



2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child commencing Prep in 2016? If yes, enrolment packs are now available from the school office. Please collect packs as soon as possible.

The **PURPOSE** of Plenty Parklands Primary School is to educate children as

Principal's Message

Thank you to everyone who surprised their mother with a gift from our Mother's Day stall. As well as providing mum with pleasure of a very special 'love heart' glasses case or a 'Mum, I love you to the moon and back' stress ball, we raised \$2,200 for the school. This amount will go towards our fund raising to replace the shade sails over our playgrounds. Thank you, of course, to our many helpers from the Coffee and Chat group and other volunteers who helped sell the presents on the day; we couldn't do it without you.

Preps are really looking forward to their farm excursion this Thursday; hope those cows, pigs, horses, chooks and all those other farm animals are ready for our preps' enthusiasm.

Speaking of enthusiasm our year 5s are also gearing up for their Sovereign Hill excursion next Monday; what a great way to start Education Week.

Please come and join us next Wednesday for our Open night for Education Week with a performance from the choir at 6:15 in the hall, followed by activities in all the classrooms between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Our theme is 'Crack the Code' and will challenge our thinking, reasoning and design skills, let alone our creativity. We are also enjoying a guitar recital from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Ruang from the students who are learning guitar this year, while at 6:00pm I am hosting another Chat and Tour with the Principal for parents of prep enrolments for 2016, or even 2017. On Friday we will finish our Education Week celebration with the prep-4 dance program with David Skinner; always lots of fun, and with our great Festival of Flight Finals or PPPSFFF Friday afternoon from 2:45 pm.

That reminds me to remind you that if you have a son or daughter who will be starting prep next year, please come up and collect an enrolment pack this week. We currently have a waiting list of interested parents who are keen to see if we can include their child in our 2016 classes. So help me 'make their day' by completing your child's enrolment.

Our front of school project is taking shape; it will be very handy to have such good shelter in the coming months for the rain and for the months after that for the sun.

Claire McInerney, Principal



Thanks *Calendar of Events* for your support

Term 2	
Week 5	NAPLAN tests years 3 and 5
Thursday 14/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep Farm excursion
Friday 15/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep-4 dance program commences
Week 6	<u>EDUCATION WEEK</u>
Monday 18/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Sovereign Hill excursion
Tuesday 19/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TLC for Kids 'Tracky Dack Day' J.S.C. fundraising (gold coin donation) Year 5 attending Bundoora Secondary College production
Wednesday 20/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.30-7.30pm Education Week open evening 6.15pm CBD concert 6.30 Guitar recital
Thursday 21/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Insect and Minibeasts in school activity
Friday 22/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents welcome to attend David Skinner dance program—9am year 4; 9:50am year 3; 11:10am year 1; 12noon Preps; 1:50pm year 2 2.45pm Festival of Flight final
Week 7	
Tuesday 26/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 excursion to Melbourne Aquarium
Wednesday 27/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.D.S.S.A. X-Country—selected year 4-6 students only
Thursday 28/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPPS Athletics carnival for years 4, 5 & 6
Week 8	
Monday 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chat with Principal and Tour of School for 2016 Prep enrolments
Wednesday 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3pm Year 1 Grandparents' Day



TUESDAY 19TH MAY
\$2 GOLD COIN DONATION

JSC are fundraising for **tlc for kids** charity. Bring along your \$2 gold coin donation and dack up on Tracky Dack Day.



In year 1-15 we have been studying mini beasts and insects. We have used web sites and books to find out about them. We also went exploring in the school ground and we found worms, ants and other bugs. In our classroom we have 2 stick insects which eat gum leaves and need spraying with water.

A worm lives underground with other worms. They dig a long trail. Their predators are birds.

Eva.

A praying mantis has antennas. It has six legs, two eyes and 3 body parts– the head, the abdomen and the thorax.

Jacob.

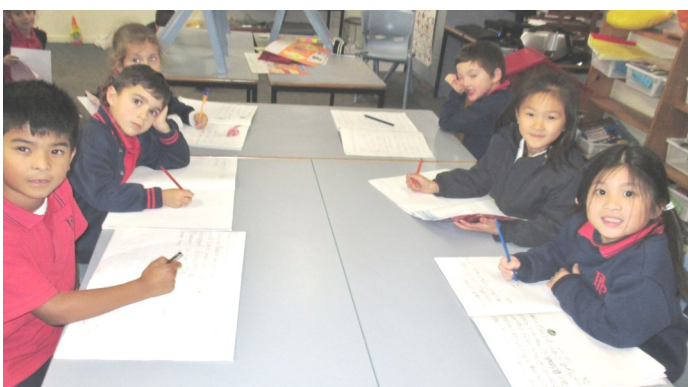


A stick insect can hang on a branch. He can trick people because he looks like a stick. He can climb very well because he has legs that help him hang onto the branch. A stick insect eats leaves and sticks.

Eliza

Spiders are mini beasts and they are insect eaters. Spiders build their own house– well it is not really a house but it is a home for a spider. Their web is very sticky and hard to see so an insect can fly right into it.

Ahilan



Crack the Code in Education Week

Education Week is fast approaching and we are getting organised for the celebration of learning. At Plenty Parklands, we will be focusing on Maths.



Students will buddy up with a student from another class and together form a team to create their paper plane. Each class will have a competition to see which plane travels the

Paper Planes are a great way of exploring maths, science and English. We will be looking at symmetry, measurement and in the upper school the physics behind planes.

Date for your diary:

Time: 6.30 - 7.30pm
Day: Wednesday 20th May
Come along and watch your child participate in code cracking, paper plane making and other maths challenges. Join in the fun to crack the unidentified person code!

CBD will be performing in the hall at 6.15pm. Come along and watch their amazing talents.

Date for your calendar:

Time - 2.45pm
Dress - Dress up as something to do with maths or aeroplanes. (eg. a shape, number, arrow, pilot, superman, etc.)
Where - sportsground/gym (depending on weather)
Day - Friday 22nd of May
We will gather as a school and Champions will fly together to see which can travel the furthest!

Open Night

The Grand Festival of Flight

Education Week

17th to 23rd of May



Maths at PPPS

OUR MATHEMATICS PROGRAM

Mathematics at Plenty Parklands Primary School is planned in accordance with the Australian Curriculum which outlines what Mathematical concepts are taught at each level.

Our program is planned and assessed in the following areas, **Number and Algebra**, **Measurement and Geometry** and **Statistics and Probability**.

Maths is planned carefully with a variety of experiences built in such as games, problem solving, puzzles and the like to make maths meaningful, engaging and fun. It is really important to cover each area thoroughly, in a supportive environment, so students gain skills and confidence and enjoy learning maths.

To enhance the main concepts and skills that need to be covered in each area, we run many additions to our main programs throughout the school. In Prep we have Maths Experience, Year 1 The Cool Counting Program, Year 4 the Multiplication and Division program and in Year 5 the GRIN (Getting Ready in Numeracy) program, just to name a few. After a successful trial last year Year 6 will be implementing the Scaffolding Numeracy in the Middle Years (a program to develop multiplicative thinking) this term.

NUMERACY INTERVIEWS/ASSESSMENT

All students Prep to Year 4 undertake the Early Years Numeracy Interview each year to inform teachers what the students already know about maths and what they need to learn to move to the next understanding. This is an extremely valuable and informative assessment for teachers to use. In years 5 and 6 we update this interview and also use On Demand testing, on line Mathletics Assessments and the Fractions and Decimals online interview.

WEEKLY MATHS SESSIONS

Students take part in at least 6 formal maths sessions per week, although as we all know, Maths is part of nearly everything we do. These sessions cover :

Number and Algebra— addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, money, place value. algebra, number patterns, counting.

Measurement — Length, mass, area, perimeter, time, capacity, volume.

Geometry— (which used to be called Space) Shape, maps, direction, location, angles.

Statistics —Collecting and displaying data, graphing, surveys (used to be called Data)

Probability (which used to be called Chance) — Possible outcomes, what will, won't or might happen

Lessons are planned to ensure a variety of experiences and include problem solving and using hands on equipment and real life examples. Students work independently, with partners and in groups to investigate and solve mathematical problems. They are encouraged to work through the problem solving process which is, understand it, plan it, do it, and check it.

A TYPICAL MATHS LESSON

A typical maths lesson generally begins with a whole class warm up then a focus where students are taught a particular maths concept. This might be through a story, diagram, discussion or brainstorm. Students are encouraged to share their knowledge and participate. They then take part in independent maths, which may be one of a variety of activities designed to develop and enhance their skills. These activities may include open-ended tasks (tasks with more than one correct answer or different pathways to the same answer), problem solving, or games. During independent maths the teacher may work with a small group of like ability students either supporting or extending this group at their point of need. The session ends with share-time where students share not only what they have learned, but also the strategies and processes they have used to complete their tasks. We also use ICT regularly as part of the program. We have an extensive range of programs here at school and also access a wide range of websites and apps.

THE MATHS GARDEN

The Maths Garden is located at the end of Block D. This fabulous maths resource is essentially an outdoor classroom where students can explore concepts such as tessellations, shapes, mapping, direction, angles, counting, and lines just to name a few of the activities. Classes often have lessons in the Maths Garden and it is a brilliant resource for our school.

MATHLETICS PROGRAM

All students P-6 have access to the Mathletics program both at home and at school. This is a fantastic way to practise and improve their overall maths skills and their automatic recall of maths facts. Through Mathletics students also have access to the wonderful Rainforest Maths website as well as games, times table toons and maths dictionaries and skill demonstrations. Make sure you utilise all of the features of this wonderful resource.

ASSISTING WITH MATHS AT HOME

The best way to help your child with Maths at home is to involve them in real life activities involving maths skills eg. playing cards or board games, gardening, cooking, shopping. The webpage below has some great resources including a link to an informative booklet **201 Literacy and Maths Tips to help your child**.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/literacynum.aspx>



We love Maths!

INTRODUCING THE 2015 CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEAM



Hi Everyone, I am Stephanie Serollo and I am teaching the 'You Can Do It' program from years prep to year 2 on Monday and Friday. I have been teaching for 8 years. This is my 7th year teaching at Plenty Parklands Primary School and during this time I have been teaching prep and year 2 students. I consider myself fortunate to be part of your child's developmental and growth over the school year and see their continued progression through the years ahead. I live in Lalor with my husband Daniel and my beautiful baby girl Sienna. In my spare time, I love playing and singing with our daughter, cooking and seeing friends and family. I look forward getting to know you and your children and I know we'll be doing lots of learning and having fun!



Hello, my name is Sue Chinnappa and I am a member of the ES team. This is my 16th year at PPPS and my roles have changed over the years. This year I am working in the Intervention Support program with the Year one and two students. I continue to thoroughly enjoy my role and I find my work to be very rewarding and satisfying seeing the students who I work with make great progress with their learning. There is never a dull moment working with young children and they always make me smile. When I am not at school I enjoy reading, travelling, shopping and watching Collingwood play.



My name is Kerry Gibbs and this is my sixteenth year at Plenty Parklands Primary school. I run the Language support program under the guidance of our wonderful speech pathologist Daniella. I work with students in all year levels. It is an amazing job and very rewarding. On a personal note, my husband Ross and I have lived in Mill Park for many years. We have three grown up sons. In my spare time I like walking, working out in the gym, spending time with family and friends and barracking for the Tigers.



My name is Jenny Hornidge and after teaching for many years I now work 3 days per week in a support role. I work closely with the teachers in years 1, 2 & 5 and also with Leanne Weston, who coordinates English, and Sue Chinnappa who leads the intervention program in years 1 and 2. Most intervention is focussed on literacy but also includes maths in some year levels. Working with many students and teachers is stimulating and rewarding. I have two adult children, one of whom lives in Germany, and three grandchildren in Germany. This is a huge incentive for my husband and I to do lots of travelling. Outside of school I also enjoy walking, sewing and reading.



I have been a member of the Plenty Parklands staff in varied roles for many years. This year I am replacing teachers for their time release in years Prep to 3. I enjoy working with children of different age groups and this role allows me to do just that. Life away from school is spent with my family and friends, walking, live theatre and of course following the 'Mighty Hawks' (maybe 3 in a row—one can be allowed to dream). My gorgeous grandchildren Olivia, Bodie, Harriet and Elijah consume a lot of my spare time. Working at Plenty Parklands is an enjoyable and rewarding experience and one I thoroughly enjoy.



My name is Megan Long and I have been teaching at Plenty Parklands for a long time. This year I am working part time in years 3, 4 and 6 supporting the teachers and students with their learning. It is great to be able to work closely with lots of students in different year levels and get to know more faces across the school. I live over near the airport in Attwood with my husband Matthew and son Kai who is in kinder this year. In my spare time I really love going to the football to watch the Bulldogs play and online shopping.

5-3's Assembly Performance

We are having a great time learning about solids, liquids and gases in year 5. Not to mention the exciting experiments we complete each week!
We had a great time at our assembly performance and hope you did too.



PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented on Monday May 18

P-14	Adam	P-13	Zhuoran	P-12	Viola
P-11	Angelina	P-10	Oliver	P-9	Cetin

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students were presented on Monday May 11

6-8	Phoebe	6-7	Emily	6-2	Lauren	6-1	Elijah
5-6	Ashlee	5-5	Alanah	5-4	Jamilea	5-3	Flynn
4-32	Aaron	4-31	Tyla	4-30	Katrina	4-29	Alex
3-20	Samuel	3-19	Alexia	3-18	Stephanie	3-17	Emilija
2-28	Aryan	2-27	Jasmine	2-26	Marc	2-25	Tom
2-24	Jayden	1-23	Minjun	1-22	Maya	1-21	Alyssa
1-16	Cruz	1-15	Oliver				

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	15/5	Jincy Roymon Joy
Fri	22/5	Navi Bath

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	15/5	Tobie Cousipetcos
Fri	22/5	Jincy Roymon Joy

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE ROSTER

Term 2

May 18	1-16
May 25	2-24
June 1	5-6
June 8	Public Holiday
June 15	P-11
June 22	1-23



HOW TO GET STARTED

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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.

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

For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

"Animals of the World collages"

- Monday:** making Animals of the World collages
Tuesday: free construction with lego and polydron blocks, Uno competition
Wednesday: food of the world
Thursday: make your own flag
Friday: craft activities, indoor/outdoor active play
- Star of the week:** Charli for her good manners and attitude
- Reminder:** O.S.C.H.P. is now open from 7am

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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

YEARS 5/6 SPORT PROGRAM 2015

Last week's results round 2:

Redbacks Vs Jets (Mill Park Heights)

Football– **Redbacks** 11 points to Jets 72 points

Soccer– **Redbacks** 1 goal to Jets 0 goals

Bat Tennis– **Redbacks** 54 games to Jets 23 games

Netball A– **Redbacks** 22 goals to Jets 14 goals goals

Netball B– **Redbacks** 13 goals to Jets 10 goals

Mill Park P.S. V Bushrangers

Football– Mill Park 89 points to **Bushrangers** 6 points

Soccer– Mill Park 0 goals to **Bushrangers** 7 goals

Bat Tennis– Mill Park 39 to **Bushrangers** 47

Netball A– Mill Park 7 goals to **Bushrangers** 4

Netball B– Mill Park 4 goals to **Bushrangers** 16 goals

Interschool Sport Program - Round 3 Friday May 15th

All games to commence by 9.30am. First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Bat Tennis and Netball. Football is at Kelynack Reserve (across the road) and Soccer is at RMIT (synthetic pitch-McKimmies Rd).

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

Redbacks Vs St Luke's

For away games this week: Bat Tennis, Netball and Soccer are at Mill Park Heights P.S.

Football is at Mill Park Secondary College (The Lakes Senior Campus)



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 May 15, 22 and 29. June 5 and 12 (friendly against St Francis). **District Grand Finals will be held on June 19th. Teams involved in finals will ONLY train the morning of the finals. Please check the newsletter of the finals week.** For the Intraschool Sports program that will commence on Friday April 24th, followed by May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th, 12th and 19th. If there are parents who are available to travel on the bus to and from Epping Leisure City, please let Mr Scanu know. A phone call will be made once to confirm the parents attendance on any given date.

BDSSA CROSS-COUNTRY 2015

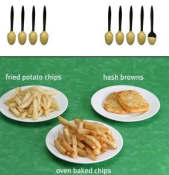
This year on Wednesday May 27th the annual district cross-country event will be held at Bundoora Park from 9.30am-12.30pm. There will be approximately 60 students representing PPPS. The squad has been selected and a permission note was handed out last week. If you have any questions relating to this event please ring the school and ask for Mrs Goldspink on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday on 9404-4311.



Fat in food

You may not think you eat too much fat, because much of it is hidden in meals we prepare or buy and in foods like cakes, pastries, biscuits, chips and sauces. Because you can't see it, you don't know how much fat you are eating or what type it is.

The diagram on the left shows how much fat or sugar is hidden in certain foods and how you can make meals that are traditionally high in fat healthier.



A teaspoon of fat (yellow) contains 4 grams of fat. A teaspoon of sugar (white) contains 4 grams of fat.

Why is it so important that students drink water?

Water is good for you. Our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather. Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Any level of dehydration can cause physical symptoms such as headaches and irritability. Given the impact of dehydration on physical ability, it is believed that your ability to concentrate will be worse if you are dehydrated.

Why should students drink in class?

Thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration. By the time a person is thirsty they are usually already dehydrated to some extent. Children rarely drink enough during break times at school and often forget to drink unless reminded. Allowing and reminding students to drink water in class increases the likelihood that they will drink more. Drinking often, especially before, during and after physical activity is the best way to stay hydrated.

How much water should children drink?

The recommended daily amounts of fluid for children and adolescents are:

- 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds
- 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 12 year olds
- 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 13+ years * a glass is 200 ml

More water is needed if children are exercising or sweating due to heat.



<http://www.crunchandsip.com.au/interface/controls/Questions/landing> Common Question



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COME AND TRY FIELD HOCKEY

WHO CAN PLAY?: Greensborough Hockey Club caters for male and female players from 6 years old (may be younger) to Veterans. Both Men's and Women's Premier League Teams play in the highest division in Victoria and have players who have represented Australia. The Club fields teams during winter in the Hockey Victoria Competition and the local Northern District Hockey League competitions throughout the year.

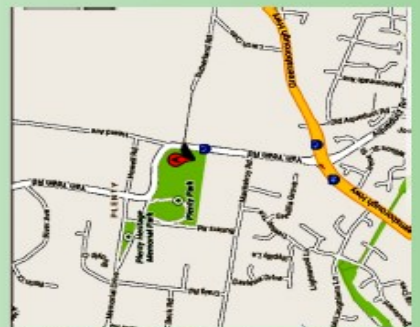


WHEN?: While the normal season runs from April to August the Club also conducts summer competitions and development programmes for juniors of all ages during the months of October, November and February. During the normal season the Club conducts short 6 to 8 week competitions for juniors from 6 to 10 years old through the Northern District Hockey League. All training and games are played at the Plenty Park ground and only one week night is involved.

WHERE?: The Club is situated at Plenty Memorial Park Yan Yean Road Plenty and has 2 synthetic field hockey grounds.

FORMAT: The Club conducts short local 6 to 8 week competitions each school term on Monday nights for the younger players so there is no travel involved. Summer Programmes are of minimal cost and the Club will lend sticks and shin pads for each session. If possible players should bring long socks to assist with holding the shin pads in place. New players are instructed by experienced coaches and young leaders to assist them to learn the skills of hockey. A smaller ground and modified rules are used for younger players to greatly increase their game involvement. Winter Teams are coached by experienced senior players.

CONTACT: If you are interested in trying the sport either over summer or winter please notify juniors@greenhc.com.au in order to be kept informed as programme details become available.



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PROGRAMS OFFERED:

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4-5 years old

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