The PURPOSE of Plenty Parklands Primary School is to educate children as lifelong learners to shape a better Australia.

Congratulations and thank you to 3-19 for their inspiring and fun presentation at assembly this week. Sing along to the tune of “Bye, Bye Miss American Pie” and you will hear what we think is the best way to keep our school clean; by working together.

We’ve never really understood
How people can just litter
But now we must do something
Besides just feeling bitter
We know we didn’t make this mess
That’s changing nature’s plan
We can’t walk away from this
It’s time we take a stand

CHORUS
We’re depending on all of our students
All across Plenty Parklands
We really must clean up this mess
And now we have a plan
Won’t you lend Auntie Litter a helping hand?
We can start by picking up the trash
That’s littered on the ground
If everyone starts pitching in
There’ll soon be none around
We can act like it’s a great big game that everyone can win
There are some things that can be saved
That we can use again

CHORUS
Oh, I get so excited!
Thinking how our world would glitter…
Ms Beautiful would be proud of you too…
Won’t you please help your Auntie Litter?

CHORUS
We really must clean up this mess
And now we have a plan
Won’t you lend Auntie Litter a helping hand?
Won’t you lend Auntie Litter a helping hand?
Say YES. YES!

What a great night was had by all at the Family Fun Night; thank you to everyone who helped ‘pull it all together’. We are particularly grateful for the support of Ricoh Australia P/L, MSP Photography for their cash donation, Barry Plant (The Stables) Mill Park for supplying all the food for the barbecue and then cooking it, The Terrace Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Punt Tours Botanic Gardens Melbourne, Mill Park Leisure Centre, Beauty Profile Eltham, Genesis Bundoora, South Morang Fish and Chips, Spuntino Café Rivergum and HDC Hairdressing Fitzroy for their very generous vouchers.

Thank you to the families who donated items for our raffle; we had thirty one hampers to raffle; a terrific effort.

Thank you to the Coffee and Chat group who took on the major organisational role led by Antonella; you all did an amazing job, both before and on the night.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Thank you also to everyone who joined the fun and contributed to the success of the night. We knew straight away that the night was a success in terms of the fun we could see people having. However, it has taken us a little longer to total the amount raised. We are now very grateful to announce that we raised $12,500 and this will go towards paying for the replacement shade sails over the playgrounds.

It is also a pleasure to be able to announce that our banking program for the kids can continue as we have five parents volunteer to keep the program going. Thank you so much for the generous offer of your time and effort; it is a terrific program and very well used by our kids.

I talked to the children at assembly about our first official Nude Food Day to be held next Wednesday 25 March. Make sure you read the Sustainability team’s article included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Claire McInerney
Principal

Year 5 camp to Forest Edge

On Monday the 13th of April, 79 enthusiastic year 5 students will arrive at school ready to depart for a thrilling week of adventure. These excitable students, along with 8 brave adults (who will be just as excited), will be boarding 2 buses to Forest Edge in Neerim East.

While at camp students will experience a variety of group activities such as rock climbing, archery, camp cooking, hut building, the flying fox, ropes course, trampolining and various team sports. With only a few weeks to go, the excitement in block A is building.

Both teachers and students are eagerly anticipating camp and we look forward to sharing our adventures with you when we return.

Lauren Heath
Year 5 Camp Co-ordinator

JSC TERM 1 FUNDRAISING FOR THE ALANNAH AND MADELINE FOUNDATION

Wear something Orange Day ….

Friday 20th March

The JSC is inviting everyone to come to school wearing something orange with school uniform or casual dress, as long as there is a touch of orange (ribbon in hair, socks, t shirt or headband for example), to raise money for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This day has been designated as the ‘National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence’. All classes will be participating in activities related to bullying and violence.

We ask that you bring a gold coin donation on the day if you choose to come wearing something orange. Let’s all help the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to keep children safe from violence.

Thank you for your support. The JSC.
3-19’s Assembly Performance

3-19’s assembly performance was inspired by learning about how to keep the Darebin Creek healthy and Clean Up Australia Day.
Schools Clean Up Australia Day was on Friday 27th February this year – Max.
On Clean Up Australia Day the Year 3’s went in and out of the school and found an amazing amount of rubbish – Iman.
On Clean Up Australia Day we cleaned up lots of rubbish in the car park – Katie.
On Clean Up Australia Day we went all around the school to pick up rubbish – Fabian.
We picked up lots and lots of rubbish. It was terrible to see – Siobhan.
We found litter in our school. Can you help us clean our school? – Adam C.

The Darebin Creek people were at our school. They told us that there is lots of rubbish in the Darebin Creek – Nicolas.
We need to clean the Darebin Creek. There are lots of things in the creek like soap suds, chip packets, cow dung and mud – Rudra.
All of the classes were separated in different groups. We talked about why we should clean the river, lakes, oceans and much more. We dressed in costumes which was fun! – Isabella.

On Clean Up Australia Day we cleaned up lots of rubbish in the car park outside our school – Sam.
We found lots of rubbish and everyone was picking up scraps. Teachers were picking up rubbish too – Bora.
We picked up lots of smelly rubbish around the prep building and at the back of the school – Alexia.

On Clean Up Australia Day 3-19 picked up rubbish along Telopea Crescent and the prep building. We found lots of rubbish. We need to keep PPPS clean – Claudia.
Keep our school clean and look after the Earth – Ediz.
On Clean Up Australia day there was litter everywhere – Dylan.
On Clean Up Australia Day we saw lots of rubbish around the school. It was fun cleaning up the rubbish – Lucas.
The worst thing someone found was a rotten apple with ants in it – Liam.

On March 10th 3-19 were looking for a song to do our assembly performance – Paschal.
We chose the song because we focussed on cleaning – Sophia.
The assembly performance was about Auntie Litter – Adem R.
Our song was about litter and it’s about everyone should pick up rubbish. I wore a litter costume – Nikkita.

We practised and practised a lot. Our performance was very good – Daniel.
The costumes you could dress up in were a gardener, Auntie Litter or as rubbish – Samantha.
My costume was litter pinned to clothes. I liked the performance – Victoria.
We really liked the song and the costumes – Jessica.
3-19 did a lot of work. We practised all week and it was fun – Marcus.
I think everyone in 3-19 did a wonderful job. It was really good – Mia.
The assembly performance was fun and I hope you liked it – Christopher.
SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

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In 5-5 we have been learning all about Light in our inquiry unit on Physical Science.

We are enjoying doing hands on experiments and learning new things about light.

One of our favourite parts was finding out about how light travels through FUN activities!

Using our torches, we investigated the amount of light that different materials allow to pass through.

We loved using tools such as ray diagrams to show the reflection of light.
# Introducing the year 5 team

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Last week’s results round 4:

**Bushrangers Vs Mill Park**
Cricket—**Bushrangers** 148 runs to 96 runs
Bat Tennis—**Bushrangers** 35 games to Mill Park 34 games
Boys Volleyball—**Bushrangers** 2 sets to Mill Park 0 sets

**Tee-Ball— Bushrangers** 4 runs to Mill Park 5 runs
Girls Volleyball—**Bushrangers** 2 sets to Mill Park 0 sets

**Interschool Sport Program - Round 6 Friday March 20th**
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)

Jets (Mill Park Heights) V Redbacks

**Bushrangers** V Falcons (St Francis Of Assisi)

For away games this week: Volleyball and Bat Tennis are at St Francis Of Assisi
Cricket is at Redleap Reserve and Tee-Ball at YMCA (Morang Drive)

**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 March 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

**PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE 2015**
The Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It is a fun and free initiative encouraging your students and their families to get more active, more often throughout the month of April.

Registrations are now open! Families are encouraged to register and complete 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days. To sign up visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au).

Registered participants will receive:
- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% discount at Sportsmart in store and online
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Park Reserve
- 2 for 1 entry to the Melbourne Aquarium

Students will also have the opportunity to nominate their school for the chance to win between $350 and $750 in Sportsmart vouchers.

**Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu**

**SCHOOL SPORTS DISPLAY (LOCATED IN THE FOYER OF THE HALL- NEXT TO CANTEEN)**
All order forms **MUST** have the **correct amount of money** placed with their order and if paying by cheque, it must be made payable to Plenty Parklands Primary School. Please **circle the items you would like to purchase**. Your child’s name, home group and class teacher needs to be clearly written on the order form and it is to be placed in an envelope. All items are on display in the glass cabinet, which is located in the foyer of the school hall. You will have until Thursday March 26th to have your orders placed. **No money will be accepted after this date**. THERE WILL BE NO MORE ORDERS TAKEN IN TERM 2.

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**Name:____________________________________________________**

**Home Group:**

I would like to purchase the above-circled equipment and am enclosing the exact amount of $______________for the goods.

**Parents Signature:________________________________________**
**STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS**

Have you changed your address, home telephone number, work telephone number, mobile telephone number, custody restrictions or medical details? If so, please keep the office informed of ANY changes to details relevant to your child/ren attending our school. It is vital that these records are kept up to date so we can reach you in case of an emergency. We need to make sure your child receives the best care we can offer.

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**MONEY SENT TO SCHOOL**

Money can be sent to school every school day and is to be given to the classroom teacher by your child. Money is to be sent in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name, homegroup, payment description (ie. excursions, uniforms) and the amount of money enclosed. It would be appreciated if the correct amount was enclosed. EFTPOS payments may be made at the school office.

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**LOST PROPERTY**

To save money, name **ALL** your child’s/children’s clothing with **both given and family names**. If property is lost, first check your child’s classroom (or specialist class they may have attended) then look in the Lost Property basket outside the courtyard entrance to the Administration Block and then the Lost Property cupboard in the disabled bathroom in the Administration block. This cupboard is accessible before 9.00am and after 3.30pm. A parent volunteer sorts through the items at the end of each week and those items that are named are returned via their teacher’s pigeon hole.

Any uncollected items of clothing will be donated to a charity at the end of the term.

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**Qkr! by MasterCard**

Did you know that you can make school related payments anywhere and at any time of day or night that suits you?

Did you know that you can now also complete your child’s permission form if required at the same you make your payment? *

Qkr! by MasterCard makes this possible (payment can be made using your MasterCard or Visa).

If you don’t already have Qkr installed, simply download the Qkr! by MasterCard App for free from Apple’s app store for iPhones (iPads should also download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. On the Qkr app tap the magnifying glass on the home screen and type PLENTYPPS. Why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr! and start making your school payments on Qkr!

If you are already a registered Qkr user please be sure to check that you are using the latest version of the Qkr app (3.5.256 Android or 3.9.4.135 Apple) so that you are able to access new features.
PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented on Monday March 23

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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ANTI LITTER AWARDS:

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

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HOUSE POINTS

16/03/15

1st Gold Goannas
2nd Green Grasshoppers
3rd Blue Bandicoots
4th Red Rosellas

ROOM OF THE WEEK

AWARD: 6-7

EASTER!

Monday: Easter Masks
Tuesday: Easter Card Making
Wednesday: Easter Door Hangers
Thursday: 3 way conferences—no OSHC program
Friday: Easter Activities and Indoor/Outdoor

Star of the week is Zhouran for his playful manner and kindness to others at OSHC.

OSHC news

It’s been a short but busy term. We’ve looked lots at nature and the environment, Chinese New Year and St Patrick’s Day. We wish everyone a nice break and look forward to another busy and fun Term 2. For Holiday club bookings, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs. The closest clubs to this school are Mill Park Primary and LaTrobe University.

Your feedback is always important to us, please share with us your opinions and suggestions so we can constantly improve our service. The OSHC Team
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