From the Principal

Hats - Term 4
A reminder that children need to wear a hat in Term 4. These can be purchased from the school office. Children need to wear an approved school hat, this is a navy wide brimmed hat. NO CAPS. Please label your child's hat.

Walk to School October 2016
Walk to School starts on Monday 3rd October, this is the first day of Term 4. Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. Each classroom will have a calendar where students can mark walking to and from school. Walking, scooting and cycling to school can all be included.

Working Bee
A huge thank you to all the families who attended the Working Bee on Sunday. Many jobs were completed around the school including; painting the new section of the fence, weeding garden beds, topping up the sandpit and mulching. The Working Bees have been well attended all year and we really appreciate families donating their time to keep the school grounds looking amazing. Thank you again to Beck Symons and Nats Caughey for organising the day.

An Afternoon at PPS
One of the live auction items at the Trivia Night was a games afternoon and dinner with some of the staff. The lucky families who won this auction had a great time on Tuesday afternoon playing games and then having pizza for dinner. Thank you to Mr Hendricks, Mr Hubbard, Mr Snow, Mr James and Mr Blacklaw.

End of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 2:30pm
A reminder that there is an early dismissal on Friday 16th September at 2:30pm. An Assembly will be held at 9.00am.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 3rd October for the final term of 2016.

Leanne Bradney
Principal
AND NOW A WORD FROM MRS RICHARDS ........

Remember when school holidays seemed to last forever? I was chatting to someone the other day about how even the children seem to be feeling that time passes super quickly and we wondered if it is because kids are now so busy. Even school holidays seem to be timetabled with lots of scheduled activities to keep them busy. We are sometimes overly concerned about children being bored but I can't help but think that it was when we were bored as kids during holidays, that this was when we had the most fun because we became inventive and made up our own games and activities. Suddenly we were spending the whole day making cubbies in the lounge room or playing imaginary adventure games in the back yard. Here are some fun ideas to keep children entertained and hopefully encourage them to put away those screens and use their imaginations (and sneak a little bit of education in as well!)

- Create a little drama! Play dress ups and then create a play – writing scripts is great writing practice. The same could be done after creating puppets and making a puppet theatre out of a large box (even over the back of the couch). Make a play out of a favourite story.
- Cooking – make biscuits, cakes, pizzas etc. Have children make up their own recipes or write the menus for meals that they then help to make.
- Write letters to a friend or a relative inviting them over/write thank you letters to friends/relatives after visiting them.
- Make a treasure map – hide some treasure and then make a treasure map for someone to help them find the treasure.
- Make your own board games and then play them.
- Make bubble blowers out of pipe cleaners and see if you can make bubbles of different sizes. Can you make different shaped bubbles?
- Have a games afternoon – Uno, Scrabble, Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, Chinese Checkers. (Revisit all the old favourites!)
- Do a "Passion Project" – children choose a topic that they are interested in and research it. They can then present their information to the family in a form of their choice; poster, PowerPoint, booklet, diorama, etc.
- Make an obstacle course.
- Have a mini concert – make up songs/instruments/dances and then perform them for an audience (or film them and send it off to a relative who lives too far away to see them very often).
- Make an indoor cubby house.
- Get into the green scene! Make a veggie garden, grow plants in pots, grow bean seeds or make 'hairy heads' using stockings and alfalfa or grass seeds.
- Make things out of recycled materials.
- Make a box house for a favourite doll or teddy, or a doll house out of shoeboxes.
- Make your own marble run out of cardboard cylinders.
- Set up your own domino run.
- Go bushwalking.
- Go to the beach and make sand sculptures. (Fun even on a cooler day.)
- Make a kite and then see if it will fly.
- Make your own playdough.
- Have a fashion show.
- Look up a few simple science experiments online and then do them with your kids. Take care with these though, they can be messy!

Who says holidays can't be educational??
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Prep
Our social skill focus this week is Organisation and we have been so impressed with the way the Preps have been keeping their tubs tidy and putting things away properly. We have given out some special awards for those who have been extra organised!
Foxy Day was so much fun today. It was great to see everyone in their footy team’s colours.

Don’t forget tomorrow is Show and Tell. The theme is ‘free choice’. Each child may bring one item to share with the class.

Tomorrow is also the last day of school for Term 3. School will finish at 2.30pm. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday!

Grade 1
The children all looked fantastic this morning dressed up in their footy team’s colours and enjoyed completing all of the fun Foxy Day activities!
Next term we will be beginning our new inquiry topic of ‘Under the Sea!’ Throughout the term we will be learning all about the animals that live in our oceans and are looking forward to a special marine life incursion during week 1 to kick start the unit!
As part of this unit we will be sending home a note this week asking that each child bring to school a photo of them at the beach, this will later be used for a writing activity.

Next term we will also be sending home a laminated spelling menu in each child’s spelling folder. The idea of the menu is to engage the children and encourage them to practise their spelling words in lots of different ways.

We hope you all have a lovely break!

Grade 2
A big thank you to families for the effort made with costumes for our Roald Dahl dress-up day. The children looked terrific and we had lots of fun celebrating his books and 100 years since his birth.
Students were able to work together on a range of literacy and numeracy tasks with links to Dahl’s books and their characters.

Our Grade 2 students have been learning about different types of poetry this term including: Haiku, Cinquain, Colour and 3 line poems. They have used interesting ideas and vocabulary to write some wonderful poems that have really impressed us all!

We have received lots of Werribee Zoo excursion forms back with many parents available to attend which is terrific. Due to limits on how many adults we can take, each class teacher will advise all parents offering their availability, by this Friday.

Grade 2 … cont’d
An important notice was sent home this week regarding permission for students to take part in activities at Gerry Green Oval. Grade 2 students will have the opportunity to go to Gerry Green during lunchtime every Wednesday with staff. It is important that this form is returned ASAP.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy break over the holidays!

Grade 3
Welcome to Term 3, Week 10! The students thoroughly enjoyed Footy Day today and singing along to their team’s theme song!

Just a reminder that R.O.A.R. reading will continue to be held in the Grade 3 Hub every Wednesday in Term 4. If you would like to assist in your child’s class, please come and join us next term, or let your child’s teacher know.

Mathletics tasks have again been set this week and this will continue throughout Term 4. Please continue to encourage your child to complete these tasks weekly.

A big thank you to everyone who has come in and assisted with reading and other activities throughout the term. We hope you all have a very happy and relaxing break and we look forward to our fourth and final term for 2016!


Tip of the Week - The holidays are a fantastic time to revise times tables! Math Bingo is another fantastic maths app which helps students learn their times tables. The object is Math Bingo is to get a pattern of 5 Bingo Bugs in a row by correctly answering maths problems. Feedback is presented at the bottom of the game screen and correct answers are displayed. Cost $4.49 from the app store. Great game - Katie and Oscar Kloprogge!

“If you have a tip or recommendation you’d like to share in ‘What’s Happening,’ email your teacher and let us know whether you’d like to be named!”
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Grade 4
We would like to congratulate all of the children in Grade 4 for their amazing efforts on the Life-Cycle project task. We had high expectations and were not disappointed. The students chose a range of both animals and plants and the posters are interesting to read and beautifully presented. Well done Grade 4.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Congratulations to the recipients of AR Certificates for this week: Shelby S, Kaylah J, Finley D, Rebecca W, Xavier H, Tilly F and Nicky J.

Grade 5/6
Congratulations to everyone in the 5/6 area for the completion of another wonderful term. The children should be commended on their behaviour across the two weeks of Camp, as we received many compliments from the Camp staff!

Many thanks to Francine Consi, Sharna Broadbent, Mike Webster, Nick Bufalo, Andrew Simmons and Richard Jenner for helping in so many ways on last week’s camp.

Thanks to all the children who have volunteered some time at next term’s Art Show, to act as general helpers.

Good luck to Paris B. who is competing at the National Swimming Championships over the holidays.

All Grade 6 children should start collecting photos in preparation for the completion of their Memory Book.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

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**Kids' Own Display**

As well, we invite the children to display one piece of artwork that they have done privately or at home.

**Kids** – if you are a photographer, painter, a street artist, a 3D artist, a sewer or just a general all-round art type of person, we would love an example of your art or craft to display. It can be anything from a collage to a box construction, a crayon drawing to a hama bead creation!

**Parents** – Please encourage your children to enter (we love to see what they do outside school) but to take their time when creating their art or craft piece. The work should ideally show planning and effort. All levels of skill and talent will be on display.

**Art for display** – All works need to be named and all 'flat' art (paintings, drawings etc) need to be mounted so we can display them. They do not have to be framed (unless this has already happened!) but please stick them to a piece of card so they can be easily shown without damaging them.

The Principal and school leadership reserve the right to decide upon works that are deemed appropriate for our school community – submission does not guarantee selection.

**Delivery** - Artwork needs to be delivered to the Art Room before school (between 8.45 and 9am) in the first week of term. This will allow us time to label and collate.

**Final delivery date for artwork:** Friday 7 October.

Any queries, please contact Sharon Clough in the art room or Emma White (PACE committee) at losblancos12july@hotmail.com.
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<td>For working very well on creating their slides in KidPix 3D.</td>
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<td>For being a fantastic friend to others and always being positive.</td>
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<td>For being resilient and brave by not getting upset over little things (e.g. a new haircut)!</td>
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<td>For an excellent effort spelling her RED words.</td>
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<td>For working rally well at her table and always using delightful manners.</td>
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<td>1A Thomas T.</td>
<td>For working with concentration and effort and doing your best work. For showing terrific resilience both inside and outside the classroom.</td>
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<td>For her excellent illustration of her onomatopoeia word ‘buzz’. For writing a fantastic information report about The Ear.</td>
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<td>1J Adam R.</td>
<td>For the fantastic progress he is making with his writing. For writing a wonderfully detailed and engaging weekend recount.</td>
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<td>For always trying his best and being an excellent helper.</td>
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<td>For being a responsible and ‘on task’ student this week.</td>
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<td>2M Hayden G.</td>
<td>For achieving a personal best in spelling. Well done.</td>
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<td>For always being an enthusiastic helper in our classroom.</td>
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<td>For your hard work with your handwriting. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>3F Mia C.</td>
<td>For demonstrating fabulous research skills.</td>
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<td>3J Tania B.</td>
<td>For being organised and ready to learn all week. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>For using her initiative and her dictionary to look up words she reads, but are unfamiliar to her.</td>
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<td>For being a kind, considerate and hard working student.</td>
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<td>For her positive attitude towards all set tasks and excellent behaviour.</td>
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<td>For his positive attitude and enthusiasm during all set tasks.</td>
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<td>5S Joseph A. Tia McL.</td>
<td>For working diligently on his Camp task ‘Commando Course’. Keep it up. For showing wonderful resilience at Camp. Great effort Tia.</td>
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<td>For displaying a great attitude in all Camp activities.</td>
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<td>For settling into Parkdale Primary and his excellent attitude to his work.</td>
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<td>For his great handwriting with his letter from the Goldfields.</td>
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And staff...
Mrs Richards (Assistant Principal)
Mami Sensei (Japanese Teacher)
Mrs Pieters (Grade 2 Teacher)

And thanks to all those who came, contributed, but forgot to sign in!

The sun was shining and the kids were happy playing whilst about 20 families pitched in to support our school.
We achieved an amazing amount of work including...weeding, planting, mulching, fence painting, mosaicing in the natural play space and topping up the sandpit!

Keep an eye out in ‘Focus’ for our next working bee date...we’d love to see some new faces!

Nats & Beck
Buildings & Grounds Team
The Great Gatsby Ball
If you have any queries, regarding the Ball, please contact one of the organisers:
Katie Kloprogge 0419 008 699;  Leanne Palazzolo 0412 931 983; or Kate Masterton 0438 377 181.
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