Chris Daicos and the Building Resilience in Children Parents Forum... “was an outstanding interactive forum held at Plenty Parklands Primary School ... Chris spoke about topics of great importance in building up life skills in our children, such as Building Self Esteem and Confidence, Problem Solving, Keeping calm during the tough times, to be responsible. These skills are very much needed to be a successful human being. If all of us can pick up and implement even a few of the Chris’s suggestions in our kids’ lives, we shall truly be able to call ourselves the “Proud Parents”. I heartily appreciate Chris’s effort and I look forward to attending her next Forum.”

“This was AMAZING! Informative and funny. So beneficial as a parent. Best investment of time for my children. I hope the school runs this again as it would be beneficial to hear this information annually.” Nev

“A most entertaining and informative evening. Her presentation is a ‘treat to behold.’ Barb. “Firstly, thank you to PPPS for the invitation to attend an informative, funny, engaging and empowering workshop on BUILDING RESILIENCE. I thought the presenter, Chris Daicos, was terrific. Chris’s delivery provided valuable information about resilience and how to foster it in children.” Stacey.

“Listening to Chris Daicos speak reminded me how much I missed university! The journey of life for every individual takes them on different paths. Mine left me within a year’s reach of my teaching degree. If one of our responsibilities as parents is to build resilience in children, we have to reflect this upon our children. How resilient am I, to leave my comfort zone and follow the path towards being resilient and finish what I started? We as adults are always learning, but our children are learning, analysing, theorizing and questioning all aspects of life. We should be allowing them to discover life skills and not restrict them in their path to resilience. Each path is individual and each parent knows their child's strength and weakness to guide them on this path, and develop their personal attributes. Children will make mistakes, and fail. As Chris stated, “they have been failing from the minute they are born.” From these mistakes they learn. It is up to us to nurture them and provide a loving environment, so they don’t venture in the wrong direction. We have to remember we were once children and put ourselves in our children's place. Chris’s workshop was engaging and entertaining. Her invaluable wealth of experience was distinctive in the way she progressed through her presentation and incorporated her audience. Highly recommended!!” Giota

“Chris Daicos was great, really funny, pointing out the things that we all do that really doesn’t help the kids do things for themselves. What I took away from it was how to discuss playground incidents and how they can solve them.” Tina

“I thought the seminar run by Chris Daicos was fantastic and a real eye opener. It was not only entertaining but made you look at things through the eyes of the children. It gave me great techniques to help me and my children. Would highly recommend.” Antoinetta

“Chris reminded me of the importance of giving the children the confidence to try, as well as the skills to cope with schoolyard incidents. She reminded me to model the behaviours I want to see in my children and helped me realise that happy, loving environment, so they don’t venture in the wrong direction. We have to remember we were once children and put ourselves in our children's place. Chris’s workshop was engaging and entertaining. Her invaluable wealth of experience was distinctive in the way she progressed through her presentation and incorporated her audience. Highly recommended!!” Giota

“We thoroughly enjoyed Chris Daicos’ presentation on building resilience in children. Her thought provoking content was delivered in an engaging and highly entertaining manner. We left with the confidence that we’re doing some things right, and learnt strategies on how to help our children be the best version of themselves. Highly recommend to all parents!” Daniel & Fiona

Principal’s message continued over page
"Chris is an extremely effective and engaging speaker. Chris relays her message about the importance of nurturing strong independent individuals in an ever changing world with touches of humour, real life situations and practical examples. We learn that mistakes are ok and pivotal for our children to learn; protecting them from the realities of the playground and life in general - whilst with their best interest at heart - prevents their ability to develop problem solving skills that will be essential for them during adolescence and adulthood. A great way to spend an evening.” Gulcan

Thank you to parents who attended and participated so well in the presentation.

Thank you also to the parents who attended the recent Family Life session; we hope it was informative and answered your questions about the program.

This Thursday, February 19 is your last chance to nominate yourself or someone else to be a Parent member of our school council. Nominations forms are in the office, however you must submit the nomination form by 4:00pm; why not put up your hand and contribute to your child’s school.

Dressed soft toys and lego creations are needed for our Family Fun Night display. Come on kids this is a great chance to showcase your talents; simply dress up your favourite soft toy or design and build a lego creation that you would like to share with others. We will collect them before Family Fun Night and our judges will award certificates and then we can all enjoy them.

We wish Ms Anne McKay all the best as she enjoys the rest of term 1 on long service leave. Thank you to our other music teachers, Ms Kirsten Yates and Mrs Katrina Whiting who will teach Anne’s classes while she is on leave.

As you are aware when our new preps begin school, the students in year 4 take on the role of a Prep Buddy. This process has been successful again this year and we appreciate how our PPPS students take on this role so enthusiastically. Thank you to our year 4 students, many of whom have demonstrated maturity towards their responsibilities.

When your child comes home today, a good question to ask is, “What was the best thing that happened today?” This helps your child focus on their positive experiences and gets a lengthier answer than when you ask, “How was school?” Try it.

Claire McInerney
Principal
Hi I am Mrs O’Hehir. I am really enjoying teaching the wonderful 1-15 class. I have been teaching for many years and have taught at every level and even been a head teacher at 2 different rural schools, a special assistance teacher and an art and music teacher. I am passionate about teaching and really enjoy working with young people. It is lots of fun. I live in Yallambie and enjoy sitting out on our back deck, looking out over the Plenty River and chatting with my husband and our friends. I have a daughter named Lauren who is a devoted netballer and is training to be a nurse at Latrobe University. I have a dog named Sam who is a Labrador cross. She eats anything and everything.

Hello everyone, my name is May-Sem Wong and I am very lucky to be teaching the fabulous learners of 1-16. They are an honest and caring group of students who are showing the values and getting settled into year 1. I can’t wait for all the new learning and discoveries that we will be making this year. When I’m not at school, I like to take my little dog for a walk and spend time with my friends and family.

Hi, I am Christine Gioules and I am the proud teacher of the wonderful children in 1-21. As a teacher at P.P.P.S I have been in the fortunate position to be involved in a diversity of exciting events at P.P.P.S. Some of the memorable moments have included assisting in rehearsals for the fabulous school concert, the year one and two swimming program, Twilight school, Family Fun night and the myriad of learning experiences offered to year 1 students. In our class we have 22 students and a friendly mascot called Danny. We are off to a flying start and I am looking forward to another rewarding year.

Hello everyone, my name is Samantha Tyers and I am lucky enough to be teaching year one at Plenty Parklands this year. I am very lucky to be teaching such a wonderful group of students who are excited to learn and be a part of 1-22. We have spent the last few weeks getting to know each other and learning our class routines and I am excited about the year to come. When I’m not at school I love to get away and often you’ll find me spending time down on the coast or just sitting on the couch with my judgemental cat.

Hi! My name is Sarah Cunningham and I have the very exciting job of teaching 1-23 this year. This is my sixth year at Plenty Parklands Primary School and my thirteenth year of teaching. I enjoy working with children because they are so much fun – there is never a dull moment in a room full of six year olds! In my home life, my husband Paul and I are the proud parents of two big baby girls - Zia the Rhodesian Ridgeback and Zoe the German Shepherd. They keep us very entertained and insist on being with us at all times (even in bed!) My free time is spent roller skating, spending time with family and friends, eating out, listening to music and going to the movies.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

The following students were presented on Monday February 16

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**HOUSE POINTS**

15/2/2015

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

**ROOM OF THE WEEK AWARD:**

6-1

**ANTI LITTER AWARDS:**

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

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2-28’s Assembly Performance

We enjoyed sharing what we did on our Summer holidays with PPPS! We performed to Hot, Hot, Hot and made a 2-28 conga line!
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
Interschool Sport Program - Round 1 Friday February 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)

PPPS Bushrangers Vs Rockets (Mill Park Heights)       Findon P.S Vs Redbacks (away).

For away games this week: Volleyball, Bat Tennis and Teeball are at Findon P.S.
Cricket is at Findon Reserve (lower ground).

Intraschool 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 20 and 27 March 6, 13, 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

PPPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The date for the BDSSA Swimming Carnival is next week Wednesday February 25th. It will be held in Greensborough at WaterMarc. A squad has been selected after yesterday’s swimming trials and notes have been handed out. My apologies for the short turn around. If the students are successful at the BDSSA Swimming Carnival the parents will have to transport their child (to and from the event) to the next round which will be the Divisional Swimming Carnival on Monday March 2nd and the one after this will be the NMR Swimming Carnival which will be held on Wednesday March 11th. I wish all the swimmers a great swim!

NEW INITIATIVE WITH WHITTLESEA COUNCIL AND ACTIVE PATHS
Mrs Goldspink and myself have been working hard behind the scenes with the Whittlesea Council and Active Paths (ride2school) to create paths that will encourage students to walk/ride/skate to school from various starting points. There will be coloured markings on the footpaths ranging from how many more minutes to go to counting down from a set number. We are in the planning stage at the moment and hope to launch this great new initiative along with our bike Education Program in the very near future. WATCH THIS SPACE!

SPORT FOR YOUR CHILD
This year is up and running and there are so many sports that are available to your child (ren). If you are considering a sport or would simply like some information on a sport that your child would like to play please either e-mail scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or goldspink.kellie.k@edumail.vic.gov.au to find out what is available.

PPPPS SPORTING PROGRAM (YEARS 5 AND 6)
Currently we are looking at the Inter/Intra school sporting program in years 5 and 6. I am very interested to hear from any parent(s) in our community who run boot camps, karate, futsal, fitness, dance, cooking, aerobics or anything where a large group of students can be taken at one time (i.e. 20). If this is you, please contact Mr Scanu via e-mail on scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au or Kellie Goldspink on goldspink.kellie.k@edumail.voc.gov.au

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu

CAMP AUSTRALIA
Outside School Hours Care Program
Opening Hours: 7.30-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm
For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

Nature Student Week
Monday: Nature walk
Tuesday: Show and tell time about what we observed on our walk
Wednesday: Nature Journals
Thursday: Outdoor active play
Friday: Nature collages

For bookings visit: www.campaustralia.com.au
On the day booking you need to leave message on OSHC phone
OSH team

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