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. We ask that each parent donate at least one hour of their time to support this event. 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.

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. These committees operate best when we have a full membership. The next PPA (AGM) is on Wednesday 2nd March. Please note: This is a change of date.

Leadership Positions
The Environmental, Specialist and Peer Support Leaders were presented with their badges on Monday. Congratulations to all the 2016 Leaders.


Visual Arts: Zoe B, Alex S.


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 also be uploaded to the website on a Thursday. If parents have any queries or concerns, I encourage you to initially approach your child’s classroom teacher. 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 myself.

Curriculum Day Feb 26th—Pupil Free Day
A reminder that next Friday, 26th February, is a Curriculum Day.

Leanne Bradney
Principal
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
Last week we participated in the ‘Stomp’ dance incursion. We had so much fun and learnt heaps of new cool dance moves!

This week we have been learning about the letter ‘f’. Next week we will learn about the letter ‘t’. We will even be making tiger toast! Yummy!

Due to the Curriculum Day next Friday, we will have Show and Tell tomorrow. Children are to bring ONE favourite toy.

Thank you parents for being so prompt bringing back permission slips and class contact forms we greatly appreciate it. If you haven’t brought them back yet, please do ASAP.

GRADE 1
This week we began looking at our first CAFÉ focus: ‘Check for Understanding’. Using this focus students are encouraged to develop their comprehension skills by stopping at the end of page and asking questions about the text, such as ‘who is the story about? What has happened so far’.

Thank you to our lovely parent helpers who have come in this week to help with our morning Traffic Light reading sessions! The sessions are a great opportunity for students to read with different parents as they roam around the room. Please remember to bring in your ‘Working with Children Check” to have it sighted and ticked off by your child’s teacher. Please also present it at the school office.

In continuing with our theme Families Past and Present the children will be bringing a notice asking for a photo from when they were a baby, which will be copied and sent home as soon as possible.

Today you child’s teacher will have also sent out a separate maths newsletter, detailing our maths focuses for the term as well as who your child’s Maths teacher is.

The children are excited to have their first Grade 1 Rotations session tomorrow.

GRADE 2
It’s been great to see students excited about our Inquiry topic and begin to present their interview responses about what life was like in the ‘Good Old Days’.

This week, the children are bringing home a template to gather information about their family members. Could these please be returned by the end of next week (Week 5), as students will use their template to help them create a family tree for display at school.

Our Cafe focus this week is ‘Choosing “good fit” books’. Make sure you ask your child what makes a “good fit” book for them.

In Maths, we continued to focus on number and place value. Mathletics is a great resource to consolidate knowledge and skills. A copy of your child’s username and password will be sent home over the next few days.

Everyone is very excited about our excursion to Rippon Lea next week. Remember to check your notice for what to bring and to ensure your child is at school on time. We are looking forward to a great day!

GRADE 3
Welcome to Week 4!

The Melbourne CBD excursion is the highlight of our week and we look forward to coming back and sharing our great experience with the rest of the Grade 3 group.

Our CAFE focus this week was: Reading with Expression, and the students thoroughly enjoyed portraying different characters as they performed a play for the class.

Most groups will be finishing off place value in Maths and will be looking ahead to the next topic which is in addition concepts and strategies.

The students have started to complete AR quizzes this week and have enjoyed doing so. An AR Information Sheet went home this week please ensure that you thoroughly read this.

If you wish to contact Nathan James (our new teacher Grade 3 teacher) he can now be contacted on the email: james.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
GRADE 4
4B went on the Melbourne Walk Excursion today and from past experience we are sure that the students would have enjoyed the day and built their knowledge of the CBD. 4H and 4M have their excursion tomorrow.

AR books have been sent home. Please support your child in recording their daily reading in their diary.

Our Grade 4 R.O.A.R. program is starting on Tuesday March 1st between 9:00 - 9:30am. This gives parents the opportunity to be involved and share the love of reading with the students. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist with this program.

A friendly reminder that we are still waiting on some class contact and photo permission forms. Please get these in as soon as possible.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our first “Meet and Greet” sessions. All teachers thought it was a highly successful way to start the year as we not only gained more insight into your children but met parents as well.

**AR Certificates:** Congratulations to - Luca F, Lucy W, Grace S and Rebecca W.

GRADE 5/6
Our students are thoroughly enjoying the Beach Program and have been very organised in terms of bringing swimming attire etc.

This term’s “at-school” project will have been discussed with the children and it is about “Extreme Environments” that people live in. A sheet explaining the requirements will be sent home; we recommend the students do some research to decide which area they will study; their choice will be discussed and confirmed with their teacher.

In Maths - the Grade 5 students are looking at “Mental Strategies with Addition and Subtraction” whilst the Grade 6 students are looking at “Order of Operations”.

In Inter-School Sport, A teams play Away against Dingley and B teams have a Bye…they will practise their sports skills at school.

GREEN SCENE
GARDEN CLUB

Students were busy at Garden Club last week helping clean up the area, planting new veggies and playing with worms in the soil. This week we will be using our eggplants, tomatoes and fresh herbs to make a super yummy pasta!

Donations of glass jars, tin cans (washed clean please) and succulents would be greatly appreciated at this point of the year! Please send them to Miss Beglau's classroom.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Lost:** Grey plastic bag containing approximately 5 ‘Monster High’ dolls. Please contact Charity on 0412 793 712.

**Casual Part Time Job**
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9.15 am to 3.00 pm
Packing Frozen Fruit (not in freezer) in Kitchen
Berry King, 106 Talinga Road, Cheltenham
9585 3711

**WANTED:**
Parent or Grandparent who could assemble four items - book table / shelves. The items are fairly heavy and will require tools to assemble. Please contact Helen in the school office.
Get better at Japanese by playing with the ZONDLE app!

The ZONDLE app allows Grade 4-6 children to play games at home to support their learning. Mami Sensei creates and sets topics on the Japanese alphabet (hiragana) and children to play games of their choice. This is a fun way of practicing their hiragana. Students can also view their progress on their page.

How to install ZONDLE on your tablet/smartphone
Simply search for ‘zondle’ in the App Store on your phone or iPad.
Type student’s username and password for log in. (Students have their own username and password for zondle)
Select ‘Topics my teacher has set me’
Select any hiragana lines that you would like to practice.
Choose a type of game you would like to play.
Enjoy!

How to play ZONDLE on PC
Visit www.zondle.com
Log in with student's username and password
Click ‘games’ on the menu bar on the left side of a screen.
Select ‘topics my teacher has set me’
Select any hiragana lines that you would like to practice.
Choose a type of game you would like to play on the right side of a screen.
Enjoy!

*Zondle on tablet and PC have different games.

Parkdale Primary School
FAIR
Sunday 20th March 2016
CRAFT MARKET

FAIR

CALL FOR STALLHOLDERS
Parkdale Primary School will again host a CRAFT MARKET at this year’s FAIR. There will be more than 40 stallholders with beautiful homemade & hand crafted items*

There are limited availabilities in some stall categories.

If you would like to be considered for a market stall, please email parkdaleprimaryschoolfair@gmail.com.
Please enclose a photo & description of your goods.
Stalls are $40 each.
All stalls located inside the Gym.
Stall holders need to provide their own set up.
Applications close 24th February 2016.

The Parkdale Primary School Fair is the largest and best in the area and draws a huge crowd. The Craft Market will be advertised widely along with the fair.

*Unfortunately we are unable to accept franchises or party plans.

Parkdale Primary School School
FAIR

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? CDs?
DVDs? 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.
## STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Koby W.</td>
<td>For always trying his best even during tricky tasks. Super job.</td>
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<td>For being a wonderful friend and making sure everyone is included.</td>
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<td>For being such a terrific classroom helper.</td>
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<td>For doing a wonderful job as classroom monitor.</td>
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<td>Riley W.</td>
<td>For a fantastic “I Can Do It” attitude.</td>
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<td>Marley H.</td>
<td>For his beautiful listening and always being kind to his classmates.</td>
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<td>Ruby B.</td>
<td>For always displaying wonderful work habits.</td>
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<td>For her positive attitude towards school and her beautiful friendship flowers.</td>
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<td>Isabelle T.</td>
<td>For always listening and having such a positive attitude towards her learning. Great work.</td>
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<td>Jenson M.</td>
<td>For being on task and working hard during writing.</td>
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<td>Lara S.</td>
<td>For demonstrating terrific organisation skills.</td>
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<td>Allegra L.</td>
<td>For displaying excellent work habits in class.</td>
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<td>Mia C. Oliver McK.</td>
<td>For presenting an outstanding SRC speech to the class. Well done Mia. For writing an outstanding SRC speech and speaking confidently and clearly.</td>
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<td>Kim R.</td>
<td>For an awesome start at P.P.S.</td>
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<td>Eden B.</td>
<td>For being a kind, accepting and friendly classmate.</td>
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<td>Oliver D.</td>
<td>For his flying start with his AR reading. Keep it up Ollie.</td>
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<td>Koen W.</td>
<td>For having the confidence to perform on stage during our STOMP session.</td>
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<td>Steph C.</td>
<td>For her positive attitude towards all set tasks and for her fantastic sense of humour. Well done.</td>
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<td>Grace S.</td>
<td>For showing independence and initiative in the classroom. Well done.</td>
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<td>Dakotah B.</td>
<td>For her wonderful enthusiasm and sensational dance moves during STOMP.</td>
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<td>Brodie F.</td>
<td>For settling into our school so well and being a cooperative member of our class.</td>
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<td>Spencer R.</td>
<td>For displaying a great work ethic in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Liam D.</td>
<td>For fantastic figurative description in both his snapshot and other pieces of writing. Excellent imagery.</td>
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<td>Meg W.</td>
<td>For working extremely hard on every task and bringing her sense of humour daily.</td>
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<td>Matt S.</td>
<td>For his diligent attitude towards completing work in the classroom.</td>
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Pupil Free Day!
Friday 26th February 2016

Come and join the fun with us at our upcoming Pupil Free Day

**When:** Friday 26th February 2016

**Time:** 07:00 to 18:30

**Where:** The before and after School Care Room at Parkdale Primary School

**Fees:** $53.88*

**Out of Pocket guide (with rebates)**: $7.44 to $26.94

**Bookings:** Must be made by Friday 19th February 2016

There’s lots to do and lots of fun to be had with your friends and the Camp Australia Team at the upcoming Parkdale Primary School.


We look forward to seeing you soon!

Parkdale Primary School Camp Australia Team.

*Notes on fees:
1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and scaled, resulting in payments of between 0% and 85% of the fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees after the CCB has been calculated and applied. Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only and are subject to change. Individual circumstances will vary.
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.
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: ___________________________
A Prep Mums Invitation

Have you got spare time now that your prep child has settled into their first year of school?

As mums we work hard to be good role models for our children to ensure that they grow up to be well-rounded, confident, and healthy. Part of being a good role model includes looking after our own health and fitness.

Her Fitzone Aspendale Gardens are running a Community Health and Well-being Program and are inviting Prep Mums to take part by redeeming this fantastic offer of only $1.00 joining fee then have the month of March on us (save over $100). Exclusively available to Prep Mums.

What have you got to lose?
This offer for a limited time only, so call us on 9587 2150.

Look good and feel great.

SPRINGVALE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
546 SPRINGVALE ROAD, SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172
TEL 03 9547 2555 EMAIL: info@springvaleindoorsports.com.au
Website: www.springvaleindoorsports.com.au

SOCcer TRAINING
Soccer training starting 17 Feb on Wed and Thu by our qualified soccer coach

Wednesdays: 4:45PM – 5:45PM (Age: 7-10)
Thursdays: 4:30 – 5:30PM (Age: 5-12)
Saturdays: 2:30 – 4:00 PM (incl. 30 min space jump) (Age: 4 – 8)
All sessions $10/session, $10 for registration.

NETBALL TRAINING
Starting in March on Fridays (5-6PM), Please register your interest.

KUNG FU FOR KIDS
Kung Fu for Kids Classes starting term 1 for enquiries call 9791 2100 or visit

KIDS BIRTHDAY PARTIES
We arrange a few different types of birthday parties, sports party, space jump inflatable, dance party, bubble soccer, and Nerf party. Kids in our training program will receive $15 discount of party booking.

Please register training interests

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Please send registration to info@springvaleindoorsports.com.au or call 9547 2555

GUITAR AND UKELELE 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 0404 018 382.
Our Fabulous Indoor Craft Market Returns

New Art & Craft Activities for Kids 0-100yrs

The Lolly Hunt
"The hunt is on for your generous donations for the Lolly Hunt!"
A packet or 2 of your favourite wrapped lollies would be very much appreciated to stock up our supplies for the children.

Thanks a million, Meg Finch.

The Silent Auction is Back
Bigger and Better Than Ever!
If you're keen to donate, please contact our fair convenors Lisa or Leanne

The Choc Shop
The Choc Shop is raring to go again this year with more fun and games for our gorgeous kids!

Last year was a great success due to all the fabulous PPS families who donated a family block (or 10), please get behind the Choc Shop again this year.

Leave your blocks of chocolate, boxed chocs and Easter Eggs of any size or shape at the office.

HUGE thanks from Ally Byers and the Choc Shop crew!

Pre-Purchase Unlimited Ride Armbands and Save!

$35 Prior to the Day

$40 on Fair Day

‘Best Value Ride Armbands in Victoria!’
Our preferred method of payment is online via the Qr app!
(efpos and credit card payments are still available)
Jo Sherriff 0411 260 620

Fabulous Rides
RockUp Rockwall
Sponge Bob
Giant Slide
Round-Up
Inflatable Fun
Fire Rescue Challenge
Chair-o-Plane
Bad Boy Returns!!

YAY!

If you’d like to join in the fun and volunteer your time, passion and energy to our fair - we need you!
Please call our fair gurus Lisa Warner (0407 512 969) & Leanne Palazzolo (0412 931 983)
THE ONE & ONLY CAKE STALL

The Cake stall has always been a great feature of our Parkdale Kids Day Out. Keep looking for your favourite recipes and don’t forget that we will send home a recipe sheet, plate and plastic bag for your donations closer to the date.

Many thanks, Justine Skinner and Sally Naughton

WIN A WINE

Thanks to our generous Parky families, we had some amazing donations to ‘Win a Wine’ last year. Please dig deep into your wine cupboards again this year to support this great stall.

All donations can be left at the office.

Thanks from Lisa Kenny and Emma Toniolo

The Book Stall

is a firm ‘Fair Day’ favourite with the families in our fabulous community.

Every year the tables groan with the weight of thrillers, autobiographies, chick lit, travel books, sports, non-fiction, cookery, gardening, chapter books (of any size for early readers to young adults), romance, music CDs, DVDs (official copies only) and many, many more.

You name it, we have it!

We are urgently seeking more donations to keep our tables overflowing. Please sort through your book, CD and DVD shelves and donate any unwanted items to our great school. (*Please note we will not be accepting jigsaw puzzles or magazines this year.)

All donations can be left at 14 Eveline Avenue on the porch or at the office. Please feel free to email with any queries to lesbians13July@hotmail.com

Thanks, Emma White and Andrea Webster

Lucky Jars

Hi everyone, the Lucky Jar stall will be back – bigger and better than ever!

We need your donations of jars filled with something useful or delicious.

The most popular jars at last year’s fair were the ones filled with lollies - of course!

All you need to do is get a clean, washed jar (coffee and jam jars are perfect) and fill it with something that kids will find appealing.

Some suggestions are hair clips or ties, erasers, lego, play dough.....oh and did I mention lollies! (please be careful to check use by dates)

Please leave your jars at the front office.

Thanks for your donations!

For more information on the fair, please contact your Fair Convenors

Lisa Warner (0407 512 969) & Leanne Palazzolo (0412 031 983)
For quicker, hassle-free purchase of 2016 Fair Armbands, try Qkr! today.

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!

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Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Scan QR code provided by your school

Step 2 Register
Select your country of residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

If within 4kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

Step 3 Find our school
Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...