



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

Assistant Principal's Message

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.

Thanks *Calendar of Events* for your

Term 2	Week 2
Friday 24/4	• 3pm Year 3 ANZAC day commemoration ceremony
Week 3	
Monday 27/4	• 2.15pm Parent/Family DVD afternoon "PREPS BEGIN SCHOOL"
Tuesday 28/4	• 2.15pm Tour of School and Chat with Principal for 2016 Preps
Week 4	
Monday 4/5	• Curriculum day—no students to attend school
Thursday 7/5	• Year 2 Melbourne Zoo excursion • 9.15am Tour of School and Chat with Principal for 2016 Preps
Week 5	
Thursday 14/5	• Prep Farm excursion
Week 6	<u>EDUCATION WEEK</u>

NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Please ensure you are ordering student lunches from the new Canteen Price List, a copy of which was sent home which each student last week. Price list also in this newsletter.

Last Thursday we welcomed back excited but tired year 5 campers and on last Friday we welcomed back excited but tired tourists from our year 6 tour. Both groups had a fantastic time on the respective camps . The year 5 students spoke excitedly about the flying fox, the river sledding and cage soccer. The best night time activities were Red Faces and the dance off.

Camps provide students with the opportunity to be challenged to do things they may not normally do. The low ropes course required great team work and our year 5 students readily showed the value of care when they were working together to help their team mates rise up to the challenge this activity posed. There was also a Survivor Challenge that everyone enjoyed, and all managed to survive the water fight at the end. I have heard on the grape vine that Mr Scanu was up to some tricks on camp. Some students had to practice their skills of undoing knots in their shoe laces, but Mr Scanu had to deal with waiting for his whistle and key to emerge from a large melting block of ice.

A stand out aspect of the year 6 camp from Ms McInerney's perspective was the pride she felt about how our students conducted themselves at the Australian War Memorial. It is a very moving place to visit and our year 6 students were involved in laying a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Four of our students were involved in this solemn ceremony which involved laying the wreath and reciting the Ode of Remembrance – " At the going down of the sun we will remember them". This ceremony had a great impact on all that attended, and to add to the occasion there were guards from each of the military services, the Army, Navy and Air force. The rest of our students were very respectful during this ceremony. They got the opportunity to talk with an active military person and a retired veteran about what life was like in the military. They shared their feelings of the pride they felt when wearing their uniforms and stated how they always tried to honour the uniform through their actions. Both soldiers were impressed with the thoughtful questions our students asked and remarked to our staff how they enjoyed the opportunity to speak with our group.



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Not everything that is exciting at PPPS happens on camp. Bu Ladd our Indonesian teacher has been investigating ways to enhance her program with the latest application of digital technology in the classroom. Our language program will be the first government primary school in Victoria to be involved in 'Flipped Learning'. This is a term used for when students can access their lessons on line outside school hours and use their lesson time at school to apply this learning and seek assistance to improve their understandings and application of their knowledge. Bu Ladd has developed a blog where she has uploaded her first lesson for year 6 students. As students have Indonesian once a fortnight this will allow students to keep up the learning between school language classes.

We have received notification from the RSL about two of our students who entered an ANZAC Day writing competition. The theme was 'The Heroics of the Landing at Gallipoli'. Congratulations to Nicholas Di Grazia who won this award. Students were invited from schools that were in the RSL's Northern District Sub Branch such as Whittlesea, Darebin and Lalor school areas. Congratulations also to Caitlyn Jahne who was an acknowledged finalist by the judges. We looked forward to the formal presentation which will take place at a future assembly.

This Friday 24th April will be the 50th day of school this year for year 1-6 students.

Wednesday April 29th will be the 50th day for our Preps. Many of our classes will be doing maths based activities around this theme.

Work out the front of the school continues but already we are enjoying the benefit of our extra gate which eases congestion at those busy bell times at the start and end of the school day.

Alison Devereux
Assistant Principal

FRONT OF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

Temporary fencing is being installed this week. Access through the 'old' front gate will be blocked to enable work to continue without compromising the safety of anyone in our community. Access to the school in Blossom Park Drive will be via the new gate and also the vehicle gate adjacent to the maths garden, which will be open before and after school. Sorry for the inconvenience, however the end result will be worth the minor inconvenience.

EDUCATION WEEK—MAY 17 TO 24

This year's theme is... "Crack the Code with Mathematics"

For further information <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/edweek2015parents.aspx>

The school will be having an open evening on Wednesday May 20th.

Stay tuned for more information.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CANBERRA TOUR

Last week the year 6 students participated in an educational tour of the National Capital, Canberra. While on this tour they took part in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. The Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and will be deducted from the cost of the Year 6 Presentation.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The Canberra tour was a rewarding experience for all students.

Diana Mitrevski, Canberra Tour Organiser

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR—Letter from a parent

I have spent the past week on the Year 6 tour to Canberra as a parent volunteer. I would like to commend the year 6 team on how well they organised the camp this year, making it enjoyable for all.

We attended many significant places in Canberra including Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House and the Electoral Education Centre which enlightened the children on our political system. The students also enjoyed visiting Questacon, the CSIRO Discovery Centre and the Australian Institute of Sport including fun night activities.

I would also like to mention how well the children behaved and were very respectful when attending different venues, the Australian War Memorial in particular.

It was great to see a large attendance by the year 6 group and I highly recommend future students to embrace the opportunity to attend this wonderful camp.

Thankyou, Rob Fiume

Prep 10

In Prep 10 we have started learning all about ourselves and our family.



Over the holidays we made 'This is Me' posters with our families



We are excited to share our posters with our friends very soon.



Assembly Performance 2-25



In 2-25 this term we are learning about friendship and getting along. We have discussed strategies about making new friends and what to do if you have a disagreement. We had a fantastic time dressing up and performing to Bruno Mars.



INTRODUCING THE ARTS SPECIALIST TEAM

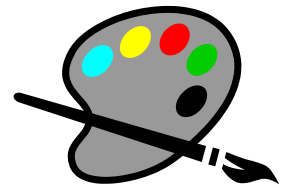
A few of Kirsten Yates' favourite things

Favourite Food: Milo
Favourite Sports Team: Collingwood (AFL) – well my family do
Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Spending time with my children
Favourite holiday: Fiji
Favourite Hobby: Reading
Favourite Movie: Not a movie but I love the BBC Pride and Prejudice Series
Favourite Book: Goodnight Mr Tom
Favourite TV Show: The Block



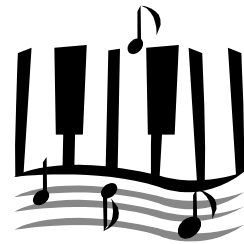
A few of Wendy Keating's favourite things

Favourite Food: Chocolate Easter eggs
Favourite Sports Team: Geelong (only because it's my husband's team)
Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Go Out for Breakfast
Favourite holiday: Italy
Favourite Hobby: Snowboarding and Photography
Favourite Movie: Toy Story
Favourite Book: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Favourite TV Show: Tom and Jerry



A few of Anne McKay's favourite things

Favourite Food: Dark chocolate, fruit, nuts
Favourite Sports Team: Lions
Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Go sailing with family and friends
Favourite holiday: Stanwell Park (NSW beach)
Favourite Hobby: Woodcarving
Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption and The Castle
Favourite Book: The Blue Castle by L M Montgomery. Love anything by Dick Francis too.
Favourite TV Show: 'So you think you can dance' and 'Death in paradise'



A few of Katrina Whiting's favourite things

Favourite Food: Lemon meringue pie
Favourite Sports Team: Hawthorn
Favourite thing to do on the weekend: Go to the park with my children
Favourite holiday: Byron Bay
Favourite Hobby: Reading
Favourite Movie: The Fugitive
Favourite Book: The Da Vinci Code
Favourite TV Show: Big Bang Theory



You think you can dance?

With Plenty Parklands you can!

One of the many exciting events happening this term is the Prep to year 4 dance program. The program is conducted by professional dance teacher, David Skinner to enrich the Performing Arts curriculum. Notices were sent home with the children today.

It is hoped that all Prep to Year 4 students will participate in the program regardless of their past experience or involvement in Dance. David will include some of the 'old favorites' as well as introducing some new routines to today's music.

The program will run for six weeks, beginning on Friday 15 May. **Money and notice due back on Tuesday 12 May.**

During Education Week – Friday 22 May, students will have the chance to show off their dancing skills to parents at an open dance lesson. Parents, you are welcome to attend and join in the dancing in the school hall on this day at the following times:

Preps - 12:00; year 1 - 11:10; year 2 – 1:50; year 3 – 9:50; year 4 – 9:00

Plenty Parklands Primary School Canteen Menu 2015

Orders can be placed on QRR or please write child's name, room number, order and any allergies or special dietary requirements clearly on a brown paper lunch bag. Lunch bags can be provided for 10c extra.

* SANDWICH & SALAD BAR

☺ White or Wholemeal Bread 50c
Roll or Wrap add
 Ham, Chicken, Tuna, e.g. or
 Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot,
 beetroot, cucumber) \$3.00
 Vegemite, tomato or cheese \$2.00

☺ Extras (add)

Cheese, tomato, grated carrot, cucumber, or
 beetroot 30c
 Vegemite 30c
 Ham, chicken, tuna, avocado or egg 50c

Toasted sandwiches (add)

Toasted baked beans 30c

Garden Salad tub

Caesar salad \$4.50

Extras (add)

Ham, chicken, tuna, avocado or egg 50c
 Seasonal fruit salad tub \$4.50

*BURGERS

Please note beef burgers are home made

Burger; Beef/Chicken/Veggie/Fish \$3.50

☺ Extras (add)

Cheese, tomato, grated carrot, beetroot or
 lettuce 30c

*SAUCES

Tomato, sweet chilli and soy sauce,
 mayonnaise or salad dressing 20c

* HOTFOOD

Hot chicken roll or wrap \$3.50

☺ Extras add

Cheese, tomato, grated carrot, beetroot or
 lettuce 30c
 Home made Lasagne \$4.00

Home made macaroni cheese \$4.00

Pizza Hawaiian/Margherita \$3.00

Hot dog \$3.00

Dino Snacks 3 pack \$2.50

6 pack \$4.00

Meat pie \$3.50

Home made sausage roll \$3.00

Pastie \$3.50

Party pie \$1.00

Home made party sausage roll \$1.00

Steamed Dim Sim (with/without
 soy sauce) \$1.00

Patizzi-Ricotta \$1.00

Corn Cob \$1.00

* HALAL

Chicken Nugget (Baiada) 3 pack \$2.50

6 pack \$4.00

Chicken/Fish burger \$3.50

☺ Extras add

Cheese, tomato, grated carrot, beetroot or
 lettuce 30c

Hotdog (Vic Halal Meats) \$3.00

Pies \$3.50

* GLUTEN FREE

Meat Pie \$3.50

Bolognese pasta \$4.50

Nuggets 3 pack \$2.80

6 pack \$4.30

Choc chip cookie \$1.00

* DRINKS (lunch orders only)

☺ Chocolate or strawberry milk \$2.00

* 200ml juice varieties

Apple, orange, apple & blackcurrent,
 tropical \$2.00

Focus Water, lemonade, raspberry,
 fruit tingle \$2.00

* SNACKS

(lunch order and over the counter)

☺ Frozen orange quarter 30c

☺ Frozen pineapple ring 50c

☺ Seasonal fruit available \$1.00

☺ Apple Slinky \$1.00

* Variety of popcorn flavours \$1.20

* Variety of JJ Snacks \$1.20

* Home made muffins mini 50c

Over the counter only

* Paddle pop icy twist \$1.00

☺ Quelch \$1.00

* Moozie, \$1.00

* Juicie \$1.00

* Zupper Dupper 50c

Some items may contain traces of nuts

Prices are subject to change and include GST

☺ Everyday choices

* Choose carefully

Please ensure correct money and only

Australian money is used for the lunch order.

Change will be given.

Your child may miss out on an item of choice if

not enough money is enclosed.

Example Order

Natalie Williams Room 5

1 x chicken burger \$3.50

With lettuce .30

Tomato .30

Mayonnaise .20

1 x chocolate milk \$2.00

\$6.30

YEARS 5/6 SPORT PROGRAM 2015

Please see Mrs Elvey in the office if you have difficulties in paying for sport.

Any parent who is available to attend the Intra School Sports Program (held at Epping Leisure City) between the hours of 9.00am and 11.30a.m, please see Mr Scanu URGENTLY!

Interschool Sport Program - Round 1 Friday May 1st

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).

Mernda P.S. Vs **PPPS Bushrangers**

Redbacks Vs Findon

For away games this week: Bat Tennis, Netball and Soccer are at Mernda P.S. (Mernda Village Drive). Football is at Mernda Reserve (Schotters Road).

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 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. June 5. I am negotiating on playing two further games on June 12th and June 19th. They will be published in the newsletter as soon as they are confirmed. **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 that are available to travel on the bus to and from Epping Leisure City please fill in the form and return to school as soon as possible. A phone call will be made once to confirm the parents attendance on any given date.



Whittlesea/Woodlands Divisialal Trials (Basketball, Soccer, Netball and Football)

Division Soccer Boys & Girls – Monday 20th April 2015

Venue: RMIT Bundoora, McKimmies Road, Bundoora

Time: 4.15 pm – 5.30pm

Attendees: All Boys & Girls nominated by their Districts
(Districts within the Woodlands/Whittlesea



Division)

Cost: \$10.00 per competitor/student

Running Trial: Seb Scanu and Anthony Falcone

Division Basketball Boys & Girls – Tuesday 5th May 2015

Venue: Westmeadows Basketball/Netball Centre

(Riddell St. - Westmeadows Primary School)

Time: Girls 4.30 pm – 5.30pm Boys 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Attendees: All Boys & Girls nominated by their Districts
(Districts within the Woodlands/Whittlesea



Division)

Cost: \$10.00 per competitor/student.

Division Football – Thursday 23rd April 2015

Venue: Jacana Reserve

Johnstone Street, Jacana

Time: 10am – 12.00pm

Attendees: All Boys & Girls nominated by
(Districts within the



their Districts
Woodlands/Whittlesea Division)
competitor/student.

Cost: \$10.00 per

Division Netball Girls – Tuesday 28th April 2015

Venue: Westmeadows Basketball/Netball Centre

(Riddell St. - Westmeadows Primary School)

Time: 4.30 pm – 5.30pm

Attendees: All Girls nominated by their Districts

(Districts within the Woodlands/Whittlesea



Division)

Cost: \$10.00 per competitor/student.

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu

PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented on Monday April 27

P-14	Sia	P-13	Ma'ad	P-12	Ethan
P-11	Neve	P-10	Aisling	P-9	Koby

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students were presented on Monday April 20

6-8	Ivana	6-7	Lara	6-2	Oliver	6-1	Jake
5-6	Marisa	5-5	Laura	5-4	Brandon	5-3	Brodie
4-32	Noah	4-31	Erin	4-30	Kaeden	4-29	Shukri
3-20	Jade	3-19	Sam	3-18	Oscar	3-17	Zahraa
2-28	Elektra	2-27	Merton	2-26	Ella	2-25	Rachael
2-24	Yasin	1-23	Tahlia	1-22	Yasmin	1-21	Rose
1-16	Jack	1-15	Jake				

LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

Fri	24/4	Rosa Harrison
Fri	1/5	Kathy Filev

FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER

Fri	24/4	Rosa Harrison
Fri	1/5	Catherine Norton

ROOM OF THE WEEK
AWARD:
1-22

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE ROSTER

Term 2
April 27
May 4
May 11
May 18
May 25
June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22

3-17
Curriculum Day
5-3
1-16
2-24
5-6
Public Holiday
P-11
1-23



HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campastralia.com.au/newparents to begin.

Opening Hours: 7.30-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm
For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

Australian Icons

Monday:	Discussions about your favourite Australian icon and making collages
Tuesday:	Word Find and Celebrity Heads
Wednesday:	Autumn display collage
Thursday:	Indoor activities, board games and construction blocks
Friday:	Childrens choice and indoor / outdoor active play

Star of the week: Christian for his helpful manner

Friendly reminder that before school care is now starting at 7am.

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.campastralia.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.

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 5th May 2015



All children will have an opportunity to purchase a gift during the day

All gifts only \$5.00

Please endeavour to provide correct money
Limit: 1 item per child

Spoil your mum this Mother's Day!
(any remaining gifts will be available for sale at the end of the day)

Select from a range of fun gifts and make her feel special this May.

Variety of gifts to choose from, for example

- beaded keyring
 - scented candles
 - deluxe manicure set
 - bling pen
- and much, much more ...

All monies raised will go towards replacing the shadesail over the playground equipment.
Thank you for your support.

...it's the thought that counts

Volunteers needed for Mother's Day

Stall sales...

I would like to volunteer for the Mother's Day Stall sales on Tuesday 5th May. Please circle preferred time below and return to the school office by 29th April, 2015.

9.00-10.40am

11.10-1.00

1.50 – 3.30

Your name:.....Phone number:.....

New 2015/16 Entertainment Book



Spoil mum on Mother's Day and purchase a copy of the 2015/2016 Entertainment Book on the Qkr app, online or at the school office.

TO PURCHASE YOUR 2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK, SIMPLY COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND AS A SPECIAL OFFER THE FIRST 10 PEOPLE PURCHASING THE BOOK WILL RECEIVE 'BONUS OFFER' COUPONS GIVING YOU FURTHER DISCOUNTS. THE SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE 20% FROM THE SALE OF EACH ENTERTAINMENT BOOK.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS REPLACING SHADESAILS OVER THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Preferred Payment Method





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- Focuses on literacy, numeracy and language
- Features the Little Learners Love Literacy program
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
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PROGRAMS OFFERED:

TODDLER GROUP
2½-3 years old (parent & child)
Learn alongside your child
in this invaluable
45 minute session

PRESCHOOLER GROUP
4-5 years old
A 2 hour session that offers
everything your child needs
and more to become school ready

ENROL TODAY

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