From the Principal

Fair 2017
As mentioned in last year’s newsletter due to the building works we will not have the facilities and space available to successfully run our Annual Fair. Considerable loss of space at the front of the school, relocation of classrooms into the gym area and OHS issues with the lack of toilet facilities available for a public event are the major contributors to this decision.

However: As the Fair is our major annual fundraiser, we are moving forward with running a school event during the day on Friday 17th March. We are still finalising what this day will involve, so keep your eyes on this space. This event will be a PPS kids and parents day only and will not be open to the general public.

School Council and Parkdale Parents’ Association (PPA)
School Council and PPA play a vital role at Parkdale Primary School. We encourage parents to become actively involved in these Committees. March is the AGM for both School Council and PPA. These committees operate best when we have a full membership. I encourage anyone who is interested to please nominate for School Council or to join PPA. If you are interested but need to know more information please contact me. We welcome new faces as well as current members. Information about the upcoming School Council Elections is in this week’s newsletter.

We also need a new PPA President so if you are interested or would like to know more about what the role involves please see Tracy or myself.

Leadership Positions
The School, Vice School, House, and Vice House Leaders’ badges will be presented at Assembly on Friday 10th February and the Peer, Environment and Specialist Leaders will receive their badges on Friday 17th February.

Meet and Greet
On Wednesday 15th February we would like to extend an invitation to parents of children in Grades 1-6 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 replaces the Information Evening. An Information Book 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.
From The Principal …… cont’d

**Communication**
Parents are strongly encouraged to download the Skoolbag App as we send out reminders, the newsletter, events and other information via this technology. The newsletter will be uploaded to the website on a Thursday.

If parents have any queries or concerns, I encourage you to approach your child’s classroom teacher initially. Very often the class teacher is able to address the matter quickly and efficiently. If a matter requires further discussion, an appointment can be made with the relevant coordinators, Tracy Richards the Assistant Principal or me.

**Bikes and Scooters**
All bikes and scooters need to be collected by 3:40pm from the bike shed. The bike shed will be locked at this time. 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. Children need to wear a helmet to and from school if they are riding their bike, scooter or skateboard. There is no riding bikes or scooters in the yard this is for both children and parents.

**Visitors and Collecting your Child Early**
As part of School Policy all visitors must report to the office and sign in. 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 leavers card which must be given to the class teacher or specialist teacher.

**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.

**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 the 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 2016, 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. **Please make sure your child has an epipen that has a valid date.**

**Photos and Social Media**
Parents are reminded that you are able to freely take photos of your own children; however it is School Policy that photos of other students are not published on social media, without parental permission. This includes photos in the classroom, excursions, camps or at any other school event.

**Resilience Project**
A reminder that we will be holding a Parent Information Night on Thursday 23rd February, 6:00 - 7:30pm. A separate note will be sent home early next week.
IMPORTANT: Working with Children’s Check
Parents require a Working With Children’s Check if they are attending camp, excursions and volunteering in the school eg: classroom reading, literacy groups, canteen, 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.

The WWCC is 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

Leanne Bradney
Principal

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PARKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 2017

It is time to hold elections for the School Council. The Council is responsible for setting the policies that the school will follow, monitoring the finances and maintaining the facilities. Our Council meets at 7.00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

Who is on School Council? For most School Councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent Category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET Employee Category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of School Council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community Member Category – members are co-opted by a decision of the Council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Timeline:
February 13, 2017 Nomination forms available from the office
February 20, 2017 Nomination forms to be lodged at the office by 4pm.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the office. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows.

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school office.

We will proceed to an election if the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions required.

Parkdale Primary School Council Election Process and Timeline
AND NOW A WORD FROM MRS RICHARDS ......

SOCIAL MEDIA

The minimum age to open an account on Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, etc is 13 years of age. Despite this we are seeing increasing numbers of children as young as Grade 2 who are operating their own Social Media accounts (some with parent permission and some without!). I'm sure we are all well aware of the dangers that face young children online - cyberbullying, over sharing of information, vulnerability to predatory adults, exposure to large amounts of commercial advertisements which may not be age appropriate, risk of identity theft and reduced physical activity time.

On the weekend I was reading an article which provided some fairly frightening data from the Office of Children’s E-Safety:

- 39% of children as young as eight, who use social media, have shared their real name
- 24% have posted a photo of their school or school uniform
- 8% have shared their phone number and/or address

Children under the age of 13 are not equipped to make smart decisions online. Research shows that it takes children about 12 years to fully develop the cognitive structures that enable them to engage in ethical thinking. Before 12 it is difficult, if not impossible, for a child to fully grasp the impact of their actions upon others, online or otherwise. By joining social networking sites young children are putting themselves in harm’s way before they are ready to respond appropriately.

As a school, our recommendation is that primary school age children should not be accessing social media sites. Time is devoted during Digital Technology Lessons and at grade forums to discussing and informing students of the dangers of these. As parents, if you allow your child to do so, then it is important that you set very firm guidelines in place and continue to be aware of what your child is accessing and what they are sharing with others.
MAKE OUR SCHOOL A SAFER AND HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE

Next week the new Parkdale Primary School Walking Groups will begin. Every Friday morning there will be walking groups on four different routes to school - practising road safety skills, chatting to friends and building children’s sense of resilience and community.

Next week your child will bring a brochure home from school, showing a map of all the routes, and explaining in detail what the Walking Groups are all about - and also a SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ticket. This is because we also want to encourage children to ride their bikes or scooters to school, or to ‘park and stride’ which is when parents park a short distance from school and walk with their children.

Please keep your child’s ticket in a safe place at home, and mark off a star for every Friday they either walk, ride a bike or scooter, or park and stride to school. Look out for a range of exciting events and fun activities throughout the year and keep your Safe Routes to School ticket updated to win!

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENTS

This week each family was sent a Digital Technologies Agreement to be signed by both parents and students. This is a template provided by The Victorian Government to ensure that all students are aware of how to be safe, respectful and responsible when using digital devices.

It is also intended as a guideline for parents to implement at home if desired, and allows for the opportunity to discuss cyber safety and online behaviour with your children. As younger students are increasingly using devices, it is important that these conversations start during their first year at school. Therefore the guidelines will be discussed in Digital Technology classes and within the classroom.

Please ensure your child has read, or has had the documents read and discussed with them, and return them to school on Meet and Greet Day next Wednesday.
FOUNDATION
We would like to congratulate all the Foundation students on their fantastic start to school! The past two weeks they have been taking part in our ‘Learning to Learn’ program.
This has included understanding strong and weak choices, learning morning and end of day routines, becoming familiar with our classmates and surroundings, and school expectations. We also began lining up in the mornings.
Thank you to all the parents for staying off the deck during drop off and pick up times. We also ask parents to move aside to allow children to carry their own bags and walk with their teacher into their classroom, as it is easy for children to get confused or overwhelmed when parents join the class line.
Next Tuesday, morning reading will start. We will send home readers and information regarding our reading program on Monday.
Foundation classes have lists for reading helpers outside their classroom door. (Foundation D is inside.) Please sign up if you would like to help. Don’t forget to show your Working With Children Check to the class teacher and to take it to the office for photocopying.
Thanks for a fabulous first couple of weeks everyone! We are looking forward to a great term!

GRADE 1
Wow! What a fabulous start to 2017! The Grade 1 teachers have been amazed with how well the students have transitioned into their new classrooms. So far the students have enjoyed meeting their new classmates, learning about our schools ‘Super 6 Values’ and the core values instilled in the ‘Learning How to Learn’ Program, with the help of some Mr Men stories.
We have also been excited to welcome two new teachers to our school and to our Grade 1 team, Megan Rosenbrock and Christy Port! At the beginning of this week we sent home our Meet and Greet notes, which include lots of homework for our parents! Please ensure these are filled out and brought with you on our meet and greet day. If you have not signed up for a Meet and Greet please remember to do so as soon as possible, or if you have chosen not to have one please send the completed forms to your child’s teacher as soon as possible!
Also a reminder to all parents that you are welcome to take photos of your child, however it is School Policy that photos of other students are not published on social media, without parental permission.
Grade 1 … cont’d
Today you will have received our Grade 1 Information Booklet, which should hopefully help with the transition from Foundation to Grade 1. If you have any questions regarding this please contact your child’s teacher.
It has been so lovely to meet so many new parents and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your wonderful children better during the 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 and ‘PPS Super 6 Values’.
A big thank you for returning Gerry Green permission forms so promptly and also for your support with our ‘What’s in My Bag’ activity!
The Grade 2 Information Pack will be sent home this week and will also be available on our school website. We recommend reading this document before ‘Meet and Greets’ next week so that the short amount of time can be used discussing your child. We look forward to meeting you then!

GRADE 3
Welcome to Grade 3!
We hope you all had an enjoyable break and we look forward to the year ahead.
This week we commenced reading assessments and children will be borrowing AR. books from the Library in the coming days. They are also welcome to bring books from home, to read in class, to use as their A.R. level books.
Spelling words will be sent home with all students on Friday this week. Weekly spelling tests will commence next Friday; Week 3.
We are looking forward to getting our dancing shoes on in preparation for the STOMP program which starts next Friday.
If you haven’t done so already, and are able to attend, please make sure you secure a Meet and Greet session with your child’s teacher for next Wednesday. Sign-up sheets area displayed in your child’s classroom.
GRADE 4
Welcome back to school to all of our Grade 4 students and parents! The children have made a great start to Grade 4 and have settled into the new routines and expectations really well.

Over the last two weeks the children have been introduced to the new 'Super 6' values of Parkdale Primary School. We have been focussing particularly on Respect and Responsibility, with students sharing what they know about these and examples of how they demonstrate them.

Maths group began this week, with the topic of Place Value. You might like to ask your child what Place Value is and what they know about it.

AR Reading: Students will be borrowing and bringing AR books home soon.

Next Wednesday, February 15th, is our Meet and Greet night. Lists are located on classroom doors for you to write your preferred time for a 5 minute meeting with your child's teacher. A note with your scheduled time will be sent home on Monday so keep an eye out for that.

GRADE 5/6
Thanks to all the 5/6 students for being so prompt with the return of various permission notes.

Information Packs about our area have been sent home with the children and you can read about our different programs and events.

Mr Hubbard’s email address was left off, so if you need to contact him it is - hubbard.david.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We look forward to the start of Interschool Sport tomorrow and remind all children to wear their sports uniform and hat, have a full drink bottle and apply sunscreen in the morning.

We are also looking forward to meeting many new and familiar faces at our ‘Meet and Greet’ night next Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB - Issue 1 Scholastic Orders
The wait is over! Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been handed out this week and orders are due by next Wednesday 15th February. If needed spare copies are available at the office and the catalogue can be viewed online www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp

Remember you can place your order and pay in the following ways:
- Order online or via mobile app and pay by credit card or book club voucher code - No paperwork or receipt numbers need to be returned to the school. Orders can be placed until midnight on the due date.
- Place paper orders in the Book Club box in the Resource Room (next to the staff room near the photocopiers) and pay by cash, voucher or cheque (made out to Scholastic) - Please enclose payment in an envelope along with your completed order form and include name and phone number. Place in box by end of the day of the due date.

Gifts or Secret Orders - Once books are delivered to the school, they are normally distributed through your child. If you would like a secret or gift order, books can be held at the office for you to collect. Please write “OFFICE” on the top of your order form if using the paperwork, or if using LOOP, please choose your child’s class as normal then click on the “GIFT” box when entering details for your order. (If in doubt just text us your details as a back up.)

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the way Book Club operates at Parkdale, please call us or send a text and we’ll do our best to help. You can also call Scholastic Customer Service direct with queries about any technical difficulties, back orders etc., on 1800 665 774. Thank you!

Catherine Ramage (0411 515 747)
Katherine Ygosse (0413 520 548)

SWIMMING TRIAL RESULTS
Results from Week 1 are displayed on the windows to the entrance of the Gym.
Dear parents and Children:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I am the new coordinator of BSC & ASC. I have been with Camp Australia for 7 and 1/2 years now and been coordinating for 7 years. I have worked as the coordinator of BSC & ASC of Black Rock Primary for 5 years and had been nominated as Coordinator of the Year in 2013.

It’s a privileged to be at PARKDALE PS and wish to have a great time in Parkdale OSHC. I love art and craft, music and cooking. I love working with children and intend to offer the best possible program with the support of my staff, school community and Camp Australia resources.

Please provide requested documentation and information before this Friday 10th as I am committed to make Parkdale OSHC 100% compliant up to Camp Australia standards, in regards to the safety of all children.

LAST WEEK AT OSHC

As for the special art and craft activities, OSHC children have enjoyed painting a Mug for them to take home and to be creative with their choice of animal masks with provided templates.

Overall all children had the opportunity to enjoy colouring in, indoor board games and group games, outdoor play and free play as well.

THIS WEEK AT OSHC: Animal Craft

REMINDERS

REGISTRATION: Jump online to www.campaustralia.com.au to register your child, make bookings and cancellations.

SIGN IN/OUT: please ensure you sign in and sign out your child on the roll as it is a legal document. This is also help us to monitor the attendance on a day to day basis in regards to safety of all children.

ABSENTISM: If your child is not attending please ensure you cancelled your bookings on time and notify OSHC on 0447149201

PARENTS ARE REMINDED that if you collect your child from school early (due to sickness, etc.) and they are booked into OSHC their booking must be cancelled.
Welcome to the 2017 year at Parkdale Primary. We are looking forward to a fun filled year with lots of events planned to support our wonderful school and celebrate the community around us.

Please be involved in any way you feel you can, be it baking a cake for an event, coming along to the Trivia Night or becoming a member of the PPA Committee.

We will have a meeting Wednesday 15th February to discuss the coming year so please come along. It will be held in the staff room at 7:30pm.

Membership forms for this year will be available on the night.

Our meeting in March will be our AGM.

See you in the school yard!

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

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Card Making Classes
Basic card making techniques will be taught, progressing to more advanced techniques and mini projects. All materials supplied and you take home the beautiful cards you create, a box for storing your cards and a mini scrapbook album.

Tuesday: 10.00am – 12.00pm
Term 1: FEB 21 – MARCH 28 Cost: $60
For further information or to enrol, please phone: Mordialloc Neighbourhood House – 9587 4534

SOUTHERN AREA TRAINING BAND
Join us for our Open Day for an opportunity to rehearse with us and meet our conductors and band members.

Monday 27th February at NG Wishart Centre, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin. 5.45 - 7.00pm.

Please contact Nicole on 0437 001 378 or Jacinta on 0433 332 825 if you are interested.

MORDIALLOC SAILING CLUB
Kids Learn to Sail
Saturday mornings: 8.30 to 11.30am
February: 18th, 25th March: 4, 18, 25 April: 1st
Go to www.mordiallocsc.com.au, select Tackers, then download the Term 1 Application Form or phone Dale on 0415 595 754.
CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY
ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

IS YOUR CHILD DUE FOR A CHECK UP?

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending your school.
Formally the School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the
Community Oral Health Service.

My child has visited the Oral Health Services (formally School Dental Service) before:
If your child/children has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school
dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment
when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

My child has never visited the School Dental Program:
Please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Service on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

Who is eligible?

- Children and young people:
  - All children aged 0 – 12 years (fees apply for non concession card holders)
  - Young people aged 13 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession
card holders or dependants of concession card holders
  - Children who are eligible for dental benefits under the Child Dental
Benefits Scheme

Where is the service located?

Central Bayside Community Health Service
Oral Health Service
335-337 Nepean Highway
PARKDALE
Phone: 8587 0350

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