From the Principal

Fair 2016 - Sunday 20th March
We are on the countdown to the Fair. Please look out for lots of information regarding rosters, donations, rides, stall convenors etc. The Fair is our major fundraiser, but also a great day for the school community to celebrate. The more parents we have involved the better the result for the kids and school. There is a Fair meeting next Tuesday 16th Feb at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

School Council and 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 the 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. School Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm. PPA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.

The next PPA (AGM) is on Wednesday 2nd March.
Please note: This is a change of date.

Leadership Positions
The School, Vice School, House, and Vice House Leaders were presented with their badges last Monday.

School Captains: Charlee H and Matthew M
Vice School Captains: Sajini R and Liam D
Jacaranda House and Vice Captains: Tori B, Chris B, Marcelle C, Matthew S
Waratah House and Vice Captains: Mackenzie L, Jack P-S, Grace B, Oscar G
Banksia House and Vice Captains: Mae G, Brodie M, Sascha P, Mitchell R
Wattle House and Vice Captains: Tori S, Ben Mc, Olivia C, Angus B

Peer Support, Environmental and Specialist Leaders will receive their badges this Monday 15th February. We congratulate all student leaders of our school and I look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Students from Grades 3 - 6 are currently being chosen as members of our Student Representative Council (SRC) and will receive their badges shortly.
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 as has been the practice for some time.

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 co-ordinators, 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. There is no riding bikes or scooters in the yard this is for both children and parents.

Visitors and Collecting your Child Early
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.

Back Gate and After School Care
The back gate will be locked at 5:00pm each night. If your child attends After School Care you will need to use the front entrance after 5:00pm.

No Hat, No Play
A reminder that all students are to wear their navy broad brimmed hat to school and we seek your support in ensuring your child has their hat in their bag every day. Please ensure the hat is clearly named. Our school rule is: ‘NO HAT, NO PLAY!’ Therefore students without a hat are directed to a shaded area of the yard.

Nude Food - Change of Day
The environmental leaders this year have decided to change Nude Food to a Tuesday for 2016. Each week a name will be drawn out and a small prize given.

Class Reps for 2016
An explanation of the Class Rep Program is included in this newsletter. If you are interested in being a Class Rep please let your teacher know as soon as possible.

Extra Curricula Clubs
The extra curricula clubs for the children at lunchtime have started. The timetable for Term 1 clubs was in last week’s newsletter. The teachers have been through the list of clubs which are available this term with the children.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Cliff and Tracy Anderson on the arrival of Noah Anderson, weighing 6lb 2oz. Mum and Bub are both healthy and well.

Thank you to the families who have paid their contributions.
A reminder the 5/6 Beach Swimming and the Excursion/Incursion Levy for Grades P - 6 was due on 1st February. The balance is due on 1st March. These are user pay programs and must be paid prior to the activity.

Statements have been posted - please take note of the BPAY details. The BPAY Reference number is unique to your family at Parkdale Primary.

CSEF
If you hold a Concession Card, please contact the office and complete a CSEF application form – once your eligibility is validated, $125 is then allocated against either Camp, Sport or Excursions charges.
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 15, 2016 Nomination forms available from the office
February 22, 2016 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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<td>Community Members</td>
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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

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<td>Monday, 15 February 2016</td>
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<td>Monday, 22 February 2016 by 4.00pm</td>
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<td>Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted</td>
<td>Wednesday, 24 February 2016</td>
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<td>Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed/voting by either mail or at the school office between 8.30am-4.00pm</td>
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<td>Close of Ballot</td>
<td>Monday, 7 March 2016</td>
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<td>f)</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 8 March 2016</td>
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Leanne Bradney
Principal
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
This week we have been learning about the letter ‘m’. We did many themed ‘m’ activities and met Munching Mike from Letterland!

Corridor reading started this week, thank you to all our helpers you were fantastic! We still need more helpers so write your name on the list if you are interested, just remember to show your Working With Children Check to your child’s teacher and the office.

The children have been doing a fantastic job remembering the start of day routine. If parents could please wait outside the corridor while the children are putting their bags away it would be greatly appreciated. This is to encourage their independence as well as free up space in the corridor.

Tomorrow we are having a dance incursion from ‘Stomp’ which will be lots of fun!

Next week we will be learning about the letter ‘f’. We would love a family photo for a special activity we have planned.

GRADE 1
This week the Grade One classes have begun our new inquiry unit ‘Families Past and Present’. The students have enjoyed talking about their families and sharing ideas about what a family is.

Thank you to those parents who came along to our Meet and Greet yesterday, it was a lovely opportunity to meet you all and get to know a bit more about your wonderful children!

You will have noticed that the readers went home on Monday. We have spent this week practising our morning routine, where the children begin each day by reading quietly to themselves or to their teacher. Next week (Monday 15th February) we will begin our traffic light reading program, where parents are welcome to come into the classroom each morning and read with the students. Please note that due to morning specialists this program may not run every day in all classes, please check with your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

The children have loved their introduction to Grade One Sport and it has been great to see so many of them in their house colours! They also enjoyed an extra sport yesterday morning, with their visit from ‘Fit for Kids’ who ran a mini tennis clinic!

GRADE 2
It was lovely to have some parent helpers listening to reading throughout the week. Please remember to bring your WWCC (if you haven’t already) and show it to your child’s teacher before helping out (we need to keep a record that we’ve seen it). The card also needs to be sighted by the office.

Literacy groups will begin on Wednesday, next week. If you have signed up to help, your child’s teacher will send home confirmation and a timetable this week. If you are available and haven’t signed up yet, please let us know, as some grades still need more helpers.

We introduced our new topic, ‘Our community in ‘the good old days’. The children are working on questions to bring home, to interview a family member or friend (grandparent if possible). They will present their findings to their class throughout the term, so interview responses can be written or recorded (sent in via USB).

Rippon Lea excursion helpers will be confirmed shortly. Thank you for a terrific response with returning forms so promptly!

We are looking forward to our STOMP session on Friday, which will be a great way to finish the week!

GRADE 3
Starting next week we will be opening the doors of the Grade 3 Hub and are pleased to invite all parents in to participate during our morning reading sessions. Due to the Specialist timetables for each class our morning reading days will vary. Please see the schedule below for further details;

Sessions will run from 9am - 9.30am.
3J - Monday to Friday
3U - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
3T - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
3F - Monday to Friday

This week we reintroduced our CAFE reading program and discussed the four components - Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Extended Vocabulary. Also, our focus in Maths is on place value.

Students have been enthusiastic and excited to start the AR reading program and have recorded their AR range in their diaries. If your child has a book at home that they wish to read you can check if it is an AR book and in their AR range by visiting this site; www.arbookfind.com.au.

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Grade 3  … cont’d
If you have not done so already please return your Melbourne CBD Excursion Notice. If you have indicated that you are able to assist on this excursion, please wait for us to contact you for confirmation next week. We still require a number of parent helpers for both days so please let us know as soon as possible if you can join us.

Please also ensure that you have a valid Working With Children’s Check. This must be sighted by your child’s teacher and taken to the office prior to Wednesday 17th February.

Due to change of surname, Emma’s email address has now changed to: free.emma.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. Nathan James’s (our new teacher Grade 3 teacher) email address is now active and you can contact him on james.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

GRADE 4
Grade 4 students have been assessed over the past 2 weeks and will start bringing home their AR readers shortly. We expect that children will read each night for a minimum of 15 minutes and record their reading in diaries. Please assist your child in developing this routine if they haven’t already.

Our Spelling program has commenced and children have now been given their take-home lists to learn. Spelling tests are conducted each Friday morning.

We are looking forward to our STOMP dance session tomorrow morning. Children learn dance routines during this session. It is a fun and energetic way to begin the school year.

Notice have come home regarding our Melbourne Walk excursions on Thursday and Friday of next week. Please make sure that you have signed the permission form and returned it. All parent helpers need to have a current Working with Children Check that has been sighted by your child’s teacher and copied for office records.

GRADE 5/6
Thankyou to all the students for completing their personal insight homework activity last week. They were a fantastic read and it was great to see the different likes and dislikes of each child.

It was lovely to meet a number of our parents last night. We have started introducing our theme ‘Extreme Environments’ this week.

Our first round of Interschool Sport begins this Friday, with the A Team at Home against Parktone and the B Team Away against St Patrick’s.

The Beach Program begins next Monday. All students must wear their bathers under their school clothes and bring a bag with a towel, change of underwear and a plastic bag for wet items. All children can also bring thongs to school to wear to and from the beach each day.

Everyone will be notified on the first day as to when they need to bring long sleeves and pants for one of the swimming activities.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS
As you will have seen there is now one Scholastic Book Club catalogue for students across all year levels. Issue 1 orders are due by the end of Wednesday 17th February. Unfortunately there were not enough paper copies of Issue 1 for all children. This will be remedied for Issue 2. Limited spare copies of Issue 1 are available at the office. Alternatively the catalogue can be viewed online through www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp

For those new to Book Club, you can place your order and pay in the following ways:

To place your order online or through a mobile app and pay by credit card you can go to: scholastic.com.au/LOOP; for iPhones/iPads download “Book Clubs Loop for Parents” from the App Store; or for android download “Book Clubs Loop” on Google Play. No paperwork or receipt numbers need to be returned to the school.

To pay by cash, voucher or cheque (made out to Scholastic) please enclose in an envelope along with your completed order form including name and phone number. Place orders in the Book Club box in the Resource Room.

Once books are delivered to the school, they are normally distributed to your child. If you would like a “secret order” and have books 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 “GIFT” when selecting your child’s class. If you include a telephone number on your order form, or text us your details if using LOOP, we will notify when your books are ready.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
Looking for a pet?
We have spiny leaf insects for sale.
Easy to look after and lots of fun. They just need an old fish tank with mesh across one end to live in, fresh leaves every couple of days and a spray of water daily. Then watch them grow (up to 10cm long), shed their exoskeletons and lay eggs. At only $5 each they are a bargain!
Just call Maree on 0403629002.

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons
Guitar and Ukulele lessons are available with Trevor Maddicks of TimeWise Music on Wednesday and Thursdays during school hours.
If there are any students interested in learning Guitar or Ukulele please email: timewisemusic@optusnet.com.au for an enrolment form.
Alternatively, call Trevor direct on 040401 8382.
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<td>Jorja H.</td>
<td>For being fantastic at following routines and being very helpful to others.</td>
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<td>ICT 4B</td>
<td>Eva H.</td>
<td>For her beautiful manners and being a kind classmate.</td>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Melissa O.</td>
<td>For settling into Prep beautifully and being a wonderful helper.</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Harry T.</td>
<td>For exceptional listening skills and always working so hard. A super start to Prep. For lining up beautifully and walking into the classroom with a big smile.</td>
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<td>Prep T</td>
<td>Carson S.</td>
<td>For coming into the classroom with a big smile and being friendly to everyone.</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Finn S.</td>
<td>Working with confidence and assisting others.</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Josh P.</td>
<td>For his excellent work all week.</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Ben K.</td>
<td>For showing great resilience when he fell over in the yard.</td>
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<td>Sunny T.</td>
<td>For his calm and confident start to Grade 1.</td>
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<td>Reed B.</td>
<td>For being such a responsible classmate.</td>
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<td>2H</td>
<td>Jemma F.</td>
<td>For being an excellent listener during class.</td>
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<td>Sierra T.</td>
<td>For being a respectful listener during class.</td>
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<td>2P</td>
<td>Zac S.</td>
<td>For making a great start to Grade 2 and for being a fantastic listener.</td>
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<td>03F</td>
<td>Tania S.</td>
<td>For always listening and being ready to learn.</td>
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<td>Daisy Q.</td>
<td>For exemplary persistence and resilience in Week One.</td>
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<td>Ronan M.</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence in the classroom.   Well done.</td>
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<td>Tiani W.</td>
<td>For her fantastic start to Grade 3.</td>
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<td>Blake L.</td>
<td>For displaying confidence when making his oral presentation and good organisational skills.</td>
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<td>04H</td>
<td>Emmett H-M.</td>
<td>For his helpful and friendly nature towards all other students.</td>
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<td>Sam T.</td>
<td>For being a very knowledgeable and interested learner.  Well done on your speech.</td>
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<td>Lachlan A.</td>
<td>For making a wonderful start to his schooling at PPS.</td>
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<td>Alfie B.</td>
<td>For working diligently on his ‘GOALS’ poster.</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Lexie O’L.</td>
<td>For displaying persistent work habits within the classroom.</td>
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<td>5/6C</td>
<td>Lola B.</td>
<td>For mature and enthusiastic participation in all our class activities where her input is fabulous.</td>
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<td>5/6G</td>
<td>Aden B.</td>
<td>For settling into Term 1 and showing excellent work habits.</td>
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<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Katie G.</td>
<td>For using her initiative to kindly help other students in our class.</td>
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Join the Parkdale Primary School
Kids Day Out Fair Team!

The 2016 Fair Day will be held on Sunday
March 20th from 11am - 4pm.

Logistics Crew, Stall Convenors and Parents Needed!

If you are keen to be a part of this fantastic team or have some great ideas to contribute, then please join us for our first meeting of 2016.

**Tuesday 16th February**
7.00pm – 8.00pm - PPS Staffroom

Please come along and be involved because we would love to see you.

Any queries please contact your very friendly Fair Convenors...

Lisa Warner (0407 512 969) and Leanne Palazzolo (0412 931 983)

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**Parkdale Primary School FAIR**

**Sunday 20th March 2016**

**CRAFT MARKET**

**WANTED:**

Books for School Fair Book Stall

We are now accepting donations of books, CDs, and DVDs (official only - no illegal copies please!). We need them for the Kids Day Out in 2016.

Your unwanted books = money for our school

Crime? Chick lit?
Cookbooks? Coffee table books?
Art/architecture/travel?
DVDs? CDs?
Kids chapter books? Picture books?
How to/New Age/DIY books

We want them all!

No videos or jigsaws please.

Please drop at 14 Eveline Avenue (there's a sign on the porch) or contact Emma White if you have any queries at losblancos12july@hotmail.com.

*Unfortunately we are unable to accept franchises or party plans.*
Thank you to all the members who attended the PPA meeting last night. It was lovely to welcome some new faces and welcome back some familiar ones.

Due to a need to change dates, the PPA Annual General Meeting will now be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 7:30pm in the school Staffroom. All positions will be open and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please remember to sign up for PPA this year that way you will be kept in the loop to receive the meeting minutes and help out at events that interest you. A membership form is printed below.

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.

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.
PARKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM 2016

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 might 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.

Lisa Warner
Social Liaison Coordinator, School Council
M: 0407 512 969  E: lwarner@iinet.net.au

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

Name: _______________________________  Email Address: _______________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________  Class: ________________________________

Home Phone: _________________________  Mobile: _______________________________
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

I know, we only just said goodbye!

School Holiday Program is coming to a school near you!

With the short term we are already in full swing with preparations for the March/April program.

Enrolment Forms will be on the Kingston website Monday 22 February.

Go to https://kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram to download the brochure and enrolment forms.

Enrolments commence Monday 29 Feb - Friday 6 March (be an early bird to book)

Don’t miss out! Make sure you return your enrolment forms to secure your place.

Children are invited to the park, movies, comedy festival, bowling, roller skating, rock climbing, crafts, try your carboating skills, show us your disco dance steps and be bewildered by Magic, Epic fun guaranteed.

Don’t forget we have a new opening time and now deliver three excursions a week.

Programs now open from 7am. (Aspendale still open from 7:30am)

Program Locations: Yamabah School, Aspendale, Dingley Primary School, Bonbeach Primary School and Moorabbin Primary School.

Enquiries and enrolments

To enquire or enrol please contact Julie 9581 4846 or Kim 9581 4875

Schoolholidayprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au

Enrolment forms and additional information can be found at: