



Pakenham Consolidated School

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Dates to Remember

APRIL

Sunday 22nd

Yakkerboo

Wednesday 25th

Anzac Day

Thursday 26th

Years 3 & 4 to
Healesville

Friday 27th

Mondo Recycling
House Meetings

MAY

Thursday 3rd

Curriculum Day

Thursday 10th

Mothers Day
Afternoon

Friday 11th

Mothers Day Stall

Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th

Naplan

Monday 21st to Friday 25th

Book Week

Tuesday 22nd

Grandparents
Day activities

Wednesday 23rd

National
Simultaneous
Story

Open Night

From the Principal

Welcome to Term Two,

I hope you all received the letter that went home earlier this week about changes to our staffing this term. If you missed the letter, please ask for a copy from the office. I would like to formally welcome Mr Crook to PCS.

This term has started off well and the Year Six students headed off to camp first thing Monday morning. It looks like they have had great weather and lots of fun doing their activities. I look forward to hearing all the stories that they have. Next Thursday the Year Three and Four students will be heading to Healesville Sanctuary for the day.

Hats need to be worn until 30th April. The Sunsmart rules do not follow school terms. Please make sure your child has their hat for the next couple of weeks.

Last term we had many parents arrive during House Meetings to collect their child early. It is very difficult to find children at this time as the houses move around and children are obviously not with their class teacher. If at all possible, please try to avoid early pickups on these days. Our next House Meetings will be next Friday 27th April 2018.

All children who ride their bikes or scooters to school MUST wear a helmet. This is a law and we cannot allow children to break the law. Any children who ride their bikes or scooters to school without a helmet will have to leave it here until they bring a helmet to school.

I feel like a broken record sometimes but I must say again that the 5 minute parking around the school needs to be adhered to. Double parking, to get your child to run to your car, is not only illegal but extremely dangerous.

This Sunday we will have a float at the Yakkerboo Parade. If you are at the festival, have a look for us.

Remember that next Wednesday 25th April is ANZAC Day and the school will be closed. We also have a Curriculum Day in the following week on Thursday 3rd May 2018.

Star of the Week

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Week 8—Friday 23rd March 2018



OBH-Benjamin, OCA-Hope, OKP-Blake, OKW-Jordan, ORW –Chloe,

1EA-Aco, 1JA-Paolo, 1JJ-Declan

2ES-Taylah, 2FF-Harseerat, 2HC-Zane, 2JZ-Aiden

SENIOR SCHOOL

Week 7 —Friday 23rd March 2018



3CC-Kaeleb, 3ER-Jerome, 3MG-Lee-Roy 3/4R-Ebony

4AB-Codey, 4JS-Svetlana, 4SL-John

5JT-Ayomi, 5MW-Oscar, 5OH-Noah

6DS-Chaise, 6JK-Zoe, 6LD-Austin, 6SN-Alice

Bucket Filler Award

FOUNDATION	Jackson
YEAR ONE	You can do it
YEAR TWO	Tadgh
YEAR THREE	Thomas
YEAR FOUR	Keep at it
YEAR FIVE	Riley
YEAR SIX	Neves



Finance

Camps, Excursions and Activities - Payment Plans

At Pakenham Consolidated School students have great opportunities to experience and attend camps, excursions, incursions and activities during the year.

However all great things come at a cost and we have noticed this year in particular the cost of transport and admission has increased considerably.

To ease the load of paying in a lump sum please be advised of the following payment options.

BPay (Biller Code and Reference Number available from office)

Centrepay (Apply at office)

Credit Card

Direct Deposits

CSEF (Applications close 27th June 2018)

Cash

You do not have to wait for a notice to come home to make payments.

You can send in payments at any stage leaving your child's account in credit. (Works like a bank account but without the interest).

Why not try setting up scheduled payments. It can be as little as \$10 a week. All you need is your child's student code.

Please contact Cheryl Walsh or Maria Barnes if further information or assistance is required.

Finance

Making payments to Pakenham Consolidated School


Throughout the year we have many excursions, camps and various other events that need to be paid for by parents.

When making these payments they can be made by the following ways:

Cash	BPay
CSEF	Centrepay
Direct Deposit.	

All notices requiring payments are sent out with a payment envelope attached for your convenience. Could you please fill in the envelope with the payment method and return with notice. This makes it easier to track and record your payment.

I have set out an example of a payment envelope, for your convenience, below.

	PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
STUDENT(S):	Isabella Barnes
CLASS:	5AB
TEACHER:	Miss Barnes
PARENTS NAME:	Nathan Barnes
MONEY FOR:	Yr 6 Camp
AMOUNT	\$ 73.00
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BPAY
<input type="checkbox"/> CSEF	<input type="checkbox"/> CENTREPAY
<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT DEPOSIT 063 733 - 10159254	

Please contact Cheryl Walsh or Maria Barnes if you have any questions.

Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Just a reminder that if you hold a pension or health care card you may be eligible to apply for CSEF.

Applications are available from Administration.

Fundraising News

The next Fundraising meeting will be Monday 30th April 2018 in the OSHC building after assembly.

Community Group meetings are held every second Friday commencing Friday 20th April 2018 starting 2.00pm in the OSHC building.



House T shirts

House T shirts are now available for purchase at the Administration Office.

T-shirts are \$18.00 each and they are available in a variety of sizes (limited numbers).

Fundraising News

RECYCLE WITH MONDO FOR A BETTER WORLD

Pakenham Consolidated School's Recycle Fundraiser

Hey, I'm Mondo! My name means "World" in Italian. You can recycle your clothing and household goods with me to raise funds for your school and help create a better world by reducing waste to landfill, creating jobs for people with disabilities and supporting communities in developing countries.

Clean out your wardrobe & recycle your unwanted clothing, toys and small household goods

You can recycle:

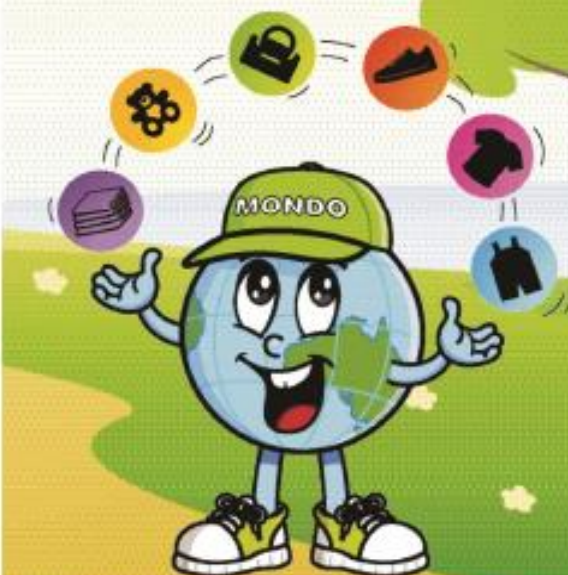
- Clothing & footwear
- Handbags & accessories
- Manchester & toys

Every 1 kg collected at collection days raises: ~~10c~~ for your school. Please bring plastic bags that you have filled to school on:

Friday 27th April*

Collection enquiries: (03) 9386 8702

*More details to come



scrg.com.au/schools

SCRgroup

SCRG is a not-for-profit organisation that provides support and resources to schools and communities across Australia.

Drop off point will be near the crossing in the gravel car park in Rundell Way between
8.00am and 9.30am on Friday 27th April 2018.

Canteen News



BIRTHDAY CATERING IS HERE!

We are excited to announce that as of Monday 30th April 2018 we will be trialling '*Cupcakes for classrooms*'. This service will allow you to pre-order cupcakes through the canteen for your child's birthday!

The cupcakes will be made on site and available in 2 flavours – CHOCOLATE or VANILLA, with your choice of either vanilla or chocolate buttercream frosting. We will have gluten free cupcakes available also.

Please use the order form below and you will be notified via text or email once payment is received. Orders must be placed at least 1 week before the cupcakes are required and are only available on days the canteen operates – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays (excludes 'Special' canteen days such as hot dog day, etc). Orders will **NOT** be accepted on the day cupcakes are required (to ensure we have sufficient supplies & helpers). Order forms can be given directly to Donna in the canteen or placed in your child's lunch order bag in a separate envelope.

Please note that we can only accept cash payment for this service and please give us as much notice as possible when ordering.

Orders will cost \$30 per class.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Naomi Horsley on 0404 898 418 or horsley.naomi.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

CUPCAKES FOR CLASSROOMS ORDER FORM

Student Name : _____ **Class :** _____

Date Required : _____

Cake Flavour (Please circle ONE) : CHOCOLATE or VANILLA

Frosting Flavour (Please circle ONE) : CHOCOLATE or VANILLA

Cost per class = \$30

Parent/Guardian Contact Name : _____

Contact mobile number or email: _____

Thank you for your order. The Canteen will contact you via text or email once payment has been received to confirm your booking. Your child's birthday cupcakes will be delivered to their classroom on the day requested.

Please only select one flavour per order.

Canteen News

Hot Chocolate is Back!

Hot Chocolate is available from the canteen before school and during recess for \$2.00.



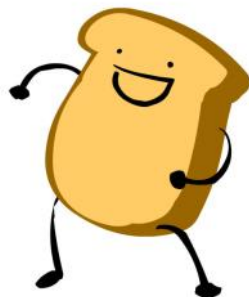
Parent volunteers are required to assist in the canteen on Friday between 11.30am and 1.30pm. If you are able to help please contact Donna our Canteen Manager.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has reopened for Term Two.

Opening times are 8.30am to 8.45am Monday to Friday.

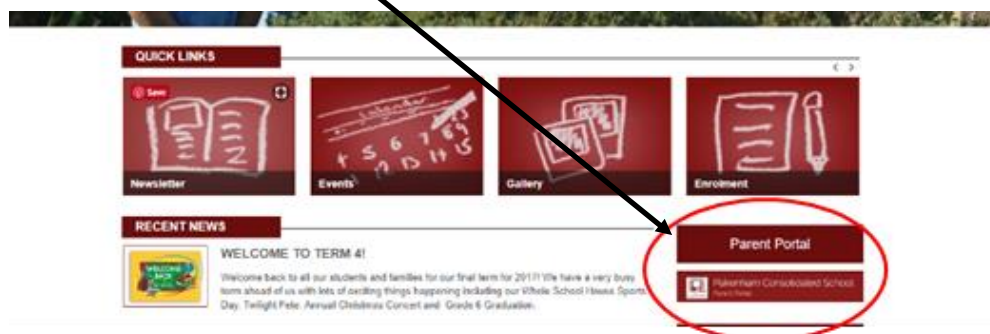
All children are welcome.



PCS Parent Portal

Last year each family received a welcome letter in order to access our Parent Portal. This letter gave you an access key and instructions to access your child's information. We hope that you took the opportunity to log on to the portal and have a look around. We understand that since that letter went home you may have forgotten your username or password. A reminder that you should have registered with an **email address which becomes your username and then created your own personal password**. You would have also been required to enter a unique access key when registering for the first time. If you misplaced the welcome letter or didn't get the chance to register please let the Administration Office know and we will arrange to have the letter reprinted for you at our earliest convenience.

Once registered you can access the Parent Portal directly from our school website by going to www.pakconps.vic.edu.au and clicking on the Parent Portal link on the left hand side of the homepage.



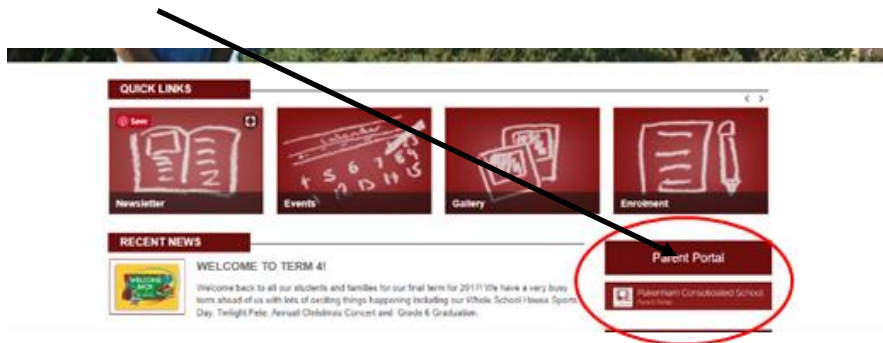
Don't forget to use the new and improved Portal Version 2 by clicking on the Portal Version 2 button in the red tool bar at the top of screen when you first log in.

Check out the next page for more handy tips when using the Parent Portal!

PCS Parent Portal

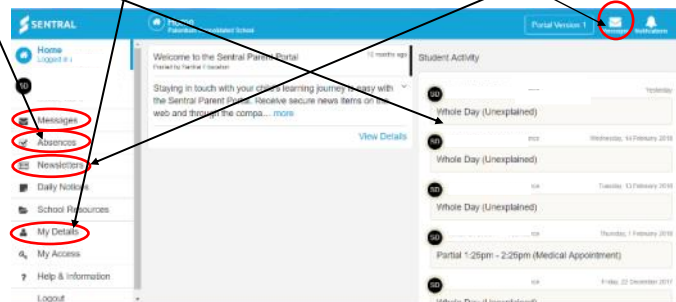
We hope that you have had the opportunity to log on to the Parent Portal and have a look around. In order to make it as easy as possible for you to use we would like to provide you with some handy tips to make the most of this method of communication.

Remember that you can access the Parent Portal directly from our school website by going to www.pakconps.vic.edu.au and clicking on the Parent Portal link on the left hand side of the homepage.



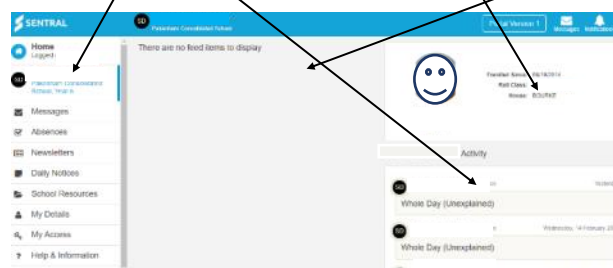
HELPFUL HINT #1

Once you log in click on Portal Version 2 button in the red tool bar at the top of the screen. This will take you to the new and easier to navigate portal. You should now see your child's name appear in the menu. From here you can enter absence details, check and edit family details, message classroom teachers & access the school newsletter.



HELPFUL HINT #2

When you click on the name of your child/ren you can get a more detailed view including any messages related to their class, specific absence details and their allocated School House.



Wellbeing

Feeling Is Thinking

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be running "Feeling is Thinking" in Term Two and Three here at the school. This program is run for Year Three to Six students (depending on numbers).



We would like to offer this group to your child / children in your care. We will be running this group during school time at the school.

The group is to assist children with their relationships and in expressing their feelings.

This group is facilitated in small groups (no more than eight children) and focuses on issues such as exploring feelings, strong emotions: what do they look like, what things make people angry, managing anger, taking risks and practising changes.

"Feeling is Thinking" runs for eight weeks and each session is for one hour. The group concludes with a 'Celebration' session.

"Feeling is Thinking" will be facilitated by myself and Kelly Dow, our Primary Welfare Officer. If you think your son or daughter (or child in your care) would benefit from "Feeling is Thinking" we would encourage you to talk to him / her about this. Should you decide that they would like to participate please return the reply slip to myself as soon as possible.

There will be a \$10.00 fee for this program to help with the costs of the journals that your child will receive. Once your child has been placed into a group you will receive a confirmation letter and a request for payment. **Please do not send payment until you receive this request.**

Pakenham Consolidated School are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you require further information about "Feeling is Thinking" please do not hesitate to contact myself here at the school on 5941 1511.

Cindy Healey
Complex Case Manager and
"Feeling Is Thinking" Coordinator



Wellbeing

Feeling Is Thinking Application Form

Name of Child: _____

Year: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____

Child's allergies to food: _____

How does your child/children in your care express their feelings?

Yes I would like my son / daughter / child in my care to participate in the
Feeling is Thinking Group

Parent / Guardian Signature

Yes I would like to participate in the Feeling is Thinking Group

Student Signature

Wellbeing

Seasons for Growth

Dear Parents/Carer,

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Pakenham Consolidated School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful educational Program called **Seasons for Growth**. This Program is facilitated in small groups of up to eight children (with a minimum of four - five in each group before the program can run), at three different levels, Level One is for children in Years One and Two, Level Two is for children in Years Three and Four and Level Three is for children in Years Five and Six.

The Program is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The Program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks.

The Seasons for Growth Program is made up of a one hour session, once a week, over an nine week period. The Program then concludes with a 'celebration' session.

Seasons for Growth is facilitated by myself, and Kelly Dow our Primary Welfare Officer. We have received special training in the use of this Program. If you think your son or daughter, or child in your care, would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him / her about this. Should he / she decide to participate please fill in the attached form and return it to me in the Wellbeing Centre as soon as possible.

There will be a \$15.00 fee for this Program to help with the costs of the journals that your child will receive. Once your child has been placed into a group you will receive a confirmation letter and a request for payment.

Please do not send payment until you receive this request.

Pakenham Consolidated School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you have any questions about the Program please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 5941 1511.

Cindy Healey

Complex Case Manager and

Seasons For Growth Co-ordinator

Wellbeing

Seasons For Growth Application Form

Name of Child / Children: _____

Year: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please provide a brief summary of what change has happened at home:

Yes I would like my child / children to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Yes I would like to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program.

Student's Signature

Date



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**PAKENHAM
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
STUDENT DAY OFF
MAY 3RD**



**JUMP OR
LASER ALL DAY!!
[10AM TO 3PM]**

\$16 UNLIMITED JUMPING

**\$25 UNLIMITED JUMPING
AND LASER TAG**

**JUST MENTION 'PAKENHAM
CONSOLIDATED' ON ARRIVAL.**

**PLEASE PASS ON THROUGH FACE
BOOK/INSTAGRAM IF POSSIBLE.**