



31st July 2025

## What's On...

### August

- 6th Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival  
Bill Stewart Athletics Track Burwood East
- 12th School Council Finance Meeting
- 19th School Council Meeting
- 20th Year 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion
- 22nd Year 1 Science Dome Incursion
- 26th Book Week Parade

### September

- 2nd Waverley Central District Athletics Carnival - selected students Years 3-6
- 4th Father's Day Stall
- 5th Father's Day Breakfast 7.30am
- 11th Year 6 Economics Fair
- 19th End of Term - Early Dismissal 2.30 Office closes at 3pm

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

### WELCOME BACK



I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and relaxing break. Term 3 looks to be another exciting term at PPS with lots of enjoyable learning experiences planned for our students and the exciting news of the commencement of our building project... the new gymnasium, music and art studios. If you have any questions regarding the building project, please contact the VSBA on the number provided on the letter sent to all families via Compass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### CELEBRATION of LEARNING - 3 Way Conferences,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and their children attending the 3 Way Conferences on Friday. Our Compass online bookings showed that we had approximately 1,200 parent/teacher/student conferences take place during the day.

Thank you to our teachers, students and parents for making the 3 Way Conferences such a successful process and acknowledging them as an integral component of our informative reporting approach to student learning and engagement.

### NAPLAN RESULTS

I am again thrilled to see our outstanding achievement. Particularly our consistently high student achievement, across the key learning areas of 'Reading', 'Writing' and 'Mathematics'. Our achievement levels, once again are exceptionally high and some of the best in Victoria, where we have consistently stayed. A super effort by our students, staff, and supportive community.



### OUR STUDENT LEADERS IN ACTION!

Our Wellbeing and Wurundjeri Captains, Kobe, Aarav, Zoe, Rinjiu, Tate and Lexi, invited the Mayor of Monash, Cr Paul Klisaris and our Local Member of Parliament, Mr Matt Fregon, to a presentation for a proposal to create a 'seven seasons garden and yarnning circle' with the guidance of Pallyan, our Wurundjeri educator.

The students presented a powerful, persuasive and informative address to the adults attending on the day. Both the Mayor Mr. Klisaris and MP. Mr Matt Fregon were very impressed with the student's presentation and have offered their support to the project in any way they are able to contribute. Congratulations and well done to our student leaders!



RESPECT

SELF CONFIDENCE

INTEGRITY

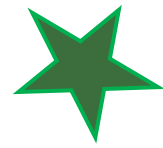
RESPONSIBILITY

OPTIMISM



In attendance for the student leaders 'Seven Seasons and Yarning Circle' meeting were

- Mayor Cr Paul Klisaris
- Matt Fregon MP
- Paul Ridgway, Manager Horticultural
- Monash City Council Officers that specialise in community groups and greening initiatives



### A FAREWELL & A WELCOME TO PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Tania Hamamen. Mrs Hamamen has been teaching Year 1 this year and has been associated with PPS for 12 years. We wish Mrs Hamamen all the best in her new role with the Victorian Public Service.

We warmly welcome Mr Chris Wedderburn to Pinewood Primary School, as the new teacher for 1H. Mr Wedderburn is an experienced teacher and has recently relocated to Melbourne from New Zealand, where Mr Wedderburn has been teaching in schools in the South Island. Welcome Mr Wedderburn!

### ICAS TESTING

During the month of August, students who have opted to take part in ICAS will be sitting their tests. Whilst ICAS is optional, many children enjoy the chance to test their skills. Each of the tests will be taken during the allocated weeks. However, we will not be sending out individual timetables as we have over a thousand tests to administer. The ICAS test dates are as follows:

Subject	Sitting Date
Digital Technologies Year 2-6	4-8 August
Writing Year 3-6	4-8 August
English Year 2-6	11-15 August
Science Year 2-6	18-22 August
Spelling Bee Year 2-6	18-22 August
Mathematics Year 2-6	25-29 August



Karen Jenkin  
Principal



## The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming back to Pinewood Primary School!

Dear Pinewood Primary School families,

The Smile Squad team from Link Health & Community is returning to our school to complete dental check-ups for students who signed up earlier this year but were not yet seen.

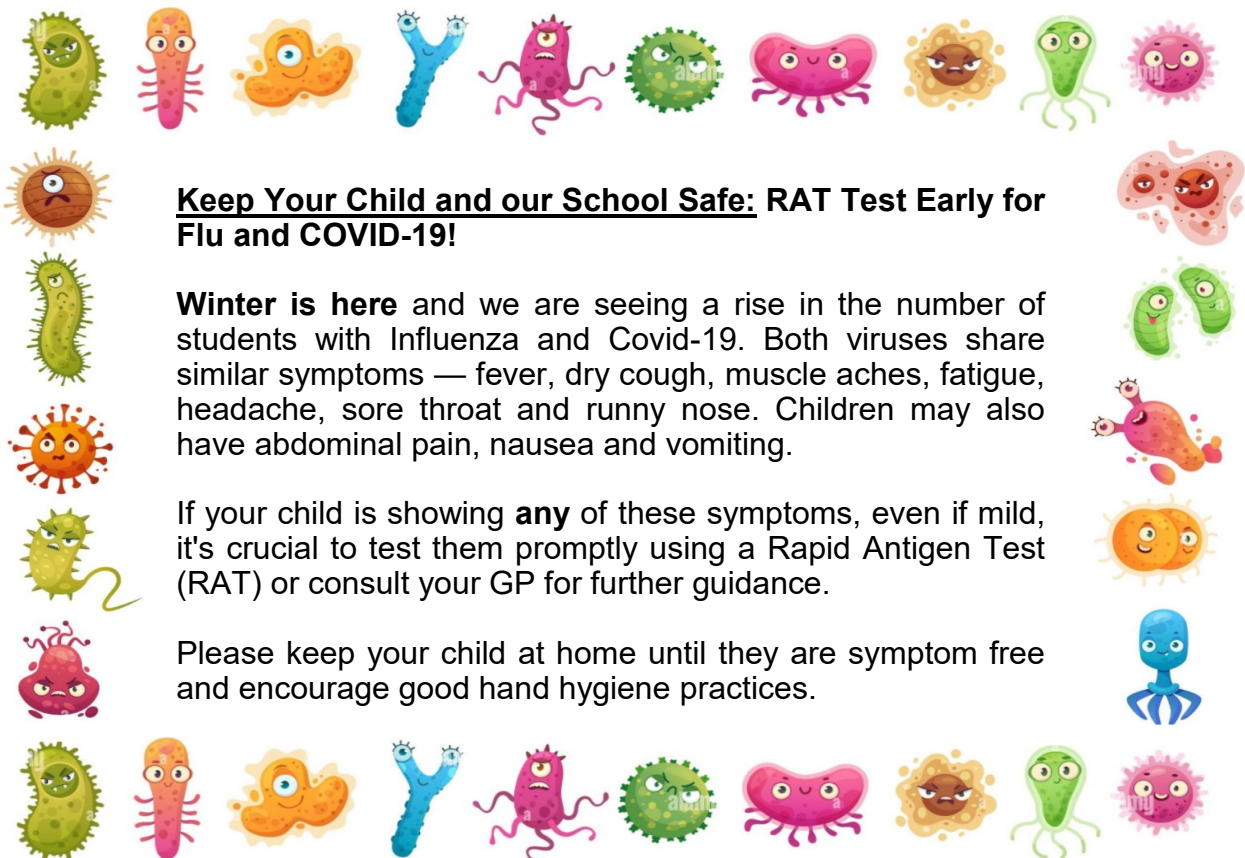
The team will also provide fluoride varnish applications for students who received it during the last visit and whose families have already provided consent. This six-monthly application helps give students the best chance at preventing tooth decay.

Consent for this treatment was provided when initial consent forms were returned. If your preferences have changed and you do not wish for your child to receive the fluoride varnish, please contact the Smile Squad team directly:

**Phone:** 0419 249 158

**Email:** [linksmilesquad@lchs.com.au](mailto:linksmilesquad@lchs.com.au)

We're looking forward to seeing the students again soon!



### Keep Your Child and our School Safe: RAT Test Early for Flu and COVID-19!

**Winter is here** and we are seeing a rise in the number of students with Influenza and Covid-19. Both viruses share similar symptoms — fever, dry cough, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat and runny nose. Children may also have abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

If your child is showing **any** of these symptoms, even if mild, it's crucial to test them promptly using a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) or consult your GP for further guidance.

Please keep your child at home until they are symptom free and encourage good hand hygiene practices.



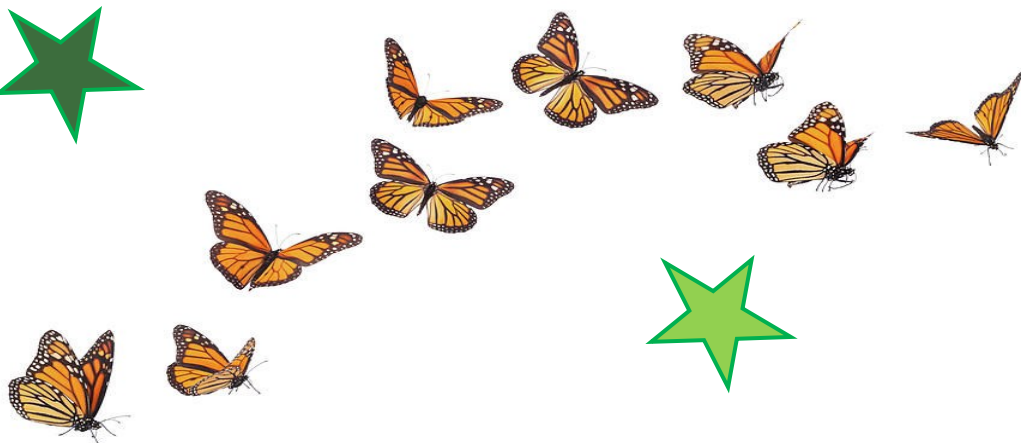


# Antique Map Butterflies



Last term, the Year Three cohort created these wonderful, collaged butterflies using a variety of photocopied antique maps. The students honed their creative and symmetrical cutting skills to achieve interesting shapes that could be layered effectively to create imaginative butterfly images. The students painted around the edges of their butterflies, applying white dots to recreate natural butterfly markings.

Well done to all featured artists.  
Ms Francine  
Visual Arts





# PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS CANS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER



## WHERE YOUR TRASH TURNS INTO TREASURE!

CANS FOR A CAUSE COLLECTION DAYS WILL BE EVERY 2ND FRIDAY STARTING FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST.  
TERM 3 DATES: 8TH AUGUST, 22ND AUGUST, 5TH SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER.

BRING US ALL YOUR USED CANS AND BOTTLES FOR RECYCLING.  
ALL CANS AND BOTTLES WILL BE TAKEN TO THE MOUNT WAVERLEY RECYCLING CENTRE.  
100% OF THE MONEY WE GET WILL BE DONATED TO SEA SHEPHERD AN ORGANISATION SUPPORTING SEA LIFE!



### DROP OFF TIMES & LOCATIONS:

PINEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
27-35 PINWOOD DR, MOUNT WAVERLEY VIC 3149  
9AM - 3:30PM FRIDAY

AT THE THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, ON THE NETBALL COURTS

**NO SORTING  
NECESSARY**

### WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

Drink containers between  
150mL and 3 litres are eligible

- ✓ Aluminium,
- ✓ Glass,
- ✓ Plastic
- ✓ Liquid paperboard (carton)

### WHAT CAN'T YOU BRING?

- ✗ Plain milk
- ✗ Cordial or syrup containers
- ✗ Wine & Spirits
- ✗ Large beverage pouches
- ✗ Health tonics and probiotics
- ✗ Cartons under 150ml
- ✗ Some large containers including juice and  
Flavoured milk

**10c**

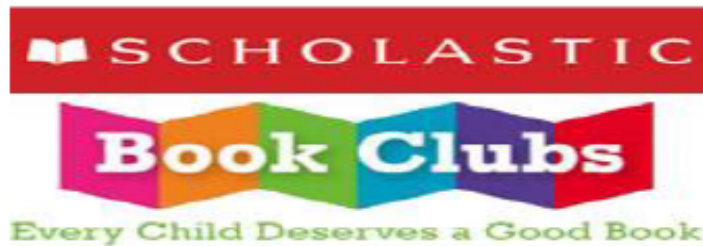
REFUND AT COLLECTION  
DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING  
STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE

**Look for this!**  
It is often located  
near the barcode.

Note: Generally excluded containers are those that are less  
than 150mL and greater than 3 litres. Many of these  
containers can still be recycled in your kerbside bins.

SEA SHEPHERD'S GOAL IS TO PROTECT SEA LIFE WITH BEACH CLEANINGS,  
REMOVING PLASTIC FROM THE OCEAN AND PRESERVING SEA ANIMALS






**ISSUE 5 OUT NOW!**  
**ORDERS CLOSE: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BOOK CLUB IN SEMESTER 1**  
School Rewards have been used to purchase more books  
and educational resources for the school.

**Issue 5 Highlights:**

- You will notice stationery items have been added in to Book Club. Scholastic are doing this firstly to combine both aspects of Literacy (reading and writing) into Club, and also to give access to each and every child, so if they only have a couple of dollars and want to order something, they can and will have options available!
- \$5 PROMO Continues
- If you love Graphic Novels head to pg. 28 for some new reads.
- Check out the back cover to see the **COMPETITION** to win 1 of 60 costumes ahead of Book Week.
- Book Week Selection of Titles on offer!
- Check out the 'Every Child Deserves a Book' title for \$3



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START THE  
ADVENTURE!**

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Every adventure book is a secret doorway to a new world— where pizzas are brave, alpacas travel through outer space, and YOU are the hero! With each page you turn, you're not just exploring exciting places—you are:

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- Learning new words
- Training your brain to be super strong
- Increasing your understanding of the world around you
- Solving problems like a pro

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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA All of PA	For using their best manners and working co-operatively with the teacher.
PB Xylas	For using your 'protective hand' strategy in seeking help when needed. It's been great watching you manage tricky situations with greater ease and following the correct processes. Keep it up!
PD All of PD	For trying to do their best work while their teacher is away.
PK All of PK	For helping Ms Kemelfield and being happy and hardworking students.
PS Jordan	For your confidence when presenting to the class. You are able to speak loudly and clearly as well as keeping eye contact with the audience. Very well done Jordan.
1G Eugenie	For a great start to Term 3 and trying your best with all your school work! You've been such a superstar!
1H All of 1H	For being a fabulous class! 1H have been a pleasure to teach as they are very enthusiastic and willing to learn! Well done everyone! Keep it up!
1L Nikhil	For a great start to Term 3 by demonstrating all the school values this week! You are very kind, hard working and always show respect to everyone. Well done Nikhil!
1M Mohammad	For demonstrating the school value of self-confidence and optimism. Mohammad has been aiming high and challenging himself during his learning. Well done Mohammad!
1T All of 1T	For showing resilience while their teacher is away and being kind and co-operative for the replacement teacher.
2AM Ansh	For a spectacular start to Term 3. You have demonstrated a determination to meet 2AM's Term 3 class goals, in particular active listening. Keep up the great work, Ansh!
2C Amber	For being a wonderful friend and demonstrating the value of responsibility in every choice she makes. Well done Amber!
2F Stanley	For being such a kind and caring friend. Stanley is willing to help his classmates, and always does so with a smile! You are amazing Stanley!
2HW Aashara	For being strong while your brother is at camp. I love how you have handled your emotions with thoughtfulness. Keep it up!
2M Kayden	For confidently contributing to class discussions and enthusiastically participating in all activities. Well done Kayden!
2P Alissa	For always being a kind and caring friend. You go out of your way to include others and are quick to cheer up your classmates when they're feeling down. Keep it Up!
3C Anson	For his disciplined and consistent effort throughout the whole week, working diligently and persistently to achieve his goals. Well done Anson!





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3D Shriya	For consistently showing all the school values and giving her best effort in everything that she does!	
3F Kyna	For following instructions, being organised and always ready for learning. Fabulous work Kyna!	
3H Lyla	For her fantastic work on her personal strengths paper doll. Her creativity shined through, and she was able to identify a range of her personal strengths. Well done, Lyla!	
3IAarush and Jordan	For your outstanding achievement, drive and determination to practise writing so many words from the dictionary. You are building a strong vocabulary bank!	
3J Olivia	For confidently settling into Grade 3J. Welcome back, Olivia!	
3U Louis	For being actively involved in class discussions all week. Keep it up, Louis!	
4B Lena	For your amazing confidence when sharing your answers in class. Well done Lena!	
4C Behrad	For your excellent work during Maths with expanded notation and renaming numbers. Keep up the great work!	
4H Emily	For working very hard to achieve her potential. Emily achieves fabulous results. Well done!	
4L Dayna	For demonstrating persistence and hard work in all that you do! You often seek help when needed and that is an amazing learning attitude! Keep it up, Dayna!	
4M Ethan	For working hard on his handwriting. Keep up the great work, Ethan!	
4TK Dinu	For the terrific effort and care you have put into your work; especially in the first week of this term. Your handwriting is neater than it has ever been. Amazing effort, Dinu!	
5C Ellie	For trying your best during challenging tasks in numeracy, showing perseverance and resilience. Well done, Ellie!	
5J Jaiden	For making a wonderful start to Term 3. You have been contributing to classroom discussions with such knowledge and depth. Keep it up Jaiden!	
5F Oliver	For a great start to Term 3 and for making fantastic contributions during our classroom discussions! Keep up the great work Oliver!	
5H Junxian	For the joy and calmness you bring to 5H every day. Your smile and humorous approach to topics reinforces the importance of making learning fun. Thank you!	
5MT Madhura	For always trying your best in all classroom activities. Keep up the great work!	
6H Nicole	Nicole is a reliable and hardworking student who always puts in her best effort in the classroom. She consistently demonstrates a positive attitude and a strong commitment to her learning. Well done, Nicole!	





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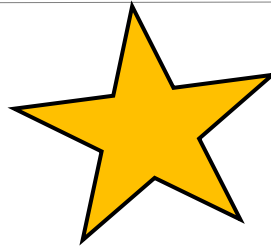
- 6K Marie For listening attentively in class, being organised and always being ready to do her best work. You are a fabulous role model to others. Congratulations Marie!
- 6L Sihas For starting Term 3 with focus, enthusiasm and a willingness to give everything a go. Keep up the great work, Sihas.
- 6O Aarav L For being a positive member of 6O, taking responsibility for your learning and adding value to class discussions. You are making a positive difference in 6O! Keep up the excellent work.
- 6T Lexi For the energy, positivity and enthusiasm you display on a daily basis. You are a fantastic role model for your peers.
- MUSIC Eva 3I For a great effort right from the start of her first lesson!
- ART Aiden 1G For doing fabulous work on his wonderfully creative blue elephant. Well done on your first art lesson Aiden.
- STEM PA For your sensational coding using the Scratch Jr. platform to make a character move.
- PE 3C For their outstanding effort during Year 3 athletics training.
- FRENCH 1T For your beautiful and neat work during our Bastille Day lesson this week! You coloured so carefully and had great discussions about how you celebrate your special holidays.



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## COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

We're delighted to share that Salesian College Chadstone has officially been awarded membership with the Council of International Schools (CIS); a globally recognised organisation dedicated to high standards in international education.

This is a significant milestone for our College, and one that reflects our deep and ongoing commitment to excellence in learning and teaching, student wellbeing, and the development of socially responsible, globally minded young people.

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7, 2026

We're currently reviewing applications for Year 7, 2026, and while places are limited, we welcome expressions of interest from families who are still considering their options.

Visit our website to find out more about our enrolment process via <https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment/apply/>

## MARY POPPINS TICKETS ON SALE

Get ready for something practically perfect in every way! The joint Salesian College Chadstone and Sacred Heart Girls' College production of Mary Poppins is coming soon!

## Performance Dates:

Thursday 7 August -

Saturday 9 August

**Venue:** Alexander Theatre

**Monash University**

**Bookings:** <https://www.monash.edu/performing-arts-centres/event/mary-poppins/>



## YEAR 7, 2027 APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON!

Applications for Year 7, 2027 at Salesian College Chadstone will close on Friday 15 August, 2025.

Get in touch with our College Registrar Michelle Collins or apply online today via

<https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/enrolment/apply/>

## TERM 3 LIVERPOOL FC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY AFTER SCHOOL CLINICS

Are you ready to play like a Red?

Our Term 3 Liverpool FC International Academy after school clinics are now open for registrations!

**Day:** Monday

**Time:** 4:00pm - 5:30pm

**Location:** Salesian College Chadstone

**Registrations:** <https://www.salesian.vic.edu.au/about-us/community-partnership/>



## INFORMATION EVENING FOR FUTURE FAMILIES

This special evening offers prospective parents an opportunity to experience the heart of our College community and learn more about our balanced, boys' education model, one that nurtures character, wellbeing and academic excellence.

You'll hear from our Principal, Mr Mark Ashmore, meet current students and connect with Assistant Principals across key areas of the College. Learn how our tailored teaching, strong culture of care, and focus on individual growth empower young men to achieve outstanding VCE results and pursue diverse pathways in university, trades and beyond.

View our full 2024 Highlights and Results via [salesian.vic.edu.au](http://salesian.vic.edu.au)





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