It may only be Newsletter 2 for the year but there is already lots happening in our professional learning community.

**Springers Awards**

Last Friday we had our first ‘Springers Celebration’. A student from each class was chosen to receive the award for their effort in learning. Each week families of the Springers Award will be invited to attend the celebration in the staffroom. Thankyou to those who provided feedback on the first celebration. We aim to make it a really special occasion to recognise the students throughout the year.

**Meet and Greet**

Thank you to everyone who made it along to our ‘Meet and Greet’ evenings last week. I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know some of our families. An overview of 2017 and some key changes was given. We then had the opportunity for families to meet the teacher. If you were not able to attend you should have received a form to give the teacher information about your child. Please remember to book in with your teacher if you have any concerns or information to pass on. We are looking forward to working with you and making 2017 a fantastic year for your children.

**House Teams**

Last Friday we launched our house teams. A huge thank you to Scott, Lucy and the team for their organisation. There was a buzz around the school as each student gathered in their team with a mixture of grade levels. This is a great opportunity for students to make new friends and work together for their team.

**Leading Real Change**

Yesterday the principal class team attended the Cardinia Network Professional Learning Day. As a team we are committed to leading the Springers community and getting the best possible outcomes for each of our students. The theme for the day was Leading Real Change. It allowed us to work as a team and learn to positively and strategically manage change.

**Student Accident Insurance & Ambulance Cover (a reminder from DET)**

A reminder to parents and guardians that DET does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

**School Council**

On Tuesday we had our first School Council meeting for 2017. As discussed at the meeting, our first Curriculum Day for the year will be held on **Friday 24th March 2017** and our focus for the day will be on Writing.

All our School Council positions were filled and we would like to welcome Belinda Williamson, Michael Whiting, Scott Kendall, Alisha Keyzer and Robyn Fisher as parent representatives. Clyde Davidson and Ruth Mason were successful as staff representatives. I look forward to working with this team.

Have a lovely weekend.

**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
23/02/17
Essential Learnings Leaflet—Prep, Year 1 and Year 2

Middle School
23/02/17
Essential Learnings Leaflet—Year 3 and Year 4

Senior School
23/02/17
Essential Learnings Leaflet—Year 5 and Year 6

Whole School
15/02/17
Parent/Guardian Occupation Confirmation form

Other
Nil

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) - REMINDER
These forms are now due at the office. Please submit application form (available at the office) and copy of your Health Care Card to the School Office by Wednesday 1st March 2017

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.

Friday 3rd March:
- Summer Interschool Sports—Home vs Pakenham Consolidated

Monday 6th March:
- Easter Raffle tickets distributed

Wednesday 8th March:
- Year 6 Buddy Breakfast

Monday 13th March:
- LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (No students attend this day)

Tuesday 14th March:
- Finance Meeting—6.30pm
- School Council Meeting—7.00pm

Wednesday 15th March:
- Prep Nursery Rhyme Parade

Friday 17th March:
- Out of Uniform Day for Easter Raffle—Easter donation required

SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR
Wednesday 22nd March 2017
Open Afternoon—Learning Plan Celebration (3.00pm—4.00pm) - Community Picnic (4.00pm—5.00pm). More details to follow.

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

if you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**MOBILE PHONES**
Students and parents are reminded that all mobile phones brought to school by students are to be signed in at the office each morning, and collected by the student after school. Please remind your children of the policy.

**BIKES AND SCOOTERS**
Students riding both bikes, skateboards and scooters to school MUST wear a helmet. For the safety of parents and younger children using the footpaths around the school, all bike, skateboard and scooter riders must disembark whilst on the footpaths around the school and walk into the school ground. This is a safety issue as we have many pedestrians, small children and visitors to the school at these times.

Students caught riding their bikes through the school grounds will have one warning, and if the behaviour persists then a phone call home will be made.

**AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION IN THE PLAYGROUND**
We encourage our local school community to use our playground after school. It is good to see such active participation in basketball, cricket and physical play on our equipment. We would however ask that if you are in our playground after hours you treat our property respectfully. The rules of safety apply after hours so it is not reasonable to be on top of play equipment that you would normally not be allowed on.

As adults it would be great if you could help us ensure that we can keep this privilege. Please report any misuse of the playground facility.

Over the past couple of weeks we have had some secondary students on our roof. They have been warned that the police will be called should they do this again. If you see anyone on the roof of the school please report this to the Pakenham Police.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Please name your child’s school uniform. The students are very good at finding items of clothes and bringing them to the office, however if unnamed it is difficult to find an owner amongst nine hundred students! All named items are returned directly to the classroom.

**RUBBISH**
As the students already know, we are fanatical about rubbish in the yard. Please talk with your child about the importance of putting rubbish in the bins. If you can help reduce the amount of wrappers coming to school by using a lunchbox or smaller plastic container, this would be greatly appreciated. Please lead by example and pick up rubbish in our yard. Children watch and emulate the adults around them.

**INSURANCE OF ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**
Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will not pay for loss or damage to such property. This means that if a child brings something to school which is then subsequently stolen or misplaced, the school is not liable for replacing this property. As such, parents need to consider carefully what items (i.e. mobile phones, computer games, ipods, bicycles, skateboards, scooters etc) that students bring to school. Many household insurance policies allow parents to nominate “multi risk” items which are taken out of the household.

**OFFICE HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS**
To ensure that parent’s enquiries and issues can be addressed adequately, I remind parents of the times that our office is open.

Reception will be open from 8.15am to 4.30pm each Monday to Thursday and 8.15am to 4.00pm on a Friday. During this time the office staff will be able to answer telephone and over the counter enquiries.

Parents are also reminded that it is vital that they contact the office to make an appointment if they require an issue to be followed up by a member of staff. While we have an open door policy, we also have many professional commitments after hours.

It is vital that appointments are organised so that the time required can be allocated to the issue being discussed. We greatly appreciate your understanding that staff are busy with other duties which make it impossible to always be able to accommodate meetings without prior arrangement. We are all here to make school a great place to be and we all want the best for your children. Please be patient if you cannot see us immediately.
It is Week 5 of Term One already! I must begin by saying how proud I have been watching the students settle in and really respecting and following the schools “4 Basic Beliefs”. Please support this by asking your child about our 4 Basic Beliefs at home too. If you need help learning them yourself, just ask your classroom teacher. They are so simple, yet very meaningful.

In Prep and Year One, students have a strong focus on developing reading skills and strategies, building vocabulary and developing strong counting concepts and counting patterns. It is vital to master these essential skills, as they are the foundation of maths and literacy.

The School Library is certainly getting a work out with both year levels making regular visits to borrow and read with friends. This is great to see!

It is also lovely to see older siblings finding and sharing play time with younger siblings as they settle into school life. It has been a great start to the year!

Regards - Jane King
Assistant Principal
Prep/Year 1

Week 8 - Open Afternoon followed by our Community Picnic
Week 9 - Last week of Term

We are well and truly back into the 2017 school year! Hard to believe, but we are heading into March next week. A very BIG thank you to all of our parents who attended our Information Evenings/Meet and Greet last week.

Some important information was shared at these evenings:

- Classes begin at 8:45am, with Reception Time being an important part of your child settling in to the school day.
- TiqBiz is a very important App to have that connects you to notices and reminders relevant to your child.
- Communication is vital: however also important to note that teachers are not able to discuss issues during Learning Time which begins at 9am, and must leave the room in the afternoon when they have meetings to attend.

We are looking forward to working closely with all of our parents this year!

House News:
What an exciting morning we had last Friday! Our first House meeting for our whole school. Wandering through the meetings, I got such a great sense of excitement and enthusiasm for this new venture. It was great to see students from different year levels mixing together with a common bond.

Our teachers were excited too, coming in their House colours!

Toomuc: Yellow
Jamieson: Blue
Henry: Red
Edward: Green

Looking forward to seeing House slogans, chants and mascots!!

Bec Garrow
Learning Community Leader/Assistant Principal Year 2 and 3
What a busy fortnight it has been in our Senior School! First of all, I’d like to thank all of those parents who were able to make it to our Meet and Greet session last week - it was wonderful to see parents taking the time to get to know their child’s classroom teacher and familiarise themselves with the processes of our school.

The first 3 weeks of the school year at Pakenham Springs is dedicated to building an effective learning climate within the classroom. Research shows that using this time to build strong relationships, between teachers and students as well as with families, leads to increased student learning and engagement throughout the year by maintaining a consistent and positive environment.

The work being done in our classrooms at the moment includes revising the procedures for lining up and moving around our school, as well as daily pack up and Reception time procedures. Having a set process to follow with these everyday tasks allows the focus to be on learning throughout the day. We are also re-visiting our Keys to Success and investigating how Resilience, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Confidence can help us become successful learners.

Our classes are also producing their Learning Plans at the moment. These set out clear expectations and are an agreed-upon set of learning conditions for the classroom. This year our Senior Students are presenting their work on the Learning Plans to the younger students. There’s quite a bit of excitement around the creation of media clips and other ways of presenting their work! I can’t wait to see the finished products!

Have a great week ahead!

Renee Cotterell
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Assistant Principal

I remind parents of the school rule which prohibits dogs being brought into the school yard. Whilst most parents are sensible and have their dogs on a leash whilst in the yard, in the past there have been several incidents when these leashed dogs have snarled and snapped at each other and other parents have become rightly annoyed.

These incidents again highlight the need for parents to be asked to ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school premises during school hours (i.e. from 8.30am to 3.30pm), the peak times when we have vulnerable students at risk from dogs. The School Council is also concerned that some dogs are being tied up close to the entrances and exits to the school. It would be appreciated if these dogs could be moved a little further away from these busy areas.

Parents are reminded that if they do break this rule and bring dogs into the school yard they are liable (both morally and financially) for any injury their dog may cause. Parents are also reminded that some of our students, particularly our younger students, are timid of dogs and their presence, even on a leash, is unsettling to them.

I am sure that all parents will appreciate the necessity to ensure this safety rule is enforced at the school level.

Often students of new pets, including dogs, are excited about their new “family” member and wish to show the pet off to the class. We would hate for the child to miss out on this opportunity for “Bring and Brag”. If your child requests the sharing of a new “family” member with the class, please contact the class teacher so that a suitable “showing” time can be arranged.
We are pleased to introduce to you the House system at Pakenham Springs Primary School.

Last Friday on the 17th of February the Pakenham Springs students all participated in their first whole school house meeting. During this time the students were able to develop relationships with all teachers and students within their houses. The aim of the house system at Pakenham Springs is to greater strengthen student connectedness and build relationships within the school community.

The students and teachers are excited about the introduction of houses and are currently assisting in developing a slogan and logo that will become the identify for each house for the future.
HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2017

TOOMUC

SKYE FERGUSON
CONNOR STYLES

JAMIESON

BRIDIE VAN EYK
LOGAN FOX

RUBY HUMPHERY
NICHOLAS SMERDON

EDWARD

ELOISE PARR
LACHLAN TANKARD

HENRY
THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAMES

The History of Pakenham

TOOMUC
Toomuc Valley Creek was the area first settled on and provided fresh water for settlers, animals and farming. Many orchards were established around this area and the hotel on the corner (Princess Hwy & Toomuc Valley Road) was the first building built in Pakenham.

JAMIESON
The Jamieson family was the original founder of the IYU cattle station/dairy farm (13,000 acres) in 1883 and was also in demand in the district for his medical skills.

EDWARD
Sir Edward Pakenham was an honourable army officer and politician. He was born at the Pakenham Hall and the township was later named after him.

HENRY
The Henry family were local land and station owners who were well known for their community spirit.
Our school is participating in Redgum Book Club this term. Redgum Book Club are an Australian-owned children’s book club supporting Australian authors, illustrators and publishers. They offer families books that are engaging and educational, with a strong Australian content, that align with the school curriculum. Every book order earns resources and books for our school and includes a free gift for your child.

The catalogue is now open and closes on 27th February. Ordered books will be delivered free to the school week commencing 13th March.

Every book order will earn resources and books for our school.

Redgum Book Club newly released books for term 1:
- **Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers Edition)** - A true story of survival and triumph against incredible odds, now the major motion Australian film starring Nicole Kidman
- **Alice Miranda Holds the Key** - From Australian best-selling and multi-award winning author, Jacqueline Harvey
- **Red Dog: True Blue** - A charming story of a young boy and his dog adventuring through the outback
- **Middle School: Word of Mouse** - James Patterson's illustrated story follows the illuminating journey of a very special mouse
- **There's a Snake in my School** - From Number One bestselling author David Walliams, comes this spectacularly funny picture book
- **Mr Romanov's Garden in the Sky** - Heartfelt, evocative and compelling – another masterpiece from the award-winning Australian Robert Newton

How to place an order:

Order and pay online by credit card or PayPal at [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)

Email your order with your credit card details to: [orders@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:orders@redgumbookclub.com.au)

Fill out the order form on the back of the catalogue and fax (02) 9997 5850

If you have any questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Lesley at [schools@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:schools@redgumbookclub.com.au)

Thank you Lyn Nieboer Library Technician PSPS

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE OFFER REDGUM AND SCHOLASTIC THIS TERM
Junior School Babak is sharing the learning taking place in our class...

Each newsletter we will highlight what a class from the school has been learning.
This week students from J13 discuss what they have been learning.

THROW KINDNESS LIKE CONFETTI

J13 has had an AWESOME start to the year! We have participated in a range of activities that promotes our Keys to Success, such as our cup tower challenge. We made use of our Persistence, Resilience and Getting Along Key to eventually build a tower 67cm high!!

This year, J13’s theme is all about Kindness and throwing it around as if it were confetti! Students have had many discussions as to what Kindness means to them and how they can be a kind person whilst also being a bucket filler.

We also appoint a Kindness Monitor every morning who keeps account of all the Random Acts of Kindness around the room in order to receive a special prize at the end of the day.
In J13 we have also really enjoyed watching Kid President videos, not just for laughs, but to also learn more about how we could be awesome and share the awesomeness with others.

We also used our Getting Along key when meeting our Year 6 Buddy classroom where we were able to make friends with the older students at Pakenham Springs Primary School. Each Year 2 student was paired up with a Year 6 student and each pair had to find as many similarities and differences between them. One group of three realized they were all left-handed while another found out they were all at Fun Fields over the holidays at the exact same time!!

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the year and we can’t wait to see all the learning and growth we will be achieving in 2017!
Each newsletter we will highlight what a class from the school has been learning.
This week students from M25 have been working on teamwork and the keys to success!

**M25 - Teamwork**

This week M25 have been working on ‘team work’ and ‘what makes a team.?’ Students have been working in groups to complete team tasks. We have been constructing, building, playing and importantly learning to work together!

- Bryce: Your working group
- Jake: helping each other
- Scarlett: a group of people working together

**ALL ABOUT ME...**

Student have been sharing all about themselves in the classroom!
On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have 3 players from the Richmond Football Club come out to visit the year 4 students.

The players spent time with the students discussing diversity and did activities with the students to highlight how important accepting diversity is in life and football. Each class from year 4 came up with a variety of questions to ask the players about the importance of resilience and perseverance.

M25 have been getting to know each other and learning to work in a team. We have also been sharing our interests with one another. We each completed an interest survey to find our interests and things that we enjoy.
We have had a fabulous start to year 5! We have worked together to create a safe and positive learning environment, where everyone has the opportunity to learn and be successful. As a class we are proud of what we have achieved so far and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year holds. Together, we will work as a team to achieve all our goals!

**NUMERACY**

The first topic we are covering in Numeracy is Place value. We are working our way to numbers up to 1 million and beyond. We will also be extending our knowledge of decimals numbers.

**LITERACY**

In Literacy we have started to read a variety of different texts and analyse how the different features of the text impact the readers. We are also looking at how we can use some of these strategies and features to improve our own writing.

To help improve and extend our comprehension we have begun to look at how we can reorganise literal information. This means that we are learning to bring together separate pieces of information that relate to one idea. We have also started to write Narratives, which we are super excited about and can’t wait to share with you!
Join our Football Family!
PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Girls - U12  U15  U18
*Half Price Fees for all girls in 2017

Boys - U8-U9-U10-U11-U12-U13
       U14-U15-U17

Vacancies available in all teams!

Tom 0417 540 793
www.pakenhamjfc.com.au

NARRE WARREN ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS

Youth Mental Health Forum

7pm to 9:30pm
Wed 29th March 2017

Held at Narre Warren Sth P-12 College,
Cnr Amberly Park Dr & Ormond Rd,
Narre Warren South

RotaryNarreWarren.org.au

Speakers:
Bryan Jeffrey, Director of MOAT: Mental Health Services
Dr. Claire Kelly, Youth Mental Health Coordinator
Paul Roberts, Welfare Coordinator

Free Event - All Welcome

Supported By:
Narre Warren Rotary Club
Casey-Cardinia Rotaract Rotary Club Partner
Enrolment day 27th February

Register for the information and enrolment day at cathy@ubcc.org.au.

Courses begin in March 2017

CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care*
Cost: Funded $200.00    Funded (Conc) $40.00    Non-funded $2,500.00
When: Fridays 9.00 am – 4.30pm over 9 months

CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care*
Cost: Funded $300.00    Funded (Conc) $60.00    Non-funded $5,500.00
When: Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6.00 – 9.30pm over 20 months

FNS40215 Certificate IV Bookkeeping and FNS40615
Certificate IV in Accounting (Dual qualification)*
Cost: Funded $700.00    Funded (Conc) $140.00    Non-funded $5,500.00
When: Wednesdays 9.00am – 4.00pm over 8 months

Amazing value for money

Conducted by Monash Training and Professional Development. RTO 21526
Government funded positions available*(Eligibility conditions apply)

First Aid Courses  Friday 31st March OR Saturday 24th June
HLTAID001 Provide CPR  9.00am to 12.00pm  Cost: $ 75.00
HLTAID003 Provide First Aid  9.00am to 5.00pm  Cost: $175.00
HLTAID004 Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting  9.00am to 5.00pm  Cost: $175.00

Conducted by Asthma Foundation of Victoria. RTO 4987

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Location: Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre
10-12 Salisbury Road Beaconsfield Upper Vic 3808
Contact: Cathy Fischer (03) 5944 3484  cathy@ubcc.org.au
Stop & Drop today
- at a zone close to your school

Get active, save on fuel and ease traffic congestion!
Walk, ride, scoot or skateboard to and from school!

Your closest Stop & Drop Zone is located at:

- Ron Andrews park, Sandalwood Drive - opposite Honeyeater Way near bus stop
  sign Cross over at Sandalwood Drive and walk along Park Boulevard, along McGregor road to school crossing, along Livingstone Boulevard to the school
- Corner MacKellar and Livingstone Boulevard
  Walk along Livingstone Boulevard to school

For more information contact Council's Healthy Children's Facilitator on 1300 787 624

PAKENHAM SPRINGS.........a learning community

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Canteen Menu 2017

Hot Items

- Allied Lasagne $4.00
- Allied Macaroni & Cheese $4.00
- Nacho with Cheese & Salsa $2.80
- Chicken Burger with Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo $4.00
- Beef Burger with Cheese, Sauce $4.00
- Yummy Drammery $1.50
- Dim Sim $1.00
- Fantastic Noodle (Chicken or Beef) $3.00
- Traveller Pie $3.50
- Party Pie/Sausage Roll $1.00
- Regular Sausage Roll $3.00
- Skinless Hot Dog $3.00
- Hash Brown $1.00
- Corn $1.50
- Homemade Mini Pizza $1.00

Sandwiches (Fresh or Toasted)

- Salad $3.50
- Ham $2.50
- Ham & Cheese $3.00
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) $3.50
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo $4.00
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo $3.50
- Vegemite & Cheese $2.50
- Fairy Bread $2.00
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo $3.50

Rolls

- Salad $4.00
- Ham $3.00
- Ham & Cheese $3.00
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) $4.00
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo $4.50
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo $4.00
- Vegemite & Cheese $3.00
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo $4.00

Wraps

- Salad $4.00
- Ham $3.00
- Ham & Cheese $3.50
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) $4.00
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo $4.50
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap $4.50
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo $4.00
- Vegemite & Cheese $3.00
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo $4.00

Additions for Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps & Salad Plates

- Ham 50c
- Chicken $1.00
- Cheese 50c
- Tuna $1.00

Special 1:
- Any Allied Pasta and 300ml Oak $6.00

Special 2:
- Salad Roll, Juice and Jelly Cup $7.00

10c if no bag is provided.

Name: ___________________________
Class: ___________________________
Order: ___________________________

Ice Creams

- Paddle Pop Variety $1.80
- Zooper Deeper $1.00
- Frozen Yoghurt (Strawberry, Mango) $2.00
- Frozen Fruit Ring $0.50
- Frozen Fruit Juice Portions $1.00

Drinks

- 200ml Juice (Orange, Tropical, Apple) $2.00
- 600ml Water $2.00
- 300ml Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry) $2.50

Snacks

- Cookies $2.00
- Microwave Popcorn (Butter, Salt & Vinegar) $2.00
- Jelly Cone $0.50
- Jelly Cup $1.50
- Minnie & Rice Snacks $1.00
- Toast (Recess) $0.40