

Principal's Report

Welcome back and we are going for Gold—aiming for another disruption free term of learning. This means we will all need to stay focused on wellness and well being. Test regularly, stay home if unwell and keep up with the handwashing and sanitising regimes. A further supply of RAT's will be sent home today.

Our whole school assembly trial proved successful last term and we are committed to continuing these during Term 2. They will not be a weekly event but are scheduled for 3pm on the following dates: May 6th, May 27th, June 10th & June 24th. Whilst we are no longer required to check vaccinations, social distancing is still required as is the instruction to not attend if unwell.

The Early Years team is re-starting their morning outdoors assembly too. These will be held on Monday mornings @ 9am in the court yard area. Parents are most welcome to attend. The first of these assemblies will be held on **Monday 9th May**.

It has been a busy few days and hard to believe we are already one week into the new term., A huge thank you to all students and parents who assisted with community centric events over the holidays. Our students participated in the ANZAC commemorations in the Borough on Monday including the Dawn and Point Lonsdale Services. Isabel and Guillaume delivered a heart felt and thought provoking youth address at the Point Lonsdale Service. Their address will now be published in the Geelong Advertiser (on Monday), the writer of the column was so impressed with their written and spoken words that he believed their message deserved a wider audience.

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We have joked quite a bit this week about the amount of time senior students have spent at school over the holidays assisting with tasks such as market, wreath making, hammering in and removing crosses at the RSL and delivering meals on wheels. We were on holidays but we also wanted to be involved and hang out together. It is fantastic to see so many activities back on and students keen to be able to participate at every opportunity.

Please check in with your child to see if they need to replenish pencils, pens and books from your supplies at home.

There are still some Years 3-6 students who have not purchased word book / dictionaries for use in literacy classes. I do have a small number available for purchase if you had chosen not to purchase book list items through COS.

It would be particularly helpful if parents could check to ensure that payment for curriculum contributions and extra curriculum contributions have been made as many may have been missed due to the complexity of the new payment categories.

There are a number of excursions and incursions planned for this term. These are extra-curricular activities so attendance is optional. We will be asking parents prior to seeking payment/permission whether or not their children will be attending - activities with low commitment will be cancelled as they will be too expensive to run for small cohorts of students. Please keep a look-out so we can do a full costing. **F-2 Museum form is coming home today.**

Spanish update - we are currently experiencing issues with paperwork enabling Senora Vicentello to begin work at PLPS but we are hopeful (after all the hoops have been jumped through multiple times and numerous phone calls during the vacation) that she will be able to begin in May.

Keep watching for information about the Lighting Up Country Event to be held in the BOQ in June. We all participated in a great workshop including learning some Waddawurrung language, an Acknowledgement of Country in Auslan and some singing too. Thanks to Kirsten, Kelly and Ben for bringing this event to us.

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Appreciations

- * Donors of materials for class activities
- * Parents for Market assistance over the break
- * Students for their commitment to community events over the break
- * Community members who have made time to congratulate and commend PLPS students on their positive representation of PLPS
- * Kirsty, Kelly and Ben who provided a great introduction to the Light up Country event scheduled for June
- * Families who donated flowers and greenery for Anzac Day wreaths

***Don't Forget our next Market is Sunday, 8th May
which is Mothers' Day***

Please check the roster and if you are unable to assist at your allotted time please organise a replacement so that I do have some helpers.