Welcome everyone to the new school year and a very warm welcome to our new families joining the school community for the first time. We look forward to a happy and productive year and having a strong home and school partnership to support your child’s academic and personal development.

Thank you for the very warm welcome I have received as the new Principal of Pakenham Springs Primary School. It has been a pleasure to join the hard working, friendly and incredibly professional staff of PSPS. I officially started last Monday with a great first day with all of the staff. We spent the day setting our vision and expectations for the year and getting prepared for students return.

I thought I’d take this opportunity to introduce myself a little more formally to you all. I have had various roles in the Department of Education. My teaching career began in Pakenham. I was then appointed to a coaching position in 2010 where I worked for two years in all the government schools in the Cardinia network. I then moved into school leadership in the Dandenong Ranges at Emerald Primary School and then as the Principal of Belgrave South Primary School. As much as I enjoyed working in the ‘Hills’ I am excited to be back in Pakenham and I’m looking forward to working with you all to make Pakenham Springs the best it can be.

Meet and Greet Evening
Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding ‘Meet and Greet’ Information Evenings. I am looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible on both nights. Please come along and meet the team who will be working with your child.

Communication
Last week you should have received a note about the app Tiqbiz, this is the main way the school will be communicating with you. Please make sure you get the app and sign up to the relevant grade levels. This way we can get short reminders to you and you will be up to date. Thanks to the 578 users who are already on board. We have received great feedback about Tiqbiz and our payment app Qkr.

School Council
School Council nominations will open on Monday. School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports me as the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. More information on the role of a school councillor can be found on the Department of Education website. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Kerryn Baillie, Principal
NOTICES DISTRIBUTED

The following notices have been distributed over the last fortnight. If you missed them copies are available from the school office or the school’s web site: www.pakenhamsprings.vic.edu.au

Junior School
03/02/17 Prep Photo information
06/02/17 State School’s Relief—Prep Uniform Support

Middle School
01/02/17 Anaphylaxis information
09/02/17 Home Reading Program information—Year 4

Senior School
02/02/17 Year 6 Summer Interschool Sport
02/02/17 Senior School Sport Tennis Venue—select students
08/02/17 School Leader Photos—Select Year 6 students
01/02/17 Anaphylaxis information—Year 5

Whole School
02/02/17 Tigbiz and QKR information
03/02/17 Classroom Helpers Information session
06/02/17 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
08/02/17 Meet and Greet Information sessions

Other
01/02/17 State School’s Spectacular—Select students

COMING EVENTS

The following events are scheduled for the next few weeks. Make sure you are aware of the ones which are applicable to you.

Monday 13th February:
• Prep Photographs
• Notice of election and call for nominations for School Council

Wednesday 15th February:
• Prep to Year 2 Parent Meet and Greet Evening—6.00pm—7.00pm

Thursday 16th February:
• Year 3—Year 6 Parent Meet and Greet Evening—6.00pm—7.00pm

Friday 17th February:
• Summer Interschool Sports Year 6—Away @ Beaconhills

Monday 20th February:
• Closing date for nominations for School Council

Tuesday 21st February:
• Finance Meeting—Staffroom 6.00pm
• School Council Meeting—Staffroom 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd February:
• School Council nominations—Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted (if needed)

Friday 24th February:
• Summer Interschool Sports Year 6—Away @ Pakenham Hills

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
Please submit application form (available at the office) and copy of your Health Care Card to the School Office by Friday 24th February 2017

TERM DATES 2017

TERM 1
Wednesday 1st February - Friday 31st March
(Labour Day Holiday—Monday 13th March)

TERM 2
Tuesday 18th April 2017 – Friday 30th June
(ANZAC Day holiday —Tuesday 25th April)

TERM 3
Monday 17th July 2017 - Friday 22nd September 2017

TERM 4
Monday 9th October 2017 - Friday 22nd December 2017

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart
-Winnie the Pooh
SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
Pakenham Springs provides staff supervision for students arriving before school between 8.45am and 9.00am. Pakenham Springs will provide staff supervision for students after school between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. Outside of these times the supervision and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

Thankyou for your understanding in this regard. The concern has been raised due to some students arriving at the school at 8.00am.

QKR PAYMENTS
When making payments through QKR, can you please attach the payments to the ‘correct’ student and Home Group. We are finding a lot of payments are attached to the wrong child. The office staff needs to then correct the mistake before we can process your payment.

MEDICINES AT SCHOOL
All medications brought to school (apart from asthma puffers and spacers) are required to be stored in the school office.

To comply with Department of Education regulations we require written permission from each child’s parent/guardian before we are legally allowed to administer medication to your child.

School Medication Permission Forms are available at the office

Medication must be provided in original packaging clearly labelled indicating the child’s name, name of medicine, storage requirements (i.e. fridge), dosage required and when medication needs to be administered.

SUN SMART:
As parents who have previously had children at Pakenham Springs or other primary schools will know, schools operate a Sun Smart Policy to help protect the health of our students. Schools can only go so far and it is important for parents to recognise their responsibility in providing their child with regular warnings on the need to be Sun Smart and to provide children with Sun Smart clothing and protection - including broad brimmed or legionnaire hats and sun screen.

Please help us ensure that at all times our children are Sun Smart. At Pakenham Springs we place a great emphasis on your child’s health and safety. Even at this early stage of the year, we are training our students that they must be sun smart when in the school yard. This includes the wearing of legionnaire or broad brimmed hats. Students who do not comply with this requirement are restricted to the few shade areas we have at the school. A student who constantly fails to comply will need to be collected from the school by their parent during recess and lunch breaks.

UNIFORM
Nail polish, make-up and leggings and not permitted as part of the school uniform.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
(Please refer to information regarding student absence which is attached at the end of the newsletter)
Welcome to 2017 and what a start we have had! Many parents and teachers have come directly to me commenting on how settled the Prep students are this year. I must say, I agree. The Year One students are enjoying their new classrooms, new teachers and feeling very grown up.

For those who I have not yet met, my name is Jane King and in 2017, I will be working very closely with the Prep and Year One teachers and students looking at the needs and development of our P/1 cohort. This includes, but is not limited to, curriculum learning and behaviour management. I feel extremely privileged to be working alongside you as the parents and first educators, of our students.

Assessments with Prep students and teachers will continue through the month of February. These assessments assist the Prep Team greatly in meeting the needs of all students.

A lot of new learning happens in Term One and having parent support really makes a difference in student learning results. Please support the home reading program (beginning for Year One Students in Week 3) by completing the reading book sent home each day. A small amount of homework will also be sent home and whilst it is designed for students to complete at their individual level, adult support/supervision in ensuring homework comes out of the bag, may be needed.

HATS please! No hat, no play. In Terms 1 & 4 all Victorian students must wear a hat to access the play areas. Please support your child in getting out to experience the playground and all the wonderful new initiatives out in the yard by packing a hat. It is suggested that the school hat remains at school in bag areas for Term One.

I am out and about most mornings and afternoons, so please say hello and introduce yourself.

Kind Regards
Jane King
(Assistant Principal / Learning Community Leader)
Welcome back to the 2017 school year! It’s fabulous to see everyone back safe and happy after a relaxing Christmas Holiday break.

I’m so proud of the way our Senior Students have settled back into the school routine and how well they are modelling the behaviours and expectations of Pakenham Springs to our younger students - keep it up!

Our Year 5 & 6 students were lucky enough to have a visit from two Melbourne Storm players during the first week of school. Christian Welch and Tohu Harris spoke about the importance of Respect, Belonging and Cultural Diversity.

The messages were well received by our students, who listened respectfully and enjoyed getting to meet some of our local sporting identities. A huge thank you needs to go to Mr Holmes for organising such a great visit for us.

Have a great week ahead!
Renee Cotterell
Assistant Principal
Years 4 - 6

Pokemon cards are still very popular at school and these kinds of cards can play a great role in developing friendships and common interests amongst peers.

However it is important to note that students trading cards cannot be monitored by teachers. Please take the time to talk to your child about this and the potential for them to lose cards that have been traded.

All of this week our students have been making new friends and getting to know new students in their class. Lots of smiling faces in our classrooms!
Excitement in the yard for 2017

In 2017, our Learning Support Assistants are out in the yard modelling getting along and good behaviour choices. We are so lucky to have this new playground support at our school.

We are very thankful to all those supporting this new initiative.

A BIG thankyou to Ms Mara Goncalves and Ms Simone Wade who gave up their weekend to design and build a Race Track garden bed, Dinosaur themed garden bed and Fairy Garden. All the kids are really happy!
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
Please submit application form (available at the office) and copy of your Health Care Card to the School Office by Friday 24th February 2017.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
This week students from J07 have been busy getting to know each other. We have enjoyed setting up our classroom and learning to write recounts about our holidays.

On the holidays I went to the cinemas. 
\textbf{Abalo}

On the holidays I went to the beach. 
\textbf{Tyla}

On the holidays when I got home I got ready for bed. 
\textbf{Sam}

On the holidays I went to Tasmania. I went on the big boat. I went to the beach at Tasmania. I went to my friend’s house. I went to my Dad’s house. I had a milkshake at my Dad’s house. I went to a farm zoo. I went on the Puffing Billy train. 
\textbf{Felicity}

On the holidays I had a good Christmas. I played with Frisbees. My family let a little girl have one of our Frisbees. 
\textbf{Cassandra}

On the holidays I went to the Christmas tree. 
\textbf{Raice}
On the holidays I went to the pools. I went to the other pool too. It was good.  

**Alivia**

On the holidays I went to Rye with my sisters. My sister played on her iPad and I played with my toy. Then we had dinner and I went on rides. I went back and brushed my teeth and I went to bed.  

**Hayley**

On the holidays I went to the shops.  

**Qanani**

On the holidays I had Christmas with my Mummy and Daddy and Amelia and Lachlan and Lucas.  

**Jacob**

On the holidays I went to my Nan’s house for my birthday. It was a long drive.  

**Brody**

On the holidays I went to the beach and I found some shells. It was so much fun.  

**Sophia**

On the holidays I went to the beach.  

**Noah**

On the holidays I played soccer.  

**Hamish**

On Sunday I went skiing at Malibu Lake. I went on the rainbow kneeboard. The Big Bubba made Pop fall off. It was so, so, so, so funny.  

**Dylan**
Middle School Delport/Godfrey is sharing the learning taking place in our class.....

Welcome to M19! In 2017 M19 will be working hard to make sure we all have a Growth Mindset, to help us be the best we can be.

I'm a problem solver.

Mistakes help me learn.

I'm not afraid of a challenge.

I can do HARD things.
BLAST OFF

M19 will be learning their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables in 2017.

In M19 we will be challenging ourselves and others to help us become better and faster at recalling our times tables. I wonder who will become a Table Genius??
Each newsletter we will highlight what a class from the school has been learning.
This week students from S40 show how they have ‘hit the ground running’ and discuss what they have been learning.

S40 has hit the ground running for 2017! We’ve already put out some amazing work and effort around respect- respect for our peers and for ourselves. Students of S40 have ‘smashed out’ a lesson around culture – understanding how we can learn from others, accept differences and gain knowledge from other students from different parts of the globe.

Students in S40 have a special privilege for two people each week. A pair of High School lockers can be utilised by two students whom have displayed respect, manners and getting along with their peers. The students themselves vote these people in each week.
**Special Lunch** is something that Mr. Davie has inside his class each year. Eating Time each day is a time where people eat their food using their best manners. Two lucky people who have shown exemplary manners may get a French stick, yummy butter and a treat if they are lucky...

Students randomly are actually allowed to call people and use Mr. Davie’s phone... Say what???

In S40, students can call their loved ones and discuss the positive learning choices they’ve made DURING the lesson. Previous learning or social issues they’ve resolved may also be reasons they’ve wanted to call home. We call this Real Time Learning...

We’ve also completed a great little task around ‘bucket filling’ or making someone feel really good about themselves. Words such as: friendly, kind, inclusive, respect, caring, trustful, sweet, sharing and using manners such as please and thankyou have been recognised.
Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the first term at Pakenham Springs.

Firstly we would like to welcome Kerryn Baillie as the new principal at Pakenham Springs we look forward to working in partnership alongside both her and all of the staff and families at the school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new Prep families that have joined the school community and also all of the new families in the other year levels, we hope that you have an enjoyable year.

So far we have had a quiet start to the year with lots of parents enjoying the luxury of dropping their children at school however the numbers are now increasing each day. Our new preps have settled in well and with the help of the other children are learning the routines at OSHC.

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on getting to know the new children and families attending the service and also rekindling positive relationships with the children that have previously attended the service. This will be done by engaging the children in both small group activities and group games, as well as working on their portfolios, chatting both individually and in groups about their likes, interests and ideas. By engaging with the children in this manner it helps develop the knowledge of the educators and therefore helps to enhance the program at our service based on the children's needs, interests and ideas. As a result of this the children have expressed an interest in Fairy tales and fantasy and we will be basing our program around this over the coming weeks. If any families have any ideas or items that we could use for our activities please feel free to let us know.

Just a few reminders

Hats are a requirement at OSHC during Term 1 to enable the children to participate in outdoor play. Please ensure your child has a wide brim hat in their bag.

Have you shifted, changed jobs or phone numbers? Please ensure that your details have been updated on our website.

Have an enjoyable week.

Linda, Jacqui and Chloe J
### OSHClub News
**Before School / After School Care Program**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Before Care Activities</strong></td>
<td>Board games, Monopoly, headbandz, bounce off</td>
<td>Menu planning with the children</td>
<td>Imaginary play, Barbies, Dinosaurs, Home corner,</td>
<td>Lego creations, Children engage in challenges to create with Lego</td>
<td>Children’s portfolios, Updating information with the children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>After Care Activities</strong></td>
<td>Valentine’s day craft activities</td>
<td>Valentine’s day craft activities</td>
<td>Fantasy and make-believe Children participate in developing our wall display</td>
<td>Fantasy and make-believe Children create for our display</td>
<td>Children’s choice activities based on the children’s Choice</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0438 564 038  
Coordinator: Linda Pettiford  
Assistants: Jacqui Smith, Chloe Hogben  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free to enrol. Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For ‘on the day’ bookings please contact the Coordinator directly at the program.
Under the Education & Training Reform Act 2006 parents are to ensure children attend school at all times.

The main reason for absence is sickness or medical related. The school is to be advised in writing of the reason for absence.

It is vital that holidays are planned during School Holidays.

If absence during school term in unavoidable and not sickness related - please notify the school in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the extended absence (more than 3 days). This will ensure an Absence Learning Plan is developed.

Student Absence Learning Plans are implemented to support the education of students who are absent from school for an extended period. The Principal will sign off on completed absence learning plans and the absence becomes school approved.

### ABSENCE NOTE -
(Use this note when your child has been away from school)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child’s name:</th>
<th>Surname:</th>
<th>First Name:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Teacher’s name:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Date(s) of absence: | [ ] morning only | [ ] all day |

| Reason for absence: | [ ] Medical (Absence code 200)
[ ] Accident (Absence code 202)
[ ] Hospitalised (Absence code 206)
[ ] Bereavement (Absence code 211)
[ ] Religious (Absence code 804)
[ ] Parent Choice Unauthorised (Absence code 806)
Other (please specify): |

| Principal’s signature: | [ ] APPROVED |
| Parent’s/Guardian’s signature: | [ ] PROCESSED |

* requires Principal approval before processing. Principal signature indicates approval.

Department of Education definition of Absence Codes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Reason</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>200</td>
<td>Medical</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>201</td>
<td>Illness</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>202</td>
<td>Accident</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>206</td>
<td>Hospitalised</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>211</td>
<td>Bereavement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>804</td>
<td>Family Holidays</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>805</td>
<td>Religious/Cultural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>806</td>
<td>Parent Choice Unauthorised</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>807</td>
<td>Parent Choice School Approved</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Parent approved** but didn’t give a reason, or parent approved and gave a reason but reason is not health related, or religious/cultural absence, nor has approval been sought and granted for a family holiday or special circumstance. Includes: going shopping, visiting friends or relatives, missed school bus (Reasonable excuse – Yes).

**Parent approved** and gave a reason that is health related, or religious/cultural absence, or family holiday and sought approval from the principal. Includes: special circumstances, unavoidable cause, unforeseen circumstances, family member B (Reasonable excuse – Principal approval).
Tiqbiz is an app that we will be using as our main source of communication with families. Through the app you will receive newsletters, notices, reminders and any other urgent messages including Emergency Management. Once you have downloaded the app and found our school on any smartphone or PC, please follow the instructions below. At times you will be prompted to go to the QRK app where you can pay and complete permission forms and payment without a single piece of paper being wasted or lost. Paper copies will soon be replaced by Tiqbiz and QRK!

Tiqbiz Instructions:

Click “Enter here”

Click here

Choose required Year levels

PAKENHAM SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pakenham VIC

PAKENHAM SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pakenham VIC
Introducing Qkr! (pronounced “quicker”) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1** Download Qkr!

- on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app.

**Step 2** Register

- Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register.

**Step 3** Find our school

- scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in ‘Locations Nearby’ if you are within 4km of the school.

**Step 4** Register your children

- When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school

Or search for our school name

If within 4km of the school, you can select from ‘Locations Nearby’

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children’s details

- Tap to add another child
- Tap the student card to edit details on that child
- Tap to show Manage Children option

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

We want your feedback!

Safe and Secure MasterCard Technology

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.