



Pakenham Consolidated School

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Welcome Back to PCS

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2017

- ▶ Thurs. 9th Yakkerboo Festival meeting 3.40pm
- ▶ Wed. 15th Meet the Teacher 4.00pm-6.00pm
- ▶ Fri. 24th School Photos—Staff & Students

March 2017

- ▶ Fri. 31st Term 1 Ends - 2.30pm finish

April 2017

- ▶ Sun. 23rd April 2017 Yakkerboo Festival

2017 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 2: 18th April—30th June 2017

Term 3: 17th July—22nd September 2017

Term 4: 9th October—22nd December 2017

USEFUL NUMBERS

PCS Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) 5945 7117

Pakenham Secondary College 5945 1433

School Photos
Friday
24th February
2017

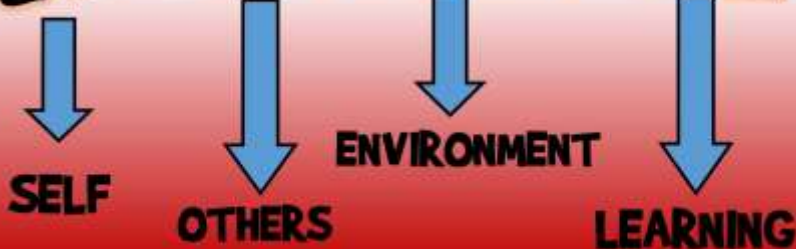
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS
CARE (OSHC)

Open daytime on
Wednesdays in February
2017 for Foundation
students only

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newsletter

AT PAKENHAM CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL WE

RESPECT



Looking forward
to a great 2017

From Our Principal



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to 2017. I hope that you have all had a fantastic break and are feeling ready for a great year.

Welcome to all the new PCS families. The school year seems to have started well. The new Foundation students have already settled in to their classes and are finding their way around the school.

Over the break we managed to complete a lot of work around the school. Some of the things you may have noticed are the new carpet, painted hallways, installation of the new shade sails, the covered walkway between the gym and performing arts centre as well as the beginning of the new office. We have also had some old air conditioners removed and new air conditioners installed, roof leaks repaired and old heaters removed.

The new reading shed is completed and will begin in week 3. We are still waiting on the shade sail for the playground, some classrooms to be painted, the remaining old air conditioners and heaters to be removed and the playground line marking to be done. Over the next holiday break the administration office will be completed.

The canteen is almost ready to go since being painted, having a coffee machine and other new equipment installed. We are just waiting on the fridges and the food so we can open.

You will be notified when the canteen will be opening and a menu and pricelist will be sent out. There is a lot of learning that occurs when schools have a canteen. Two of the protocols that children must understand are the way we line up and how to exchange money. In order to ensure that the canteen is a positive place for everyone we will have a staged opening.

Next week the canteen will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for counter sales of Zooper Doopers. These will sell for \$1.00 each. Children will need to remain in the court yard outside the canteen while they eat their food. If your child would like to purchase a Zooper Dooper next week they will need to have their money so they can bring it to the canteen at lunch time.



From Our Principal



We will also have the canteen open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30am for parents who would like to come and purchase a cappuccino, latte or hot chocolate. These will sell for \$4 each and will only be sold to adults. It should be a good opportunity to come and meet other parents.

We are a Sunsmart School and therefore need to ensure that all of our children and staff are protected from the harsh sun. Broad brimmed or legionnaires hats must be worn during the risk season of 1st September to 1st May each year. This will be all of first term and the first two weeks of term 2.

This year we would like to send some students to the District Swimming Carnival. This is an event where students compete against swimmers from other schools. It is only for students who are 9 years old or older. They must have or be currently attending weekly swimming lessons and be able to swim a minimum of 50m continuously, of an appropriate swimming stroke. If you believe your child would be able to represent PCS at this event, please complete the form in this newsletter so Ms Gardiner can register them. Registrations close next week.

On Wednesday 15th February we will be having an open night. This is a **great opportunity for parents and families to come and see your child's** classroom and meet their teacher. You can have a look around the school and find out about how our classrooms operate. I look forward to seeing many of you on this night.

We have provided a hard copy of this newsletter to each family at PCS. Future newsletters will be published on our website. If you require a hard copy of future newsletters please contact the staff at the school administration office.

Finally, if you have any suggestions or comments about our school please let me know. I am happy for you to come and see me, just check with administration staff to see when I am free. You can also call or leave a note.

I really appreciate and value your feedback.

Katrina Stewart
Principal



Look what's new



New Shade Sails for the Foundation Court yard.

We acknowledge the Department of Health that provided a funding grant for this project.

**New
Carpet**
in rooms
through-
out the
whole
school





FEELING IS THINKING APPLICATION FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be running "Feeling is Thinking" in Term 2 and 3 here at the school. This program is run for Grade 3 to 6 students (depending on numbers).

We would like to offer this group to your child/children in your care. We will be running this group during school time at the school.

The group is to assist children with their relationships and in expressing their feelings.

This group is facilitated in small groups (no more than 8 children) and focuses on issues such as exploring feelings, strong emotions: what do they look like?, what things make people angry, managing anger, taking risks and practising changes.

Feeling is Thinking runs for eight weeks and each session is for one hour. The group concludes with a 'celebration' session.

Feeling is Thinking will be facilitated by myself and Kelly Dow, our Primary Welfare Officer.

If you think your son or daughter (or child in your care) would benefit from Feeling is Thinking we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should you both decide that they would like to participate please return the reply slip to myself as soon as possible.

There will be a \$10.00 fee for this Program to help with the costs of the journals that your child will receive. Once your child has been placed into a group you will receive a confirmation letter and a request for payment. Please do not send payment until you receive this request.

Pakenham Consolidated School are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you require further information about Feeling is Thinking please contact do not hesitate to contact myself here at the school on 59 411 511.

Cindy Healey
Complex Case Manager

Name of Child: _____

Grade: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____

Child's allergies to food: _____

How does your child/child in your care express their feelings?

Yes I would like my son/daughter/child in my care to participate in the Feeling is Thinking Group

Parent/Guardian Signature

Yes I would like to participate in the Feeling is Thinking Group

Student signature

Any information provided during a group or a discussion outside of a group is confidential unless there are concerns that a child/young person or family member is being harmed or is a risk to themselves or others.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB



Our Breakfast Club at PCS will be starting on Monday 6th February and we urgently require 3 reliable parent Volunteers for Thursday mornings.

Breakfast Club Details:

When Monday to Friday
Where Wellbeing Centre
Time 8:30 am to 8:45am



If you are interested in volunteering for the breakfast club on a **Thursday morning from 8:10am to 9:00am** please contact Kelly ASAP via the school office on 5941 1511.

Please Note: As with all volunteers, a Working with Children Check (WWC) will be required.

DONATIONS of the following would be much appreciated:

Weet-Bix Bites (NOT Weet-Bix), Margarine, Vegemite, Jam and Cream Cheese Spread.



THANK YOU



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

Seasons For Growth

Dear Parents/Carer,

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Pakenham Consolidated School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful educational Program called Seasons for Growth. This Program is facilitated in small groups of up to 8 children (with a minimum of 4 – 5 in each group before the program can run), at three different levels, level 1 is for children in Grades 1 & 2, level 2 is for children in Grades 3 & 4 and level 3 is for children in Grades 5 & 6. The Program is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The Program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

The Seasons for Growth Program is made up of a one hour session, once a week, over an eight week period. The Program then concludes with a 'celebration' session.

Seasons for Growth is facilitated by myself, and Kelly Dow our Primary Welfare Officer. We have received special training in the use of this Program. If you think your son/daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate please fill in the attached form and return it to me in the Community Hub as soon as possible.

There will be a \$10.00 fee for this Program to help with the costs of the journals that your child will receive. Once your child has been placed into a Group you will receive a confirmation letter and a request for payment. Please do not send payment until you receive this request.

Pakenham Consolidated School, with support from Connections, are pleased to be able to offer this important Program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

If you have any questions about the Program please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 59 411 511.

Cindy Healey
Complex Case Manager and
Seasons For Growth Co-ordinator

SEASONS FOR GROWTH APPLICATION FORM

Name of Child/Children: _____

Grade/s: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Number/s: _____

Please provide a brief summary of what change has happened at home:

Yes I would like my child/children to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Yes I would like to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program.

Student/s Signature

Date



PCS Meet the Teacher

Wednesday February 15th 2017

All rooms will be open from 4– 6pm!
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Meet our incredible teachers!

Hear about our learning plans!

Come and see our amazing renovations!



If you need to speak privately with your child's teacher, please make an appointment .

PCS has it's own accredited
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL

In 2016, the PCS float was crowned the 'Champion Float'. We hope to continue this tradition in 2017 and win back to back awards.

We need a team of enthusiastic, adult helpers to plan, design and make this award winning float.

The 2017 Yakkerboo Festival will be held on Sunday 23rd April, 2017. The theme is 'Disney'.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9th February 2017 at 3.40pm in Room 2.

If you are interested in getting involved or just want to find out more about this meeting, please speak with Mrs. Woodfine. (Room 2—opposite School Office)

LOST PROPERTY

Now Located - Black & Red bins in main corridor near Staff Room

Thanks to everyone who had names on uniform items in 2016 – it made it quicker to return lost items to their owner. Please ensure clothing, hats, drink bottles & lunch boxes are **named with permanent ink or stick on labels**. These can be ordered from "Identity Direct". Phone: 1300 551 106. Please ensure **FIRST INTIAL** and **SURNAME** are included, if you can't fit full name. (ie. S. Smith) Grades are not necessary.

Volunteers Wanted

If you are able to help out, sorting uniform items once a week for half an hour; your time would be greatly appreciated. Please see me in the Art room or Josephine Hughes on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you in anticipation



Nicole Jones

Art Teacher



District Swimming Carnival Expression of Interest

Student Name:

Grade:

Please tick:

My child is interested in registering for this event. I can confirm that he/she is 9 years old or older.

He/She can swim continuously, at least 50 metres of freestyle, back-stroke, butterfly & breaststroke.

Parent's Name:

Parent's Signature:

Parent's Mobile No.:

*Hand completed expression of interest forms to the School Office.
For information contact — Ms Gardiner
Registrations close Friday 10th February 2017*

Intersection of Princes Highway / Mc Gregor Road /

The Avenue — Pakenham

VicRoads advises that road works are scheduled to occur from January 2017 to April 2017, usually between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Changed traffic conditions will affect this area, during this time.