

PHPS NEWS



Pakenham Hills
Primary School
Life is for learning

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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.



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DATES TO REMEMBER 2020

TERM 4:

5/10/2020 — 18/12/2020

Friday 23rd October

- **Public Holiday**

Monday 26th October

- **Lunch orders NOT available**

Friday 30th October

- **Book Club Orders due**

Friday 27th November

- **School Photos *date changed**

Principal's Post

Welcome!

Prep Enrolments

We have commenced our planning for the 2021 school year. If you have a foundation student for 2021 and intend for them to attend Pakenham Hills PS, enrolment forms need to be returned to the school. If you have friends you know are intending to enrol at the school, can you please encourage them use the below link to request a Pre-Enrolment Meeting :

<https://pakenhamhillsp.vic.edu.au/2021-foundation-enrolments/>

We are currently planning for 70 foundation students. This will mean 3 straight prep grades and a P/1 composite. If enrolments are left to the last minute or to the start of next year, that may mean we will have closer to 80 foundation students which will mean a grade re-shuffle. This is incredibly disruptive if it has to be done at the start of the 2021 school year.

Class Structure for 2021

In 2021 we will move to a mixture of straight grades and composite grades. A key part of the reasoning behind this is to allow the school to provide better support for students as it endeavours to meet the learning needs of many of its students who have been educationally disadvantaged by almost 6 months of remote learning. We also now have areas of the school where numbers now better support straight grades. The only area that will be all composites will be the 3/4 area. Straight grades here would have resulted in grade 4 classes of 29 students. Due to the change of structure in 2021 the school will not be offering extension grades.

Return to On-Site Learning

It has been fantastic to see all the kids back at school. The transition back to on-site learning has been challenging for many students as they are

quite tired late in the day. It's a real credit to both teacher's and students at how well things have gone to date.

Social Media

Recently, I had to speak to four of the senior girls around their use of social media. The interactions between them online were very inappropriate and for the most part were online bullying. Eleven and twelve year old students are not old enough to understand the ramifications of on-line bullying. In many cases these children won't block others, as they are afraid they will miss something with their friends or something in a group chat. In some cases the children facilitate their own bullying because of this attitude. The only real way to keep your child safe is to monitor their social media usage. A key strategy is to make your child have one or both parents as contacts who can see everything that goes on. If your child is not prepared to do this, cancel their social media accounts and limit their data on their phone.

Bullying

Recently, we have had some issues with a small number of our older female students harassing younger children in the school. This is currently being investigated and appropriate consequences will be put in place. These consequences will involve parents being contacted about said behaviour and yard plans put in place in the first instance. Where students fail to observe their yard plan and stop what they have been doing, they will be removed long term from the playground and put into the reflection room at recess and lunch-time. This type of behaviour is bullying, pure and simple and will not be accepted.

Regards

Dale Hendrick

Principal



Parent Information

Return of Student loaned laptops

If you have not returned the digital devices that were loaned to you could you please return these ASAP. Please ensure that the device is returned along with the charging cable and the paperwork given to you. While it's not crucial you bring back the paperwork, it helps us to quickly match your loaned device with our records.

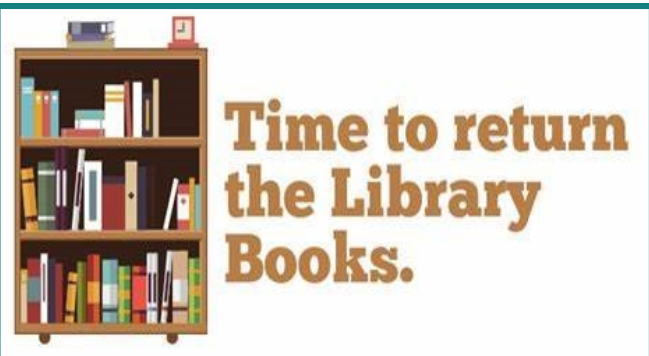
Regards,
Bonnie Hendrick , Office

School Photos

Please note, School Photos have been rescheduled for Friday 27th November.

Regards

Mat Anderton, Assistant Principal



Concert

Please remember to sign and return (via Compass) your Child's permission forms for participation in the Concert video recording.

This year the concert will be uploaded to our school's YouTube page. Further information to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kara Hermann, Performing Arts

Book Club

To place your order for, please follow the link www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Books will be delivered to the Students classroom unless you specify it is a Gift when ordering. In which case we will contact you to arrange collection.

Last date for orders to be placed via the LOOP is Friday 30th October.

Thank you for your continued support,

Laura, Library



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We would appreciate unwanted uniform donations for our shop ASAP. Please leave your donations at the Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kim Hancock , Integration Aide



Primary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

Every Day Counts



School is better when your child is there

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

PHPS School Website

Our school website has had a huge transformation and is a great source of information for parents.

What you can find on our website:

- Upcoming Events
- Sickbay Forms
- Canteen List
- Virtual School Tour
- School Hours and Term Dates

- Newsletters
- Pakky SEALS at Home Resources
- Pakky SEALS Information Session Video
- Prep 2021 Enrolment Request Link

And much more.

You can find it using this link: <https://pakenhamhillsps.vic.edu.au/> OR Google Pakenham Hills Primary School and select the first link

Bonnie Hendrick
Office



Preps 100 Days at School

Last week on our first Friday back onsite, our very excited foundation students were finally able to celebrate their 100 DAYS OF LEARNING with an ALL-DAY celebration! Students enjoyed a variety of fun activities throughout the day including an award ceremony presented by our Principal.

One of the highlights of the day was having the students present their fantastic 100 days posters. We could see that students put a lot of effort into

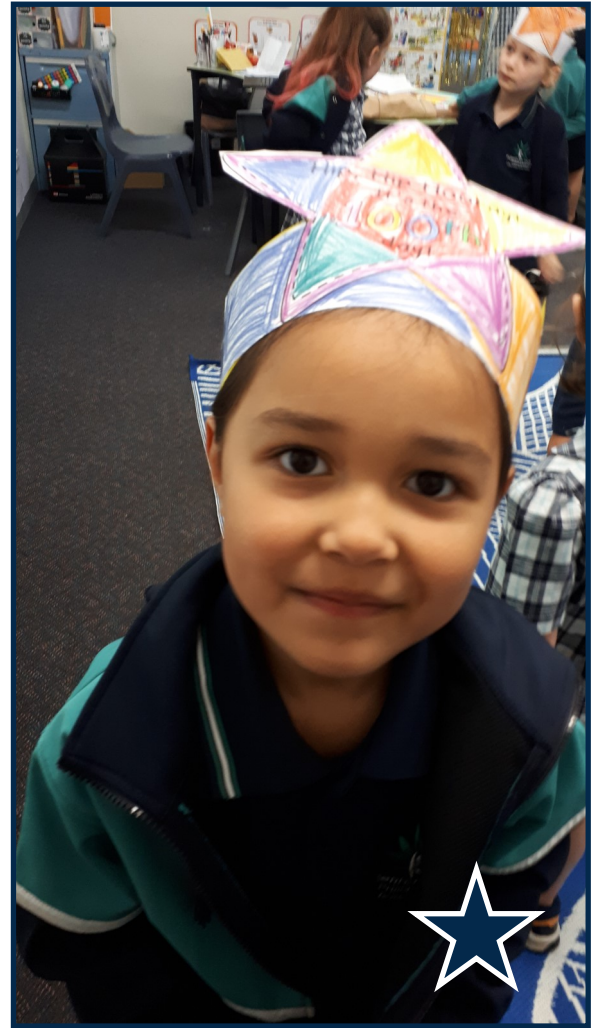
these posters and they were rightfully very proud to present them to their classmates.

Thank you to all the parents for providing the lovely spread of foods for their lunch feast. Despite our Covid limitations, we still had a wonderful day that the students won't soon forget!

Prep Team





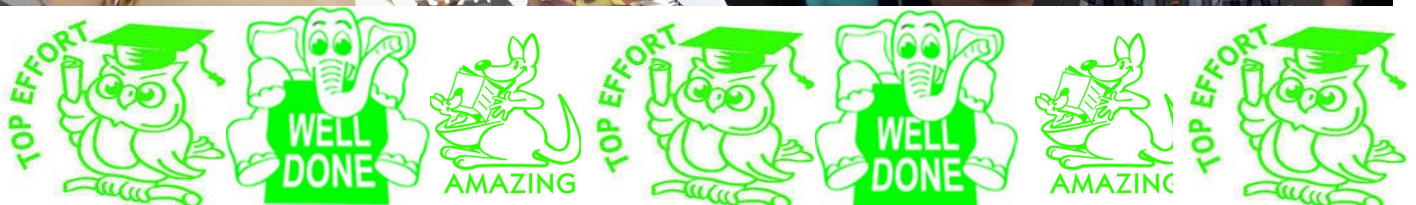
Preps 100 Days at School



Student of the Week

Congratulations to all our Students of the Week!

PJ		3/4M	
PP	Jaxon G & Clarence T	3/4O	Ryan W
PW	Esmae-Rose B & Mackayla G	3/4I	
P/1M		3/4R	
1/2S		4/5B	
1/2F	Sophie H	5/6B	Taylan S & Ehsan I & Jordyn-Maree H
1/2T	Grace M-H	5/6S	
1/2M		5/6J	Chelsea M
1/2L	Anne M	5/6H	Zaali M & Riley B



Sick Bay Notifications



Head Lice Inspection Procedure

Attending school also means we have other friends who will be joining us. Those dreaded head lice! While it is something we could all happily live without, unfortunately we don't always get a say in the matter. Head lice have been around for thousands of years, and will never be eradicated. We have several hundred students here at the school, and because children work and play closely together, it goes without saying that the chances of your child contracting head lice are pretty high!

Parents have the 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.

Please inform the school if you have found your child to have Live Head Lice. In this instance we will send home an alert via Compass (without identifying the origins) for every student in your child's class.

We endeavour to assist in keeping incidences of head lice infection under control, to the best of our ability, as follows:

First Aid Officers will conduct head lice screening once per term and/or as needed.

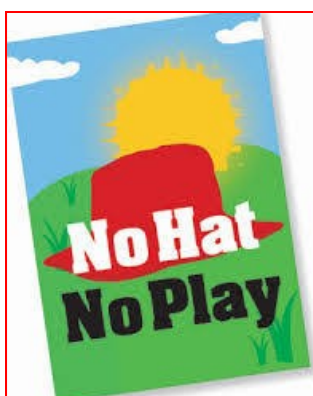
The inspection system works as follows:

1. **The First Aid Officers will perform class checks.** Students who are found to have head lice will be given a notice along with relevant treatment information, and will need to be collected.
2. **Parents will be notified** to inform them if their child has live head lice. Please commence head lice treatment upon collecting your child.
3. **Please sign the *Head Lice Treatment Reply Slip*** and returned back to the Sick Bay at the same time your child returns to school. We will then perform a re-check.
4. **Upon re-check**, if your child is still found to have live lice you will be contacted again and your child will need to be collected.

Thank you for your assistance,

Trish, Kim and Sharlene

First Aid Team



Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We would appreciate unwanted uniform donations for our shop ASAP. Please leave your donations at the Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kim Integration Aide







Please note: Lunch orders will **NOT** be available on Monday 26th October 2020

PRICE LIST FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES 2020
PAKENHAM GENERAL STORE 5940 2559

WRAPS, ROLLS, SANDWICHES (White bread)		HOT FOOD	
Cheese	\$2.50	Cheese Burger (roll meat patty, tomato sauce)	\$6.00
Ham	\$3.30	Burger with the lot (As above with lettuce and tomato)	\$6.50
Strass	\$3.30	Chicken Burger (roll, Chicken Fillet, lettuce/mayo)	\$5.00
Tuna	\$4.00	Hot Dog	\$3.00
Chicken schnitzel wrap. (Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo)	\$5.00	Mini Pizzas (Ham & pineapple)	\$2.00
Salad	\$3.50	Lasagne	\$4.00
Ham & salad	\$4.70	Meat Pie (Large)	\$3.70
Strass & salad	\$4.70	Meat Pie (Small)	\$1.50
tuna & salad	\$5.20	Sausage Roll (Large)	\$4.00
Salads=Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber.	.40ea	Sausage Roll (Small)	\$1.50
Add Cheese	\$0.50	Steamed Dim Sims (with soy sauce)	\$1.20
Add Roll	\$0.50	Spinach and Cheese Roll (Extra Large)	\$3.50
FRUIT CUPS: Fruit Salad or two fruits	\$2.00	Chicken Nuggets	\$0.50
FROZEN YOGHURT CUPS: Strawberry or Mango	\$3.00		
DRINKS:		EXTRAS	
Fruit Boxes - Apple or Apple & Black Currant	\$2.20	Tomato Sauce Satchels	\$0.20
OAK Milk - Chocolate or Strawberry	\$2.60	Mayonaisse	\$0.30
Water	\$2.00		

Icy poles will be available for sale at school from next week for a \$1.00. This is a fundraiser for grade 6 graduation.



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