole School Photos - orders via Compass
- 22nd - Curriculum Day - student free day
- 27th to 31st - Year 6 Camp - students at school by 8.30am

### June

- 7th - House Meetings - student can wear house colours.
- 10th - King's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closed
- 11th to 14th - Dental Van Visit
- 25th - Parent Teacher Interviews - information to come out on Compass in near future.
- 28th - Last Day of Term Two - students finish at 2.30pm

### July

- 15th - First Day of Term Three

# PCS NEWSLETTER

May Edition



## Principal Report

Welcome to Term 2.

Once again, we have many activities planned for this term. Thanks to all the families who attended our open night last week. We hope you enjoyed all the activities. There was a real hype in the gym with many parents getting in and challenging their children to different games. We have our Mother's Day breakfast and stall coming up next week. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help at the stall. We have school photos this term, as well as Year 6 camp, Lightning Premiership, a few excursions and a visit from the dental van.



We have an unusually high number of staff absent at the moment. This is due to many bugs going around. Please try to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell.

This term is traditionally one where we have many wet days. There will be days when we are inside for the whole day due to the weather. If you would like to send along a card game or puzzle book for these days, please have a chat with the class teacher. This may help to ensure that we have activities for all students during these times.

Parking around schools is always an issue. We are lucky to have the car park opposite the school and parking available at the football oval. Those who park at the football oval and walk across the bridge report that it is a far better way to get away quickly due to the direct access to the highway. National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is being held on Friday 10th May. All Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. There are many advantages of walking to school and the football oval drop off is a great place to start.

Thank you to our school captains and Miss Rheinberger for attending the Pakenham ANZAC Day dawn service on the school's behalf. It was a crisp morning to be out, but they represented our school extremely well.

As the wet weather increases, it is a good idea to have a change of clothes available in case of slips in puddles. We have a very limited supply of spare clothes if anyone needs to get changed. A reminder that we have a curriculum day on Wednesday 22nd June. No students will be required at school on that day.

**Parking a problem?**



**Tired of traffic?**



**WHY NOT TRY  
SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT?**



**Other school pick up and drop off options include:**

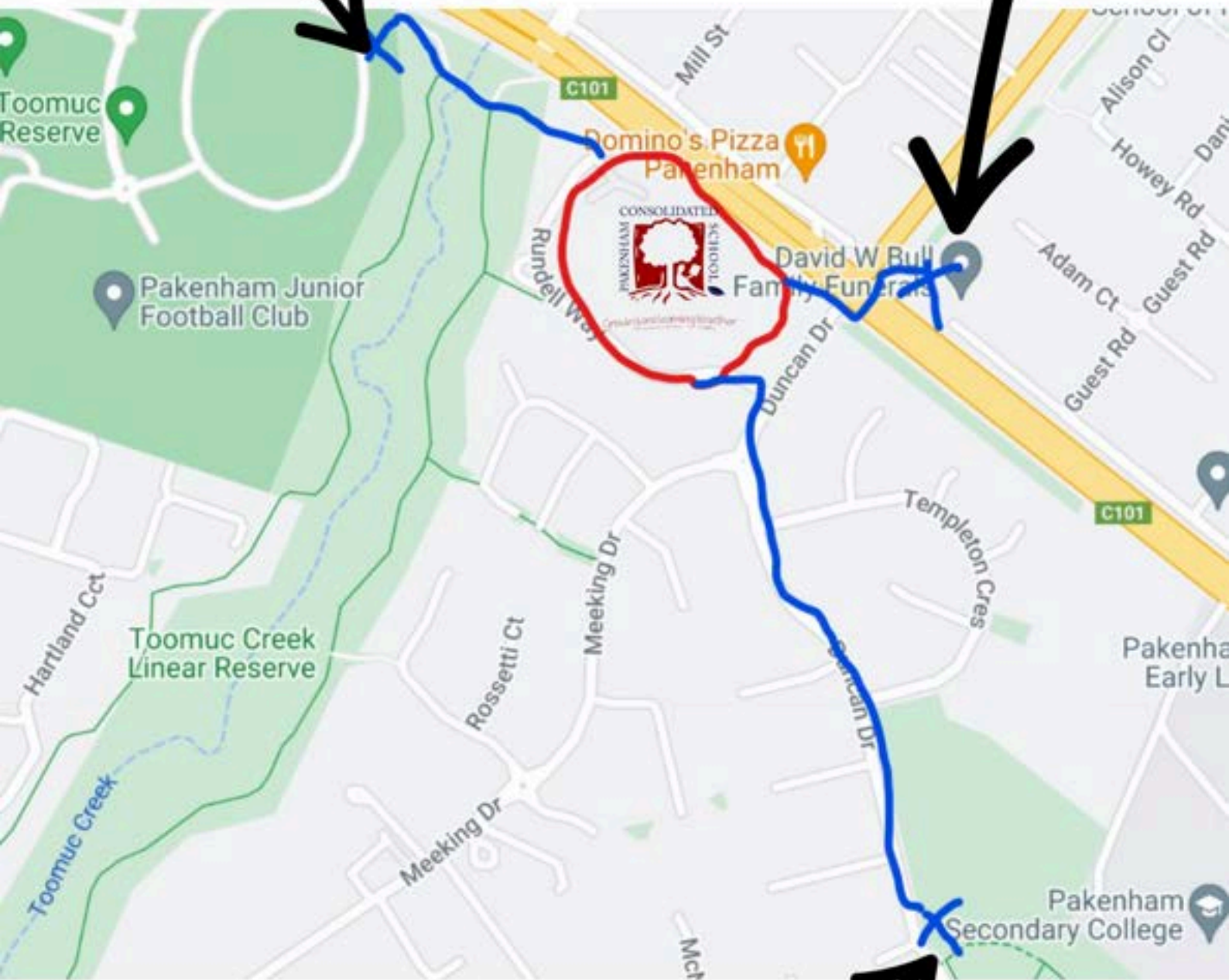
- Parking at **Toomuc Oval** and Walking across the bridge
- Parking at **Lilypond House** and walking down Duncan Drive
- Parking at the **funeral home** and using the lights to cross the road



# WHY NOT TRY **SOMETHING DIFFERENT?**

**TOOMUC OVAL  
(300m Walk)**

**Funeral Home  
(250m Walk)**



**Lilypond House  
(1km Walk)**

# FOUNDATION FUN

## Foundation News

In Reading, we have continued to focus on the skills needed when reading such as finger pointing to keep track, using the pictures as cues and our letter/sound knowledge when attempting to sound out words. The children have enjoyed Reading Group rotations where they do a variety of activities throughout the week that give them the opportunity to practise these skills. We have been looking at the difference between Fiction and Nonfiction texts.

In Writing, we have been learning how to write factual sentences. We have been checking to make sure that we have started our sentences with a capital letter, included finger spaces and finished them with a full stop.

In Maths, we have been learning about Mass. Students had the opportunity to lift items and use balance scales to identify which item was heavy and which was light. We have also been investigating 2D shapes. Students have identified common shapes and created pictures using familiar and unfamiliar shapes.

During Topic this term we are learning to become 'Ranger Ready' and will investigate 'What makes animals special and how can we help them survive?' We look forward to our excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary in May. More information coming soon!

## Upcoming Events

- 🌸 **Mother's Day Breakfast**
- 🌸 **Mother's Day Stall**
- 🌸 **School Photos**
- 🌸 **Curriculum Day**
- 🌸 **Keep an eye on Compass for our upcoming excursion!**

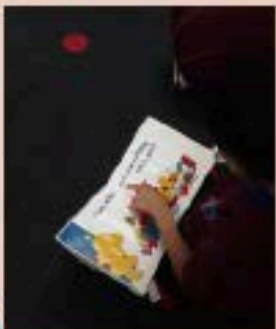
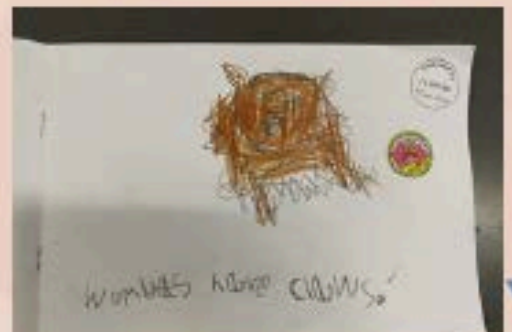
## Class Stars and Bucket Fillers

Congratulations to our Bucket Fillers and Class Stars for the month of March & April!

## Reminders

Please remember to read your Take Home Book each night and look for your High Frequency Words. These should be returned and swapped every day. Yellow diaries MUST be signed by an adult to count toward your child's nights of reading total.

It is good to see how many students have already attained their book mark at assembly for 50 nights of home reading.



**We learnt about the importance of ANZAC Day and made some poppies.**



Australian Early Development Census

## School newsletter

### Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their **first year of full-time school**.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information. The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and

governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit:  
[www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

If you have any questions, you can contact the AEDC Coordinator for our school, Mrs Rosemary Westwood.



# What's new in GRADE 1



## IN THE CLASSROOM

In Term 2, our students will explore fiction and non-fiction texts, write factual sentences and continue working on their high frequency words.

In Maths, we have begun looking at addition and subtraction and will start working on understanding different types of measurement, including time, length and capacity, in the coming weeks.

Our students are also very excited to be learning about geography this term in Topic.

## REMINDERS

Please continue to read each night – diaries must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Practise reading and writing high frequency words.

Check Seesaw regularly.

Thanks from the  
Grade 1 Team

## WELCOME EVERYONE!

## FUN TIMES

Over the last few months our students have had the opportunity to participate in lots of special activities.

This includes our Grade 1 dinner (thank you to all the staff who came to help us on the night!), as well as Athletics day at Toomuc Reserve, Harmony Day and our Easter Bonnet Parade.

All the students had a great time and we were very proud of everyone.

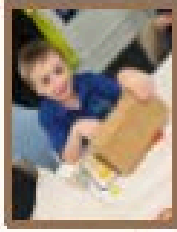
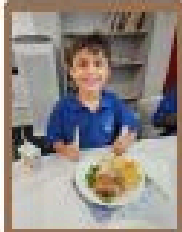
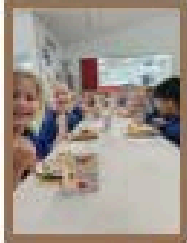
## AWARD WINNERS

1A	Kiara, Cruz, Ruben & Jordan
1B	Axel, Vincent, Emily & Kobe
1C	Isaac, Jack, Wesley & Ivy
1D	Will, Xander, Chloe & Avam
Bucket Filler	Isaac, Rachel & Olivia

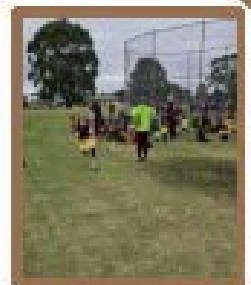
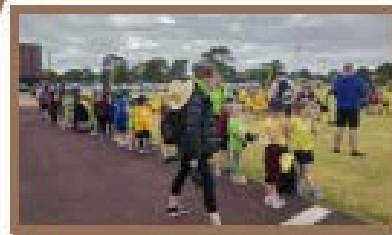
# Having Fun in GRADE 1



## GRADE 1 DINNER



WE'RE HAVING A GREAT YEAR!

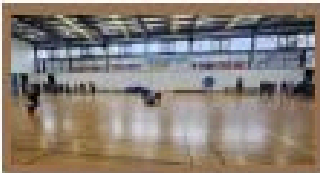


## ATHLETICS DAY



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

## IN THE CLASSROOM



## MATHS SUPERSTARS



# Grade 2

## NEWSLETTER

### Welcome Back To School!

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter Holiday break!

The students have settled well back into the routine for term 2!

In literacy, we have been focussing on Non-Fiction Texts and creating an Information Report.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about Worded Problems and using the CUBES strategy to assist us in solving these problems.

Topic this term is looking at Australia and different countries in the world. We have been exploring the different states of Australia and different landmarks and capital cities.

We celebrated the end of term 1 by watching Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and comparing this to the class novel we have read. The students had lots of fun opening up their own Wonka Bars during the movie.

The students also had a fun-filled day at Athletics in the last week of Term 1, it was great to see so much sportsmanship within the cohort.

We look forward to having another fun-filled term in Grade 2!

Mrs Purcell, Miss Forward, Mr Mahony,  
Mr Turner & Miss Rheinberger

### Reminders

- Home reading daily
- To label school jumpers



## Class Stars!

2A Pranav, Hunter & Ayla  
2B Jaxon, Ollie & Taj  
2C Charlotte P, Elijah T & Aaron  
2D Emily, Jarrah & Deakin  
2E Mattea, Aoife & Noah



## Athletics Day



## Bucket Filler Award!

2B - Henry  
2C - Doljock  
2E - Maya



# GRADE 3 NEWS

Date

May 2024

## Class news

**In Grade 3 we have had a busy start to Term 2.**

**Students learned about Anzac day, sharing their understanding about this important day in Australia's history.**

**Mrs Wigzell told the Grade 3s about the exciting opportunity to be part of the Wizard of Oz production with Pakenham Secondary College.**

## Upcoming events

**9th May: Mother's Day Breakfast**

**10<sup>th</sup> May: Mother's Day Stall**

**12th May: Mother's Day**

**22nd May: Curriculum Days**

## What we're learning

### Math

**We have been learning to use efficient mental strategies for addition and subtraction.**

**We have been learning to recognise the connection between addition and subtraction.**

### Reading

**We have been learning the difference between fact and opinion.**

**We have been learning to summarise a text.**

### Writing

**We have been learning to write information texts.**

## Reminders

**Students are encouraged to bring their reading diary every day and change their reader when they get to class.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to all the students on 50 nights of reading!**

# THRIVING IN

# GRADE 3!

Grade 3 Awards:

**Class Stars:**

3A Louis

3B Parv

3C Georgia

3D Ollie

**Bucket Fillers:**

Amelia (3A)

Kaiden (3C)



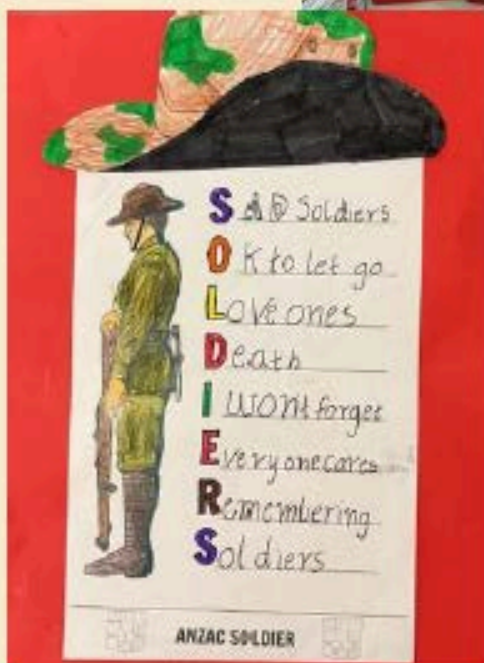
## ANZAC DAY



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## HOUSE MEETINGS



# FANTASTIC FOURS

MAY  
EDITION

WHAT WE ARE  
LEARNING?

This term we will be learning -

We will be exploring features of informative texts. We have begun analysing various informative texts and discussed the similarities and differences from other text types.

Main climates of the world and the similarities and differences between the climates of different places.

We have been learning to solve multiplication problems using various strategies such as the box method.



## Crazy Creatures

This term we have had some wonderful animals brought into our classrooms.

4B & 4C had the opportunity to interact with a bearded dragon and spiny leaf insects!

It was such an exciting experience for the students, 4C have even begun writing information reports on the spine leaf insects.



# APRIL

AN EXCITING TERM IS AHEAD FOR GRADE 5!

## LITERACY



In reading, students have been analysing the structure and language features within Informative texts. With a focus on the 6+1 traits, students have begun researching and drafting an Information report of their choice. Over the next few weeks, they will publish their writing piece on their iPads.



## MATHS



Students have had a major focus on 'Number' in maths. We have been looking at the four operations, with a heavy focus on multiplication. Students have been able to explore the many effective strategies that best allow them to solve problems.

## TERM TOPIC

This term, students will investigate Cultures Around the World. Students have been collecting geographical data such as population distribution to draw conclusions about the country they have been assigned to study.



## REMINDEERS

- Diaries need be completed and brought back each night.
- Please be aware of the uniform expectations. If a student is out of uniform, a note is required each day.

## CLASS STARS

5A	5B	5C
Ellie	Kayden	Ava

## BUCKET FILLER

Skylah 5A



# ★ FUN TIMES ★

## EASTER BONNET PARADE



## ANZAC DAY CRAFT



# Grade 6 News



## APRIL 2024



### What's been happening:

Welcome to Term 2! We have already had lots going on this term and we cannot wait for what is ahead, especially Grade 6 Camp in Week 7! So far this term we have had our 4 school leaders proudly represent PCS at the Pakenham Down Service on ANZAC Day, a selected group of students participate in the St Margaret's Netball Challenge, selected students represent PCS in interschool sports, and had a special presentation from Melissa Tappner, an Australian Table Tennis champion and Olympian.

In English we have focused on analysing and understanding Information Reports using modelled examples and the 6+1 traits of writing. We are now focusing on transferring this knowledge to create our own informative texts.

In Maths we have been exploring and investigating the inverse relationships between multiplication and division, as well as doing some work on pre-algebraic concepts such as substituting numbers for shapes and balancing equations.

During topic sessions we have started our exploration of Geography, specifically looking at other cultures from around the world.



\*Thursday 9th May – Mothers Day Breakfast \*Monday 20th May – School Photos

\*Wednesday 22nd May – Student Free Day

*\*Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform every day!\**

\*Monday 27th–Friday 31st May – Grade 6 Camp

### Our Award Winners:

#### Class Stars:

**6A**

Violet

Shylo

**6B**

Gabby

Lucy

**6C**

Miah

Nanditha

**6D**

Indy

Logan

#### Bucket Fillers

Madi from 6C

Elle from 6D





# Grade 6 News

## our month in pictures

visit from Olympian  
- Melissa Tappner



Easter Hat  
Parade



Teacher vs  
Students  
Basketball



ANZAC Day  
Dawn Service



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# Classifieds

**PAKENHAM EELS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB ALL FACILITIES**  
 Comely Banks Recreation Reserve  
 Saturday 4th / 11th / 18th May  
 Saturday 15th June  
 Saturday 29th July  
 Saturday 12th August  
 This is a new club, come & see for yourselves

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<p><b>MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)</b></p> <p>Agree! Introduce to Soccer!                  Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!</p> <p>35 MINUTE CLASSES                  \$165 FOR 8 WEEKS</p>	<p><b>PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)</b></p> <p>Children take their first steps in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, well rounded games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Fun for 1st Big Game!</p> <p>30 MINUTE CLASSES                  \$175 FOR 8 WEEKS</p>
<p><b>INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)</b></p> <p>The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!</p> <p>INTRO - 40 MINS \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS                  MICRO - 40 MINS \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS</p>	<p><b>MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)</b></p> <p>This program focuses on skill development in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favorite soccer based games, but have their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!</p> <p>40 MINUTE CLASSES                  \$180 FOR 8 WEEKS</p>

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**Come join us!**

**85**

The Pakenham Lions Netball Club is looking for **BOYS** and **GIRLS** to play in our upcoming 2024 winter season

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS:**

**U9'S - BORN IN 2015/2016**

GAMES ARE PLAYED AT CARDINIA LIFE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
 TRAINING IS HELD FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE PAKENHAM NETBALL CLUB

REGISTER HERE:

ENQUIRIES: pakenhamlionsnc@gmail.com

www.cardiniastormhockey.com.au

Cardinia storm is **Seeking U12 Players**

- Mixed gender team
- All skill levels welcome

Contact for more information

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Remember to label and re-label ALL of your child's items.