PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
8TH AUGUST 2013

Virtues

Virtue of the Week is Co-operation
Virtues are taught explicitly to our students through a range of activities and discussions. Students are acknowledged for the virtues they possess and use when dealing with situations that arise at school. An example of this is students who have worked together as a group in class and achieved their goal. A teacher might say, “I have noticed that your team cooperated together, each taking a role” or “Congratulations (name) for taking on the role of team leader in your group. I noticed that you included everyone. Your cooperation helped you to achieve your goal”. This is in distinct contrast to saying, “Well done on being cooperative”. The former language identifies the Virtue and what behaviours displayed that Virtue.

Cooperation is working together and sharing the load. We join with others to do things that cannot be done alone. We are willing to follow the rules which keep everyone safe and happy. We disagree peacefully and respectfully.

Cooperation is the Virtue that we are focussing on this week but we are using Virtues language in our dealings with students, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Recognise Teachable Moments
One of the strategies when we speak the language of the Virtues is to recognise teachable moments in which students can be helped to master the Virtues and to understanding the meaning of what they are learning and doing and how they are interacting with others. Rather than simply teaching a Virtue in isolation we can teach it through the context of student’s interactions.

Our courage grows when we are afraid and do it anyway.
Our responsibility grows when we own up to mistakes and make it right.

When we notice a student showing a Virtue, we are making them conscientiously aware of the virtue they are displaying. An example of this is when a normally aggressive student behaves peacefully. The teaching moment is to acknowledge their peacefulness by saying, “You were very peaceful today during recess’. If the same child forgets about peacefulness and acts aggressively, the teachable moment is to remind him/her to behave peacefully: “How can you get your friend’s attention peacefully?”

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Dale Hendrick            Christina Baker            Lynelle Broehhoff
Principal               Assistant Principal          Assistant Principal
Dear Parents,

Our formal **2014 Prep Transition Program** is about to begin!

Do you have a child starting school next year in Prep?
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 Transition Program, please come and visit us at the office and collect our Prep Information Packs for 2014.

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**Story-time Thursdays**

Come and join in the fun, every Thursday 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 Thursday afternoon (starting July 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and September 5th and 12th)

Please come to the office and sign in your child!
On Tuesday 30th July, Prep students celebrated their 100th day at school. The morning started with a fantastic medal ceremony, where students were awarded a medal from Mr Hendrick for completing 100 days.

The students completed lots of different activities and games around the number 100. Some of the activities were ‘Pass the Parcel’, ‘Beanbag 100 Target Throw’, ‘100 Paper Chains’, ‘Fruit Looping’ and ‘100 Dot Painting’.

We had a fantastic party and danced to music. During our party we wore our 100 things crown and won lots of prizes.

Throughout this special day, the students took photos of their experiences and will be making collages for you all to see.

It was a great day!
**EGG AND BACON MUFFIN DAY - Thursday 8th August**

Egg and Bacon Muffins will be available for lunch only for a cost of $3.50.
Hash Browns 80 cents lunch only.

**FOOTY DAY - Thursday 13th September**

We are having a Footy Day celebration. Students are encouraged to dress in their football team colours and are asked to bring along small change for ‘the longest coin line’ competition.

Special Footy Day Lunch Orders will be available for $5.50

- Hot Dog (sauce/no sauce)
- Drink
- Icy-pole

To order a Special Footy Day Lunch Order, please place your money and order in an envelope with the Grade, Name and Room Number.

**Lunch Orders due back by Monday 9th September**

Could you please make sure you have our new Menu. We have a canteen notice board on the window to see what is coming up in the terms.

Thankyou  Jill Verleg
Canteen Manager
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 your 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 that is required during school hours. Prepared forms are available at the front office or on the school website. NO medications other than asthma puffers are permitted in the child’s school bag.

Thankyou

Rosina Rudd
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<td>For always demonstrating the virtue of <strong>patience</strong>, when working with other students.</td>
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<td>Shontee Conner</td>
<td>For showing great <strong>patience</strong> while completing your art project.</td>
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<td>Prep O</td>
<td>Sienna Slabbekoorn</td>
<td>For demonstrating the virtue of <strong>patience</strong>. You always wait calmly and work hard to achieve your goals. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Mila Wesley</td>
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<td>Tori Spalding</td>
<td>For displaying the virtue of <strong>patience</strong>. You are very tolerant and accepting of difficulties you may face.</td>
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<td>For always waiting <strong>patiently</strong> and listening.</td>
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<td>For consistently demonstrating the virtue of <strong>patience</strong>. You are tolerant and accepting of people and of situations. Well done, Piper!</td>
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<td>Katie Robson</td>
<td>For always demonstrating the virtue of <strong>patience</strong> in every moment of every day.</td>
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<td>Anna Whelan</td>
<td>For showing the virtue of <strong>patience</strong> in Maths.</td>
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<td>Lochlan Costello</td>
<td>For being an inspiring model for the virtue of <strong>patience</strong>.</td>
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Harmony in the Hills

By DANIELLE GALVIN

TWENTY four singers from Pakenham Hills Primary School have been hard at work by working their lunch breaks to learn the harmonies and choreography to 20 songs that will be featured in the Victorian State Schools’ Spectacular alongside students from across the state. The theme for this year’s show is ‘Talent is no place like home’ and songs include hits from Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, Fun, Glee and Michael Jackson.

One of the students said she had enjoyed the experience and was looking forward to the performance.

‘It is amazing to have this once in a lifetime opportunity to perform in front of thousands of people,’ she said.

The professionally staged production will include an 80-piece orchestra, 150-voice choir, 400 dancers, 25 lead vocalists, 22 lead drummers, 11 backing vocalists and 500 theatre performers.

Teacher Kerri Ney said the students had been outstanding through the journey.

‘They have fully committed to rehearsals and regular practices outside of school hours and we are very proud of them all,’ she said.

‘We have a team of five dedicated teachers who have worked with the students and will be performing with them next Saturday.’

‘We are all very excited to be performing at such a big event.’

The school offers a performing arts program and students auditioned for a position in the school choir.

There will be two shows on Saturday 27 July at 1.30pm and 5pm. Tickets are available through Ticketek.

Pakenham Hills students

Kia Relph, Tilly, Tee, Jordan, Averie, Grace, Lenzi, Jaylee, Sabin, Shell, Jolynne, Hype, Owen, Anna, Hannah, Ebana, Phoebe, Mitch, Dhan, Ryan, Lee, Tom, Natasha, Falthe, Nelsby and Alysha.

Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS
Speech Pathology Week 2013

Start the Conversation

You are invited to our
Open Morning Tea
to celebrate Speech and
Language at our school.

Thursday 22nd August, 2013
9 – 11 am

in the Language Support Room - 23

Come along and join in some fun
and a light Morning Tea
Jenny and Karen

HOUSE POINTS

ADAMS - 8 POINTS
ANDERSON - 6 POINTS
KENNEDY - 4 POINTS
MURPHY – 2 POINTS
What’s been happening at PHPS?

The Pakenham Hills Primary School Choir travelled to Hisense Arena for the State Schools Spectacular.

Amazing work Choir! You should be so proud!
You can catch the State Schools Spectacular on Channel 7 on the 20\(^{th}\) of October. Check guides closer to the date for the time.
Some of the Grade Prep, 1’s and 2’s enjoyed some time at the Casey Safety Village this week. Students used different forms of transport and learnt about road safety and fire safety.
ART AND TECHNOLOGY IN 34C AND 34M

Our brief was to design a robot that must stand on its own, be at least 30cm tall, have a specific purpose and have one slot join. Here are our fantastic results.

Planning and designing

Constructing

Testing

Working with a partner

A great display.

Presenting our work to the grade.

Grades 34C and 34HM with their robots.