From the Principal

Welcome back
I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. It has been a very smooth start to the term and the children have settled back into the school routine extremely well. There are many events happening this term; Swimming for Grades P-4, House Cross Country, Naplan, Education week, Aerobics Competition, Grandparents’ Morning, Mother’s Day Breakfast, Kinder Visits and a number of incursions and excursions planned around our year level themes.

School Photos
School photo envelopes will be handed out next Wednesday. These need to be returned, with the correct money enclosed, on photo day which is Wednesday 27th April. Please do not send the envelopes before this day. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

House Cross Country - Wednesday 20th April
The House Cross Country for children in Grades 3 - 6 will be held next Wednesday 20th April at Gerry Green Oval from 9:00 - 11:30. Children should wear their house colours on this day. This is the only selection day for the School Cross Country Team. If students are absent/ill, unfortunately they are ineligible to qualify.

Grandparents’/Special Person Day
We will be holding our Grandparents’/Special Person Morning on Thursday 28th April. Further details about the day will be sent out next week.

Swimming Success
On the last day of Term 1 Paris B, Eva J, Olivia C, Amelie M and Alex S represented Parkdale Primary School at the Regional Swimming Finals at MSAC. We are very proud of the girls who came home with second place in the Open Freestyle and Medley relays. Paris won both the 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle for her age group and she will now go on to the State Swimming Finals at MSAC next Tuesday. Good luck Paris!

Parking
A reminder that the ‘No Parking’ area at the front of the school is a ‘Kiss and Go’ Zone. Parking for more than 2 minutes is not permitted and parents should not leave their cars.

CALENDAR

APRIL
Tuesday 12th - Fri 22nd
Gr. 3/4 Swimming Begins
Thursday 14th
Junior Mayor
Monday 18th
School Council
Wednesday 20th
PPA Meeting
Wednesday 20th
House Cross Country
Grades 3 - 6
Monday 25th
ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th
School Photos
Thursday 28th
Grandparents’ Day
Saturday 30th
Aerobics Competition

May
Thursday 26th
Curriculum Day

General Information
Banking Day - Tuesday
Term 2 Lunchtime Clubs
The Term 2 clubs will begin next week.

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Leanne Bradney
Principal

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The CSEF will run over 4 years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

**Eligibility**
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school:

- On the first day of Term 2, or
- On the first day of Term 3.

a) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a
b) Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Forms are also available at the office.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
Welcome back to Term 2! We were very excited to hear of all the amazing adventures and relaxation that the students took part in!

This term we have begun to introduce CAFE. The Literacy CAFE™ System helps students understand and master the four key components of successful reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary.

Teachers use CAFE to assess, instruct, and monitor student progress. It provides tools for constructing group and individual lessons that provide just-in-time instruction, ensuring that all students reach their potential. https://www.thedailycafe.com/

This week our CAFE focus is “Use the Picture … Do words and pictures match?” Pictures help to confirm that the words being read makes sense. Illustrations can provide hints to help students decode a word. Help your child at home with this strategy by ensuring they are reading books with pictures. Have your child read the book using the pictures first, then re read using the words. When reading a picture book spend time modelling how to look at pictures, maps, graphs etc.

We are also looking at the letter Vv and its sound this week and have begun our new Inquiry Topic, Healthy Me!

Grade 1 swimming begins in week 4 of this term, please look out for permission forms which will be sent home towards the end of this week.

GRADE 2
Welcome back to an action-packed Term 2! We hope everyone had a relaxing break.

Literacy groups start again next week. Some classes are still low on parent helpers - please let us know if you are available to assist on Wednesday mornings.

We are finishing our ‘Subtraction’ topic this week in Maths and encourage all students to continue to build number fact fluency at home.

Our current CAFE focus is on reading with good fluency, phrasing and expression. You can model this with your child at home. Children have enjoyed recording themselves reading, listening back, and self-assessing how their reading sounds.

We are excited to have started our new Science inquiry topic, ‘All Mixed Up’. Students will be bringing home a small task requiring them to investigate the mixtures they might find at home.

GRADE 3
Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you had a fantastic break!

The children are thoroughly enjoying the Swimming Program and it’s great to see how organised and independent they are. During the swimming period, Maths groups will be held in home groups. Our focus is on ‘Chance and Data’ where children will have the opportunity to survey others, create bar and column graphs and interpret data.

Homework this term continues to be daily AR and weekly spelling. Students have been set Mathletics tasks to complete at home. Please encourage them to do so as part of their weekly homework.

The ROAR reading program will commence in Week 3. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time. A timetable will be displayed outside students’ classrooms and sent home this week.

Our inquiry topic for the term is Our Earth and we will be exploring and investigating this topic as the term progresses.


GRADE 1
Welcome to Term 2, we hope you all enjoyed a lovely break! In Maths groups children have enjoyed measuring classroom objects to find their length, capacity or mass.

This week we also began looking at our new inquiry topic ‘Weather in our World’ by having a ‘weather walk’ around our school!

We also began looking at our new CAFE accuracy strategy of reading beginning and end sounds, to assist with decoding. Using this strategy we remind children to slow down and look at the word carefully, identifying the beginning sound and the end sound before they have a go at reading it.

At the beginning of this week students took home their first weekly spelling list for the year, which has a focus on the ‘th’ sound! To help practise this difficult speech sound children can try saying their words slowly in front of a mirror to see how their tongue moves to make the ‘th’ sound, as well as using their look, say, cover, write, check practise sheet.

Grade 1 swimming begins in week 4 of this term, please look out for permission forms which will be sent home towards the end of this week.
GRADE 4

Our swimming program has commenced and will run until 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. The students are enjoying their sessions.

Homework

Your child should have brought home a new look homework grid this week. This grid contains compulsory homework tasks that need to be completed each week as well as a range of options for the super keen! Homework is due on a Monday to allow time over the weekend if needed in busy family schedules. Department guidelines recommend around 30 minutes per night for a Grade 4 student. Thank you for your support with this.

Camp

Just a reminder that Camp permission and medical forms are due in please.

GRADE 5/6

Welcome back to all students and parents as we prepare for an exciting and action packed term.

Congratulations to the girls who competed at the Regional Swimming competition on the last day of Term 1 and the excellent results that were achieved. We wish Paris B. all the best at the State Finals and are very proud of her individual achievements.

All Grade 5/6 students have begun their Mathematics topic on ‘Fractions’ and should be utilising Mangahigh to consolidate classroom learning. The students’ comprehension focus this week is ‘identifying the cause and effect relationship’ when reading a variety of texts. It would be greatly appreciated if families could donate any books to our CAFE Reading libraries to further extend our collection.

Grade 6 students have received their Transition Forms and are encouraged to return them promptly.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2016 is underway. All students at PPS are able to participate in the Challenge which runs until early September.

Students can collect a registration form during their ICT/Library sessions or from Mrs Rankin or Mrs Wilkins.

Books read in the holidays may be added to their lists.

ART

ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS & CROCHET-ERS!!!

We are planning to YARN BOMB the pole and the oak tree at the front of our school.

If you are a knitter or a crochet-er...WE NEED YOU! Please knit or crochet squares or rectangles in any colour or type of yarn that happens to be lurking in your cupboards or knitting baskets.

A box will be placed at the Office so please pop your contributions in it.

Many thanks!!

KNITTING CLUB

For students in Grades 4, 5 & 6.

Every Wednesday in the Art Room starting next week!! If you can knit come along. … if you want to learn how, we will teach you!

Please bring a ball of wool and a pair of knitting needles if you can.

See you next Wednesday – Simone Smith & Mrs Clough

(Any parents, or Grandparents who would like to come to Knitting Club to help would be most welcome.)

PARKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY @ GERRY GREEN WEDNESDAY 20\textsuperscript{TH} APRIL 2016 - Starting at approx. 9.30am

House Cross Country is compulsory for all students in Years 3 - 6 and students will complete either a 2km or 3km course depending on age.

All students who are already or are turning 8, 9 or 10 by the 31\textsuperscript{st} December will compete in the 2km course. Everyone else will compete in the 3km course.

The top 10 place getters in each race qualify to represent Parkdale Primary School at the Mordialloc District Cross Country Meet at Karkarook Park on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May.


Students please wear house colour clothing on the day.

Parents and spectators are most welcome to attend on the day.

* PLEASE NOTE Children in Year 3 who will not be turning 9 this year will participate but cannot represent the school due to age restrictions set by School Sport Victoria (SSV).
A MASSIVE thank you to the whole school community for your enormous support of PPA and our food stalls at the school Fair. We were very busy, but it was well managed because we had plenty of helpers to share the load. Thank you also to the teachers who put their hand up, your help and humour is always most appreciated.

Another thank you to the mums who volunteered to help out at the Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea. It was very successful and the kids enjoyed their Hot Cross Buns and Easter Egg.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th April at 7:30pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Don’t forget to fill in your membership form available on the school website or at the school office to ensure you are kept up to date with all the PPA news.

See you in the school yard …..

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE - 2ND HAND DRUM KIT -
$250 ONO.
Please contact school office. 9580 1451.

OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 28th April 2016
7-9pm
Commencing in the Gymnasium

OPEN AFTERNOONS
Tuesday 3rd & Thursday 5th May 2016
2-3.30pm
Commencing in the Nina Carr Hall

See displays and workshops in action, speak to students, teachers and parents, and learn about the Year 7 enrolment process and school zone.

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