Our fabulous volunteers are very busy this week, putting the finishing touches to what promises to be a great night. Thank you very much to everyone who donated goods or money towards our special night.

We also have a special plea to find a family or business that would sponsor our rides for the night. The rides and rock climbing are always favorites with the kids (the big kids too) however without sponsorship, they will take a chunk out of our fundraising for the night. Please contact Antonella in the office or email or call me if you can help. Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Fancy some fresh air and a sense of satisfaction from doing a ‘good deed’? Join us and help paint the shelter that is on the sportsground this Friday morning, March 18. Just come to the office and tell them you are here to paint. If you have a paint brush, etc, feel free to bring it along. We will supply the paint.

Last year’s JSC identified this area for an upgrade and thanks to the volunteer work of two of our dads, Nick Mitrevski and Jim Bozinovski the area under the shelter has been levelled and covered with synthetic grass. It is now a much more comfortable and inviting play or rest area. **All we need to do is give it a bright new look with fresh paint and add seating. To help buy some seating, the JSC has organised a fundraising next Tuesday**. **See the details in our newsletter.**

If you can help please ring the office, send me an email or contact Mrs Diana Mitrevski, the year 5 Curriculum Improvement Leader and JSC coordinator. Many hands make light work.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE CONTINUED

PPPS is now part of the ACTIVE PATHS program
Join us for the launch next Wednesday March 23 when staff will meet at the starting point of each of the four marked paths. Hopefully lots of children and families will join us to walk to school. Jackson and Sasha, two of our JSC reps, showed us an example of the signs we will see on the paths.

What Active Paths are
- A fun way to encourage communities to walk and ride to school while learning road safety behaviours.
- Active Paths are a way of exercising, where “way points” lead students from a communal starting point to the school gate.
- Starting points are the areas where students, parents and teachers can meet. They are identified with a “start point” marker.
- At every decision point along the paths, “way point” markers direct students to school using supervised crossings and recommended paths.
- “Stop point” markers are located on every road crossing to remind students to “Stop, Look, Listen, Think,” before crossing sensibly.
- Applied on the footpath only, stamps are brightly coloured, adhesive-backed aluminium signs that glue down on almost any hard surface.

How they are developed
The Ride2School team manage the project from conception to delivery, involving the school community and local Council. Steps include:
1. Research: Use catchments and local “walkability” to assess the local environment.
2. Planning: Workshop path ideas with school working group (students, parents, teachers).
3. Design: Decide on design details i.e. colours, content.
4. Approvals: School and Council approvals of the paths and designs.
5. Installation and Launch: Create a launch event to celebrate the project.

Why this is for schools
Parent concern and distance are common barriers that lead to low levels of students walking and riding to school. The Active Paths work to eliminate these barriers by providing a part-way option and encouraging community participation.

Students, friends and parents can enjoy a social walk and ride together.
Students learn important road safety messages by observation.
Congestion can be reduced around the school.

See you all at the Fabulous, Fantastic, Family Fun Night tonight.
Claire McInerney
Principal

A special thankyou

to two of our families who have generously donated $500 towards the cost of the rides for Family Fun Night.
We really appreciate this much needed support from this local business, QA Steelfixing. Thanks to the dads who run the business, Peter Katsonis and Stephanos Hatzipanagiotidis; I know that your children and lots of other kids will love going on a ride or climbing the rock wall.
We have been having lots of fun in Prep 13 building our language skills and learning to write about our experiences! We had lots of fun blowing bubbles!
TERM 1 JSC FUNDRAISER

This term the Junior School Council students have decided to raise money for seating under the sheltered area on the sportsground. Last term we raised $984 which allowed us to level out the area, put in sleepers, artificial grass and buy paint to paint it.

Tuesday 22 March
Come dressed in casual clothes and any sun smart hat you like.
You might like to decorate your hat too.

The more we raise the better the seating. If every person in the school brings a gold coin donation we hope to meet the target.

$1,460  $1,348  $846 for 3
Hi my name is **Simon La Rocca** and I am delighted to be teaching the creative minds of 5-5. This is my fifth year at Plenty Parklands Primary School and I am truly relishing my time with all students and staff. This is my first year teaching year five and I can’t wait to attend the Forest Edge school camp in term 2. I enjoy spending my spare time with my friends and family as well as competing in any sporting or recreational activities. I also take great pride in playing and beating Mr Jessup in golf on the weekends. I passionately support the mighty Essendon Football Club in the AFL and Houston Rockets in the NBA. Please feel free to drop into room 5 before or after school for a chat.

Hi my name is **Kellie Goldspink** and I am thrilled to be sharing a grade with Mrs Serollo this year. After spending the last 2 years at Plenty Parklands in Physical Education being back in a class is challenging and exciting. Outside school I love spending time with my husband and three gorgeous girls. We take every opportunity we can to go camping and see around our beautiful country. I am passionate about netball and spend a lot of my time coaching and playing with DC Force. Please feel free to drop into room 4 before or after school for a chat. I’m around on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Hi Everyone, I am **Stephanie Serollo** and I am excited to be working with Kellie Goldspink teaching the wonderful class of 5-4. I have been teaching for 9 years. This is my 8th 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!

Hi my name is **Katrina Gouramanis** and I have been teaching at Plenty Parklands Primary School for three years, always in Year 4. I am so excited to be teaching in Year 5 this year because I already know nearly everyone in the year level. I love this school for so many reasons. I love that so many students love soccer here because I also play soccer in my spare time for La Trobe University. Another thing that I’m really excited about this year is science, because before I became a teacher, I worked as a science researcher for Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. I can’t wait to get my teeth stuck into more science with the Year 5 students.

Hi there, my name is **Diana Mitrevski** and I am so lucky to be working with the fabulous 5-6 and a great team of teachers. This is my 18th year at Plenty Parklands PS, yes I started the year the school opened and loving every moment. I also live in the area and see lots of our families at the local coffee shop and supermarket. My husband Nick and I have three beautiful daughters and we’re so excited that they are now all at primary school (at least for the next two years). I’m looking forward to a great year ahead.
Our schools says 'Bullying. No Way!' on the National Day of Action.

On Friday 18 March, our school will be taking a stand together on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The National Day is an annual event for Australian schools where school communities across the nation stand as one against bullying and violence.

Plenty Parklands Primary is dedicated to creating safe and supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence.

Bullying and CyberBullying has an ongoing focus at PPPS and is covered in classroom programs and during eLearning programs throughout the year. Tomorrow all classes will be participating in activities aimed to promoting positive behaviour, a supportive school environment and a deeper understanding of what bullying is (including cyberbullying) and how to respond to it.

The Bullying. No Way! website www.bullyingnoway.gov.au offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Together, we can send clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside the classroom, are not okay at any time.
Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student 3 way Conferences will be held on

Thursday 21 April from 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday 22 April from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

You can book a time online that BEST SUITS YOUR FAMILY. If you have more than one child, make sure you leave time between meetings to move from one classroom to the next.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPENED ON FRIDAY 4 March at 9:00am
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 20 April at 3:00pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow these 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your meeting time will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your meeting time - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPENED ON FRIDAY 4 MARCH

Pick one time slot per child, either on Thursday 21st when the 3 way conferences are held after school, or Friday 22nd April when the 3 way conferences are held during school time. Children do not attend school on the Friday, except when they come with you for the conference and they will be marked as ‘present’ on the roll. If your child is in year 1 to 6, they will present their personal learning goals. Prep students do not have learning goals at this stage of their schooling. Instead the prep teacher will talk with you about the You Can Do It capabilities, class goals and how your child has worked towards these. You will also have the opportunity to give them feedback about the prep transition program and the first few weeks of school.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child and request that you are punctual and teachers will endeavour to be the same. If you will require more than the fifteen minutes allocated time, please contact your child’s teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their booking, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their conference time after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 94044311.
LOST PROPERTY ROSTER

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PREP STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students will be presented at assembly on Monday March 21

P-9  Sonny
P-10 Mia
P-11 Joshua
P-12 Olivia
P-13 Fletcher

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE ROSTER

Term 1
March 21 5-6

Term 2
April 11 No performance
April 18 4-29
April 25 No assembly—Anzac Day
May 2 3-19
May 9 2-24
May 16 1-23
May 23 No performance—Report Writing Day
May 30 5-3
June 6 P-9
June 13 No assembly—Queen’s Birthday
June 20 2-26

GREAT FUN

After School Care by Camp Australia

Phone: 03 94044516
Coordinator: Kristine

Dear parents, Guardians,

This week in OSHC program, the children have continued the Better Buddies theme. Game playing has been popular; spot the difference, nought and crosses, word finds and draw your own buddy bear; this Better Buddies games highlight the importance of cooperation, sharing and taking turns, it also a way of giving children the opportunity to join in non-competitive activities, that all children can participate in and feel included. Next week we will continue an Easter theme. We will meet the Easter bunny, and go for an Easter eggs hunt.

Those children joining us on break-up day will be participating in an Easter hunt and many great Easter activities.

To find out more about our program and to register and book visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au

If your child is not attending the program on the day or if they are away from school, it is important to give us a call on the OSHC direct number on 03 94044516 and leave a message so staff will be aware of the child’s absence.

School holidays just around the corner, visit our site www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclub browse for location that suit you.

The Camp Australia Team
Last week’s results round 5:

Redbacks Vs Wolves (St Francis of Assisi)
Cricket– Redbacks 171 runs to Wolves 138 runs
Tee-Ball– Redbacks 21 runs to Wolves 9 runs
Bat Tennis– Redbacks 50 games to Wolves 33 games
Girls Volleyball– Redbacks 2 sets to Wolves 1 set
Boys Volleyball– Redbacks 1 set to Wolves 2 sets

Falcons (St Francis of Assisi) Vs Bushrangers
Cricket– Falcons 102 runs to Bushrangers 183 runs
Tee-Ball– Falcons 6 runs to Bushrangers 4 runs
Bat Tennis– Falcons 44 games to Bushrangers 34 games
Girls Volleyball– Falcons 0 sets to Bushrangers 2 sets
Boys Volleyball– Falcons 0 sets to Bushrangers 2 sets

Interschool Sport Program - District Grand Finals Friday March 18th

Congratulations to all the teams who made it through to the Grand Finals this coming Friday. Parents and friends are encouraged to support our teams. Please be aware of the code of conduct and to live by our school values at all games!

All games to commence by 9.30am and finish by 11.00am

Bat Tennis: Bushrangers V Mill Park @ PPPS and
Redbacks V Wolves @ St Francis
Tee Ball: Bushrangers V Falcons @ YMCA and
Redbacks V Findon @ YMCA
Cricket: Bushrangers V Mill Park @ Kelykanck Reserve
Volleyball: Girl Bushrangers V Mill Park @ St Francis and
Boy Bushrangers V Rockets @ St Francis of Assisi

Intraschool Sport Program: This week Friday March 18th we are at RMIT
for Intraschool Sport. Students to board the bus by 9.10am, to travel to RMIT.
Games to commence by 9.30am and conclude by 11am. A reminder that there
is ONLY training for teams involved in Grand Finals this week on Friday
March 18th, commencing at 8.00am.

NMR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday March 11th, a number of students participated in the Northern
Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival. They represented PPPS proudly.
Congratulations on reaching such a high level of competition.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Students who are 9 or 10 this year and who are interested in trying out for
the CROSS COUNTRY team are to meet Mrs Gatt on
TUESDAY 22nd MARCH up on the sports ground at
8.25am SHARP! Any students who are in the 11,12/13 age
group may also run in this time slot if they want a re run
or simply were absent at the previous trial run.
Please be on time, or you may just may miss out!!!

PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE 2016

The Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get active and enjoy the
benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It is a fun and free initiative encouraging your students and their families to get more
active, more often throughout the month of April.
Registrations are now open! Families are encouraged to register and complete 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days. To
sign up visit www.activeapril.vic.gov.au.

ACTIVE PATHS LAUNCH WEDNESDAY MARCH 23rd!

ACTIVE PATHS are a fun way to encourage communities to walk and ride to school while learning road safety behaviours.
The schedule for the launch is as follows:
At 8.30am– Volunteer staff and children walk and ride to school along designated paths
9.00am- Normal school start. Children enter classrooms following usual
morning process. Parents and friends invited to wait near 5/6 play equipment as
usual, or in the gym foyer, for a special assembly.
9:10– 9:30am- Assembly
Speech from VIP – (i.e. Council, local MP, etc). School leaders to accept Award sign.
Speech from Ride2School –about Active Paths and award students who
demonstrated best behaviour on the paths.
School leaders to accept Award sign.

Please look on the school website for the four active paths or look at all displays located around
the school!

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Sebastian Scanu
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