

Plenty Parklands Press

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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 7

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| Friday 05 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance Program • Grandparents' day 2.45pm - 3.20pm |
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Week 8

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| Monday 08 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen's Birthday public holiday |
| Tuesday 09 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPS Has Talent Finale |
| Wednesday 10 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee and chat 2.00pm |
| Thursday 11 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • year 1 excursion to Melbourne Museum and Imax |

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| Friday 12 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Free Day |
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Week 9

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| Monday 15 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Week 3&4 Planning • 2-22 Assembly performance |
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Acting Principal's Message

H1N1 Human Swine Flu

Late Tuesday afternoon it was confirmed by the Department of Human Services that we have one case of H1N1 in one of our prep classes. On their advice, we phoned the families of every child in that prep class as well as children from other prep classes who may have been in contact with the affected child and asked their parents to keep them home in quarantine for two days as a precautionary measure. We also phoned the other prep families to advise them of the situation. Mrs Moritis and the executive team (Alison Devereux, Jenny Hornidge, Maria Stella, Leanne Weston and I) stayed at school until every prep family was phoned. I would like to publicly thank them for their professionalism and support. Also, it was reassuring to learn that our prep families didn't panic. The DHS was at great pains to tell us that cases of H1N1 in Australia have been mild. Please take the time to visit our Webpage regularly as we will update this as soon as we receive any additional information. As per our instructions from the Department rest assured that we will contact you if your child is directly affected.

Staffing

We've heard from Ms McInerney who is currently in Canada and has visited Niagara Falls. While they were in New York they saw a show on Broadway. She also said that the helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon was 'breathtaking'. I've told Claire that she and Simon will have to be in quarantine for a week when they return - (she was THRILLED about that - NOT!!!)

We wish Ms Judee Caddy a restful, yet exciting holiday in Queensland during the next three weeks. We will miss her office expertise and especially her humour. Judee's absence will be well covered by Mrs Antonella Azzopardi who has agreed to work two extra days per week.

Ms Cath Sloley is taking leave until the end of the term and has been replaced by Ms Jane Petersen in 1-25. We wish Ms Sloley a wonderful break too and look forward to her return at the beginning of term 3.

We welcomed Mrs Linda Philippedis to the PPS community as home group teacher of 3-20 in early May due to Ms Tabone's ill health. Mrs Philippedis will be with us until the end of the year while Ms Tabone is on sick leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Samantha Birrell and husband Glenn on the news that they are expecting a baby at the end of October.

Playgrounds

A reminder to parents and students that our three playgrounds have specific year levels attached to them. CHILDREN ARE ONLY TO PLAY IN THE DESIGNATED PLAYGROUND. This includes before and after school.

- prep/1 playground at the front of the school
- 2/3 playground adjacent to the Telopea Crescent staff car park
- 4/5/6 playground adjacent to block A

Preschool children should only play in the prep/1 playground as this equipment is the most appropriate to their size and age.

The National School Pride Program (NSP)

is a key component of the Building the Education Revolution by the Australian Government. We have received word that we are being funded \$200,000, which we are putting towards a synthetic surface on our sports ground. GREAT NEWS!!! Mr Scanu is currently finalising quotes.

Building the Education Revolution

The Commonwealth Government has committed funding to provide new facilities and refurbishments in Australian schools. On Tuesday we were visited by a representative from a Project Management company and two architects appointed by the DEECD to manage the building of our new 'Multipurpose Centre/hall'. There won't be any opportunity to 'tweak' the design as we had hoped as all schools have to use the template which has been approved by DEECD. They are predicting that the work will begin in August. HOW EXCITING!!!

We will keep you posted in future newsletters.

Principal
 Claire McInerney

Assistant Principals
 Julie Nixon and
 Alison Devereux

Business Manager
 Ann Moritis

Acting Principal's Message Continued

Traffic Safety

It never ceases to amaze us just how rude some parents can be when dropping off and picking up their children from school. We are aghast at the dangerous position many drivers place themselves and their precious passengers in. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let us all show RESPECT and have some patience with each other. We don't want anyone to be hurt. It is up to us as the adults to model good behaviour and reacting badly with rage or unsafe driving behaviour is NOT appropriate for our children to witness. Why are some parents ignoring the **parking time restrictions**? The local council regularly send parking officers and must be making a fortune just from our school community alone.

Thank you to everyone for showing safe pedestrian behaviour by using our two supervised school crossings.

Developing friendship skills in children – by Michael Grose
Research into children's friendships shows that those children who are able to form friendships at school are far happier and also learn better. More significantly, a positive beginning to friendships has long-term implications for social and academic success.

Strategies to teach children friendship skills revolve around teaching children a range of friendly behaviours, such as:

- talking with others while playing
- showing an interest in others
- smiling
- offering help and encouragement when needed
- a willingness to share
- learning how to enter a game or social situation

It is also useful to teach children alternatives to fighting and arguing when there is disagreement and conflict within groups.

It is healthy for children to form friendships outside of school and their regular day settings.

To promote friendship skills in children try the following four strategies:

1. **Help** them start up a conversation. Give them some good conversation starters. Make sure they don't talk about themselves, but focus on what interests others.
2. **Play** games with children and make sure they learn to be gracious winners and good losers.
3. **Have** one friend at a time over to your home so that they can form friendships one at a time.
4. **Show** children how to resolve conflict with others by compromising rather than refusing to give some ground.

Parent Complaints

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is committed to treating everyone with dignity and respect and encourages good communication between parents and schools.

We need to know if you have any concerns about your child's education. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems.

If you wish to raise an issue or make a complaint, we should always be your first point of contact.

The Department has produced a brochure for parents outlining its complaints management process. We have a number of these brochures in the office, or alternatively you can access a copy from the Department website at:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/parentcomplaint.htm

Julie Nixon

Introducing the School Councillors

*My name is **Paul Thomas** my daughter's name is Caitlan who is in 3-19. This is my second year on school council. We attend regular monthly meetings to discuss where the school is going and to hear what the school is planning. We keep an eye on the budget and discuss fundraising and whole school events like the school concert and all the excursions. I have 2 older daughters at different schools and I work at the Mill Park Police Station.*

*Hi my name is **Theo Gessas**. I am the father of Kosta a Grade 2 student. I have had 2 other children who have attended PPPS in the past who are currently in high school. I like being on school council because I have a closer involvement in Kosta's education. It is an opportunity for me to get more involved and have a say in school issues and play a role in the strategic direction of PPPS. I am an IT executive with almost 20 years experience and enjoy spending time involved with my children's extra curriculum activities.*

*Hello my name is **Vince Distefano**. This is my second year on school council. I have two children at the school in year 2 and 5. My role on council is council secretary.*

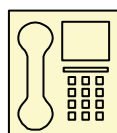
*Hello my name is **Con Tsatas** and this is my second year on school council. My son Janes is in year 1 and is having a great time learning in what I believe is the northern suburbs best primary school. I have an IT background and have been working in schools the last six years. Please do not hesitate to approach me and raise any concerns or even pass on any positives.*

*Hi my name is **Rob Peel**. I have been on School Council for many years and am currently School Council President. I have one child left at PPPS in 4-32. I have been involved with the school for a number of years and I am looking forward to working with another good group of parents again this year.*

***Jean Pierre**, is loved by his wife Marie and is adored by his 3 daughters Celine 12 (former student of PPPS, year 7 at Our Lady of Mercy) Juliette 9 (4-32) and Sophie 6 (1-25). Jean works as a Program Manager for the Fintry Community Incorporated, a Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation Support Services funded by the Department of Human Services. Jean has developed occupational, health and safety procedure for his organisation and is leading his service to be fully be accredited and as a Rehabilitation Support Services. In his spare time Jean is the choir master for the church of Saint Damian, and contributes with his guitar playing to various ceremonies. Jean is in his second year of membership with the school council.*

*Hi my name is **Michael Harrison** and this is my first year as part of the Plenty Parklands Primary School family. I have joined the School Council to enable me to contribute to the overall direction of the school. As a father of Thomas (Prep-14) I am not easily able to be part of his development during school hours, but aim to bring some ideas to the school through the council. When not working for council, I work with a large earthmoving equipment dealer, and am also kept busy with my family, my wife Rose, Thomas and twin three year old boys, Andrew and Patrick. I am looking forward to representing all parents and to assist in continuing the excellent results and achievements of the school.*

Emergency Contact Details



Are your emergency contact details up to date? Please take the time to let the office know of any changes to your details. It is imperative that your details are up to date in case we have to contact you in an emergency.

Student of the Week

The following students were presented on Monday
01 June, 2009

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| 6-6 | Milica Vukmirovic | 6-5 | Daniella LaRocca |
| 6-4 | Alannah DeLosa | 6-3 | Matthew Angelovski |
| 5-8 | Christian Critelli | 5-7 | Vaheni Sivakumar |
| 5-2 | Rebekkah Vaughan | 5-1 | Chloe Harper |
| 4-32 | Madison Cravis | 4-31 | Adam Chai |
| 4-30 | Tom Leonard | 4-29 | Nicholas Kominakis |
| 3-20 | Rebecca Athanasiou | 3-19 | Naomi Petrovska |
| 3-18 | Annelise Menna | 3-17 | Chloe Veleski |
| 2-22 | Kosta Gessas | 2-21 | Brandon Mameli |
| 2-16 | Evangeline Lor | 2-15 | Khoa Le |
| 1-28 | Kayahan Ozturk | 1-27 | Michael Murray |
| 1-26 | Luke Brown | 1-25 | Olivia Nikolovski |
| 1-24 | Rena Messade | 1-23 | Michael Thermos |

Room of the Week Award:

Miss Angelique Aspridis 1-27

Anti Litter Awards:

Congratulations to the following students for
receiving anti litter awards 01 June, 2009

Jake P-9, Rajshri P-11, Hailey P-14,
Mia 1-24, Heidi 1-28, Gabby 3-17

House Points

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| 1st | Blue Bandicoots | 67 |
| 2nd | Red Rosellas | 15 |
| 3rd | Green Grasshoppers | 15 |
| 4th | Gold Goannas | 14 |

THE VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

We are well on our way to completing our reading Challenge. Teachers and library staff are encouraging and supporting students in the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge 2009.

The challenge encourages students to read for enjoyment as a way of developing important literacy skills.



All students are registered and have a user name and password. They can access the website at home, add books and watch their tally grow. For more information please speak to your child's home group teacher or contact Nikki Potesta in 6-3, the program coordinator.

Uniform Shop Hours

Term 2 & 3:

Tuesday morning 8.30am - 9.00am and
Thursday afternoon 3.00pm - 3.45pm.



PRICE RISE

Due to manufacturers increase all
uniform shop prices will rise by
approximately 10% from 13 July 2009.
An updated price list will be sent home
in the last week of term 2.

Buy now and save!!!

Plenty Parklands Primary Disco

Friday 19th June

6.00pm - 7.30pm Prep to year 2

8.00pm -10.00pm year 3 to year 6

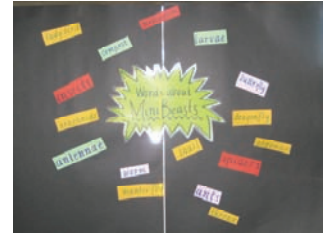
Entry fee: \$7 (includes a lolly bag and drink)

You can bring a friend of the same age.





In 1-27 our Science Unit is MINIBEASTS Here are some of our findings....



“Worms have a saddle that is used for laying eggs.”

“Worms have 5 pairs of hearts.”

“Ants have 3 parts to their body, a head, thorax and abdomen.”



“A butterfly tastes with its feet.”

“Butterflies wings are symmetrical.”

“A butterfly has a tongue as long as its body.”

“Spiders are arachnids.”

“Our Mealworms will turn into Darkling Beetles.”

Assembly Performance for 4-32

4-32 did an Assembly Performance today, about what we would like to do when we grow up. There were three scenes. I was narrator in scene one and scene three. I was feeling a bit nervous and happy. I could see hundreds of heads. It was cool and awesome.

By Joel Bix



Wow! It is time for scene 1 and 2 to go line up in their spots. I felt squished. I could see the audience sitting down and waiting to see why that girl had so many animals. I was so shy that is why I didn't speak fluently. I thought the funniest part of the assembly performance was when Madison put the bandage over my hat. It was funny because it got stuck a little bit. But then it was time to sing “In the Navy”. We had a great time.

By Imtithal Diedericks

On Monday the 1st June 4-32 had an assembly performance and it went well. I was one of the dancers and we danced to “9 to 5” by Dolly Parton and “In the Navy” by the Village People. We had a few laughs along the way. The experience to get up in front of the school was great.

By Bethany Power

WELCOME TO PPPS SPORTS NEWS IN 2009

INTERSCHOOL/INTRASCHOOL PROGRAM 2009



Last week's results: Round 5

Bushrangers Vs Mill Park

Football- **Bushrangers** 77 points and Mill Park 21 points
Soccer- **Bushrangers** 4 goals to Mill Park 0 goals
Bat Tennis- **Bushrangers** 40 games to Mill Park 28 games
Netball A- **Bushrangers** 7 goals to Mill Park 11 goals
Netball B- **Bushrangers** 3 goals to Mill Park 5 goals

Norris Bank Vs Redbacks

Football- Norris Bank 84 points to **Redbacks** 0 points
Soccer- Norris Bank 4 goals to **Redbacks** 3 goals
Bat Tennis- Norris Bank 20 games to **Redbacks** 54 games
Netball A- Norris Bank 22 goals to **Redbacks** 6 goals
Netball B- Norris Bank 7 goals to **Redbacks** 11 goals

Interschool and Intraschool Sport

There are no games this week for both the Bushrangers and Redbacks. We now are awaiting the finals draw for the Intra-Conference Finals (June 19) and they will be followed by the District Finals in the last week of term (June 26).

Revised training schedule for finals teams: A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.40am, for all interschool sports teams. The dates are: Friday- Only June 19 and/or 26 if teams are involved in finals.

PPPS ATHLETICS DAY



We are holding our annual PPPS athletics carnival on **THURSDAY 25th JUNE** for all **year 4, 5 and 6 students**. This day will give all students the opportunity to be measured and timed for the 100m sprint, the 200m sprint, the 800m run, hurdles, shot put, discus, long and triple jump. I will require helpers on the day to assist with each of the events; recording times and measurements, timing students, raking sand pits etc

Please contact Julie Gatt at the school if you are available to assist on the day. You will be required between the hours of **9.15-2.30pm**. Let me know if you have a preference for a particular event on the day. Mark this day in your diary. *Thankyou Julie Gatt*

Potato wedges with spice

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 45 minutes

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 medium potatoes
- olive or canola oil spray
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 cup reduced fat yoghurt
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Method:

1. Wash potatoes. Cut lengthwise into quarters, then into wedges.
2. Place in bowl and spray lightly with oil spray.
3. Add chill powder and oregano, mix well.
4. Spread on baking tray.
5. Bake in hot oven (200°C) for 45 minutes.
6. Add chopped parsley and garlic to yoghurt and stir. Serve together with the hot potato wedges.

Contributed by: RMIT Department of Food Science, as appears on www.qoforyourlife.vic.gov.au

Physical Education & Sports Coordinator
Sebastian Scanu

Canteen Roster

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| Fri | 05/06 | Louise Stepan / Irene Gessas / Fay Lea / Val Talevski / Silvana Chiodo |
| Mon | 08/06 | Queen's Birthday public holiday—no school |
| Wed | 10/06 | Cathy Angelovski / Jessica Miseski / Saras Wati |
| Thur | 11/06 | Soula Van De Kuit / Sonya Borg / Fay Demires |
| Fri | 12/06 | Student Free Day |

Lost Property Roster

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| Fri | 05/06 | Kim Gurrisi |
| Fri | 12/06 | Lilianna Nicolazzo |

First Aid Linen Roster

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| Fri | 05/06 | Fay Demires |
| Fri | 12/06 | Vicky Campanella |

Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care Program

Opening Hours: 07.30-08.45 and 3.30-6.00

For Bookings/Cancellations call

Kristine on 9404 4516

Next Week's Activity Highlights

Mon: Create your Own Pom Pom Creature

Tue: Card Competition

Wed: Chalk Board Art

Thur: Cubby House

Fri: Creativity Trolley

PIT GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAM



- **4 Fun Gym Programs** with 2 hrs of gym activities for 6-12 year olds
- **Tuesday 30th June and Thursday 9th July @ 10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30**
- **Bookings and payment need to be paid in full by Friday 26th June**

Cost: \$15 per child per program

For More Information

PIT Gymnastics

Phone 9436 8500

40 Heaths Crt MILLPARK

Melways Map 10 E1

www.pitgymnastics.com.au



PLENTY PARKLANDS HAS TALENT!



Plenty Parklands certainly DOES have talent! Our lunchtime shows have finished and many students have wished that they too, had put in an entry form!
The judges have found it extremely difficult to make a decision about the Finale items. If we had ALL of the items we wanted to see again, the Finale would go on for hours and we can only have a **one** hour show.
On Tuesday 9th June, a variety of our excellent acts will be performed for the rest of the school. Because a larger stage is needed, involving some of the main floor space in the hall, there will be two performances of the Finale so the audience will not be too squashed!
As well as the judges vote, each class will have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favourite item and this "VIEWER'S VOTE" will be announced at Assembly the following week. What a wonderful way to end such a fabulous time.
Thank you to the many students who had the courage to get up on stage in front of hundreds of people and entertain us so well! Thank you to the enthusiastic audiences, who gave the performers fantastic support. Also a big thank you to the many teachers who have given up thir lunchtimes to judge, or have popped into the hall to encourage the talent in our school.



**KIDS AND FRUIT PROGRAM – TERM 3, 2009
FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 STUDENTS ONLY**

The Kids and Fruit program has been very successful so far and working well with **our new local supplier called Mill Park FrootZ who are located at the Stables shopping centre, Mill Park.** They have guaranteed the freshest and best quality fruit at a cheaper cost than other suppliers. Children will enjoy a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable every morning. .

We again invite children currently on the program to re-register and hope that children who have not previously registered, consider joining the program for term 3.

The aim of the program is to teach children the importance of a well balanced diet. The younger children learn this, the more likely they will carry on their good eating habits as teenagers and adults. A well balanced diet includes at least one piece of fruit per day, to help prevent disease, obesity and to build healthy young minds and bodies. At Plenty Parklands we call fruit 'BRAIN FOOD'.

The FrootZ owners will personally pack and deliver the fruit fresh to PPPS. Parent volunteers then distribute to classrooms. Seasonal fruit is supplied subject to availability, such as apples, pears, kiwi, mandarins, oranges, plums, nectarines, apricots, bananas carrots and cucumbers.

By joining this low priced program children get the opportunity to taste a variety of fruit. Children will eat the fruit in class as part of their healthy eating program. (If your child does not participate in the program they may bring FRESH fruit from home and eat it at the same time.)

The cost of the program still remains at a very low price, but due to the drought an increase of .5c has occurred making the cost .35c per school day.

TERM 3: Fruit to commence on Tuesday 14th July, 2009
For Year 3 to 6 students only until last day of term, 18th September, 2009

TOTAL COST: \$17.00 for term 3

Complete the registration form below by **Thursday 18th June, 2009**

NOTE: NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Principal and School Council President

RETURN THIS SECTION ONLY

I would like to register my child/children in the Kids and Fruit Program (Year 3 to 6 ONLY):-

I have enclosed \$17.00 per child to cover the cost of the program for term 3, 2009.

Childs name and surname

Home Group

****List any fruit allergies****

signature of parent/guardian:

date:/...../.....