From the Assistant Principal

I am enjoying my week in the ‘big chair’ this week as Miss Bradney enjoys a well earned break in sunny Hawaii. As we shiver our way through today’s forecast of 15 degrees and rain, she is enjoying a day at the beach with a forecast of sunshine and 28 degrees!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd June. Information on how to book a time online with your personal code was sent home last week. If you have not yet booked a time, please make sure you do so as times are filling up fast. If you do not have access to a computer or are having difficulty using the log-in, please see your child’s teacher and they will allocate you a time.

Aerobics Competition
On Saturday, the Parkdale Primary Aerobics teams competed in the Wildcard and State Championships in Geelong. The girls did an amazing job coming 2nd in the Wildcard event and 6th in the State event. Congratulations “Rockin’ Robics” and “Starbursts”, we are so proud of you! A big thank you also to Miss Duff and Miss Ulrich who have put in lots of extra time training the girls.

Athletics Trials
On Tuesday 192 children walked with an army of teachers to Dolamore Reserve in Mentone and competed for a place in the Athletics Team. The children were very well behaved and coped admirably with the inclement weather conditions. Thanks to Mr Anderson for his organisation of the day and to Mr Snow, Mr Lewis, Mrs Haddad, Miss Tsoucalas, Mr James, Ms McKenzie, Mr Blacklaw, Mr Hendricks and Kerrie for braving the conditions and helping to run the trials. Results will follow shortly.

CALENDAR

June

Monday 13th
Queen’s Birthday
Public Holiday

Thursday 16th
Grade 5/6 Market Day

Friday 17th
Reports sent home

Monday 20th
School Council

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd
Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 22nd
Cancer Council Fundraiser - Cupcake Morning Tea and Crazy Hair Day

Friday 24th
Term 2 Ends
2.30pm Dismissal

July

Monday 11th
Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 13th
MYTERN Parent Information Session

Save the Date
Friday 12th August
PPA Social Night

Together We Achieve
Cancer Council Fundraiser
On Wednesday 22nd June the PPA is running a joint community venture with Café Escape to raise funds for the Cancer Council’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’. Children can order a cupcake and juice or milo. A note was sent home about this on Monday. Please contact the office if you did not receive one. Orders will only be accepted through QKR so please download the app if you haven’t already done so. If you are unable to access QKR please contact the office.

Crazy Hair Day
The SRC (Student Representative Council) have been very keen to run a Crazy Hair Day as a fundraiser. We thought it tied in nicely to the morning tea so it will be held on the same day – Wednesday 22nd June. Children can come to school with a ‘crazy’ hairstyle (or a crazy hat for those who are a little shy and don’t want to commit to a full day of crazy hair!). Gold coin donation will go the Cancer Council.

Punctuality
There are a number of children who are arriving to school late on a regular basis. The first 10 minutes can set the tone for the whole day and children coming into the classroom or Assembly late not only feel self conscious but can also miss out on important instructions about the first task of the day. A reminder that children who arrive at school after the roll has been taken need to be signed in at the school office please.

Poetry
One of the writing genres that was missing from my Focus article last week was Poetry. Poetry can come in a wide range of forms – song lyrics, rhymed verse, haiku, acrostic poems, limericks, alliterations, etc. During a school tour last week I came upon 5/6G working on some amazing “reverse” poems. You need to read the poem firstly from top to bottom and then again from bottom to top. They were really fabulous and I have included one below for you to share.

**IS EXERCISE THE WAY FORWARD?**
**BY MATTHEW MAIRS AND ALEX BROADBENT**

*Exercise is completely useless*
*Nobody in their right mind believes that*
*We should be spending our time getting fit*
*It’s a preposterous idea!*
*Many people think that eating junk food is the way forward*
*I wholeheartedly agree with them.*
*Fitness show supporters have been giving their favourite shows amazing ratings*
*They’re so stupid!*
*Kids at school say that they eat McDonalds every night*
*It’s great for them. It’s horrible however that*
*Many fitness companies are blooming lately.*

** remember to read each line from top to bottom first and then from bottom to top to see the real message

Tracy Richards
Assistant Principal
**WHAT’S HAPPENING?**

**PREP**
This week the Preps learnt about hygiene and its role in keeping us healthy. Thank you to Vicki (who came and gave a great lesson on germs and how our bodies fight bacteria). Seeing bacteria and blood cells through the microscope was fascinating! Also, we would like to say a big thank you to Bec Symons for assisting Vicki on the day.

Next week we are learning about the letter ‘c’. Our CAFE focus is again ‘identifying important information’, however, next week we are focusing on important characters.

Thank you to all those who have brought in their $1 stamp already. If you have not done this yet, please send yours in ASAP so your child is able to receive their letter.

**GRADE 1**
We have had another busy week in Grade 1! The children have been learning more about verbs and how we can use them in our writing and thoroughly enjoyed working on their own *Vicky and Victor Verb Super Heroes!*

To complement our inquiry unit of ‘Weather’ we will be watching ‘Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs’ tomorrow morning. We look forward to discussing the weather events that occur in the movie with the children and linking these imaginative events with what we have learnt about weather.

Don’t forget to log onto ‘ptcfast’ to book your Interview with your child’s teacher. Please let us know if you have misplaced your code or if you are having any issues with booking a time.

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing long weekend!

**GRADE 2**
Our CAFE Focus this week is all about fluency and how our reading sounds. Children have been listening to fluent, expressive reading, learning about intonation, and using punctuation effectively when they read.

In Maths, students have been building their ‘division’ vocabulary, using materials to model sharing into equal groups, drawing diagrams, writing and solving number sentences and division word problems.

This term, we have been learning all about procedural texts and how to write them, which has tied in nicely with our Inquiry topic. Do you have different types of procedural texts at home that you could look at together for example, recipes, game instructions, how to build or operate something, etc.

A very big thank you to Harry Wilson’s Mum, Melissa, for coming in and conducting experiments with the Grade 2 students. They thoroughly enjoyed their session and loved using droppers and test tubes to mix different substances.

**GRADE 3**
Welcome to Week 9!
On Wednesday, we had the exciting incursion ‘Earth and the Milky Way’ come to school from ‘Mad About Science’. The children were able to extend their knowledge about space and its elements. They enjoyed discussing the properties of the planets as well as designing a rocket which they were able to test during the incursion. The incursion concluded with the children working in groups to design a rover based on the terrain of the planet that they were assigned. It was a fantastic incursion which was enjoyed by all.

Next week will see the end of Wednesday morning R.O.A.R sessions for the Term. Thank you to all the parents who have given up their Wednesday mornings to come and assist us during R.O.A.R. We know the children have thoroughly enjoyed having you here. We will be doing R.O.A.R again next term and sent a note home this week seeking for parent helpers.

The students have been working hard on their Australian Landform Discovery Project at school and have started to create their booklets in class.


**GRADE 4**
We had a successful day on Tuesday at our Athletics Trials. Although the weather was not kind to us, being cold and wet, it was terrific to see so many of our students having a go and remaining positive on the day. The events that needed postponing due to the wet will be run at school over the coming days.

**Mad about Science Incursion**
*Space is a vacuum but it is far from empty. During this fascinating workshop the students launch into space and explore planets, moons, stars and galaxies. Follow in the footsteps of the great astronomers as you probe the mystery, scale and earth’s place in the universe.*

We had our incursion today and the students were able to explore our Universe. This is always a fascinating topic for students and loads of fun.

**Congratulations to the recipients of AR Certificates this week:** Rebecca W, Xavier H, Hunter R, Sylvia W, Oscar L and Danya R.
GRADE 5/6

Athletics Day on Tuesday was a huge success and we were extremely impressed with the high level of participation across Grade 5/6. Even with the rain, students still reported that they had a great time. We are very thankful to all of the teachers who helped out on this day.

The Grade 5/6 students are very busy finishing off their Market Day products, ready to sell next Thursday (16/6). They have worked extremely hard during our sessions at school and are now permitted to do some product making at home.

Next Wednesday (15/6), there is a Girls’ Soccer competition and we have also been invited to attend a Dance/Band Concert at Parkdale Secondary College. Students involved with these activities have had notices sent home, so please send them back to school as soon as possible.

There is no Interschool sport on Friday so we will have a sport session at school instead.

We hope you all have a wonderful long weekend!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PIANO - FREE to a Good Home. Tuned and ready to be played. Call Kerry - 0416 071 494

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Home Stay Accommodation Needed
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Do you have a spare room in your home?
Home Stay provides international students with full board and care
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For further information contact: Parkdale Secondary College on 9580 6311 during work hours or email the Homestay Co-ordinator at holland.marianne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Cheltenham Community Centre offers 2 weeks of fun and interactive Holiday Programs for children 5-12 years! Our program is activity based with lots on offer! Further information can be obtained at www.chelt.com.au or by phoning 9583 0095.

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.
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<td>Congratulations Lucia.</td>
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<td>For fantastic work in PowerPoint.</td>
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<td>For fabulous work on Kanji posters.</td>
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<td>Amazing independent work in Art.</td>
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<td>Alexander N.</td>
<td>For trying his best during letter writing.</td>
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<td>Mitchell F.</td>
<td>For using a loud, clear voice when presenting his Show and Tell.</td>
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<td>Sara L.</td>
<td>For doing a wonderful job practising her reading and word lists. Well done.</td>
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<td>Summer N.</td>
<td>For always starting her work quickly and finishing on time. Well done Summer.</td>
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<td>For being a kind, caring class member and looking out for others.</td>
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<td>For his excellent organisation skills.</td>
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<td>Lorissa G. Tayla P.</td>
<td>For being so kind and caring towards her classmates. For working so super well on all tasks. Keep it up - you are a star.</td>
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<td>Grace B.</td>
<td>For always trying her best and achieving great scores in her weekly spelling tests.</td>
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<td>For setting a good example for his classmates.</td>
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<td>For his excellent effort to demonstrate his reading comprehension skills.</td>
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<td>For writing some detailed procedures. Well done Samuel.</td>
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<td>For his amazing results on his spelling tests. Well done.</td>
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<td>For participating more in class and 'having a go'. Well done. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>Emily S Zara L-R.</td>
<td>For being a keen and enthusiastic reader at home and at school.</td>
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<td>For being a keen reader and reaching her second AR target for the term.</td>
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<td>For her fantastic effort with her Gratitude Heart.</td>
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<td>For her positive attitude and excellent work ethic.</td>
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<td>For his kindness towards all other students.</td>
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<td>For amazing persistence and effort in Literacy. For excellent effort in writing tasks.</td>
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<td>Poppy O’L.</td>
<td>For a beautiful emotive Colour Poem ‘Grey’. It was amazing.</td>
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<td>Ethan L.</td>
<td>For your hard work and creativity in our Poetry unit.</td>
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<td>For his wonderful Poetry about Colours.</td>
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<td>For her hardworking attitude and excellent organisation.</td>
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<td>Jaz L.</td>
<td>For her great idea and organisation with her Bazaar product.</td>
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This term is fast coming to an end! Where has the time gone? The last week of term will be a busy one!

This week everyone received a copy of our Cup Cake Morning Tea supporting Cafe Escape in Parkdale and fundraising for The Biggest Morning Tea. Please support this great cause and order via QKR. We had a sneak test taste of the cup cakes at the PPA meeting last night and they were yummy! The kids will love them!

Tickets are still available for our movie night at the Shirley Bourke Theatre in Parkdale. Our movie is "The Will to Fly", and will be held on Friday 15th July. It will be a great night out so please get on board and order your tickets. See advert below for details on how to order.

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Friday 17th June from 3:00pm in the canteen foyer. If you have any good quality PSW uniform to donate please hand in to the school office. Please ensure it is washed and in good condition.

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, however there are only five (5) remaining, OR digital books/memberships are available at www.entbook.com.au/186b788.

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With thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, here’s a taste of what’s in it for you:
Parkdale PPA proudly present “The Will To Fly”, a documentary of the Olympic journey of aerial skier, and Olympic Gold Medal winner, Lydia Lassila. The screening will be held on Friday 15th July, 7pm at Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale.

There are NO on the night ticket sales. Tickets MUST be pre purchased ONLINE before the 8th July via this link: [https://fan-force.com/screenings/the-will-to-fly-shirley-burke-theatre-vic/](https://fan-force.com/screenings/the-will-to-fly-shirley-burke-theatre-vic/)

5% of ticket sale proceeds will be donated to Parkdale Primary School so invite your friends and family for a great night out!
RAISING RESILIENT TEENS
Parenting Seminar presented by Sharon Witt
Wednesday June 15th at 7pm

We are delighted to offer this parenting seminar featuring Sharon Witt. Sharon Witt has been immersed in teen world for over two decades in her role as a Secondary teacher, Author and Presenter to adolescents and their parents around the country.

She is a regular media commentator on issues impacting young people, parenting and educational issues. Sharon often appears on Channel 7’s The Morning Show and The Daily Edition as well as having weekly parenting segments on radio in Melbourne and the Gold Coast. She also writes for a number of publications including Mici, Gigi and Bella magazines for adolescent girls.

Sharon is the author of 12 books written for young people to help guide them through many of the issues they face in early years, including the best selling Teen Talk and the recently released Girlwise and Wiseguys series. We currently use Sharon’s GirlWise program at Parkdale Secondary College.

The seminar will be held at Parkdale Secondary College Senior Centre.
All proceeds of the event will go towards supporting the chaplaincy wellbeing program at the college.

Tickets can be purchased through trybooking for $15.
Please use the following link for tickets: