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

Calendar of Events

Term 2, 2009

Week 2

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| Tuesday
28 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Stall years 4, 5 and 6 • 7.00pm - 8.00pm year 1 Reading Information Night • 7.00pm School Council meeting • 2.00pm - 8.00pm 3-way conferences year 2-22 |
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| Thursday
30 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.00pm - 6.30pm 3-way conferences year 2-22 |
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| Friday
1 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep - 4 Dance Program begins |
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Week 3

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| Monday
4 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Canberra Tour 5 days |
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| Tuesday
5 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Stall Prep - year 3 |
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Principal's Message

Welcome back to term 2 everyone,

Hopefully you have enjoyed the holidays and return to us relaxed and ready for another exciting term full of learning and activities.

First some staff news.

A **special welcome to Mrs Debbie Richardson who is sharing 3-20 with Ms Nicole Tabone this term.** Debbie will teach on Monday and Tuesday with Nicole teaching for the rest of the week. 3-20 have made Debbie feel very welcome.

Welcome back to Mrs Michelle Donahoo who enjoyed long service leave at the end of term 1. Mickey tells me the trip down the Rhine was magnificent and that she has never visited so many castles in her life!

Welcome to Mrs Sandra Bonnell who is working with the year 5 students who are not on camp this week.

Best wishes to Mrs Maria Stella who is currently enjoying the first of two weeks long service leave. Maria returns on Monday May 4 to join the year 6 students as they head to Canberra.

Someone else is also getting excited about a fast approaching overseas holiday – ME! To continue the celebration of my 50th birthday, Simon and I are travelling to parts of America and Canada later this term. **I will be on long service leave from Monday May 18 and will return to PPPS on the first day of term 3, Monday July 13.**

As always the school will be in extremely capable and caring hands while I am away. Ms Julie Nixon will be Acting Principal as she and Alison tossed a coin and guess what?! Yes, Julie lost! Thank you to Julie for agreeing to take on this role; I am sure she will love it as much as I do!

Thank you to Nicole Craker, Darren Peters and Katrina McNaughton who attended the **Quality Learning conference** for four days during the holidays. This is a terrific sign of their commitment and dedication to our students.



Our year 5 students, teachers and volunteers are having a fabulous time on camp. They have enjoyed hut building, the flying fox, yummy food, and great weather; sounds like fun to me! We are expecting them back at approximately 3.00pm tomorrow.

A special message for everyone other than the mothers in our community.



We have a **Mother's Day stall** coming soon which is being organised and staffed by our new, 'Coffee and Chat' group. We met again this morning to clarify final details and enjoy a laugh! **If you are interested in joining the group at our gatherings or would like to help on the day of the stalls just give Antonella a call in the office on 9404 4311 so we can let you know what is happening.**

I reminded students at assembly that mums love a special cuddle on Mother's Day and that they would be really touched if children used their own pocket money, if they get it, to purchase a gift at the stall. **For \$5.00 children will be able to choose from a range of gifts which we hope will help the PPPS mums, stepmums, etc to really enjoy a special day.**

As you know each week we proudly sing the National Anthem at assembly. This week was a truly inspiring rendition. As always we are keen to encourage all members of our community to join in. If you don't sing because you don't know the words, here they are. Your children would love to teach you. We sing the first of the verses of the National Anthem each Monday, but we have included the second in case you would like to know the words.

Principal

Claire McInerney

Assistant Principals

Ms Julie Nixon and
Ms Alison Devereux

Business Manager

Mrs Ann Moritis

Principal's Message Continued


Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free.
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
Of beauty rich and rare.
In history's page let every stage,
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Commonwealth of ours,
Renowned of all the lands.
For those who've come across the seas,
We've boundless plains to share.
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

Reminder that ANZAC day is this Saturday and provides a good opportunity for you to talk with your child/children about the significance of the day.

What is ANZAC Day? ANZAC Day – 25 April – is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Why is this day special to Australians? War broke out in 1914. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied  expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula to open the way to the Black Sea for the allied navies. The plan was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire and an ally of Germany. They landed at Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated after both sides had suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed. News of the landing at Gallipoli made a profound impact on Australians at home and 25 April quickly became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who had died in war. Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign bequeathed an intangible but powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the "ANZAC legend" became an important part of the national identity of both nations.

What does it mean today? Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national commemoration. Commemorative services are held at dawn – the time of the original landing – across the nation. Later in the day, ex-servicemen and women meet and join in marches through the major cities and many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are held at war memorials around the country. It is a day when Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war. ANZAC Day ceremonies also tell us that there can be no identity without a sense of history. To be an Australian (or a New Zealander) whether by birth or adoption is to be part of a story, honoured in rituals, symbols and ceremonies of remembrance.

Lest We Forget.

Respect and tolerance are important values which may help stop events like these being repeated.

Claire McInerney
Principal



We will rebuild

Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction & Recovery Authority

To students, staff and parents at schools across Victoria,
A big thank you from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund, to all of the school communities who so generously came together to raise almost \$1 million to support the victims of the bushfires.

Your efforts through casual dress day, gold coin donations and other fundraising events have made a major contribution to the Appeal Fund.

This funding is already helping thousands of individuals and families whose homes have been lost or damaged, who have lost loved ones, have been severely injured, or who need assistance with getting back to work.

Along with my colleagues on the independent advisory panel overseeing the allocation of these funds, further decisions are being made about how these funds will assist affected communities in the medium and longer term.

The Panel will ensure that your money gets to those who need it, when they need it.

If you have queries in the future about how your kind donations are being used to help you can visit www.dhs/bushfireappeal

Yours sincerely,

John Landy,
Chair, Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund Advisory Panel

Greensborough College Discovery

Thursday 7th May 2009

5.30pm – 7.00pm Interactive Classes
7.30pm – Information Session in the Gym
Followed by – High Achievers' Program

If you are unable to attend but would like more information please contact the General Office on 9433 2666 to arrange:

- An interview with the Principal, John Conway
- A tour of the College
- Information package, including High Achievers' Program and Scholarship application forms



E.M.A. EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you applied for the first instalment of the E.M.A. your cheque has now been received by the school office and is awaiting your collection. Please attend the office during 8.30am – 4.30pm to sign for and collect your cheque. We wish to remind you that the school portion of E.M.A. can be used by you for school based excursions. You may contact Judee in the office to find out how much credit is held on your child's behalf. When paying for an excursion please mark your envelope as an E.M.A. payment or part payment and this amount will be deducted from any credit the school is holding.

Student of the Week

The following students will be presented
on Monday 27 April 2009

P-14	Isabelle Maurdev
P-13	Kara Robinson
P-12	Christopher Nicolazzo
P-11	Emily Tilev
P-9	Su Yi Ng

Specialist Student of the Term 2009

Award	Term 1 – Student Name and Home Group
LOTE Year 2	Tara Lock 2-21
LOTE Year 3	Stephanie Kotevska 3-19
LOTE Year 4	Darshan Shet 4-31
LOTE Year 5	Alex Hormann 5-1
LOTE Year 6	Dana Gostich 6-6
PE Prep	Rebecca Salvagio P-11
PE Year 1	Mason Hynes 1-23
PE Year 2	Lucas Agosta 2-16
PE Year 3	Paulie Kyriakou 3-20
PE Year 4	Shania Peric 4-29
PE Year 5	Rebekkah Vaughan 5-2
PE Year 6	Elisha Ciano 6-5
Visual Arts Prep	Raphaella Christou P-14
Visual Arts Year 1	Cassidy Janevski 1-24
Visual Arts Year 2	Myah Hamka 2-15
Visual Arts Year 4	Britteny Ristevski 4-32
Visual Arts Year 6	Teaghan Taranto 6-5
Performing Arts – Music Prep	Anton Bitonti P-14
Performing Arts – Music Year 1	Claudia Forte 1-27
Performing Arts – Music Year 2	Kiara Chiodo 2-21
Performing Arts – Music Year 3	Ilya Krainuchenko 3-20
Performing Arts – Music Year 4	Han Lim 4-31
Performing Arts – Music Year 5	Deana Giovinazzo 5-7
Performing Arts – Drama Prep	Rajshri Naidu P-11
Performing Arts – Drama Year 1	Yeton Salievski 1-24
Performing Arts – Drama Year 3	Marina Crncevic 3-18
Performing Arts – Drama Year 5	Nicolette Tsanoudakis 5-2
Performing Arts – Drama Year 6	Jean-Jacques Volkerts-Merrick 6-6

Canteen Roster

Fri	24/04	Louise Stepan / Mary Di Santo / Lenka Saric / Anna Zahra / Dunstan Xavier
Mon	27/04	Robyn Cornfoot / Dita Bilchouris / Jodie Taranto
Wed	29/04	Win Caddy / Jessica Miseski / Saras Wati
Thurs	30/04	Win Caddy / Joanne Toll / Jacqui Stojanovski
Frid	01/05	Louise Stepan / Irene Gessas / Fay Lea / Val Talevski / Silvana Chiodo

Lost Property Roster

Friday	April 24	Sharyn Trenou
Friday	May 01	Fay Demires

First Aid Linen Roster

Friday	April 24	Kim Gurriss
Friday	May 01	Irene Atmatzidis

Uniform Shop Hours

Term 2 & 3:
Tuesday morning **8.30am - 9.00am** and
Thursday afternoon **3.00pm - 3.45pm**.

We also have a large number of donated items available to any family experiencing financial difficulties. Speak to your child's relevant welfare coordinator.

Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care Program
Opening Hours: 0730-0845 and 1530-1800
For Bookings/Cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516


Next Week's Activity Highlights

Mon: Create your stick puppet
Tue: Games: Guess Who
Wed: Serambi Tennis
Thur: Uno Competition
Fri: Sparkling Spirals Mobiles

Mill Park Community House

Term 2 programs available are:
Computer courses, accounting, Hospitality, Medical, Recreation and parenting courses.
For more information please contact Lynne or Sue on 9404 4565.
Mill Mark Community House 68 Mill Park Drive, Mill Park or www.millparkcommunityhouse.copm

This week we would like to introduce some of the members of the specialist team.

Our Favourites	Sarjit Ladd LOTE	Sebastian Scanu Phys. Ed	Julie Gatt .6 Phys. Ed
Colour	Pink	Blue & Black	Red & Pink
Food	Asian	Pasta- lasagne 	Ricotta ravioli
Book	Any books about dogs or books by Cathy Kelly	Car Books	Children's books
Movie 	Pretty Woman	Any comedy- e.g. Meet the Parents	Dirty Dancing
Sport 	I enjoy watching tennis – the Grand slams	Football, basketball and tennis 	Netball & tennis Both to play, tennis to watch 
Footy Team	COLLINGWOOD !!	BULLDOGS grrrrrrr	COLLINGWOOD GO PIES 2009
Holiday destination 	Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, India, New Zealand and parts of Australia. Switzerland would be a dream come true!	Queensland with all its theme parks and anywhere along the Bellarine Peninsula 	Murray River and/or any lake Apart from overseas that is!! 
Hobbies/interests	Language – I speak 6 languages!! Listening to music Travelling	Spending time with my family and friends and cars (old Holdens)	Going to the gym, Reading, dancing, taking photos
Family Life 	I live with my husband, Warren and my son Stefan	On the home front I have a beautiful wife Lidia, 2 great boys (Christian and Steven) and Sienna a beautiful 18 month old baby girl.	At home there is my husband Danny and 2 kids, Lauren (10) and Nathan (8) who attend Apollo Parkways P.S
Role at PPPS	Indonesian Teacher Specialist unit manager	Pedagogical Leader of the specialists. I teach Preps, year 1, 4 and 5 and 6.	Phys.Ed Teacher, 3 days a week. This year I teach year 2 and 3, 5 and 6.
Years Teaching 	23 years, 13 years at Bundoora & PPPS, 5 years at TAFE & 5 years as an ESL teacher in Malaysia	This year will be my 20 th and I have spent the last 6 of those years at PPPS in PE. 	18 years, this is my 6 th year at PPPS already!! 

The City of Whittlesea has sent us a reminder of the Road Rules and Safety around Schools and Children's School Crossings. Your assistance will be most appreciated.

	<p>PARKING, timed, school days only</p> <p>Parking time is limited on school days only, and during the specified times. A timed parking sign will be at both ends of the timed parking zone; note the directional arrows. Depending on the length of the zone there may be an additional sign in the middle of the zone with the arrow pointing in both directions.</p> <p>In this example the parking time is limited to 3 minutes during the times 8am – 9.15am and 2.45pm – 4pm on school days.</p>
	<p>PARKING, timed Parking time is limited to 5 mins only. This restriction applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>DISABLED PARKING Parking is limited to only those vehicles displaying the blue disabled parking permit.</p>
	<p>CAUTION, CROSSING AHEAD</p> <p>Colours will vary depending on the environment.</p>
	<p>NO STOPPING The vehicle is not to be stopped in this zone at any time. This restriction applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>NO STOPPING, timed The vehicle is not to be stopped in this zone during the specified times and days. Specified times will depend on the school. A No Stopping sign will be at both ends of the No Stopping zone; note the directional arrows. Depending on the length of the zone there may be an additional sign in the middle of the zone with the arrow pointing in both directions.</p> <p>NOTE: No Stopping means no stopping at all – even if you are only letting someone out of the vehicle, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the vehicle.</p>
	<p>YELLOW EDGE LINE</p> <p>A driver must not stop at the side of the road marked with a continuous yellow edge line. You must not stop between the yellow edge line and the centre of the road.</p> <p>NOTE: No Stopping means no stopping at all – even if you are only letting someone out of the vehicle, and regardless of whether you leave the engine running and stay in the vehicle.</p>
	<p>SCHOOL CROSSING The School Crossing is operational when flags are in place (there may also be a School Crossing Supervisor in attendance).</p> <p>This is an example of a Children's Crossing. School Crossing Supervisors can also be on duty at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pedestrian lights; ● pedestrian (zebra) crossings; and ● intersections controlled by traffic signals.

Volunteer Helpers at PPPS

Please note that if you attended a training session in the past, you do NOT need to attend another one. 'Once trained, we have you for life!'

For new volunteers we are offering one briefings in term 2

So that we can strengthen our interdependent partnership between Plenty Parklands school and the community we offer volunteer helpers' training sessions for parent and community members. Over the years our students have benefited from the work and dedication of hundreds of helpers. We are always ready and willing to welcome even more. You may be a new member of our community and keen to offer your help while also getting to know other community members.

The sessions will outline your role and responsibilities with regard to Privacy, Work Cover, Harassment and Occupational Health and Safety legislation. In line with our values, particularly those of Care, Trust and Respect, you will understand that the safety and care of your children are the most important considerations when implementing a program such as volunteer helpers. Also **with legislation related to a range of issues it is imperative that ALL volunteers are briefed before they are able to help in any way at school. You need only attend one of these briefings.**

This training includes everyone who would like to start to help in any or all of the following areas; canteen, Parents Social and Fundraising sub committee (PSF), interschool sport, uniform shop, classroom helpers (in any area of the curriculum), excursions, special event days, fun day at the end of the year, fruit distribution, gardening, sports coaching, P.E. programs such as the Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) and any transportation of students. In fact, anyone who helps at the school in any way. Please note that helpers on school camps have a special briefing prior to camp. The date for term two is:

Friday 1st May at 2.45 to 3.15.

Remember that you need to participate in a training session in order to help in any capacity at the school. The briefing takes about 30 minutes and will be held in the Conference room in the Library (or staff room).

After completion of this short briefing, you will be welcome to help at PPPS at any time in the future in a 'one off' or ongoing situation.

Please see this invitation as an opportunity to get to know other members of our school community while also providing the students of PPPS with invaluable support and assistance.

Don't worry; there are no hard questions to answer or problems to solve. You just need a willingness to help and we'll do the rest!! We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions. Please complete and return the slip below by Thursday 30 April.

**Assistant Principals
Julie Nixon and Alison Devereux**

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Volunteer Helpers' Training

I will be attending the training on

Friday 1 May at 2.45

Name:.....

Phone number:

Youngest child's name:.....

Child's home group:.....