Dear Plumpton Public School Community,

A warm welcome back to all of our families to the start of Term 4, and a special welcome to our newly enrolled students and their families.

**Fencing & Gates**

Next week, work will commence on the fence which will divide the grounds of Plumpton High School and Plumpton Primary School. Some of our students are dropped off or picked up by a brother or sister from the high school. There will be no pedestrian access through the grounds of the high school to the primary school. High school brothers or sisters will need to enter via our front gate.

The installation of the new security car park gate, pedestrian access gate and fencing either side of our main entrance will be started in the coming weeks. All of this work is being done as an extra measure in keeping our students safe and our school secure.

**Staffing**

As many of you would be aware, PPS has had two positions left vacant when Mr Bragg and Mr Double were appointed to their new schools. At the time, the school identified the school priorities and the specific skills for these positions. The first position was filled by the department and the second was filled by the school.

The department has appointed Miss Hannah Greig who will join us as a classroom teacher from the beginning of next year. We congratulate Miss Greig on being appointed to our wonderful school and look forward to meeting her next week when she comes for a visit.

The second position was filled through the merit selection process. One of our temporary teachers, Ms Loren Buck, was successful in gaining the permanent position of classroom teacher at Plumpton PS. A big congratulations to Ms Buck!
To help with **planning for next year**, it would be appreciated if you could inform us if you are leaving Plumpton Public School at the end of the year, or if you are going on holidays and returning after school commences next year. This will help us in organizing our classes for 2015. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return it to the office.

This term will be very busy – make sure you keep your eye on our calendar of events.

Yours in partnership,
Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal
Be safe – Be respectful - Be a learner

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Pot of Gold Awards.**

- Makhya Constantinou – 1H
- Komal Ilyas – 1H
- Aalaiyah Smith – 1H
- Jethro Tanielu – 1H
- Hania Ahsan – 1H
- Lisa Buttigieg – 1/2L
- Haris Bukhari – 1/2L
- Rayne Alefioso – 1R

- Jack Smith – 1/2L
- Jayden Manriquez – 1R
- Zainab Khurram – 2P
- Mikayla Henman – 2P
- Thalia Henshaw – 2P
- Jameela Asad – 2P
- Taryn Loveday – 1/2L
- Latoya Kennedy – 2P
- Chloë Firth – 2P
- Aalaiyah Kennedy – 1P
- Joseph Eco – 1P
- Nica Cortez – 1P
- Nivisha Rae – 1/2L
- Amelia Furneyvall – 2B
- Jayden Ponce Castro - KT

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**BOOK FAIR - This year’s theme "The Enchanted Garden - Growing Readers"**

Welcome back to Term 4 and straight into a busy term. Our Book Fair commences next week on Thursday night with the P&C Disco. Please feel free to come in and browse and buy some books, Christmas gifts or stocking fillers from the Fair. Children at the disco can only come into the Fair when accompanied by an adult.

The Fair will then be open at lunchtimes and from 2:30 - 4pm on Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday 21/10 will be our Book Character Parade and Grandparents/Grandfriends Family Day. This year we will start our day with our Book Parade. Students will go to class to have the roll marked and raffle tickets handed out if they have dressed up. Classes will then come up to the Cola area ready for our Parade of Book Characters. After the parade we will draw the raffle; there are lots of book prizes to be won. Grandparents and friends will then have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom and participate in some fun activities or come into the Library to buy some fantastic books for their grandchildren and friends. Our final activity will be a quiet reading time in our gardens and grass areas around the school, finishing with morning tea together during the students recess time. You can bring your own morning tea however the canteen will also have tea, coffee and snacks available for purchase.

Look forward to seeing you at the Fair
Bronwyn Bailey
Teacher Librarian

**PAYMENTS**

All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and put into the chute in the office counter. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (**no change will be given**) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Please use separate envelopes for each activity. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.
LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name. Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.

P&C NEWS
Welcome back to the last term of the year, won't be long and school will be finished for another year! Straight back into it with the P&C disco on 16th October, make sure you are getting your notes in. We really need PARENT HELPERS for the disco. I know lots of parents wait with their child so jump in and lend a hand if you can, it would be much appreciated.
The canteen will be open, our bbq will be cooking and we will be selling novelty items. It's going to be a great night!

Also HELPERS NEEDED on Sunday 19th October for as little or as much time as you can spare. This is to run a bbq at a local soccer presentation day at which the soccer club makes a large donation to our P&C. A lot of our P&C members have kids in the soccer club and would like to be able to enjoy the day with their families which leaves limited helpers. The day is from 9-2pm so if you can help please see lollipop Sue or one of us before the day.

UNIFORM SHOP.
MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8.30-9AM AND 2.30-2.55PM.
CASH ONLY

Sacrament of Reconciliation / and 1st Holy Communion @ Good Shepherd Church.

Enrolment forms are to be collected after the Weekend Masses from Sunday 5 October. Mass times are Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 9 am and 6pm. These forms are to be handed in at the Information/registration Session on 2 November (10.30am) with a photo copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate.

The simplest way
...to healthier afternoon snacks

Choose these simple, tasty and healthy snack ideas to give your kids an after-school energy boost.

- Swap full fat ice-cream for reduced-fat yogurt with fresh fruit pieces
- Swap a tin of fruit in syrup for a tin of fruit in natural juice
- Swap flavoured milk for a reduced-fat fruit smoothie (try bananas or frozen berries)
- Swap a chocolate muffin for a fruit muffin

For more information visit www.eatittobenefit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobenefit

Nutrition Snippet
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2015

It's that time of the year where we start taking enrolment applications for children commencing Kindergarten in 2015.

We need to have our anticipated student numbers reported to the Department of Education soon. Staffing is calculated on these anticipated numbers so it's important that they are as accurate as possible.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015, could you please request an enrolment form and have it returned to the office as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if this information could be brought to the attention of any neighbours who have a child commencing Kindergarten next year. We appreciate your assistance.

Support my ride to fight kids' cancer!

Hello,

I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge this October to fight kids' cancer!

I will be pedalling for 31 days and my goal is to ride 50 km throughout the entire month.

Why am I doing this? Because cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Australia - 3 children die of cancer every week!

It will be tough, but nothing compared to what these kids face every day of their lives as they battle this terrible disease.

Kids should be living life, not fighting for it.

And so I am taking on this personal challenge to raise funds to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve.

Please sponsor me to support my challenge to help these kids.

 Simply visit the site below to view my personal fundraising page and make a donation:


All funds raised will support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Thank you for your kind support!

Emma Wilson from K50

Some of the brave kids I'll be riding for. You can read their full stories on the website.
ATTENDANCE FOR 2015
My child/children will NOT be returning to Plumpton Public School in 2015

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Signed Parent/ Caregiver

Date

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY HOTLINE 1300 880 021