



Empowers students to become respectful and resilient lifelong learners

Upcoming Events

April

Wednesday 2nd April – Year 3 Project Expo.

Thursday 3rd April – Whole School Athletics Day – Please check Compass for event information.

Friday 4th April – LAST DAY OF TERM ONE – students finish at 2.30pm.

Tuesday 22nd April – FIRST DAY OF TERM TWO – students return to school, gates open at 8.40am.

Thursday 24th April – Year 6 Camp Final consent & payment due.

Friday 25th April – ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – The school is closed, and no staff and students are to attend on this day.

Monday 28th April – Foundation Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion – Students must arrive by 8.45am for 9.00am sharp departure.

Wednesday 30th April – Year 3 Polly Woodside Excursion – refer to Compass event for details.

May

Friday 2nd May – Somers Camp consent & payment due.

Friday 2nd May – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports.

Monday 5th May – Year 4 Polly Woodside Excursion – refer to Compass event for details.

Wednesday 7th May – District Cross Country.

Thursday 8th May – Mother's Day Activity & Stall (details to be released closer to date).

Friday 9th May – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports.

Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th May – Year 6 Camp – refer to Compass event for details.

Friday 16th May – Aerobics & Aerobics T-Shirt consent & payment due.

Friday 16th May – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports.

Tuesday 20th May – CURRICULUM DAY – student free day.

Tuesday 20th to Wednesday 28th May – Somers Camp – refer to Compass event for details.

Friday 23rd May – VSSS Rehearsal at PSPS.

Friday 23rd May – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports.

Monday 26th May – School Photos – information will be released on Compass closer to date. All orders will be via Compass.

Friday 30th May – House Meetings – students can wear house colours.

Friday 30th May – Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports.

PCS NEWSLETTER

March Edition



Principal Report

And just like that, Term One is almost over. I would like to thank all the families who came to our open night last week. I hope you enjoyed participating in Mathematics, English and Wellbeing activities. These areas are covered in the focus areas we set for the school each year. If you have any feedback from the open night, it would be appreciated so we can make sure that future events are enjoyable.

Next Term will be full of more activities for the children. We have many excursions and the Year Six camp. There will also be other special days. I encourage everyone to try to get to school every day that they are well. We will be presenting parents with midyear reports at the end of next term. We can get the best results and most precise data from students who attend regularly.

I recently sent out a survey about the trial of the single lunchtime. We had 100 families respond and 56 staff members. I thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The results were extremely close. In fact, when I combine the staff and parent results there were 6% of respondents didn't have a preference and the single and two lunch options were drawn at 47% each. We will continue with the single break for Term Two and monitor it with a follow up survey next term. I also thank families for their other suggestions and will be contacting those who requested it, early in Term Two.

We have recently begun some work on the grounds. Handy Andy is repairing the seating around the school and the area around the new building has been seeded with the hope of having some grass sprouting when we return.

I wish everyone a great holiday and if you are celebrating Easter, I hope the Easter Bunny visits and leaves lots of chocolate. Stay safe and we will see you all on Tuesday 22nd April.

PCS Wellbeing Warriors



Introducing...
Wonder the Warrior



Be a Warrior... not a Worrier!

The premise behind the Wellbeing Warrior approach is that we want to promote the importance of building our students' resilience and emotional intelligence in order to deal with whatever life throws at them. We also want them to be a warrior for others and demonstrate kindness at all times.

What is it?

PCS Wellbeing Warriors is a whole-school approach to wellbeing.

The aim of Wellbeing Warriors is to build resilient and respectful students who:

- Encourage and respect one another
- Have the skills they need to regulate their emotions
- Are positively involved in the community
- Make a difference

How will it look?

- Wellbeing Warrior Fun Days
- Wellbeing Warrior Awards at assembly
- Weekly Wellbeing Warrior sessions in classrooms
- Reward shields in classrooms and specialist classes

What does wellbeing warriors include?

PCS Wellbeing Warriors sessions may cover any of the following concepts:

- Zones of regulation
- Growth Mindset
- Bucket Filling
- Conflict resolution
- Brain Training
- Respectful Relationships
- Mindfulness
- Emotional regulation

What can you wear to school?

YES!

- ✓ **PLAIN** Navy blue shorts, pants or skirt (no big brand logos)



- ✓ Navy blue bike shorts or leggings under School Dress



- ✓ **Normal Watches**



- ✓ **Sleeper or stud earrings**



- ✓ **School jumper (or as close to if the school one is in the wash)**

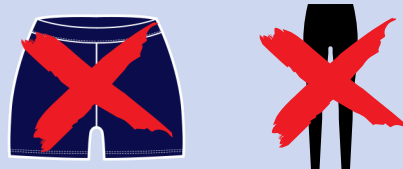


NO!

- ✗ **BLACK** shorts or pants



- ✗ **Bike shorts or leggings on their own**



- ✗ **Necklaces, bracelets, Dangling Earrings**



- ✗ **Nose piercings**



- ✗ **Hooded jumpers**



A decorative border surrounds the central text, featuring various children's clothing items such as a blue jacket, a blue cap, a pink skirt, a blue shirt, a yellow shirt, orange pants, a green cap, blue overalls, a blue hoodie, a pink skirt, a pink shirt, a blue skirt, a red cap, a green polo shirt, and a dark blue jacket.

LOST PROPERTY

IS LOCATED IN THE CANTEEN FOYER
BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO LABEL
YOUR CHILDREN'S JUMPERS, HATS,
LUNCH BOXES & DRINK BOTTLES WITH
FIRST & LAST NAME. IF YOU CAN ONLY
FIT ONE NAME, PLEASE WRITE
CLEARLY FIRST INITIAL AND
SURNAME. EG: P. SMITH
PEN, TEXTA, LAUNDRY MARKER OR
WHITE TEXTA ARE ALL FINE, SO LONG
AS THEY ARE CLEARLY READABLE.
I CAN'T RETURN ITEMS WITHOUT
NAMES.



PCS HARMONY COOKBOOK 2025

Please contribute a recipe that means a lot to your family. It might represent your culture, be a family favourite, or perhaps a recipe used for special events and festivals. We would appreciate you including your family name and a family photo if you are comfortable to include that.

To submit your recipe, please click on the link:

[**PCS COOKBOOK RECIPE SUBMISSION**](#)

*Click **SUBMIT RECIPE** and follow the prompts*



Once completed, our community cookbook will be available to school families.

**Submissions close
SOON**



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School Ref ID

Parent/carer details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

OR - - - **OR**
☐ Foster Parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/2025

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term 1; or
 - on the first day of Term 2.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
- b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between 6 and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

[Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by parent/carer

1. Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Your data is securely managed and only shared with third parties when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the departments privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy](#) | vic.gov.au

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Growing and learning together

Last Day of Term One

Friday 4th April 2025
students finish at 2.30pm





**FRIDAY
4TH APRIL
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9.10AM IN GYM
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EASTER HATS!**

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Pakenham, VIC



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to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
21 May, 2025
9:15am to 3:00pm



Cardinia Cultural Centre
40 Lakeside Boulevard
PAKENHAM VIC 3810

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

 www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC

 jfeary@positivepartnerships.com.au



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Children's clothing and toy swap Event

Refresh your child's wardrobe and toys for FREE at our upcoming children's clothing and toy swap event.



Free
Event

To participate, parents and guardians of children aged 3-8 years need to bring up to six good-quality pre-washed items of clothing and six good-quality toys to the event.

These are then traded in for tokens to use as 'currency' to purchase other clothes and toys.

Event details

Sunday 13 April, 10am – 12pm

(Doors open 10am, swapping starts 11am)

Pakenham Hall

6E Henry Street, Pakenham

Registration is essential.



For more information and to register go to
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops



Being Dad

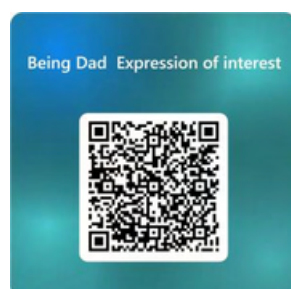
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- relationships
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- activities
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- and your children



Cost: Free

Date: Every Wednesday

30th April 2025 - 4th June 2025

Time:

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Venue:

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55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805

Light refreshment will be served

Get in touch:

Anas or Colin

03 5990 8400

BeingDadSM@vt.uniting.org

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Starts May 4th from 9:30am



PLAY



NETSETGO

TERM 2 REGISTRATION

NetSetGo is Australia's official netball program for kids aged 5-10, running during school terms. It's a fun, supportive way to introduce children to netball, where they'll receive a netball, t-shirt, and a chance to make friends, learn skills, and have fun!

NET

4:00 - 4:50pm Wednesday Nights
5- 7 year olds
Basic Skills, Ball Handling & Fun games!

SET

5:00- 5:50pm Wednesday Nights
8-10 year olds
Basic Skills, Court Knowledge, Netball Drills, Preparing for U/9s

DETAILS

TERM 2 DATES : 23rd April - 2nd July 2025

11 week Program = \$209 (\$110 Term Fee + \$99 Netball Vic Membership)

You must register via the netball connect app.

Registrations now open online

Payment for the terms is made via the link

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FOR MORE INFORMATION Please contact netball.cardinia@alignedleisure.com.au

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April 15th-17th
July 15th-18th
Sept. 22nd-25th

*It is a well researched fact
that short burst of intensive
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Big Kids at School, Time to get Siblings in the Pool!

While the big kids are hitting the books, the little ones are making a splash!

The Importance of Swimming Lessons for Young Children

Swimming isn't just a fun activity—it's an essential life skill that builds confidence and safety in the water. Early swimming lessons help children develop coordination, balance, and strength, while also teaching water safety.

It's never too early to start!

Mummy/Daddy & Me Time!

Mums/Dads, while the big kids are at school, why not use this time to bond with your younger ones? Swimming lessons are a perfect opportunity to connect with your little one while helping them gain essential water skills. Whether it's a fun splash in the pool or teaching them how to float, these precious moments can strengthen the parent-child bond and create lifelong memories. Swimming lessons offer long-term benefits, including

improving social skills as kids interact in group settings and boosting their physical development. It's the perfect time to get your little ones comfortable in the pool!

Book your Free Trial today and join us for a fun-filled lesson of learning and play!



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MOONLIT SANCTUARY

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Ages: 7-14

9:00am-2:00pm

Registration Fee

\$104

In Keeper Club kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care. Junior Keepers help with feeding animals and animal enrichment activities.

See our website for dates.

Groups are small, with a maximum of 14 children.

CONSERVATION CLUB

Ages: 12-18

9:30am-3:30pm

Registration Fee

\$119

Perfect for older kids passionate about wildlife and conservation, this program includes animal encounters, enrichment activities, and environmental projects.

Thursday, 10th April

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Monash University, Clayton Campus 

HOCKEY COME & TRY

Wednesday 9th and 16th April
11:30am-12:30pm
Beaconhills College, Pakenham

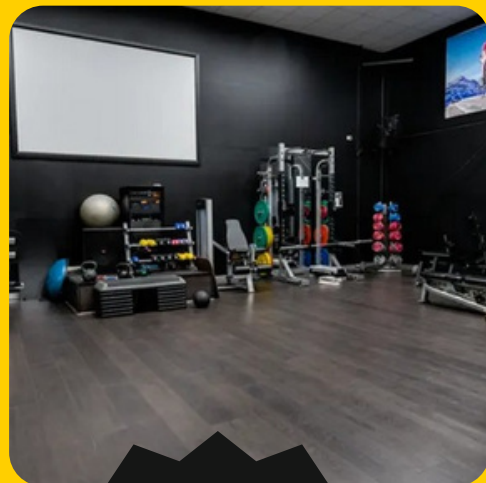
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