Thanks to our Junior School Councilors who were presented with their badges and certificates by our School Council President, Michael Harrison at yesterday’s assembly. We are very proud of our new JSC members who are looking forward to the challenges of the role.

Congratulations to our newest members: Jessica 4-29, Harrison 4-30, Jamil 4-31, Cindy 4-32, Abbie 5-3, Xavier 5-4, Yanni 5-5, Diya 5-6, Raj and Rebecca 6-1, Thomas and Lauren 6-2, Alicia and Adam 6-7 and Jacinta and Aaron 6-8.

Our special assembly also gave us the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mr Michael Harrison who is resigning as our School Council President after five years of membership with three of these as Vice President for two years and then as President for the past two years. It was nice for our students to be able to thank him in person.

Our Family Fun Night on Thursday March 12 is getting closer. We are still welcoming volunteers so if you would like to be involved in any way; volunteering to help on the night, volunteering to help with the organisation, offering to sponsor an activity as a family or if you have your own business, donating goods for our fabulous raffle or in any other way, please contact Antonella in the office on 9404 4311 or Julie Nixon, Assistant Principal on the same number or at the gate in the mornings. Of course you can always contact me either way.

I will also take the opportunity to ask again about raffle donations. We would love anything you would like to win yourself; toys, games, pamper products, baby gear, voucher for a meal or drinks, books, perfume, jewellery, the list goes on. Remember that these are all used for our raffle which is drawn on the night. I wonder if we can break our record of twenty five hampers and prizes. Please send or bring your donations to the office; my side office is waiting to be filled. Thank you for your anticipated generous support.

While we celebrated with our JSC on Monday we are looking forward to welcoming our new 2015 School Council soon. As you are aware we are holding our elections now with the ballot paper coming home this week. Plenty Parklands Primary School Council elections are an opportunity for you to vote for parent representative on our council. These positions are important and can help to make our school an even better one. Please read the messages below from our candidates which may help you decide where to cast your vote. We have 4 vacancies and 5 candidates, this year so every vote counts.

Hi everyone, my name is Roger Baker and I am the proud father of three children Elijah, Kaeden and Zahli, who have been at Plenty Parklands Primary School since 2009. I run my own Bookkeeping business which has allowed me the opportunity to be an active participant in my children’s schooling by helping out in the classroom, going on camps and excursions. This has enabled me to see firsthand the wonderful work that the teachers and support staff do for all of our children. I work with a wide variety of businesses on a day to day basis and I believe that I have the necessary skills to contribute to the Plenty Parklands School community in a positive way.

Hi, I’m Daniela Krstevski and I am one of your candidates standing for School Council. I have held a position on school council for the past two years which was a fabulous experience, and I am looking forward to the possibility of serving you for another 2 year term. I care about our kids and our community so your vote would be greatly appreciated.

I have been actively involved at PPPS for the past 7 years with fundraising, the canteen, special events and in the classroom. My eldest child Brandon graduated Year 6 last year and is now in Secondary College, and my youngest child Jemma is currently in Year 4. In my spare time, I love to read and I also love spending it with all my family and friends. My husband and I are very keen travellers and we love holidaying so that we can experience the different cultures around the world.

Feel free to come and say “Hi” if you see me around the school. It’s always great to meet new people.

Principal’s message continued over page
Hi everyone, my name is Bobi Nikolovski. I am married to Tina and have two children, Olivia who graduated last year and Lucas who attends PPPPS in Year 4, class 4-29. I have lived in the community for the past 14 years and love the area. I work for Northlec Pty Ltd as an electrician and specialize in the field of automated systems, plc software, new installations, attending breakdowns and general maintenance on machines. My interests outside work are, camping with the family, riding my quad bike, playing golf. My biggest passion is cricket. I play for the Camrea Taipans cricket club (based in Thomastown). I have served the club for 28 years, am a life member, have served as President for one term and a committee member for many years. At present I am captain of the 2nds XI and an assistant coach for U’10s at Yarrambat junior football club.

I have completed serving two years on the school council and seeking re-election for a further two years. To be on the school council is not a right, but a privilege, and I have very much enjoyed the experience.

My name is Bianca O’Connor and I have 3 children at Plenty Parklands Primary, Ashlynn in year 4, Shannon in year 2 and Keira in Prep. I am interested in becoming a member of the School Council as a parent representative. I have enjoyed being a member of my children’s kindergarten committees over the years, initially as a General Member and then as the joint Fundraising Coordinator. Now all my children are at PPPPS, so I am eager to become even more involved at the school. I like keeping fit, helping out around the school and holidaying with my family! I have enjoyed being involved in many different fundraising activities at the school over the years, I often go to the coffee and chat meetings throughout the year, occasionally go with the kids on excursions and also help out in the classrooms where possible. Prior to becoming a mum, I was a travel agent for 10 years for Harvey World Travel which gave me great satisfaction and enjoyment in my professional life. I’ve been fortunate enough to travel throughout the years both within Australia and overseas which I loved and am sure will continue to do throughout my life. I am now looking forward to devoting more of my time to the involvement in my children’s school.

My name is Belinda Petkovski and I am a new parent to the school and would love to be a part of the School Council to represent the community. I have a wonderful husband Nick and our daughter Julia is in Prep 13 and we have a 2 year old son Mason.

As a family we enjoy spending time together and going on family drives. I like to keep fit and do regular fitness classes. I work in accounts for a newly established company. I enjoy my job where I liaise with many people.

Last year I was on the kindergarten committee where I helped with family fun nights and other events. I would love to be given the opportunity to be a part of such a welcoming and caring community.

Thank you to our five candidates for taking the time to commit to PPPPS.

We continue to get very positive feedback about our parent forum with Chris Daicos. Sometimes the message about what is good for our kids is hard to hear because all we want to do is ‘protect’ them, keep them happy and solve their problems for them. Chris showed us that while our actions are well intentioned they are actually stopping our children developing life skills for themselves. What will happen when we are not there to make their decisions and resolve their issues?

“In order for your child to experience mastery, it is necessary for him to fail, to feel bad, and to try again repeatedly until success occurs. Failure and feeling bad are necessary building blocks for ultimate success and feeling good.” Martin Seligman (a psychologist)

Being a good parent is a hard job and part of it is to let our kids grow and, through experience, learn the life skills they will need all through their life.

We hope you experience a personal achievement this week and reflect on how you learnt the skills that enabled you to achieve it.

Claire McInerney
Principal

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**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL BANKING**

Plenty Parklands Primary School has offered a School Banking Program for our students since we opened in 1999. Like many programs it relies on volunteers working for a couple of hours each Thursday. We have been very fortunate at times to have regular volunteers; however we are now struggling to attract the help we need. At the moment we do not have any volunteers and so, unfortunately, the program is at risk of not continuing.

We will have school banking this week but we **URGENTLY** need volunteers for this program to continue beyond this week, Thursday 26th February. If you can help we ask you to call the school office by Tuesday 3rd March, 2015. Sadly unless we can get some help, the school banking program will not be continuing and we will have to notify the school community accordingly.
The Year 2 Team

Can you match the Year 2 teachers to their favourite things?

**Teacher 1**
- Favourite Colour: Purple
- Favourite Food: Lasagne
- Favourite football team: Essendon
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Vanilla
- Favourite picture story book: The Lorax

**Teacher 2**
- Favourite Colour: Blue
- Favourite Food: Seafood
- Favourite football team: Richmond
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Pistachio
- Favourite picture story book: Possum Magic

**Teacher 3**
- Favourite Colour: Pink
- Favourite Food: Pasta
- Favourite football team: Collingwood
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Ferrero Rocher
- Favourite picture story book: Wacky Wednesday- Dr Seuss

**Teacher 4**
- Favourite Colour: Blue
- Favourite Food: Stir fry
- Favourite football team: Geelong
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Cookies and Cream
- Favourite picture story book: Hooray for Diffendooloo! By Dr Seuss

**Teacher 5**
- Favourite Colour: Pink
- Favourite Food: Ice cream
- Favourite football team: Collingwood
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Cookie and cream
- Favourite picture story book: Guess how much I love you by Sam McBratney

**Teacher 6**
- Favourite Colour: Blue
- Favourite Food: Lamb Roast
- Favourite football team: ‘Go Pies’
- Favourite ice cream flavour: Rum and Raisin
Junior School Council Presentation

On Monday the 23rd of February the new JSC students and their parents all gathered in the gym foyer to celebrate the achievement of becoming the 2015 Junior School Councillors.

When all of the parents arrived we handed out some refreshments so we could interact with the parents and also to get used to being around people to achieve greater confidence. Ms McInerney and Ms Nixon also joined our fabulous celebration to congratulate us and to also to talk to the parents.

We are all looking forward to a fabulous year working with Mrs Mitrevski. We look forward to organising fundraisers and preparing for Assembly each week.

By Alicia

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

Many parents find it difficult to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality. Every year almost 40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Programs. These programs are designed to help ‘break the ice’ when talking about the important and sometimes sensitive subject of sexuality. Thank you to the parents who attended the information session on Wednesday 11th February. This session offered parents an opportunity to find out more about the range of services offered by Family Life, talk about some of the issues or concerns they may have about sexuality education and preview some of the resources used in the Family Life Program.

The year 4 and 6 students will begin the Family Life lessons this week. The program runs for 3 weeks.

Cindy Nightingale and Clinton Lowes, Family Life Program Coordinators
Meet 2-27
Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on

Thursday 26 March, from 10:00/10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You can book a time online that BEST SUITS YOUR FAMILY. If you have more than one child, make sure you leave time between meetings to move from one classroom to the next.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 27 February at 9:00am**
**BOOKINGS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 25 March at 3:00pm**

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click *finish*, your meeting time will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your meeting time - until bookings close.

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**BOOKINGS OPEN TOMORROW FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

We look forward to meeting with you and your child and request that you are punctual and teachers will endeavour to be the same.

If you will require more than the fifteen minutes allocated time, please contact your child's teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

On Thursday 26 March, children do not attend school, except when they come with you for the conference and they will be marked as 'present' on the roll. If your child is in year 1 to 6, they will present their personal learning goals. Prep students do not have learning goals at this stage of their schooling. Instead the prep teacher will talk with you about the You Can Do It capabilities, class goals and how your child has worked towards these. You will also have the opportunity to give them feedback about the prep transition program and the first few weeks of school.

Parents can change their booking, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their conference time after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 94044311.
KEEP THIS DATE FREE: Thursday 12th March
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Once again it is time to call on the generosity of our community for donations for our 2015 Family Fun Night.
We’ve had a fantastic response in the past and we are trusting that you will support the Family Fun Night with some great donations again this year.
We are hoping to once again organise a range of hampers to raffle containing items such as:
- new toys, games, art and craft materials, books, hobby activities etc.
- party items
- pampering services and goods
- chocoholic items (anything chocolate) and other treats within the ‘use by date’.
- vouchers for donated goods and services
Plus, we are seeking donations for our stalls such as:
- coloured hair spray
Plus, we have a pre loved toy and book stall again this year so we are seeking:
- good quality and in good condition pre loved toys and books
We would be happy to help off load any items of good quality.

All donations will be acknowledged with a special principal’s award.
Please bring all donations directly to the office.

Family Fun Night Sponsorship
We are seeking sponsorship for the Family Fun Night 2015 RIDES. If you would like to sponsor our school or know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring us, please contact Antonella in the school office with details.
Any amount small or large will be greatly appreciated.
Thanking you in anticipation – The Coffee and Chat Group

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR’S FAMILY FUN NIGHT WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING NEW SHADE SAILS TO GO ABOVE THE PLAYGROUNDS
Last week’s results round 2:

**Bushrangers Vs Rockets (Mill Park Heights)**

- Cricket: Bushrangers 169 runs to Rockets 160 runs
- Tee-Ball: Bushrangers 3 runs to Rockets 13 runs
- Bat Tennis: Bushrangers 45 games to Rockets 27 games
- Girls Volleyball: Bushrangers 2 sets to Rockets 0 sets
- Boys Volleyball: Bushrangers 2 sets to Rockets 0 sets

**Findon P.S. Vs Redbacks**

- Cricket: Findon 94 runs to Redbacks 98 runs
- Tee-Ball: Findon 13 runs to Redbacks 9 runs
- Bat Tennis: Findon 17 games to Redbacks 54
- Girls Volleyball: Findon 0 sets to Redbacks 2 sets
- Boys Volleyball: Findon 0 sets to Redbacks 2

**Interschool Sport Program - Round 3 Friday February 27th**

All games to commence by 9.30am. First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Bat Tennis, Volleyball, Tee-Ball all played at PPPS, Cricket at Kelynack Reserve (across the road).

- Redbacks V Wolves (St Francis of Assisi)
- St Damians V Bushrangers (away)

For away games this week: Volleyball, Bat Tennis and Teeball are at St Damians P.S. Cricket is at Yulong Reserve (Bundoora)

**Interschool Sport Program:** students to board the bus by 9.10am, to travel to Epping Leisure Centre. Games to commence by 9.30am and conclude by 11am.

A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.45am for all interschool sports teams. The dates are: Friday February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

**PPPS SWIMMING TRIALS**

On Wednesday February 18, 56 excited students left PPPS to attend the swimming trials at TRAC in Thomastown. Every student gave a 100% effort and should be proud of their efforts. I would like to thank the following parents who assisted me on the day: Mrs Krstevski, Mrs Hamka Mrs Adamo, Mrs Campanella, Mrs Kotronis, Mrs Koletsos, Mrs O’Connor, Mrs Cunado, Mrs Canevski, Mrs Kokinoski and Mrs Khy. To the staff that attended: Miss Marino and Miss Gouramanis thank you for all your support in making the day run so smoothly.
**PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

The following students will be presented on Monday March 2

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**HOUSE POINTS**

23/2/2015

1st
Blue Bandicoots

2nd
Green Grasshoppers

3rd
Red Rosellas

4th
Gold Goannas

**ROOM OF THE WEEK AWARD:**

1-15

**ANTI LITTER AWARDS:**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving an anti litter award.

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**Plenty Parklands Press**

Date: February 26, 2015 Issue 4

**Opening Hours:** 7.30-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm

For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

**Nature!**

**Monday:** Documenting in our nature journal

**Tuesday:** Sketching and recording from our nature walk

**Wednesday:** Beetle and Caterpillar collages

**Thursday:** Caterpillar Stories

**Friday:** Indoor activities and outdoor play

Star of the week is Maddie for her beautiful colouring of rainbow bear and sunshine bear!

**OSHC News**

We’ve had lots of fun looking into Chinese New Year and discussing which star signs of the Chinese Zodiac.

**OSHC News**

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

**Holiday Clubs**
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

**Healthy Snacks**
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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Our next information session is on
Wednesday 15th April 2015
7pm-8.30pm
in the Preston area

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.
To book or to receive an information package please contact
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