



Dolphin Echo



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Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 1 and the final days of our first full week of school for 2024—and it has certainly been busy for everyone .

All classes have begun settling to the routines of PLPS. The agreements have been taught, re-taught and revisited. Hopefully the language of appreciations is being felt at home too. Next week we will be stressing the importance and value of listening attentively so don't be surprised if you get called out for not being fully present when your children speak to you.

Our new teachers Mr Major (5/6), Mr Parker (3/4) and Mr Jennings (STEM) are getting used to our school and routines too and comment frequently on the positive attitude of our students. Both Mr Major and Mr Parker are looking forward to joining their year levels on camp before months end too.

Student leaders, Riley, Scarlett, Harry, Olivia and Callum have conducted their first assembly and did an amazing job. Sabina is yet to have this experience. We elected House leaders this week too.

Congratulations to:

Columbine (blue)—Evie McGrath & Etienne Royer

Glaneuse (green)- Elianne Verhagen & Florence Exner

Sacramento (yellow) —Jake Toohey & Clancy Tatlock

Corsair (red)— Jack Salter, Chloe Toms & Isabel Cotton

Assemblies will be at 9am Friday morning until Nippers is completed. The first morning assembly is Feb 9th—tomorrow.

Our Foundation students and their Year 6 buddies had their first session this week and we hope these shared activities will become a more regular part of our program. They are certainly an enthusiastic group and keen to give most things a go.

Nippers starts on Friday—this is an open water activity that requires parent permission so the no note/no participation rule applies. Notes must be returned to the blue post box—not teachers and not at the Springs in the afternoon.

Principal's Report continued.....

Our monthly markets (2nd Sunday each month) are the school main fundraising opportunity and we ask that parents support us by doing Market duty when rostered. It is not an onerous task—usually no more than an hour. Please check the roster and if you are unavailable please try to organise a swap.

THIS SUNDAY IS MARKET DAY.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and restful weekend.

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REMINDERS

- Camp notes & payments—Canberra finalised by 16th Feb
- Nippers notes due back—no note/ no in the water
- Lunch orders now on Thursday—book online via the Flexischools app.



Congratulations to Diane Jackson Hill

(grandparent of Ellie and Sam)

On the inclusion of her picture storybook

Saving Seal

in the Department of Education Foundation

Welcome Packs handed out last week.



APPRECIATIONS

- * To the students who have shown immense kindness toward each other and made certain that new students feel welcome
- * Parents who have reached out and thanked staff and our students for small kindnesses shown to their children
- * Parents and community members for organising and facilitating our Nippers program
- * Community members who have contacted us commending our students on their behaviour and positive attitude outside school
- * Etienne, Florence, Clancy and Chloe M for representing PLPS so well in fulfilling their roles at the National Valid Having a Say conference at Deakin University this week
- * Everyone who has responded to the Social/Emotional Interview requests by booking a time, completing the 'survey' or both. We can't wait to learn more about your child's uniqueness
- * Senior students for organising icypole day
- * Foundation parents for bringing students in for assessment sessions
- * Community members who have donated recyclables for STEM, Creativity and class programs
- * Men's Shed members for installing the historic 'Penny Mural of the Fort' in our hall foyer. Come over and check it out, its worth a look.