Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 3 for our existing families and welcome to our school community for our new families. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. This term is packed with a lot of exciting and engaging learning and activities.

School Concert
We are all looking forward to our School Concert towards the end of the term on the 9th and 10th September. Staff and students have been working extremely hard on practicing their items. The organisation for this yearly event is enormous and we thank everyone in advance for the huge effort already invested and will continue to be for the remainder of the term.

Sports Carnival
On Thursday 6th August, our Parents and Friends have worked hard to plan a Sports Carnival for the Prep – Grade 2 students and Grade 3 – Grade 6 students. Many activities have been planned for the day (even wet weather activities should it rain on the day). You will have already received some information regarding this fund raising event and there will be more to follow. Thank you to the committed Parents and Friends Association for making this dream come alive.

2016 Prep Story-Time
Yesterday was our first 2015 Story-Time session for our 2016 Prep students. It was very well attended. It was a great afternoon with the students coming to ‘big school’ and meeting new people. This is the first of many Story-Time sessions and events for our 2016 Preps. We would to see as many families as possible at these sessions as it is a good opportunity for your young children to get used to coming to school and a great way to meet other families. These sessions will continue to run throughout the term. If you haven’t yet collected a term calendar from the office, please drop in and grab one.

Uniform
As the cold winter chill is upon us, we are rugged up and shivering through the cold. It is great to see students wearing tracksuit pants and leggings to keep warm. When wearing these, please limit the colours to our navy and jade green school uniform colours. The colourful leggings are very trendy however to ensure consistency and a true sense of belonging across the school, we would appreciate your support in being proud of our uniform and sticking with our colours.
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<td>Aleasha Smith</td>
<td>For your perseverance towards learning your Magic Words! Great effort.</td>
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<td>Hailey Taylor</td>
<td>For showing great attentive listening during show and tell this week! Well done, Hailey!</td>
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<td>1/2 D</td>
<td>Marina Malty</td>
<td>For your amazing performance on your reading comprehension.</td>
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<td>Lily Canavan</td>
<td>Detailed writing pieces and beautifully presented work. Top effort. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Chelsea McKinlay</td>
<td>For always trying your hardest at everything that you do. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Kara Bau</td>
<td>For being a helpful class member.</td>
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<td>1/2 M</td>
<td>Honey Taurima-Maea</td>
<td>For displaying fantastic organization skills and bringing your reader in everyday. Keep up the fantastic work Honey!</td>
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<td>3/4 L</td>
<td>Chloe Moore</td>
<td>For making a great equivalent fraction wall in numeracy and demonstrating the virtue of helpfulness to ensure others completed their wall.</td>
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<td>3/4 J</td>
<td>Braxton Burke</td>
<td>For displaying the virtue of honesty when handing in money you found outside, well done!</td>
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<td>3/4 R</td>
<td>Jake Shankland</td>
<td>For using the virtue of responsibility and helpfulness. You are a wonderful team member.</td>
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<td>Grace Memory</td>
<td>For always using the virtue of courtesy, friendliness and helpfulness. You are an amazing team member.</td>
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<td>3/4 M</td>
<td>Koia Taurima-Maea</td>
<td>For working confidently in Maths and being a friendly member of our grade.</td>
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<td>5/6 S</td>
<td>Jake Griffiths</td>
<td>For assertiveness and leadership being a good class captain.</td>
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<td>5/6 J</td>
<td>Jamison Mortimer</td>
<td>For being a fantastic support and helpful in the classroom and using your initiative.</td>
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<td>Seehan Halligan</td>
<td>For being enthusiastic in your work, especially during literacy and big write.</td>
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### STAR STUDENTS

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<td>All of Prep O 😊</td>
<td>Starting term 3 off so well! Our whole class reading of the big book this week was amazing.</td>
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<td>PREP O</td>
<td>Anthony Conlon</td>
<td>For being such a kind friend. You really do try your best in learning activities.</td>
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<td>PREP H</td>
<td>All of Prep H</td>
<td>Your amazing enthusiasm and participation in our Flying Bookworm incursion! You are stars.</td>
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<td>PREP H</td>
<td>Andrea Randall</td>
<td>For being a caring person towards your friends and classmates! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>1/2 N</td>
<td>Ashley Jones</td>
<td>For your amazing effort to follow instruction and complete all of your work this week! You are a star.</td>
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<td>James Hunia</td>
<td>Welcome to P.H.P.S you have made a wonderful start to 1/2 N.</td>
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<td>1/2 J</td>
<td>Chantelle Interlandi</td>
<td>For creating a fantastic rain forest animal using circle fractions. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2 M</td>
<td>Isabella Brown</td>
<td>For displaying empathy to her classmates. You always share kindness and understanding to others feelings.</td>
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<td>1/2 I</td>
<td>Seth McDonald</td>
<td>You are settling into your new class so well. We are so pleased to have you join our class. Welcome Seth.</td>
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<td>1/2 D</td>
<td>Millie Wilkin</td>
<td>For being a fantastic addition to 1/2 D. Well done!</td>
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<td>Himanshi Rankoth</td>
<td>For her exceptional enthusiasm during our habitat unit. Great!</td>
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<td>3/4 J</td>
<td>Charlie Dean</td>
<td>For being a responsible member in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Jade Sharrock</td>
<td>For always working hard and being a kind and respectful student.</td>
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<td>3/4 L</td>
<td>Jacob Donaldson</td>
<td>For trying super hard to achieve your personal best. Well done and keep up the great work Jacob.</td>
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The total amount sold in the 2015 One Day Book Fair is $3,477

A BIG THANK YOU to:

- Teachers and supporting staff for doing so much extra work.
- Students for their enthusiasm and participation.
- Parents, grandparents and students for very generously spending at the Book Fair.
- Mr Dale Hendrick for the much appreciated reading of the Mystery Books.

You are all stars!!!

You helped to make the Book Fair a great success.

Malika Gerlofsma

Hang with a mate while you skate

Streets Ahead
ATTENTION PARENTS – FINAL NOTICE

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 and
• 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 school office by 31st JULY 2015.

Application forms were sent home with the eldest child on Friday 22nd May or you can collect a new application 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).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

School Sports Carnival Day

Thursday 6th August 2015

We are super excited to announce that PHPS is having a Sports Carnival Day for the whole school. It will be a great day of activities, fun, house competitions and prizes. The Sports Carnival will be supporting our fundraising event to reach our goal of supplying sports equipment in each classroom for recess play times and adding new and exciting PE equipment for our PE program.

Students will be asked to be sponsored and on the Sports Carnival Day, they will get a chance to earn stamps to go towards their sponsorship. During the holidays, students can start asking family and friends that they would like to sponsor them. Every student who participates in the sponsorship is able to set a goal of earning a sports prize of their choice, for themselves – how exciting!

Information packs will be sent out in the first week of term 3.
THE BEST THINGS ABOUT TERM 2 BY 34M

I LOVE KNITTING BECAUSE IT IS FUN. HAYLEY

KNITTING GROUP ON MONDAY IS FUN WE ARE KNITTING TWO SCARVES AND ONE MAT. CAITLIN, MADDISON.

WE INJOYED WORKKING WITH MR LUCIEK IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN AND MAKING PIZZAS. TORI AND SAMARA

On the CHIPS excursion I liked when we got to shoot the bows and arrows.

Music is great. We are learning our three concert songs.
Jade

I like journal writing and we have been learning about writing narratives. Deakin

I like Reading because it is fun and it is good for reading. Ian

MATHLETICS IS GOOD TO LEARN MATHS AND WE ARE PRACTISING MULTIPLICATION, 3D SHAPES AND WE CAN TALK ABOUT SIDES, EDGES AND CORNERS. WE KNOW HOW TO READ CLOCKS. JETT AND THOMAS

I am new at Pakenham Hills. I like the play equipment and class 34M. Lachlan

At Old Gippstown we got split into groups and learned about the olden days for History. Ivy

Reading Eggs is good because you learn the sounds of words. Josh

I like listening to books and reading them. We get to find eggs and buy pets and go to the games store. Blaze

34M Solving division problems in maths and sharing their solutions with the grade.
Prep H and Prep O students had an amazing time watching the Flying Bookworm theatre company perform last term. We watched ‘The Little Red Hen’, ‘Caps for Sale’ and ‘The Gigantic Turnip’. Some lucky students even got to assist in acting out some of the characters.

1/2 S UPDATE

The Prep and 1/2 students are excited to announce that we are participating in the Footsteps Dance program during Term 3! Each Thursday we are joined by Jacinta, our professional dance teacher, to learn awesome dance steps to keep us active, fit and healthy. Last week we all learned a group dance to “Land Down Under,” complete with Kangaroo hops, Emu walks and Crocodile snaps! (Even Mrs Miller was getting her groove on!) We had the best time and we can’t wait to welcome Jacinta back this Thursday for more dancing fun!

Also this term the 1/2 students are studying Habitats for our integrated learning unit. Students are learning all about Australian habitats, and last week we were amazed at the incredible variety of wildlife we have here in Victoria’s rainforests, and we are learning how important it is to care for these animals’ habitats. We can’t wait to learn all about Australian deserts next week!
Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The Earn and Learn Program has now started again for 2015

If you have stickers or point sheets floating around at home or in school bags, please bring them into school as soon as possible.

We will be able to get some fabulous resources for our school.

There will be a box in office foyer and a box at Pakenham Safeway and in the market place Woolworths.

Runs until Tuesday the 8th September
Our Place in Space!

Please enjoy reading our informative paragraphs about

The Planets in our Solar System By 3/4R

**Earth by Daniel and Jasmine**

It is the only Planet that has liquid water on its surface. Earth is the third Planet from the Sun and comes between the Planet Venus and the Planet Mars. It is the only Planet in the Solar System that has Life. The Earth is 93 million miles or 150 million kilometres from the sun.

**Mercury by Paige and Jake**

Mercury has a dark side. It is very cold indeed with the temperature going down to -20 degrees. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. Mercury has no moons.

**Jupiter by Tayla and Max**

Jupiter is the stormiest; it has a lot of gases.

**Neptune by Nick and Jaylise**

Neptune cannot be seen without a Large Telescope and was first seen in 1846 from the Observatory in Berlin. The existence of Neptune had actually been discovered earlier in 1845. Neptune is 45 billion miles from the Sun and is the 7th Planet closest to the Sun.

**By Drew and Christian**

We know very little about Pluto. It is a dwarf planet. It is the second smallest planet. Pluto turns on its own axis. From calculations astronomers have worked out that Pluto's orbit round the sun is not regular.

**Saturn by Hayden and Hayley**

Saturn is the Sixth Planet in the Solar System and when seen through a Telescope it is by far the most beautiful. It is composed of Ice Rings and has at least 18 Moons.
Dear Parents,

Our formal **2016 Prep Transition Program** is about to begin!

Do you have a child starting school next year in Prep (Foundation)?
If so, it is that time of year again where enrolments are being accepted.

This transition program is especially designed to ensure the most positive and successful transition for your child into the school environment.

For more information regarding our Prep (Foundation) Transition Program, please come and visit us at the office and collect our Prep (Foundation) Information Packs for 2016.

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**Story-time Wednesdays**

Come and join in the fun, every Wednesday afternoon with Story-time in our school library. As part of our **Prep Transition Program**, this is a wonderful opportunity for children to visit the school, meet our current Prep Teachers and spend time in the library experiencing a typical school learning session.

Story Time sessions run from 2.30pm til 3.00pm, every Wednesday afternoon (July 29th, August 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th).

Please come to our library and sign in your child!
Asthma Education Session

Parents & Carers please join us for this FREE one hour education session and learn all about your child’s:

- Asthma triggers, signs and symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to use them properly
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Date: Monday 3rd August
Time: 9:15am—10:15am
Venue: The School Library
Cost: Free

If you would like to attend, please contact Rosina Rudd
First Aid Coordinator on 5941 4436

Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.

Morning tea will be provided for Asthma education session everyone welcome.
**Notes from Sick Bay**

Please ensure that all contact phone numbers are up to date.

I would like to remind parents just how important it is to provide the school with up to date phone numbers. When a child is feeling unwell or injured we need to be able to contact parents as quickly as possible. Some students become quite distressed if we cannot contact anyone and they have to remain in sick bay. It is a very long day for them, especially if they are unwell. **Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. The best place for them is at home.**

I would also like to remind parents that any forms regarding their child’s health and or medication should be returned to the school promptly. This would be greatly appreciated as it assists me to manage your child’s individual needs.

You must send **written authorization with any medication and medication needs to be original packaging according to departments guidelines** that is required during school hours. Prepared forms are available at the front office or on the schools website. **NO medications other than asthma puffers are permitted in the child’s school bag.**

Please ensure that all school clothing is clearly named so that it can be returned to its owner.

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Thankyou  

Rosina Rudd

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**Aaaagh... Its the time of year that**

**Head Lice just love.. But parents hate!**

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**Once a week checking system:**

Brush the hair free of tangles.

Apply a coating of hair conditioner to dry hair.

Part hair into sections with hair clips

Comb sections using lice comb

Wipe comb on tissue/paper towel to check for eggs or lice

If head lice are found, a treatment solution will need to be applied. **Treatments are available from the chemist**

**IMPORTANT!**

**You MUST do a follow up treatment ~ one treatment WILL NOT remove all head lice & eggs!**

We will be doing head lice checks in a few weeks however it is the **PARENTS** primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice. We require the co-operation of parents to check their child's hair on a regular basis, and treat when required.