Teaching and Learning

We thought we would take this opportunity to discuss in this newsletter what actually happens behind the classroom doors by students and teachers to improve learning. This is often a mystery and can sometimes be a source of frustration for our parents, particularly if your child comes home and you ask the question “what did you learn today?” and the response is “nothing”.

At PHPS we endeavour to provide the best possible education for every one of our students. This means doing more of what we know works and constantly seeking ways in which to improve.

Everything that we do in the classroom to improve student learning comes from well researched practices and strategies. This has been a deliberate plan and one which has been embraced by our entire staff. Continuous learning is what we ask of our students and is what we strive to achieve as a learning community.

Much of what we do and talk about is often clouded in jargon and teacher talk that sometimes doesn’t allow our school community to really understanding what we do behind those closed doors. We know that Pakenham Hills Primary School students make great progress and growth in their reading, writing and mathematics.

The following is what we do at our school to make a difference to our students’ learning outcomes:

- Catering for individual differences by really knowing what children can do and need to know next
- Teachers working closely in teams to plan comprehensive and engaging programs
- Explicit teaching methods that give students the ‘recipe for success’
- Small group focusses with like ability students
- Monitoring student progress through ongoing classroom assessments
- Feedback to students about their achievements and how they might improve
- Providing engaging activities that meet the learning goal/s of the lesson

These are only a sample of how curriculum is delivered, how teachers teach and how students learn best.

Next time in our newsletter we will discuss the topic of restorative practices and how the whole school proactively approach a situation when issues arise between students.
Prep H
Atif Akbar
For trying your best to improve your behaviour in the classroom and complete your work! Good work!

Prep O
Michael Donaldson
For showing some improvement in your playground behaviour. Keep trying your best!😊

1/2 M
Lochlan Makin
For outstanding achievements with your magic words. You never gave up. Keep up the great work.

1/2 I
Bethany Mc Ginnes
For being a diligent student. You always work well with others to achieve great results. Bethany you are a asset to our class. Well done.

1/2 J
Maya Ikhtar
For always working hard at every task that is set for you. Keep up the great work!

1/2 N
Rogan Ayton
For a great week in numeracy, well done!

3/4 M
Joshua Ryan
For being a caring friendly member of the grade.

3/4 L
Teaghan Lacey
For consistently bringing your reader bag to school each day and completing your home reading tasks each week.

5/6 J
Seehan Halligan
For a terrific effort with her information report on “The Voice”

5/6 S
Tilly Watterson
For caring for “Rocky” when he was in danger.

5/6 S
Jake Griffiths
For being a good friend.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families with the costs associated with camps, sporting activities and excursions.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students

To be eligible for receipt of the CSEF you must:
- be either a parent or legal guardian of a primary or secondary school student
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 2 (13 April 2015) or the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2015).

The CSEF application must be submitted to the office by close of school on Friday 18th September 2015. (End of term 3).

Application forms can be collected from the school office.

(Please note: if you have children at secondary college you are required to submit a separate form to each school your child attends).
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<td>Heath Buttigieg</td>
<td>For showing a high level of commitment towards your school work. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Timofey Bardin</td>
<td>For trying your best to work in groups and get along with your peers. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2 D</td>
<td>Jacob Mckeown</td>
<td>For showing resilience and determination when writing his information report.</td>
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<td>Lachlan Angus</td>
<td>100 nights of reading. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jaedis Baker</td>
<td>For your fantastic efforts with your magic words you are amazing.</td>
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<td>1/2 I</td>
<td>Dyllan Hershaf</td>
<td>For being more settled in class, trying hard and demonstrating the virtue of honesty. It’s great to see you trying more responsibility for your learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2 J</td>
<td>All of 1/2 J</td>
<td>For showing enthusiasm and encouraging each other during our sports carnival.</td>
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<td>3/4 L</td>
<td>Siluna Balasooriya</td>
<td>For always remembering to bring your reader bag to school each day and completing your home reading tasks each week.</td>
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<td>Connor Marriot</td>
<td>Making a successful effort to improve in playtimes.</td>
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<td>5/6 M</td>
<td>Kai Henry</td>
<td>For always staying on task.</td>
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<td>Adam Demir</td>
<td>For always putting in effort when completing tasks.</td>
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<td>Sarah McMahon</td>
<td>For caring and looking out for her friends all the time.</td>
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**STAR STUDENTS**

ANDERSON - 3rd
MURPHY – 1st
KENNEDY - 2nd
ADAMS - 4th
Skate & BMX Strategy

Council has recently commenced development of a new Skate and BMX Strategy. The new strategy will supersede Council’s existing Skate Strategy (2002) and will aim to provide a strategic approach to the future provision of skate and BMX facilities throughout the Shire, whilst ensuring a high quality and diverse range of facilities are available for all ages and abilities.

Development of the new Skate and BMX Strategy is jointly funded by Council and Victorian Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria’s Community Facilities Funding Program.

Council is currently seeking feedback from the community about existing Skate Parks and BMX Tracks and plans for the future.

Have your say!
Complete the Skate and BMX Strategy
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cardinia_Skate_and_BMX_Park_Survey

This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624.

Sick Bay is now proudly sponsored by:

PharmaSave - Cardinia Lakes Pharmacy

Our children & families health is their top priority

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 8pm

Saturday 9am – 5pm

Sunday 10am – 4pm

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Reminders And Parent Information

Enrolling your child or children is easy and free!!! All families must be enrolled online to attend the service. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au

All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. Once your child or children are enrolled they can be booked into the program anytime should any unforeseen circumstances arise.

There are a number of children with health and allergy requirements at the program currently. We ask all parents/guardians to please make sure updated action plans are given to the OSH Club coordinator to copy and/or any other relevant information. If you need any copies of the plan templates please contact the program OSH Club coordinator.

We would love ANY unwanted household items that families don’t want anymore. Items such as food pack aging boxes/containers, scrap paper, newspapers/junk mail/magazines, tins, jars and even unwanted toys or kitchen items. We would really appreciate these items and they will be made into little works of art by the children!!!

Please feel free to give us any feedback or suggestions while your child is attending the program.

Contacts

OSH program phone: 0438 611 620
Coordinator: Kimberley Andrews
Assistants: Lisa Fullerton
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Please keep collecting the Earn and Learn stickers. You can drop them into the collection box in the school foyer or at Woolworths Market Place Pakenham.

The program ends on the 8th September. We can receive valuable educational resources for our school. Thankyou

Our points so far 2880

Look at what our 3-4s are learning

We have had another very busy fortnight in the middle school. In literacy we have been comparing and contrasting modern day books with books from the past. We have looked at the kind of books we take home to read now and compared them with books like “John and Betty” from many years ago. We have also enjoyed writing well known fairy tales from a different character’s point of view. In numeracy we have been learning about fractions and decimals.

In Science, all of the 3/4 classes have been learning about Space. We have talked about our planets and have been learning about how Day and Night occur and why. We have been making Space murals and dioramas and even completing research projects on the different planets.

In Health, we have been examining our basic physical and emotional needs. We have been talking about the things that our bodies need for optimum health such as food, rest, exercise and cleanliness. Did you know that children in grades 3 and 4 need at least 10 HOURS of sleep EVERY night!!! Some of us get that amount of sleep each night but many of us don’t and we talked about the changes we could make to ensure that we do get enough sleep. We have also enjoyed talking about the different kinds of changes that usually happen to us during our primary years such as losing our baby teeth, getting a new sibling, perhaps moving house and moving to a different school, managing pocket money and taking on responsibilities like chores at home.

As well as all of the fun work we have been doing in class, we have all been busily preparing our items for the school concert “Rock It To The Top”. We can’t wait to perform the show for all of our families and friends on the 9th and 10th September. We hope all of our families will buy tickets and come along and watch us perform.
Hello and welcome all readers to more garden updates. As winter leaves us and we all look forward towards the warmer months of spring, we work furiously to prepare for our next planting.

Our Green Thumbs group have been very hard at work again, removing old growth and veges, turning and feeding the soil and laying mulch to prevent any further weed growth prior to planting.

The young people that have been turning up to ‘play’ are true troopers that are not fussed about getting their hands dirty (even though we wear gloves), or working hard during their lunchtime. These kids are wonderful young people whom are always willing to learn through our planting mistakes, and always strive to encourage and help each other learn in our endeavours with the garden.

Our planting of winter crops were not as successful as we would have liked with our cauliflowers mostly failing to take off, and our broccoli deciding to not only grow, but mostly go to seed during the term break. We still remain hopeful that our carrots continue growing, as well as the herbs that have been planted. Oh well!! If at first you don’t succeed (sic) plant and plant again.

Last Wednesday (12th), we were phenomenally fortunate to have us a visit from April, a staff member of Bunnings. April, on behalf of Bunnings, came to our school with a trolley full of seedlings to plant with our Green Thumbs group. As a result of this extremely wonderful support from one of our local businesses, we were able to fully plant out a garden bed with cauliflower, cabbage, onion, leeks and beetroot. The garden group were very excited to work with April planting these seedlings, and are just as excited to watch them grow. We would like to take this opportunity to say a hugely THANK YOU to both Bunnings and April for their support towards our school. The next step is where we learn and practice patience.........not easy watching plants grow, time goes slower than a wet week of Sundays, or so we are finding.

On our next page we have left you with a garden tip you might like to try, and for the adventurous, a picture to colour.

Happy gardening, from our Green Thumbs to yours.
Here is a tip you might find useful.

Baking soda (bicarb soda) spray

This spray prevents fungal spores from establishing themselves and developing on your plants. It is effective in treating any mould or mildew problem on grape or passion fruit vines. Simply combine 1 teaspoon of bicarb soda with a few drops of liquid soap, then dissolve in 2 litres of water. The soap helps the spray stick to the leaf surface. During times of greatest risk (high temperature and humidity) spray twice weekly with this solution.
Planting in our vege garden with April from BUNNINGS. Montana, Jordan, Chloe, 😊 Amelia, Demi, Kayla, Kate, Taylor, Esther and Jamieson

Prep H in the Library
The more you read, the more you’ll know, the more you’ll know, the more places you’ll go! (Dr Suess)
LAMONT BOOK FAIR AT PAKENHAM HILLS PRIMARY

This year’s “week –long” Book Fair has been a great success!

Thank you everyone for buying books last week!

The final selling amount was: **$ 1511**

This means that our school library has received **$430** worth of books.

all because of you!

The prize winners of the “guess the book” competition were:

Joshua Hayes from 5/6K
Siluna Balasoorya from 3/4L
Kate McCartney from 1/2D

They each won books to the value of $10 from the Book Fair!

Thank you again

Mrs Malika
5/6J School Concert 2015

SCHOOL CONCERT
Tickets for school concert will be going home next week.

Thankyou

5/6J is hard at work on their concert dance for this term. 5/6Js’ dance theme is, ‘Kiss’. We are performing a ‘Kiss Medley’. 5/6M is also joining in our dance. We practise on a Monday and Wednesday and we can’t wait to perform at the Cultural Centre! Hopefully all of our families and friends are coming to see Pakenham Hills production of, ‘Rock it to the Top!’
Congratulations to all our students who participated on the School Sports Carnival Day. It was a lot of fun!

A big thank you and congratulations to all our students who earned prizes for helping fundraise and support our PE department in purchasing new equipment. We hope to have the new equipment by the end of Term 3.

On Monday, students who fundraised were given a student prize ordering form, and had to circle the prize they would like to receive. This form is due this Friday, 21st August.

We are extremely proud and thankful for our school community and their family and friends who helped raise just over $5000. This is an amazing effort and we will let you know what PE equipment we will purchase from your efforts. We wouldn’t be able to look forward to new equipment and special items, without our school’s community support, thank you.

The fundraising from students was divided into their house teams. The winning house will have a house pizza party (the date of the house pizza party will be announced shortly).

Kennedy 1st - $1,685.00
Murphy 2nd - $1,482.20
Adams 3rd - $895.50
Anderson 4th - $876.00

A huge congratulations to Zavier from 1/2D who won the student prize for fundraising the most and gets to pick 2 prizes, well done!!
The Grade 1/2s have been working on Multiplication in Numeracy sessions. The students have been explaining their understandings through pictures and using counters. The students have been using the language of groups of, equal rows, how many in each group?

We have been learning about Australian Habitats. Look at these beautiful displays in 1/2IG! Keep up the hard work!