

PHPS NEWS

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Hi Parents and Friends,

Hopefully you have read the letter sent home this week regarding the upgrade of our old veggie garden. We are so grateful to see many generous donations coming through. (See pages 2-3).

This week in the art room many children have had the opportunity to help repurpose the old fibre glass garden beds, worm farm towers and signposts. They have had a fresh coat of paint in some appealing calm colours in preparation for the new layout. The 3/4's studied colour and emotion last term, and we thought some blues and greens would be perfect tranquil and calm colours for our new space. We have started talking about composting classroom scraps from term 4 into the worm towers to fertilise the soil. We are so looking forward to the development of our new space!



Before



After

TERM 3

10 Jul - 15 Sep

SEALS Program Commences

3 Jul	NAIDOC Week
19-26 Aug	CBCA Book Week
28 Aug	School Photos
30/31 Aug	School Concert
3 Sept	Fathers Day
15 Sept	Last Day of Term - Students finish at 1:30pm

TERM 4

2 Oct - 20 Dec

29 Oct	Grandparents Day
6 Nov	Report Writing Day - STUDENT FREE
7 Nov	Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
5 Dec	International Volunteer Morning Tea
19 Dec	Curriculum Day - STUDENT FREE
20 Dec	Last Day of Term - Students finish at 1:30pm

In the spirit of reconciliation PHPS acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Community News



Dear Parents and Friends

You may have noticed our old Veggie Garden space is under construction. The Garden Committee has been working hard over the last few months planning an exciting outdoor learning space for our students. This is a huge task which we hope to be using by term four this year. The theme of the garden will be a sustainable and sensory space.

Our local Bunnings Warehouse has committed to assisting us with seedlings, planting and education support once the garden is set up, allowing PHPS to plan and deliver lessons focussed on sustainability in an outdoor setting.

Children with extra sensory needs will be able to use the garden to self-regulate their emotions in a calm outdoor space.

We are holding a fundraiser to help us get this space up and running.

OPTION 1 \$50: Families or local businesses have the chance to sponsor a bench seat. A small plaque will feature on the seat with your family's name. Our goal is to install eight bench seats for children to enjoy outdoor lessons.

OPTION 2 \$25: Families can donate the cost of a stepping stone to help with the landscaping costs. Our goal is to lay 30 stepping stones for children to navigate their way around the garden.

OPTION 3 \$10: Families can donate the cost of a bag of river stones to help build our "sensory walk."

Alternatively, any donation great or small can be made at the office. Every little bit helps. Please return the form attached if you would like to donate via any of the above options. Please label any envelopes of donations with "Garden Committee."

Student leaders will be fundraising for the Garden at break times by selling Zooper Doopers and chocolate bars.

We are also holding a competition to name the garden... \$2 per entry. Put your idea and name the bottom of the form with your \$2 coin into an envelope addressed to the "Garden Committee" and hand it into the office.

Many thanks,

Garden Committee



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Pakenham Hills Primary School Sensory / Sustainable Garden Donation

Donation details:

Student Name and Grade: _____

- I would like to donate \$50 for a new bench seat
- I would like to donate \$25 for a stepping stone
- I would like to donate \$10 for a bag of river stones
- I would like to make a donation of a different amount \$ _____

For bench seat only:

What would you like your name plaque to say? (50 characters only):

Name the garden competition:

Student Name and

Grade: _____

I would like the new garden space to be called:

Please return to the school office with payment in an envelope labelled "Garden Committee".

Principal's Post



Welcome

Welcome back, we have had a very good start to the term. I trust that our families and school community enjoyed a break of some description. It is pleasing to see the manner in which our students have returned to routines and our classrooms, and we have enjoyed a great first week back together.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results for students are being released for our Year 3 and 5 students from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. NAPLAN reports will be sent home to parents upon their arrival in the school.

Prep 2024

Foundation enrolments are currently open and we look forward to welcoming your child to our school community.

1. Contact our school to book a pre-enrolment meeting with Rachel Mauger on 5941-4436 or make a pre-enrolment interview request at <https://pakenhamhillsps.vic.edu.au/enrolment/>
2. An enrolment pack will be provided, once a pre-enrolment meeting has been conducted.
3. When returning your child's enrolment forms, please bring your child's birth certificate and an up-to-date immunisation history statement. If your child has completed all immunisations and you have not received a history statement, call ACIR on 1800 653 809. Alternatively you can download a copy from the [mygov website](#)
4. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from **Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

Dale Hendrick

Principal



*****Term 4 Report Writing Day*****
Rescheduled
New Date for your diary: 6 Nov 2023

Naidoc Week Celebrations



Naidoc Week Celebrations

Our school has celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture in week 1 and 2 of term 3.

All grades have worked on a beautiful, colourful collaborative drawing that is displayed in the office building. It is still in progress. We will show you the picture in the next Newsletter.

All grades have attended an indigenous incursion. The school has borrowed a big yellow suitcase from the Melbourne Museum and in it were some 'artefacts' that are normally on display in the museum.

We learned that our Aussie Rules game is based on an Aboriginal game called 'Marngrook'. The students could handle an actual marngrook, which is an animal skin shaped like a rugby ball, filled with charcoal and fur scraps.

We found out that a newborn baby receives a possum skin as his/her first birthday gift. On every next birthday they get another skin that is sewn onto the cloak they already have. The back side of the cloak is beautifully decorated with drawings and symbols that are important to whoever wears it. The students have experienced that if you wear your possum skin with the fur on the outside, it will keep you warm in cold weather and the rain will easily drip off your cloak. When it is summer, the fur side is on your skin. The air flow will make you feel nice and cool in warm weather.

Ask your children about the boomerang, the message stick, the clapsticks, the cutting tools, the 'diprotodon' tooth, the weaving basket and the 'make-up' (ochre).

The students were very happy to learn about all the items and how they were used.



Important Info Regarding Xuno

Xuno is our main method of communication with families of students. Parents must have access to this portal in case of an emergency. Please download the app on your phone (download via Google Play or Apple store).

If you need help setting up, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Office for assistance, we will be only too happy to help: 03 59414436



Parent Information

Make Every Day Count

Attending all day, every day helps students to build their learning and maintain strong social connections with their friends and teachers. Each lesson provides a foundation for the next one, making it easier to learn the next concept.

At Pakenham Hills Primary School we encourage all students to attend school each day and most importantly arrive on time.

Teachers and students have the chance to chat and settle in for a day of learning. Students are able to follow their 'Getting ready to Learn' routines and participate in Circle Time. This is an important time to build relationships, make friends and have fun.

We want to encourage and reward all of our students who attend school each day and arrive on time. Each class are rewarding students who attend regularly and have improved attendance and punctuality each day. Students will be given raffle tickets to enter a prize draw that will be drawn at assembly. There will also be a larger family prize draw at the end of each term. Teachers will also be awarding attendance certificates and postcards to encourage our students to start the day positively and continue to learn and be at their best.



It was wonderful to see all the students receiving their 100% Attendance certificates for Term 2. There were so many students across the school who achieved this award.

Well Done! We all look forward to celebrating with you this term at Assembly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Katrina Miller
Classroom Teacher



Are You Safe at Home?

We all deserve safety, respect and the opportunity to thrive, wherever we live, work and play. But for many of us, home is not always safe.

Most people experiencing family violence will reach out to a friend, family member or colleague at some point. That could be you. And it's people like you who are often the first ones to notice that something isn't right. You can play a crucial role in identifying abuse and supporting the people you know and care about to be safe. You don't have to be an expert. You can start small by opening up the conversation, listening and offering support.

You can ask the question, 'are you safe at home?'. We all have a role in recognising and responding to family violence.

Start the conversation with a colleague or loved one. Learn more by visiting

www.areasafeathome.org.au.



Parent Information

Rights, Resilience & Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships education is a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12. It has been designed to embed a culture of respect and equality across the school communities to change the story of family violence for future generations.

In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from foundation to year 12 and is being taught in all government schools.

At PHPS we believe that everyone in our community deserves to be respected, valued and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and equality are embedded in our practice.

By embedding a culture of respect and equality across our community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fetes and social events we can see positive impacts on student's academic outcomes, mental health, classroom behaviour, and peer and teacher relationships.

By working together, we can lead the way in saying yes to respect and equality, and creating genuine and lasting change so that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials have been developed by experts from the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education, based on evidence from reputable research bodies and leading authorities including:



- UNICEF
- VicHealth
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing
- UNESCO

What Resilience, Rights and respectful Relationships looks like at PHPS?

At PHPS the Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships program is delivered to students as a specific lesson once a week following the pre-planned structure of the program developed by Melbourne University. The program covers topics including but not limited to recognising emotions, emotional regulation, identifying personal strengths, problem solving, stress management, help seeking and positive gender relationships. These topics can then be connected to various aspects of the curriculum such as Health and Physical Education.

Following the above lessons, the theme from each weeks lesson is then practised and referred to daily during circle time each morning. Circle time is a planned, daily classroom activity designed to increase class cohesion and build relationships with students through a supportive climate. Circle time assists to develop social and emotional competencies and gives teachers the opportunity to 'check in' with students each day. At PHPS we endeavour to utilise circle time to create a safe environment and sense of belonging for all students.



Student of The Week—Term 2



	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
00A		Eelavan Pirathakaran		
00E				
00K	Mackenzie Rich		Ebony Barr	
01O H				
12M				
12J		Clinton Meyer	Arliah Ward, Zanny Barlow	
12K			Ednea Idrizaj Fateh Aulakh	Dacian Meechan
12X				
12R	Tilly Norrey	Sofia Dy	Aidan Smith	Karina Kossak
34C				
34L	Yisa Gao			Aiva Ikupu
34M	Chase Richards	Lexie Schwartze	Salvatore Marotta	
34W				
45B	Alex Roksa	Xanthe Hughes	Aryan Jhanji	Eknoor Aneja
45J				
56D	Summer Schwartze	Ana Towsi		
56L				Emi Donovan
56J				
Per- formin g Arts				
Visual Art			3/4W Class Award	
PE				
Auslan			Lacey Davey 1/2M	

Student of The Week—Term 2/3



	Week 9	TERM 3	Week 1	Week 2
00A			Aryansh Sengupta	Harper Jones Velente
00E				Kade Heath Mia Hardiman
00K				Claudio Escoreal Spencer Kelly
01O H				
12M				
12J	Ciyara Gilpin		Riley Tuituiho	Brodie Craig, Sophia Sohal
12K				Taylor Nish
12X	Arianna Mureiithi		Sarah Fesharaky	Indigo Stephenson
12R			Habish Arulkumaran	
34C	Shawndeeep Singh		Jaden Kumarapperuma	Hailey Meredith
34L			Ellie Taylor	Peyton Daniel-Palmer
34M				Vickshana Vicnesh Riley Jones
34W			Kayla Catt-Maclure	Harley Lambrinos
45B				
45J	Jeremiah Doherty		Hunter Warburton	Isabelle Fuller-Griffin
56D	Whole Class — Mrs A			
56L			Rhylee Macumber-Kirk	Gavishth Sharma
56J			Visual Art Awards:	
Per- formin g Arts			Jennifer Tran 3/4M - Lucan Kovac 4/5B	
Visual Art			Akur Alier 4/5B - Clinton Meyer 1/2J	
PE			Archie Deboer 1/2K	
Auslan				

School Photos—28th August 2023



SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information



School Photographs will be taken at

Pakenham Hills Primary School

Monday 28th August 2023

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school
before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to
all students on or after photo day**

When you receive your child's 2023 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2023 image code



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 ****



Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N 48 528 494 590
(03) 5243 4390
customerservice@arphotos.com.au

School Photos—28th August 2023



School Photos 2023

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Monday 28th August 2023.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.



Our school's monthly newsletter reaches over 400 families in the local area including staff and students.

It is distributed digitally via XUNO, our website and Facebook.

A Full Page advertisement: \$20.00

School families receive a further discount of 10% off.

Please contact the Office for further information or email: pakenham.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Community News



Financial Hub

assistance with budgets and bills plus free threads

What will be offer:

- Order brand new free clothes for you and your family
- Energy bills support + debt support
- Get information and support with tenancy and fines
- Build your financial skills and develop long-lasting savings habits

DATES: Monday, 26 June 2023

TIME: 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
(refreshments provided)

WHERE: The ParentZone Hub
75 Army Road Pakenham

To register,
scan QR code
or [click here](#)



For bookings & enquiries contact:
CfCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au or 0457 825 076



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Community News



**Karate (4-6 yrs, 7-12 yrs, Teens/Adults)
at Pakenham Hills Primary School**

4 Weeks Training + Uniform - \$39.99



• **Confidence • Focus • Resilience**
• **Commitment • Respect • FUN!!**

Register Online Now



Ph: 0467 049 139 E: pakenham@allstarsdefence.com.au

**Location: Pakenham Hills Primary School Gym - 15 Kennedy Road, Pakenham, VIC
(enter via Glenvista Rd)**

When? Friday After School Classes

www.allstarsdefence.com.au

Benefits Of Martial Arts

- **Improved physical health:** Martial arts training involves a lot of physical activity, which can help children build strength, endurance, and flexibility.
- **Increased confidence:** As children learn new skills and techniques in martial arts, they gain confidence in their abilities and become more self-assured.
- **Improved discipline and focus:** Martial arts training requires children to pay attention, follow instructions, and stay focused on their goals, which can help them develop discipline and concentration skills.
- **Enhanced social skills:** Martial arts classes provide children with the opportunity to interact with other kids in a supportive and structured environment, helping them develop social skills such as teamwork, communication, and respect for others.
- **Self-defence skills:** Martial arts training can equip children with the knowledge and skills to defend themselves if they ever need to.
- **Increased self-control:** Martial arts teaches children to control their impulses, emotions, and reactions, helping them to make better decisions and avoid impulsive behaviour.
- **Better stress management:** Martial arts training can help children learn to manage stress and anxiety by teaching them techniques such as meditation and controlled breathing.
- **Overall, martial arts training can be a great way for kids to improve their physical and mental health, gain confidence and self-discipline, and develop important life skills that can benefit them in many areas of their lives.**

Hi,
I'm NED!

Hello families!

NED's Mindset Mission is a positive behaviour assembly visiting our school!

A world-class performer takes our students on a 45-minute journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humour.

NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals. NED will become a positive role model at both school and at home.

Never give up Encourage others Do your best®

A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again, & improve. Read more at www.MindsetMission.com/yoyos.

Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: _____ TIME: _____

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: _____



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary.

Make cheques payable to our school. Prices include tax (where applicable).

STUDENT ORDER FORM:

CLASSIC YOS **AUS\$14**

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axle yo-yos.



SUPER SPINNERS **AUS\$16**

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.



SPECIALTY SELECTION **AUS\$22**

Assorted professional long spin yo-yos for next level tricks!



REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.

**AUS\$6**

YO-YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go. Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).

**AUS\$12**

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

For more yo-yo fun and to learn tricks, check out:
NEDkids.com



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary.
Make cheques payable to our school.
Prices include tax (where applicable).

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	AUS\$6		
Holster	AUS\$12		
Classic Yo	AUS\$14		
Super Spinner	AUS\$16		
Specialty Yo	AUS\$22		
TOTAL DUE			