From the Principal

Welcome to our new families and students who have started at Parkdale Primary School this year and a special welcome to our 2016 Prep students who begin their Primary school education. It was wonderful to see them all settle in so well.

We welcome six new staff members Ash Muir in Prep, Ellie Dennis in Grade 1, Michelle Pieters in Grade 2, Nathan James and Kat Tsoucalas in Grade 3, and Rachael Hibbins as Grade 1 Support Teacher. We also welcome back Emma Tait, Taylor Glew, Rebecca Taylor and Breanna Jamison. The staff are looking forward to another great year at Parkdale Primary School and are excited about the year ahead.

2016 Contributions

The contributions are important in enabling us to provide the best learning environment for the children at Parkdale Primary School. Thank you to the families who have already paid their contributions. Family Statements will be posted this week and the due dates are as follows:

The Grade 5/6 Beach Swimming Program and Prep-6 Excursion/Incursion Levy were due to be paid by Monday, 1st February 2016. All other contributions are due by the 1st March 2016. If you require BPAY details please contact the office.

Please note: In order for students to attend the swimming program or excursions this levy needs to be paid.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Tracy, Helen or myself to discuss a payment plan.
Meet the Teacher Evening
On Wednesday 10th February we would like to extend an invitation to parents to meet their child's teacher. This is a great time to ask questions, inform the teacher of issues pertaining to your child or just touch base with the teacher and introduce yourself. This is replacing the Information Evening. Information Books will be sent home as well as a ‘Getting to Know You’ sheet. The appointment list is posted in every classroom. If you cannot make it up to the school please email or ring the teacher with 3 or 4 times. Information was sent home on Tuesday 2nd February.

Leadership Positions 2016
Congratulations to the Grade 6 students leaders for 2016. We will present the School, Vice School, House, Vice House, Environment and Specialist Leaders badges on Monday 8th February and the Peer Support, Environment and Specialist Leaders on Monday 15th February.

Before & After school Arrival times
Teachers are officially on duty for 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the school day and 15 minutes after the conclusion of the school day. Consequently the following apply:
- School commences at 9:00am
- No student should be dropped off before 8.45am as there is no supervision.

School finishes at 3.30 pm. If the student is not collected by 3.45pm they will be taken to the After School Care and families will be charged accordingly. Please ensure you are registered with Camp Australia.

Collecting your Child Early
If you are collecting your child early they need to be signed out at the office before they are collected from the classroom. The parent or guardian will be given an Early Leaver’s card which must be given to the class teacher or specialist teacher.

School Supplies
We are aware that some children are missing supplies for the 2016 school year. If your child is missing school supplies please contact Officemax directly.

School Policies
We have included hard copies of the Community Code of Conduct and School Uniform Policies. Also included in this newsletter is also a Request to Administer Medication form. Please read these carefully.

No Riding bikes/Scooters in yard
A reminder that children need to wear a helmet to and from school if they are riding their bike, scooter or skateboard. Children need to dismount from their bikes and scooters at the school gate and are not to ride in the school grounds before or after school.

Bike Shed
All bikes and scooters need to be collected from the bike shed by 3:40pm from the bike shed. The bike shed will be locked at this time. If your child attends After School Care their bike or scooter needs to be removed from the bike shed after school and placed in the bike area near the After School Care building. It is important to know that if you leave your bike or scooter in the shed after hours or over the weekend, unfortunately it is likely to go missing. If you are concerned that your child may forget their bike, perhaps consider the use of a bike lock.

Hats
School hats need to be worn in Term 1 and be clearly labelled with your child's name. Children are required to wear their hat outside at recess, lunch and during sport. All children need to have a navy wide brimmed hat. Sports caps are not part of our Uniform or Sun Smart Policies. School hats can be purchased from the office ($8). No Hat, No Play.
Parent Contacts
It is vital we have up to date phone numbers for families. In emergency situations and if your child is sick, it is crucial we are able to contact you easily. If you have changed your phone number or emergency contacts please contact the office and update these.

Medical Conditions
If your child has any medical condition it is vital to let the class teacher know at the start of every year. Although handovers are done from teacher to teacher it is important teachers receive this information first hand. If your child has an anaphylaxis or asthma plan these need to be provided to the school as well as their asthma puffer and/or epipen which should be clearly labelled.

Teacher Email Addresses
Teachers will be sending home year level information this week; this will include a year level newsletter and the teachers email address. Please note if the matter is urgent please send a note or call the school. Email is a great form of communication, but teachers do not always have time to check their email during the day or the email system may not be accessible. It is important that you do not have the expectation that teachers will answer emails after school hours.

Making Appointments with Teachers
We encourage parents to communicate with us when the need arises. For quick information sharing, a brief unscheduled chat is fine. If more time is needed, we recommend that you schedule a longer appointment time so we can address your concerns adequately. This meeting time can be arranged via email, telephone or in person. Please do be respectful of the teachers planning and teaching time. Bell time or during a teachers planning time is never an ideal time to discuss concerns, as teachers are planning or about to begin instruction. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Pick Up and Drop Off Zone
It is very important that parents do not park for long periods in the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone at the front of the school for the safety of the children. This area is designated for quick drop off or pick up of children. Parents are reminded that they are not allowed to park in this designated and leave their car. It is literally a ‘Kiss and Go’ zone.

NO Parking in the School Grounds
Parents and/or Grandparents are NOT permitted to park in the school grounds. This includes the staff car park and in the driveway at the back of the school. The children’s safety is of the utmost concern. We realise it can become very congested around the school at pick up and drop off times, however parking in the school grounds is not an option.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner’s Risk
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Student Accident Insurance
This is a reminder that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.
ANAPHYLAXIS REMINDER

In line with our school's policy on Anaphylaxis, we remind parents that nuts and nut products should not be brought to school in lunches and snacks.

We are committed to:
- providing, as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of the student's schooling.
- raising awareness about allergies and anaphylaxis in the school community.
- actively involving the parents/carers of each student at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation strategies and management strategies for the student.
- ensuring that each staff member has adequate knowledge of allergies, anaphylaxis and emergency procedures.

NB: Parents please ensure the school is aware if your child is Anaphylactic. Please ensure the school has your child’s Action Plan and an up to date epi pen ASAP.

IMPORTANT: Working with Children's Check

Parents require a Working with Children’s Check if they are attending camps or excursions and volunteer in the school eg: classroom reading, literacy groups, garden club, etc. Applying for a WWCC is done online and is free if you click on the volunteer category.

A volunteer school worker is a person who without payment or reward voluntarily:
- engages in:
  - school council functions
  - activities for the welfare of the school at the request of the Principal or School Council
  - school work
  - free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

Please note: Parents need to have a WWCC card before they can volunteer in the school


Medication

Staff can only administer medication if a parent gives written notification. All containers must be labelled with your child’s name, the dose to be taken as well as when and how it should be taken. Please note staff do not administer non prescription medication such as Panadol or vitamins.

A REQUEST FOR STAFF AT PARKDALE PRIMARY TO SUPERVISE STUDENTS TAKING MEDICATION

Name of student:________________________________________________        Class:_______

Reason for request:__________________________________________________________

Dose:_______________________

Dates for medication to be taken:_____________________

Time/s for medication to be taken:_____________________

Parent/Guardian:____________________________________________ (Please Print)

Signature:______________________________________     Date:_______________________
Clubs - Term 1 2016
Clubs for Term 1 begin this week. This year we are trialling a ‘Catch Up’ Club. This will operate on a Wednesday for children who would like to complete homework or read books.

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Hoax Phone Calls to Victorian Schools
I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

School Council Elections 2016 – Information for Parents
What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual School Council elections. School Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. A timeline and call for nominations will be sent out in the coming weeks.

It has been a great start to the year, we are all looking forward to a productive and happy 2016.

Leanne Bradney
Principal
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
Welcome to first term! We are so pleased with how the preps are settling in and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Tuesday was the first day we started lining up outside. We were so proud of how many Preps remembered to do this and even carry their own bag in. What superstars!

There will be quite a few notes being sent home over the next few weeks so please remember to read them carefully. The Prep Information Booklet has been sent home today and has lots of important information in it.

Don’t forget corridor reading starts next Tuesday. We would appreciate all the helpers we can get so if you would like to help please write your name on the list outside your child’s classroom. All helpers need a Working with Children’s Check. This is to be shown to the class teacher and to the office.

Jackie and Caz will hold a Parent Helper Information Session at 3.15pm this Monday in Caz Duff’s room if you would like to come along. We will place some handouts outside the classrooms as well, for those who cannot attend.

If you could remind your children of the start of day process we would greatly appreciate it. This includes lining up outside when the bell goes, putting their reader bag in the reader box and placing their fruit and drink bottle on their table.

GRADE 1
Wow! What a fabulous start to 2016! The Grade 1 teachers have been amazed with how well the students have transitioned into their new classrooms.

Students have loved our ‘learning how to learn’ unit with Mr Men characters and we have been particularly impressed with their organisation and confidence!

We have begun Maths groups and will be sending home readers and notice bags next Monday.

Please look out for our Grade 1 Information Booklet which will be going home later this week!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your students throughout the year and are excited to meet many of you at Wednesday’s ‘meet and greet’ (Tuesday for 1A students). We would also like to welcome Ellie Dennis to our Grade 1 team and look forward to working with her this year!

GRADE 2
Welcome back everyone! We hope you had some time to relax and enjoy the great weather over the break! We are all looking forward to a wonderful year in Grade 2 and are very impressed with the smooth transition the children are making into their new grades and routines. We have been busy getting to know each other and focusing on our ‘Learning How to Learn’ program.

This week the children started working in their Maths groups, focusing on number and place value. Be sure to ask them who their Maths teacher is!

The Grade 2 Newsletter and Information Pack were sent home today. Please read this valuable information thoroughly. We look forward to seeing you at the ‘Meet and Greet’ session next Wednesday.

GRADE 3
Welcome to Grade 3! All of the students have settled into their classes smoothly and have made Ms Tsoucalas and Mr James feel warmly welcome to the school.

This week we have been focusing on the ‘You Can Do It’ words which are organisation friendliness, responsibility, resilience, persistence and confidence. The students have demonstrated an exceptional understanding of these concepts and we’re delighted to see how they’re implementing these in, and around, the school. To celebrate “Learning How to Learn” the whole school will be participating in STOMP tomorrow. We’re looking forward to getting our dancing shoes on!

Students are also continuing to take emotional responsibly through the use of the MYTERN language. This week our students created their “emotional vehicle” which they’ll move around the MYTERN roads as they wish.

This week the ‘Meet the Teacher’ notice went home in your child’s diary. This will occur on Wednesday 10th February and the schedules for the afternoon are located outside your child’s classroom. Please endeavour to self-allocate a 5 minute time slot. Prior to your session, make sure you’ve read through the Grade 3 Information Handout and completed the “Getting to Know You” sheet. We look forward to a quick catch up!

If you have not done so already please return your child’s Gerry Green notice.

If you plan on working in the classroom, around the school or assisting on excursions, please ensure you have a valid Working With Children’s Check. This must be sighted by your child’s teacher and also taken to the office.

Next week, further information regarding the AR (Accelerated Reading) program will be communicated.
GRADE 4
Students have commenced Maths groups this week and undertaken their Place Value pre-test in preparation for our first topic. Students have also completed a spelling quiz and their Term 1 spelling list will be sent home early next week.

As mentioned in the Grade 4 Information handout, we have two upcoming excursions in Term 1. Permission slips and other information will be sent home soon. If you are able to assist by accompanying the excursion, please notify your child’s teacher and ensure that you have a valid WWCC.

We look forward to seeing you at the ‘Meet and Greet’ session next Wednesday.

GRADE 5/6
It has been a wonderful start by all our Grade 5/6 students and they have all settled in beautifully. They have now started maths rotations and are refreshing their knowledge of place value and numbers. Students have received their Mangahigh log in details and passwords and are encouraged to utilise this resource at home.

The coming weeks will see students taking part in interschool sport and the beach program. A reminder for parents to sign and return the following notices: Gerry Green, Beach Program and Interschool Sport. A very big thank you from the 5/6 team for the prompt return of these notices so far.

Teachers have the ‘Meet and Greet’ timetables outside their classrooms for parents to secure a time.

LIBRARY / ICT
Children in Prep to Grade 2 will require a Library bag for their Library lessons.
Mrs. Denise Rankin will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.
Mrs. Denise Wilkins will be teaching on Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday.

GREEN SCENE
GARDEN CLUB
Looking for a fun way to join the school community? Garden Club is welcoming new parent volunteers. We run the Club every Friday during lunch time. If you are interested or would like to see what the Club is all about, please stop by Miss Beglau's classroom or join us for our start up meeting Friday 12th February at 1:00pm in the Prep B classroom.

Looking forward to a year of fun in the garden creating new projects and cooking up a storm! :)

FIRST AID
(ANAPHYLAXIS, ALLERGY AND ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS)
We are currently in the process of updating the anaphylaxis, allergy and asthma management plans of students at Parkdale Primary School as per Department of Education and Training guidelines.

If your child has an anaphylaxis, allergy or asthma management plan that has not been given to the school and/or updated since February 2015, could you please make arrangements for the plan to be updated, including a recent colour photo of your child, and handed in to the school office as soon as possible.

If your child has an anaphylaxis management plan, their class teacher and other staff will be creating an Individual Management plan for your child relating to both school and extra curricular activities. This plan will be developed in consultation with the child’s parents/guardian.

Should you have any queries regarding the above information, please contact Casey Blacklaw (Grade 4B).

HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

iPhone Users
Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select ‘OK’ to allow push notifications. Also click on ‘more’ then ‘Setup’ and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

ANDROID USERS
Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC OR Mac and install.

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After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play

About the program
After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

Parkdale Primary School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of Before and After School Care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school’s values and builds on your child’s educational experiences and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kid’s faces. As trained Educators, we know lots of different ways to help your child get the most out of their day and feel good about themselves.

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The information outlined above covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of all program details and fees for the service, please visit our website. We have over 150 Holiday Clubs. Please use the Holiday Club finder on our website to find the most convenient service for you.

Next step
visit www.campaustralia.com.au and enter your school name in the school finder.

Welcome
Let us help you find your school...
Enter your school name below to begin.

Notes on Fees and out of pocket:
* Almost all Australian residents are eligible for some form of government rebate.
1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and phased, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of session 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 owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.

So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

We look forward to caring for your children
www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) - Positive Behaviour Support Program

Registrations for the following workshop is now open and can be completed online via our website http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops

Frankston: 23rd, 24th & 25th February
Ebdale Community Hub, 20 Ebdale Street. Frankston

Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support Workshops are FREE and open to eligible Parents and Carers of children and young adults who are aged 6-25 years of age, who are living at home and diagnosed with Autism. Parents & Carers are also encouraged to invite professionals who are supporting their family to attend the workshop with them. Professionals are eligible to attend if they are attending with and in support of an eligible parent/carer and also need to register their attendance via our website. Should you have any additional enquiries, specific training or other support needs, please contact our office on Email aspectvic@autismspectrum.org.au or Phone 03 9377 6600.
**Piano and Singing Lessons**
All levels & all ages, fun and experienced teacher in Parkdale. Call Piroska on 0416 254 697.

**Missing:** Silver and Pink Razor Skooter.
Last seen in the bike shed on Tuesday. Could you please check if your child has brought home a skooter that is not theirs by mistake.

**Found:** Child’s watch. Orange colour.

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**Parkdale Primary School FAIR**
**Sunday 20th March 2016**

**CRAFT MARKET**

**CALL FOR STALLHOLDERS**
Parkdale Primary School will again host a CRAFT MARKET at this year’s FAIR. There will be more than 40 stallholders with beautiful homemade & hand crafted items.*

There are limited availabilities in some stall categories.

If you would like to be considered for a market stall, please email parkdaleprimaryschoolfair@gmail.com. Please enclose a photo & description of your goods.

Stalls are $40 each.
All stalls located inside the Gym.
Stall holders need to provide their own set up.

Applications close 24th February 2016.

The Parkdale Primary School Fair is the largest and best in the area and draws a huge crowd. The Craft Market will be advertised widely along with the fair.

*Unfortunately we are unable to accept franchises or party plans.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
School banking has commenced for the 2016 school year.
Welcome to 2016 at Parkdale Primary School!
A big welcome to the new children and families in Prep and other year levels this year and a warm welcome back to everyone else. I hope your summer holidays were fun and relaxed.

PPA kicks back into action next week with our first meeting being held on Wednesday 10th February at 7:30pm in the school Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Remember you need to 'sign up' again for the 2016 PPA year and pay your $1. Please be assured that by becoming a PPA member you are not expected to attend every meeting or volunteer at every event. The more members we have means that there are many hands to help share the load.

A form is attached to this newsletter and a hard copy will be sent home shortly. Forms will be available at the meeting as well. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

Our Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 0414927205.

See you at the meeting or in the school yard.

Samm Hughes President,
Emma Salah Vice President, Kate Ashley Secretary and Paula Fleming Treasurer.

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PPA Membership Form - 2016

If you would like to join the Parkdale Parents’ Association, please complete the slip below and return with your $1.00 membership to the locked PPA box in the photocopying room.

I would like to join the Parkdale Parents’ Association and enclose $1.00 membership fee.

Name:  

Youngest Child's Name & Grade:  

Contact Phone Numbers:   

Email Address:  

Signed:    

We encourage Parents to get involved in whatever way they can……..

I am interested in participating /volunteering in events and functions :   YES

You will receive a copy of the meeting minutes when you join.
The school is looking for parents to take on a Class Representative role in their children's classroom for this year.

The class representative program was initiated by our school council nearly nine years ago and supports the strong sense of community that we have at our school and enables an open communication link between other parents, carers, teachers and school council.

The class representative program is just one of many ways parents can become involved at Parkdale Primary School in a voluntary capacity and one that also appeals to part time and full time working parents. It is also a wonderful opportunity for new parents to meet and discuss all the elements involved in the first years and the school environment.

The role of a class representative is to –

- At the beginning of the year teachers will collate parent contact information for the class list which includes address, phone numbers, mobile and email. The role of the class representative will be to collect and type this information for distribution (Template provided)
- Provide a familiar parent face when welcoming new families to their class to ensure that they feel they are part of the school community.
- To coordinate a social get-together preferably once a term. Different classes and age groups have different needs. It may be a get together for coffee, a play at a park with the family, a fish & chip night at a park or a night out for the parents. We have found that we successfully reach out to our new families with the social activities that are organised by the class representatives throughout the year.
- Liaise with your class teacher.
- Assist in the parent co-ordination of the school concert costumes by liaising with your class teacher, students and the music teacher. Our school concert is held every second year with the next one scheduled for 2017.
- Attend a meeting once a term with the Social Liaison Coordinator of the School Council
- Continue a line of open communication between the parents, teachers and School Council.

We encourage more than one representative per class as we have found that by working together as a team, classes are able to come up with wonderful ideas which support this successful program.

If you are interested in this position could you please fill out the form below and hand into the school office. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lisa Warner on 0407 512 969 or the school office.

We would like to get as many parents/carers involved. You can do as little or as much as you want with no pressure.

Together We Achieve.

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Class Representative Program

Please return to your class teacher by Monday 8th February 2016

Name: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________