



PARKDALE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER

# FOCUS

Thursday 12th May, 2016

## CALENDAR

### May

#### **Friday 13th**

Secondary School  
Placement forms due  
back

#### **Sunday 15th**

Whole School  
Working Bee

#### **Monday 16th**

Open Morning and  
Afternoon

School Council  
Meeting

#### **Monday 16th & 17th**

Grade 2 Incursion

#### **Friday 20th**

Prep Yoga

#### **Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th**

Grade 5/6 Incursion

#### **Thursday 26th**

Curriculum Day  
(Pupil Free)

### June

#### **Wednesday 1st**

Prep Incursion

#### **Thursday 2nd**

Grade 1 Incursion

#### **Tuesday 7th**

Prep Incursion

#### **Monday 13th**

Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

## From the Principal

### **Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall**

We hope all the mum's had a relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday. A huge thank you to the PPA for organising the Breakfast and Stall, and a big thank you to the staff for assisting on the day. The male teachers did an outstanding job managing to keep the eggs and bacon rolling all morning.

### **Education Week**

Education Week is next week. Our Open Day is on Monday 16th May from 9:30am to 11:30am and an Open Afternoon will be from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. During the week our focus is on 'Mindfulness'. The whole school will be participating in activities around Mindfulness and finishing with a whole school incursion on Friday by the *Resilience Project*. More information is in Mrs Richard's Report.

### **Working Bee**

This Sunday PPS is holding a Whole School Working Bee from 9:30am to 12.00pm. If you can spare an hour or two to help that would be very much appreciated. the more hands we have the more we can achieve.

### **Enrolments 2017**

If you are a current parent at the school with a Prep child starting school next year, could you please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. These can be collected from the office. We would like to finalise all sibling enrolments as soon as possible.

### **IMPORTANT After School Care Notifications**

Parents it is essential you notify Camp Australia if your child is not attending. If children are unaccounted for by 4:00pm the Police are notified. This is the standard procedure that Camp Australia follows.

Camp Australia is operating on the curriculum Day. Please make your bookings as soon as possible.

### **Secondary School Placements 2017**

Please note: Year 6 - 7 Secondary College Placement Forms are due back tomorrow, Friday 13th May.

**Please see the next page in regards to Parkdale Secondary College.**

Leanne Bradney  
Principal

Together We Achieve

From The Principal ..... Cont'd

**Transition Program for students intending to attend Parkdale Secondary College in 2017**

Each year Parkdale Secondary College tests all students who seek enrolment. All students undertake the MYAT (Middle Years Ability Test). This year the testing at Parkdale Secondary College will be in the Senior Centre. This has been advertised to the parents who attended PSC Open Night and is on their website. All students who are applying for a place in Year 7 at Parkdale Secondary College in 2017 are required to undertake the test. Parents are asked to bring their child/children to **one** of the sessions listed below.

PSC Transition Program is multifaceted. It begins with the collection of information about the learning and social characteristics of each student. This information is used for guiding the other components of the program. Information is collected in three ways:

**Formal Learning Assessment**

Each year we assess the incoming students using the MYAT (Middle Years Ability Test). This helps us to establish the levels for each student in literacy, numeracy and processing abilities. We are then able to use this for placing students in groups and for teachers to use when designing learning plans and programs.

**Discussions with Grade 6 Class Teachers**

This provides more comprehensive information about the learning and social characteristics of each student giving us a broader picture of each student.

**Families are invited to supply other relevant information.**

**Formal Assessment**

All students who are applying to enrol at Parkdale Secondary College are required to attend one of the scheduled Assessment Sessions.

Each session will require 1 hour and will be held at Parkdale Secondary College at the following times:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June      10:00am – 11:00am**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June      4:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June      4:00pm – 5:00pm**

Please select the session that is most convenient for your family. **Complete and return the Confirmation Slip to Parkdale Secondary College by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.**

Students should bring a pencil and eraser and arrive 10 minutes before the starting time.

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**Formal Assessment Confirmation of Attendance Reply Slip (Return to Parkdale Secondary College by 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016)**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Session to be attended (please Circle)    Saturday    Tuesday    Thursday

## AND NOW A WORD FROM MRS RICHARDS .....

'Mindfulness' is a hot topic at the moment and it is increasingly recognised as an effective way to reduce stress, increase self-awareness, enhance emotional intelligence, and effectively handle thoughts and feelings. Mindfulness is about being fully engaged in each moment of life. It is ultimately about becoming more aware of your experiences - whether this be thought processes, tension in the body or emotions. When we are in touch with this awareness, we are able to allow whatever is experienced just to happen, without needing to control it and without becoming overwhelmed by it. This is the source of true resilience.



Next week, during Education Week, the whole school will be exploring the Mindfulness concept. By the end of the week the aim is for children to be able to verbalise what mindfulness is and for them to have a brief snippet of experience with a range of mindfulness techniques.

Monday	Emotional Literacy - Emotional Literacy is the ability to label the emotion you're feeling as you're feeling it. The children will be discussing feelings, talking about mindfulness and what it is and participating in some short breathing and relaxation exercises
Tuesday	Mindful Colouring - the children will all be given a mandala to colour in for short periods of time. Upon completion these will be part of a whole school display
Wednesday	The children will participate in some meditation activities from the <i>Simple Minds</i> program
Thursday	Visualisation - Children listen to a piece of music or a story and then draw what they could see in their mind - this could be done whilst listening or afterwards.
Friday	Gratitude Day - children talk about the things they are grateful for. They will then make a pictorial representation of this on a heart proforma. The Resilience Project for the whole school has kindly been provided by the PPA.



# MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May many of the Parkdale Primary mums gathered at the front of the gym to be treated to a delicious breakfast, made possible by many fantastic volunteers. We would like to praise the Parkdale Primary PPA for the enormous effort they put in to make this such a wonderful event (and a big thank you to the teachers and Anthony Lewis for cooking the BBQ). Everybody's mouth watered over the magnificent bacon and eggs that they were served. Later on each class entered the gym to choose from a wide variety of unique accessories and gifts for their mums to enjoy on Mother's Day. Overall it was a great success and we are already looking forward to the Father's Day Breakfast!



By Matthew Mairs and Charlee Harvey (2016 School Captains)



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## PREP

We are so impressed with how beautifully behaved and enthusiastic the Preps have been during our swimming program. Thank you so much to all our helpers you have been amazing! This Friday is the last day of swimming.

We hope all the Mother's had a lovely day last Sunday. It was so nice to see you at the breakfast BBQ and how delicious were those breaky rolls!

Next week is Education Week. Our topic is 'Mindfulness'.

Monday morning is an Open Morning and we have an Open Afternoon from 4.00pm - 5.00pm. Please feel free to come and visit us in the classroom and see what you clever children are up to!

## GRADE 1

The children have continued to do a fantastic job with swimming and are looking forward to their final 'fun' day in the pool tomorrow!

This week the children became 'weather watchers' and have loved making predictions and observations of the changes in weather each day.

At the end of this week children will be bringing home a special homework task where they will become a Weather Reporter! They will be required to research the weather at home and prepare a quick weather forecast to share with the class on their allocated day.

We are looking forward to a little bit more 'normalcy' next week with Maths groups, Specialists and Literacy groups all going back to normal.

Next week is also Education Week, where the whole school will learn about 'Mindfulness'. During the week the children will participate in a range of activities designed to help them improve their focus and become more aware of their emotions and environment.

## GRADE 2

Next week is Education Week and we are looking forward to a visit from 'Hands on Science'. This experience will give students further opportunity to explore different substances and mixtures as part of our inquiry unit 'All Mixed Up'.

Congratulations to the children for their excellent behaviour and effort during the past two weeks of swimming lessons. We hope they enjoyed the program!

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## Grade 2 .... Cont'd

We are continuing with our current CAFÉ Focus, 'Making inferences while reading'. Please support your child at home when they're reading by asking open-ended questions about characters and events in the story.

For more information see the link, 'Making Inferences' under CAFÉ Reading strategies on the website (Grade 2 page).

## GRADE 3

Welcome to Week 5!

Its been a very busy week with NAPLAN and the children have been working very hard under such formal conditions.

Education Week is next week and our focus is 'Mindfulness'. The children will sample a range of activities throughout the week and we also have very exciting incursion planned! We look forward to sharing these with you.

ROAR reading will be back next week. Please continue to encourage daily reading at home.

Thank you to those who have returned their Camp notices already. Please return these by **Monday 16th May**. If you require a new notice please see your class teacher.

Congratulations to the recipients of **AR Certificates** this week: Fletcher J, Kelsey K, Maya P, Daisy Q, Anne L, Hamish M, Reyner B, Lucy R, Olivia F, Amelia P, Oliver D, Eden B, Lila H, Maksim J, Neve K, Oscar K, Isabella M, Leif S and Alyssa W.

## GRADE 4

Some children have enthusiastically embraced our new homework expectations for this term, however some still need a little encouragement to have a go.

For those who are up to the next challenge, we have sent home a revised and extended homework grid to suit a broad range of learning styles and subject areas. This grid will run for the next 6 weeks, until the end of term.

Congratulations to those children who are really putting in at home with their homework. Thanks to the parents for your support.

Congratulations to the recipients of **AR Certificates** this week: Xavier S, Charlie H, Sam T, Flynn H, Sylvia W, Tyson L, Alex I, Aithan N, Lucy W, Rebecca W, Kya G, Aimee C, Manuela Q, Eddie T, Matthew B, Kaylah J, Lucy A, Danya R and Oscar L.

## GRADE 5/6

It has been a very busy week for our students in particular our Grade 5's who took part in the National Testing. They are to be commended on their attitude and effort towards the testing.

It was wonderful seeing so many mothers' enjoying the Breakfast last Friday and we hope all the mothers were spoilt on Sunday.

The A teams are playing away against Kingswood and the B teams are home against St Brigid's this week in interschool sport.

Education Week begins next week and the focus is 'Mindfulness', which will be extremely interesting for the students.

Testing for children attending Parkdale Secondary College will be held on the following dates: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (10:00-11:00am), Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> (4:00-5:00pm) and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> (4:00-5:00pm) of June. A notice has been sent home for all students attending Parkdale Secondary next year. This notice is also printed in this newsletter.

## PSW SCHOOLWEAR -

### Uniform Shop

Please be aware that the PSW Uniform Shop in Cheltenham will be **closed on Tuesday, 14 June 2016** for stocktake.

It will re-open on Wednesday 15th June.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Mordialloc Neighbourhood House

#### *Writing for Pleasure and Publication*

Write for your own pleasure in a friendly and supportive environment. Discover what you want to write and how to write it. This class is for adults.

**Monday: 10.00am – 12.30pm**

For further information, please phone:  
*Mordialloc Neighbourhood House; 9587 4534*

### Bumble Bee Markets - Parents Helping Parents

Sunday 15th May - 9.00am—Noon  
New, pre-loved, handmade and large items.  
Aspendale Primary School  
23 Laura Street, Aspendale.

## Mordialloc District Cross Country At Karkarook Park - Results

### 9/10 y.o. Girls

Lucy A – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Charlie H – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Grace S – 6<sup>th</sup>, Kya G – 10<sup>th</sup>, Sanara R – 11<sup>th</sup>, Neve G – 13<sup>th</sup>, Matilda P – 20<sup>th</sup>, Summer B – 30<sup>th</sup>, Manuela Q – 41<sup>st</sup>, Ivy P – d.n.f

### 9/10 y.o. Boys

Max F – 12<sup>th</sup>, Tas C – 17<sup>th</sup>, Lukah W – 26<sup>th</sup>, Rex C – 27<sup>th</sup>, Will S – 33<sup>rd</sup>, Noah A – 36<sup>th</sup>, Fin B – 55<sup>th</sup>, Xavier S – 58<sup>th</sup>, Aithen N – 62<sup>nd</sup>, Fletcher J – 74<sup>th</sup>

### 11 y.o. Girls

Hannah W – 1<sup>st</sup>, Olivia M – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zoe Mc – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zara G – 6<sup>th</sup>, Meg W – 8<sup>th</sup>, Candice P – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aspen C – 27<sup>th</sup>, Lola B – 28<sup>th</sup>, Kaila M – 34<sup>th</sup>, Hannah K – d.n.f.

### 11 y.o. Boys

Tarkyn O – 1<sup>st</sup>, Harvey J – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Harry S – 6<sup>th</sup>, Oliver LR – 8<sup>th</sup>, Ethan B – 17<sup>th</sup>, Otto D – 18<sup>th</sup>, Declan F – 28<sup>th</sup>, Badr E – 34<sup>th</sup>, Jasper H – 37<sup>th</sup>, Mitchell S – 65<sup>th</sup>

### 12/13 y.o. Girls

Sascha P – 8<sup>th</sup>, Alex S – 11<sup>th</sup>, Grace B – 19<sup>th</sup>, Tory S – 21<sup>st</sup>, Mackenzie L – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Olivia C – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lexi O – 27<sup>th</sup>, Bree F – 28<sup>th</sup>, Saige H – 29<sup>th</sup>, Maddi C – 56<sup>th</sup>

### 12/13 y.o. Boys

Mitchell R – 1<sup>st</sup>, Spencer R – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brodie M – 9<sup>th</sup>, Josh P – 13<sup>th</sup>, Jack Mc – 15<sup>th</sup>, Matthew M – 17<sup>th</sup>, Matt S – 18<sup>th</sup>, Ben Mc – 28<sup>th</sup>, Archie K – 29<sup>th</sup>, Chris B – 68<sup>th</sup>



Congratulations to all competitors on a fantastic team effort. Special thanks to Mr. Bainbridge and Ms. Tsoucalas for their assistance at training and on the day.

Best of luck to all competitors who placed in the top 10 and will represent the Mordialloc District at the Kingston Division Finals on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Cornish College. Mr. A : )



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Nude Food	Lulu H. 2T	Congratulations on being the Nude Food winner this week Lulu.
ICT	5/6C	For wonderful creative work on 'Business Cards'.
LOTE	2H 3T	For your amazing work on <i>Kanji</i> . For making a great start on your <i>Kanji</i> posters.
Prep B	Sasha S. Adam BK	For fantastic effort in sounding out new words in his 'Robot' writing. For being brave and trying his best at swimming.
Prep D	Callan K.	For his fantastic 'Red Riding Hood' retell writing. Well done.
Prep M	Inde McL.	For working really hard at sounding out words in his writing.
Prep S	Finn W.	For a great effort sounding out words for his 'Robot' story.
Prep T	Zali C.	For showing wonderful confidence during the swimming program.
1A	Lucia H. Charlotte C.	For very responsible behaviour and good decision making. For excellent narrative and recount writing. 
1D	Stephanie A. Zoe M.	For her enthusiastic attitude towards all her classwork. For being a kind, caring member of the class and getting along.
1J	Laura T. Charlie W.	For wonderfully well written 'Magical Mum' stories. Well done.
1S	India S.	For her brilliant portrait of Liam and her great choice of adjectives to describe him.
2M	Mahon C.	For his success with learning to spell words correctly.
2P	Scarlett D.	For being an enthusiastic reader and for completing descriptive 'Show Don't Tell' writing.
2T	Ivy P.	For her happy and enthusiastic attitude towards school this past week. Well done.
3F	Milly G.	For always having a positive attitude and giving every task 100%.
3J	Billy d.	For an awesome attitude to learning.
3T	Will F.	For being a kind and helpful classmate. It's a pleasure having you in 3T.
3U	Martin N.	For his improved efforts with his writing tasks.
4B	Amelie D.	For producing work of a consistently high standard and enthusiastic approach to set tasks.
4H	Matilda P.	For her excellent manners and work ethic.
4M	Matthew B. Noah G.	For an outstanding effort on the AR program.
5A	Zoe McC.	For showing great enthusiasm and interest during Science.
5S	Zara G.	For working on her reading - staying focused. Well done Zara.
5/6B	Tristan A.	For showing great application towards his writing tasks.
5/6C	Jack P-S.	For your wonderful improvement in persuasive writing and for your positive hard-working attitude. 
5/6G	Luke P-S.	For his wonderful attitude and hard-working approach to his learning in all topic area.
5/6H	Lucy N.	For her original and different ideas for her persuasive writing.

# Art Attack

**This week we are featuring the preps who have been playing with clay. All the preps we have talked to have really enjoyed making all kinds of marvellous creations ranging from cute little creatures to mini people. Doing clay was especially fun because it was their very first time doing clay at school.**



**This week we are interviewing Maria. O, Anika. D, Sienna. L from prep T.**

**What have you been doing in art?**

**We have been playing with clay we were allowed to make anything we wanted some made snails whilst others made caterpillars and lots of other awesome things.**

**Has playing with the clay been fun?**

**Yes had a great time and laughed a lot especially when someone put a tongue on their snail.**

**Would you like to do clay again?**

**The preps interviewed all agree they would LOVE to do clay again.**

**Written by your 2016 Art Captains Alex. S and Zoe. B**

**PS: THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS THAT HAVE PROVIDED SQUARES TO KNITTING CLUB PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING.**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS IN GRADE 4,5 OR 6 INTERESTED IN KNITTING IT IS ON EVERY WEDNESDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN THE ARTROOM KNITTING WOOL AND NEEDLES ARE PROVIDED BUT IF YOU WANT TO BRING YOUR OWN PLEASE DO, ITS MUCH APPRECIATED.**



Parkdale Primary School

# Term 2 Working Bee

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 9:30am - 12



**BEE** involved in the community and help improve the school grounds for our kids!

Come for one, two or three hours, whatever you can spare!  
Got some specific skills or tools to offer?

Contact Nats Caughey [nats74@hotmail.com](mailto:nats74@hotmail.com) OR Rebecca Symons [symons.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:symons.rebecca@gmail.com)

## Things to do...

- Pruning
- Weeding
- Sweeping
- Cleaning out grates/pits
- Removing cobwebs from buildings
- Scrubbing the drink troughs & backs of toilet doors
- Continuing to develop the 'Natural Play Space' under the oak trees

*Don't forget to BYO water bottle and to dress appropriately for the outdoors with a hat or coat and covered shoes.*

*Morning tea will be provided to thank everyone for all their efforts.*

*Children welcome under parental guidance.*

## Things to bring...

- Gardening/rubber gloves
- Pruning shears
- Secateurs
- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Brooms
- Rakes





## PARKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PPA)

What a beautiful, bright sunny morning we had for our Mother's Day Breakfast last Friday. There was a fantastic turn out and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. A big THANK YOU to the male teachers for cooking up such delicious bacon and eggs. Also thank you to the Watson family with Will, Stella and Harry for the egg donation; it is very much appreciated. And last but not least thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on the day it was fantastic to have so much support.

The kids had a fantastic time doing their shopping at the Mother's Day Stall after Breakfast. There was a lot of happy customers. I am sure there were happy Mum's last Sunday morning.

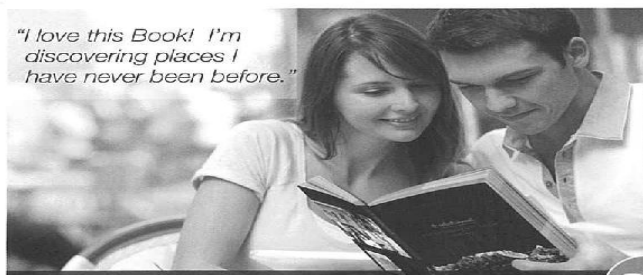
See you in the school yard.

Samm Hughes President, Julia Broadbent Vice President, Paula Fleming Treasurer and Kate Ashley Secretary.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Entertainment Books are now available from the school office OR digital books/memberships are available at [www.entbook.com.au/186b788](http://www.entbook.com.au/186b788).

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## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



Dear Parkdale Primary School Families,

Camp Australia in its partnership with Parkdale Primary School is pleased to introduce Ash Bladen as the new Before and After School Care Program Coordinator.

Ash is currently studying his Diploma of School Age Education and Care and has experience in working in a number of Camp Australia OSHC services. Ash is highly motivated and passionate about working with children.

We have a lot to look forward to with a new Coordinator, new and exciting activities and new smiles!

The Parkdale Primary School Before and After School Care program will continue to operate as usual; between 7.00am and 9.00am for Before School Care and 3.30pm and 6.30pm for After School Care each school day.

We would like to acknowledge the parents and the community feedback in regards to creating a more vibrant and inviting OSHC space for the students. The Parkdale OSHC Team have worked tirelessly to create a safe, fun, engaging and quality program for children of all ages. In doing so the Parkdale OSHC Team together sourced couches, games, books, a whiteboard and a projector for Movie Nights!

**To help get your family back into the OSHC routine, here are some tips that you might find handy:**

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they'll be coming to Camp Australia.
2. Pop into the program with your child so they can meet the Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they're in our care, encourage them to tell us know or you can give us a call.

We're here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

### Program Details

For more information on the Parkdale Primary School Before and After School Care program or specific requirements contact Ash on 0447 149 201. For all other inquiries contact Camp Australia's friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 34 or to find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

The Camp Australia Parkdale Primary Team

visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

we make kids smile

# Pupil Free Day!



## Thursday 26th May 2016



Come and join the fun with us at our upcoming Pupil Free Day

When: Thursday 26th May 2016

Time: 07:00 to 18:30

Where: The before and after School Care Room at Parkdale Primary School

Fees: \$53.88\*

Out of Pocket guide (with rebates)\*: \$7.44 to \$26.94

What to bring: Please bring your snacks and lunch for the day.

**Please remember that we are an Egg, Nut and Seafood FREE Zone.**

There's lots to do and lots of fun to be had with your friends and the Camp Australia Team at the upcoming Pupil Free Day at Parkdale Primary School.

To book please visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

Parkdale Primary School Camp Australia Team.

\*Notes on fees:

1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in payments of between 0% and 85% of the fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees after the CCB has been calculated and applied. Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only and are subject to change. Individual circumstances will vary.