

# PHPS NEWS



Pakenham Hills  
Primary School

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## TERM 3 KEY DATES

### AUGUST

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5/6  
Basketball Hoop Time

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – District Athletics

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Prep  
Excursion to Chesterfield Farm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day  
Breakfast & Book Fair

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
Book Fair

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – MSO Excursion

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> –  
Concert Full School Rehearsal

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> –  
State School Spectacular  
Rehearsal

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> –  
School Concert

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – PJ Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Footy Day

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**END OF TERM**

**FINISH 1.30PM**





## Principal's Post

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### Foundation 100 Days at School

Our Foundation students recently had their 100<sup>th</sup> day at school. I had the pleasure of giving out small awards to each student. All the Foundation students did a great job of sitting through this small ceremony. We are really proud of all their efforts and so look forward to everything still to come.

### Staff Carpark

The staff carpark is not a drop point for students. It is a carpark for staff. We have had a few parents dropping off students in the staff carpark and this has created issues for staff trying to enter and park their cars. If your car is damaged in an accident in the staff car park, it is not covered by the school's insurance.

### Grounds

After having many areas of our concreting replaced over the holidays, the grounds are starting to look much better. Future plans are to install more seating in each of the courtyards and to repair all the damage by the contractors on the grassed areas. You will notice that we have created a bordered area around the tree in the 5/6 courtyard and also made it into seating. We plan to do this around the two large trees at the top of the amphitheatre as well. Recently we have also replanted the area at the top of the new retaining wall in the school carpark area. Phil has also been putting new plants in around the school to start to restore our gardens. Our future plans are to restore the main garden at the main Kennedy Road entrance to the school, with a native garden and three flag poles. Over the next two to three years we plan to restore all the schools garden areas. Our key focus is on improving the outside environment for the students. We are also looking at relocating the 3/4 play equipment to a more suitable area.

### Appointments to see Staff

For many years the school has had a walk in policy for when parents have needed to see staff. **In future, appointments will need to be made to see our Psychologist (Kate Joiner) and both Assistant Principals.** If you need to see a teacher, other than for a quick chat at the beginning or end of the day, appointments will need to be made to see all teaching staff. For some staff this constant walk-in interruption has interfered with their ability to perform their roles effectively. To make an appointment, please call the office and they will have the required person call you back to make a time.

Regards,  
Dale



## **New Look Newsletter**

Welcome to the first new look newsletter. We aim to support the other school communication tools, Compass, Facebook and notices in keeping you up to date with School Events and information to do with PHPS.

In time, favourites such as “Student of the Week” and “Sports Results” will be reintroduced. If there is anything you would like to see more of or suggestions please do not hesitate to let us know. Contact the Office or Laura in the Library.

## **Compass**

Compass is the main way the school communicates information, documents and School Events. You can access Compass via your smartphone or the internet. Please see Compass tips attached.

If you require assistance with Compass or your ‘log in’ info, please contact your classroom teacher or the Office.

## **Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

Please join us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August in the courtyard next to the Library. We will be hosting a breakfast to celebrate the special men in your childrens’ family. Join us in the Library also for first day of our Book Fair!

## **Book Fair**

Our school Book Fairs are a great hub for meeting other families, staff and helping to support the learning resources in our

School. Get some early Christmas shopping checked off your list!

## **Pakky Shak**

This term we have introduced Pakky Shak tokens as a reward for students ‘Making Good Choices’ and demonstrating PHPS values of Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be a Learner. Earning tokens and spending them in the ‘Pakky Shak’ motivates and encourages positive behaviour.

## **Sausage Sizzle**

Grade 5/6 hosted a classic Aussie ‘Sausage in Bread’ event on Wednesday to help raise funds for their end of year graduation. Thank you to all those who participated and well done to our 5/6s who made the event fun and successful.

## **School Concert**

Rehearsals are already underway and excitement is brewing.

Tickets went on sale Monday 12th August via Try Booking. We are trialling this for the first time this year. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

## **Icy Poles**

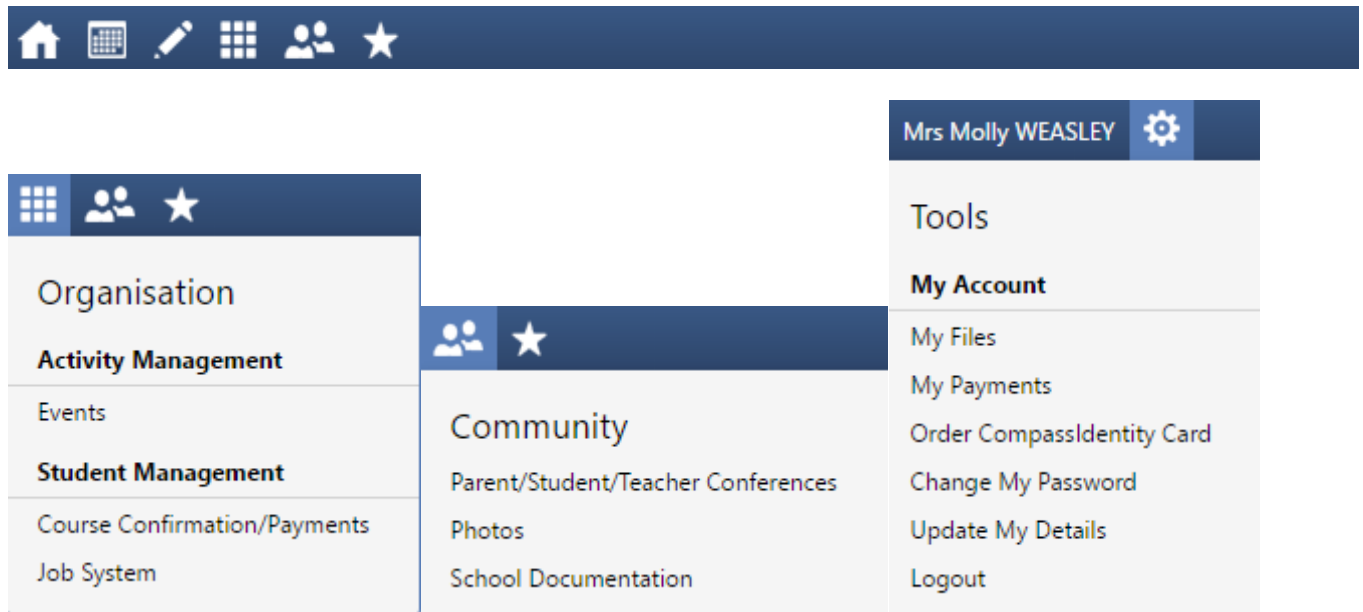
These have proven a popular treat and help our PFA raise funds which directly benefit our school. They are on sale daily during recess and lunch at \$1 each. Thank you again for your continued support.



## COMPASS TIPS

### Menus and Functions

Along the top of the screen there are various icons, and from these icons the parent can navigate through the Compass portal.



The Home icon will take them back to the Home page.

The Calendar icon will take parents to the school calendar, where they will be able to see the schedules of their child/children, as well as any school events or activities that have been entered to the calendar.

The Pencil icon will bring up the Teaching and Learning menu, from which parents can access Learning Tasks and School Resources.

The Grid icon will bring up the Organisation menu, where they can access Events, Course Confirmations/Payments, and the Job System.

The People icon will bring up the Community menu, where parents can access Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, School Photos, and School Documentation.

The Star icon will bring up the Favourites menu, where any websites that the school has added for parent access will be linked.

Please note, future parents are only able to view the Home, Grid, and People icons, they are unable to view the Calendar, Pencil, and Star icons until their child commences at your school.

To the right of the screen, the parent name will display, with the Cog icon, which will bring up the Tools menu, from which they can access Payments, their Files, reset their password, update