From the Principal

Principal for the Day
Lucinda’s and Eva’s report!

We have had a great day, drinking milkshakes, giving out stickers, going to a cafe, and having fun! When we were running Assembly we both felt nervous. We both really liked to just to chill in Miss Bradney’s office. It was nerve-wracking stepping in to the Staffroom because all the staff were in the Staffroom like usual. We liked to play with our friends at play time. It was the best day ever!

Grandparents’/Special Person Day
We will be holding our Grandparents’/Special Person Morning on Thursday 28th April. Due to the large number of Grandparents who attend this morning we have divided the school into P - Grade 2 performances then a Grade 3/4 performance.

The Grandparents’ Morning Tea will start at 11:00am in the Gym. If you are able to bake something for the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Outline for the Day (please note these are approximate times)
9:00 - Grandparents and Special Visitors arrive and tour the school with their grandchildren
9:50 - Prep - 2 children return to their classrooms. Grandparents take a seat or find a spot in the Assembly area. (In the Gym if it is wet)
10:00 - 10:30 – Prep/1/2 and Junior Choir performance
10:30 - 11:00 Grade 3/4 and Senior Choir performance
11:00- 11:30 – All children back in their classrooms. Morning tea in Canteen foyer for grandparents and special visitors.

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

Congratulations
Congratulations to Paris B. who competed in the State Swimming Titles on Tuesday. Paris won both her events, the 50m Butterfly and broke a State record in the 50m Freestyle.
From The Principal …… Cont’d

Junior Mayor
Last Thursday Parkdale PS took part in the Kingston Junior Mayor program. The students had to prepare a speech about “What could you do to create a better future for young people?”. The children did an amazing job. Well done to the Junior Mayor team: Matthew M. (head speaker), Mack L., Liam D. and Indigo B-L. Thank you to Ms Coe for working with the students.

Education Week
Education Week is the week beginning Monday 16th May. Open Day will be held on Monday 16th May from 9:30am to 11:30am and an Open Afternoon will be from 4:00pm-5:00pm. This is a chance for parents to see inside the classrooms and for us to showcase our school.

House Cross Country - Wednesday 20th April
Congratulations and well done to all the students who participated in the House Cross Country on Wednesday. The weather was very kind to us and the children did an amazing job participating and encouraging others.

Secondary School Placement 2017
Forms relating to transition to Secondary School have been distributed to all Year 6 students. Parents are urged to read this information carefully and to ensure that completed forms are returned to school by Friday 13th May. If you are out of zone for a secondary college an Out of Zone Application needs to be completed and handed in with your enrolment form. Applications for Out of Zone can be downloaded from the secondary college websites.

Absences and Absence Notes
If your child is absent from school for any reason we require a note. This can be via Skoolbag, email or a written note. It is a legal and department requirement to have school absences explained.

Mother’s Day Breakfast and Stall
The Mother’s Day Breakfast and Stall will be held on Friday 6th May. The breakfast will once again be an egg and bacon roll. All orders for the breakfast must be made through QKR!. Please download the app. Flyers will be sent out next week with information about the Breakfast and the Stall.

ANZAC Service
Each year the Grade 6 students prepare and hold an ANZAC day service for the school. It is always amazing how quiet and respectful the whole school is during this service. Our ceremony is usually before recess, however this year we will be holding the service at 3:00pm on Friday. Parents are more than welcome to attend, however we do ask that if you have toddlers could you please stand well back as they can become very distracting for the children during the service.

Term 2 Clubs

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Leanne Bradney
Principal
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
This week our CAFE focus was ‘stopping at full stops’ and our letter of the week was ‘Bb’.
We all had a fantastic time celebrating the letter ‘Bb’ by eating breakfast at school. It was really fun wearing our pyjamas all day too!
We also had a few visits from kinder kids this week. The Preps loved seeing their old kinder teacher and younger siblings at school.
Next week our CAFE focus is ‘What happens next?’ and our letter of the week is ‘Aa’.
We have a very exciting week next week! Grandparent’s/Special Visitors Day is on Thursday 28th April which will be lots of fun. The Preps have been practicing a special song they will perform. If your child does not have someone coming to visit them please let their teacher know so we can buddy them up with a classmate.
Thank you for returning the swimming notices so promptly. If you have not returned yours yet please do ASAP.
Miss B. is collecting bottle lids (from milk, juice, soda, water). Please bring any you may have to her room.
Thank you! We hope you have a safe and relaxing long weekend!

GRADE 1
The children have been busy practising their performance for next Thursday’s Grandparents’ Day and they are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to show their grandparents around our school!
Thank you for your swift return of our school swimming notices. We are still waiting on a few to be returned, so if they could be brought in as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.
This week we began our guided reading groups, Thank you so much to those parents who have been able to volunteer to help out this term.
This week for spelling we have been looking at the ‘sh’ sound! If you could assist your child in practising this spelling sound at home, by focussing on which letters work together to make a ‘sh’ sound.
We hope you enjoy the long weekend ahead!

GRADE 2
Our CAFE focus this week is on a strategy to help with reading accuracy – ‘Skip the word and then come back’. Please see the ‘Parent Pipeline’ on the website for more information on how you can support your child with this strategy at home.
In Maths, we have been focusing on the language of ‘Chance’. Ask your child to predict and explain why they think an event is likely, unlikely, impossible or certain to happen.
Next Thursday 28th April is Grandparents’ Day. The children will be performing a ‘rap-themed’ song, and will need to bring a cap and sunglasses (if they have them) to wear on the day. They are welcome to wear some extra ‘bling’ as well if they wish.
Thank you for the prompt return of swimming permission forms. These are due back by this Friday if we haven’t already received them.

GRADE 3
Welcome to Week 2!
The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Swimming Program and look forward to celebrating the last day of the program with fun swimming activities tomorrow!
Our focus for Maths continues to be ‘Chance and Data. At home, please assist them with their ‘chance’ knowledge by discussing the likelihood of events happening. Please also continue to encourage your child to complete Mathletics tasks each week.
The ROAR reading program will commence next week. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time. If there are any parents from 3T available to volunteer their time on a Wednesday morning please let Miss Tsoucalas know. A timetable will be displayed outside students classroom and sent home this week.
We are all looking forward to Grandparents’ Day next Thursday and showing off our wonderful Grade 3 Hub.
The Grade 3 Newsletter has gone out today; please ensure you read all details about this upcoming term. Camp notices were sent at the end of Term 1, please continue to return these throughout the term.

GRADE 4
We have completed our swimming program for this year. Our in-school cross-country event was conducted on Wednesday morning and the weather was kind to us. The children all did a terrific job completing the course. It is a challenging one. Thanks to Mr Anderson for organising this event.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th April. Envelopes have gone home with your children. Please return these on photo day with orders as required.

A reminder that camp notices are due back please.

Congratulations to the recipients of AR Certificates for this week: Lucy A, Molly S, Kaylah J, Rebecca W, Alex I, Renee H, Luca F, Grace S, Lucy W, Oscar L and Tilly F.

GRADE 5/6
Our students have immersed themselves enthusiastically into our Term 2 activities. Winter sports have been chosen and cross-country training is ongoing.

Given that Naplan is occurring next month (May 10th-12th), it would be great if parents could discuss suitable topical issues with consideration of arguments for and against, to tie in with our work on Persuasive writing.

In Maths, the students are learning about Decimals and Fractions; we encourage them to use the Mangahigh website as a tool to consolidate their learning.

Congratulations to the Junior Mayor Team and to Paris B.; Matt, Liam, Indigo and Mac presented an excellent speech in last week’s proceedings at Chelsea Town Hall and Paris won her events in State Swimming Trials on Tuesday.

We look forward to seeing Grandparents and Special Friends next Thursday morning (28th April) when our students can showcase what they do at our school.

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.)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 3 & $100 Voucher Competition
Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been handed out to students. The due date for orders is Wednesday 27th April. Please place orders via LOOP online by midnight or place paper orders and cash or cheque in the Book Club box in the resource room by the end of the day. If you would like a secret order which will be available for you to collect from the office instead of given to your child please write GIFT on your paper order. For LOOP please check the Gift box but as a back up please also send an email to one of us along with your preferred telephone number.

Please also note that Scholastic is promoting its family reading month in May. Just read for at least 10 mins every day during May and fill in a reading log for the chance to win $100 worth of book vouchers. For full information and how to enter go to www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/competitions/nfrm.asp

If you have any questions about Scholastic Bookclub just let us know.
Catherine Ramage (cathram@bigpond.net.au) and Katherine Ygosse (katherine@markjelly.com)
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<td>For contributing some fantastic ideas to our ‘Noun Town’.</td>
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<td>For a wonderful postcard detailing a holiday activity.</td>
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<td>For his positive attitude and clever problem solving.</td>
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<td>For his hard work during class and staying on task.</td>
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<td>For an outstanding effort in Maths during our ‘Subtraction’ topic.</td>
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<td>For being a conscientious worker in class. Great job Harry.</td>
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<td>For your excellent attitude towards school.</td>
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<td>Seb. B.</td>
<td>For participating positively in class discussions and being an enthusiastic learner.</td>
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<td>For enthusiasm towards your writing.</td>
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<td>For settling into a new class, school and country with enthusiasm and positivity.</td>
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<td>For participating in class discussion and for her fantastic attitude towards all set tasks.</td>
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<td>For giving his best effort in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Tori B.</td>
<td>For her excellent organisation and effort with the homework tasks.</td>
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Thank you to those that attended the PPA meeting last night.

Please remember we have now rolled over to the 2016 PPA calendar year. If you are no longer receiving emails and copies of minutes it's because you haven't signed up for this year. Forms are available on the school website or at the front office.

Grandparents/Special Person's Day is next week. PPA will provide a beautiful morning tea, if you can donate some baked goods they would be most appreciated. See information at the bottom of this section.

Our Mother’s Day breakfast and stall will be coming up soon. Please keep an eye on Focus for further information.

See you in the school yard.

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

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**2016 GRANDPARENTS’/SPECIAL PERSON MORNING TEA**

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!**

Our PPS annual Grandparents’ & Special Person Day will be held on Thursday 28th April. The PPA will hold a morning tea for our special guests and would greatly appreciate any contribution of baked goods for the day.

Donations can be dropped near the Canteen the day before from 3.00pm (Wednesday 27th April) or on the morning of the 28th April.

Please pre-cut any donations and contact Kate to let her know what baked goods you are providing. kate.ashley1@optusnet.com.au or phone 0410 938 862.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

MORDIALLOC NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Drawing and Sketching
This drawing class is designed to introduce the fundamentals of drawing through a series of structured exercises: line, tone, proportions & contours. Students will be given the opportunity to explore different mediums such as graphite, pencils, charcoal and pen.
Monday: 1.00 – 3.00pm   May 2 – June 6 (6 weeks)
Cost: $75, concession $65
Materials list supplied upon enrolment.
For further information to enrol, please phone: Mordialloc Neighbourhood House; 9587 4534
Art Attack

The Magpies Over the Dam project was designed because Australia is coming into a slight drought. Also it will soon be magpie season. We are going to combine the two to make an amazing work of art which will be completed throughout the term.

your Art Captains Alex S & Zoe B

This term the Grade 4 students have been starting their project called the Magpies Over the Dam telling us more about it will be Annelise from 4H

What have you done so far?

First we drew the dam in grey lead then we used all sorts of colours such as yellow, red, orange and brown to paint the background.

What have you enjoyed so far?

I’ve really enjoyed painting the colourful background but we’ve only just started.

This term on Wednesdays in the Art Room there will be a new club Knitting Club for 4s, 5s, 6s. Lego Club will also be on for Prep-6.
Tennis Lessons
On campus here @ Parkdale PS
Term 2, 2016

The Fit For Kids Co team offer tennis coaching here at school, on-campus. We run the ANZ Tennis Hotshots Program which is the perfect introductory classes for children to learn the sport & the skills to play great tennis.

Why do it at school?
Parents can simply Drop & Go! (We supervise from 8:00am until the yard teacher is on)
Convenient - At school so no hassle to drive anywhere!
Fun - with school friends in a safe & professional environment!

Days: Tuesday & Friday (prep - G1 only) Mornings
Time: 8:00am - 8:40am
Location: Synthetic Grass Oval
Dates: Tuesday 19th April - Friday 24th June 2016
Price: $150 (10 Week Term)

* In the case of bad weather, class will be held indoors in the school gymnasium.

Enrol Online Today!
ph: 0421172369 e: info@fitforkidsco.com.au