



Dolphin Echo



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Principal's Report

Term 1 is over—who would have believed how quickly time has passed and that we have all achieved so much in such a short amount of time. As you walk through classrooms observing and chatting to students about their learning certain skills—we hear articulate and confident answers. They are developing goals, measuring their own performance and setting challenges. Every student in foundation is involved in the home reading program and eager to read their books to anyone who will sit and listen. The senior reading buddies and community volunteers all provide an extra ear as our younger students practice newly learnt skills.

Transition for 2020 is underway for both kindergarten to school and primary to secondary with visits and documents readily available. We are hosting a "get to know our school" information session for early years and 2020 prospective families on Tuesday April 30th 6-7pm. This session is planned as both information and Q & A and open to interested and curious parents who want to know more about P.L.P.S. We have already hosted many visitors this term but know that flexible times and accessibility are important in getting the messages about "What we do and why" out into the community accurately. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend this session and stress that enrolment at P.L.P.S is not a pre-requisite for attendance at this event or for participation in our transition program.

The Big Question Should my child be on Social Media?

Even though there are age limits associated with social media platforms we know as leaders and parents they are not adhered too.

Social Media is difficult to navigate and there is so much peer pressure surrounding its use. Too often issues arise and parents are unaware of the situation. What starts off as a simple, often thoughtless post on snapchat or comment in facebook or Instagram soon becomes inflated as others join in, the users do not know what to do or where to go. They are often reluctant to tell parents for fear of being taken off the 'offending' platform, but are stuck. We have included a helpful handout about social media use with today's newsletter.

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MARKET OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Please check the roster and if unavailable please organise a swap. The Friday set up sessions have been cancelled.

Any concerns call 0400 083 719.

MARKET ROSTER Sunday 14th April

Set-up **FRIDAY 3.30pm**

~~Muscot Parsons Patel~~

Not required

SUNDAY 7am Site Direction & Set up

Prowse Ray Remilton

SUNDAY 2.30PM Pack Up

Rome Salter Sanford

Contact before Market Day **0400 083 719**

Market Day please meet at school front door

Not sure when you're on?

Please refer to whole of year roster on the school website. If unavailable on your rostered market day, please organise a swap yourself.

MARKET ROSTER EASTER SATURDAY 20th APRIL

Set-up

~~Shipman Smith Elka Smith Loh~~

Not required

SATURDAY 7am Site Direction & Set up

Sutton Tatlock Taylor

SATURDAY 2.30PM Pack Up

Toohy Toms

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY
NEEDED**

Calendar of Events Term 1

APRIL	
Sun 14	Market
Sat 20	Easter Saturday Market
Tues 23	First Day of term 2
Thur 25	Anzac Day public holiday
Tues 30	Get to know our school information night 6—7pm
MAY	
Wed 1	District cross country at Barwon Heads
Fri 3	Healthy Heroes Years 1/2 9am—12 noon
Wed 8—Fri 10	Melbourne CYC City Camp Years 5/6

Salt Gallery 15th Birthday Exhibition

Don't forget to drop in and see this wonderful student curated exhibition.

Thanks Charlie, Linka, Tessa and Marley for your input.

Appreciations

- ◆ All community members who have assisted with PLPS programs and activities this term
- ◆ Student leaders for setting the example and being positive role models and mentors
- ◆ Staff for their commitment to excellence in all that they do on behalf of our students
- ◆ Everyone who has called in or made the time to commend students on their achievements both within and beyond school this term
- ◆ Nita for her delightful knitted goodies for our early years programs
- ◆ Donors of wool for projects
- ◆ Student leaders who are assisting with ANZAC services next term
- ◆ Queenscliff Historical Museum for the William Lonsdale DVD
- ◆ RSL Queenscliff for lending us the ANZAC Poppy blanket. Come along for a look.



Get in the know
– research the 'terms of use' and age requirements on social media services and explain them to your child.



Keep it private
– show your child how to use privacy settings to control what others can see.



Play nice
– encourage your child to respect others online and to always think before posting.

Should my child be on social media?

Parents can sometimes feel the pressure of pester power to allow their children on social media, even if they don't feel comfortable doing so.

While these services are a fun way to stay connected with others, there can be downsides like cyberbullying, risks to privacy and contact from strangers.

If you allow your child to sign up to a social media service, consider these handy tips.



Report
– show your child how to report inappropriate content, especially cyberbullying.



Beware of bad eggs
– teach your child that not everyone they meet online can be trusted, even if they seem nice or friendly.



Join in
– create an account yourself and find out what your child is likely to encounter.



Talk
– maintain open communication with your child so they feel safe talking to you about any concerns.



Learn more
– keep up to date with popular social media sites at esafety.gov.au/quickguide

Volunteers Wanted

Classroom helpers at
Point Lonsdale Primary School
to assist with varied tasks across all ages and
subjects.

Do you have a skill or talent to share?

Do you want to engage with young people?

Do you love to read, write, problem solve or do mathematics?

Are you a book coverer, techie or a scrap booker?

Are you a thinker, creator, sports person, designer?

We have students who want to learn your skills.

You might even have a skill we have not thought of.

Give us a call

Volunteers working in classrooms and with children must have a **current working with children's check**. Apply on the Department of Justice site—click the volunteer tab.

Training will be provided as required.

Please contact P.L.P.S via phone on 52581501, text at 0400 083 719 or email at point.lonsdale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au