From the Principal

Student Representative Council Badges
The SRC badges will be presented on Monday 29th February at Assembly.

Drop Off and Pick Up Zone
The Kiss and Go Zone out the front of the school is for your convenience and for your child’s safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, it minimises congestion and risk when used properly by ALL parents.

The Kiss and Go Zone operates under ‘No Parking’ traffic rules.
- Stopping for more than 2 minutes is not allowed in a No Parking area. Therefore the Kiss and Go Zone cannot be used for parking between 8:00am - 9.15am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm on school days.
- You are obliged to remain in, or within 2 metres of, your vehicle.
- Penalties for not complying with School Zone parking are issued by Kingston Council. Parking officers are active in the area.

For the Safety of Children in the Kiss and Go Zone - Points to Remember
1. Drivers Do Not Leave your Vehicle
To assist with traffic flow in the Kiss and Go Zone, drivers are encouraged to remain in the car while the children get in and out. To facilitate this, children should travel with bags in the car and not in the boot. If a driver must get out, they MUST NOT move more than 2 metres from their vehicle.

2. Be Timely
If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within 2 minutes you are required to travel around the block and re-enter the zone at the end of the queue.

3. Kerb Side Entry / Exit
Ensure your child enters / exits the vehicle on the kerb side.

NO Parking in the School Grounds
Parents and/or Grandparents are NOT permitted to park in the school grounds. This includes the staff car park and in the driveway at the back of the school. The children’s safety is of the utmost concern. We realise it can become very congested, however parking in the school grounds is not an option.

Curriculum Day: A reminder that this Friday is a Curriculum Day. This is a pupil free day. Camp Australia is operating. Please book online.

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Before & After school Arrival times
Teachers are officially on duty for 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the school day and 15 minutes after the conclusion of the school day. Consequently the following apply:

- School commences at 9:00am
- No student should be dropped off before 8.45 am as there is no supervision.

School finishes at 3.30 pm. If the student is not collected by 3.45pm they will be taken to the After School Care and families will be charged accordingly.

Shade Sails
We have had to replace 2 of the shade sail poles in the big playground during the week. The sails are also being repaired as there was damage to most of sails due to vandalism. The shade sails will be reinstated early next week.

Fair 2016 - Sunday 20th March
There will be a Free Dress Day on Friday 4th March. The cost is a donation for the Fair. Either a bag of lollies, block of chocolate, lucky jar or a bottle of wine. For every donation an entry will be put into the draw for a free armband.

- Bottle of Wine - 3 entries
- Lucky Jar - 2 entries
- Bag of Lollies/Block of Choc - 1 entry.

School Council Elections
Nominations for the vacancies on School Council closed on Monday. The number of nominations received matched the number of vacancies in both the Parent and Teacher categories, therefore I congratulate the following parents and teachers who will join Council for next two years:

Lisa Warner, Leanne Palazzolo, Nicole Scherger, Melinda Rowe, Jarrod Bainbridge, Caz Duff and Tracy Richards.

The following Councillors will continue until March 2017:
Natalie Caughey, Bec Symons, Linda Harvey, Greg Murphy, Tim Williams, Helen Teasdale
We still have 1 additional parent vacancy to fill by co-option (PPA Rep) and this position will be finalised after the PPA Meeting.

Our School Council meets monthly on a Monday evening at 7:00pm.
School Councils have three main responsibilities:

- Finance – overseeing the development of the school’s Annual Budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school’s financial operation;
- Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan;
- Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies

Other key functions of School Councils include:

- maintaining school grounds and facilities;
- entering into contracts;
- reporting annually to the school community and the Department;
- representing and taking the views of the community into account;
- regulating and facilitating after hours use of school premises and grounds.

Parent Details
Parent information details have been sent home this week. It is vital we have up to date information for all families. This includes phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical, alternative family details, etc. Please check the information and return to the school ASAP.

Leanne Bradney
Principal
Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, there has recently been a measles outbreak in the Brunswick area of Melbourne, including cases at a primary school.

In light of this, I am seeking your co-operation in ensuring we have a record of your child’s immunisation status on file. This will ensure the school can respond quickly should a member of the school community contract a vaccine-preventable disease. In the event of a disease outbreak immunisation status certificates help us quickly identify the immunisation status of each child and implement the advice received from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services, which may include sending your child home until the risk of infection has passed.

Our records show that the school does not have a record of your child’s immunisation status. All primary schools are required to request an immunisation status certificate for each child prior to enrolment and to keep a copy of this certificate on record. **Even if your child has not received any vaccinations, it is still expected that parents/carers/guardians provide a certificate.**

Please provide this certificate to the school as soon as possible. The most commonly provided immunisation status certificate is an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Childhood Register (ACIR). You can get a copy of your child’s Immunisation History Statement:

- through Medicare online accounts or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- by requesting a statement to be posted to you in the mail
  - Email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
  - Telephone ACIR on 1800 653 809
- by visiting a local Medicare service centre

Please be aware that your child may be excluded from attending school for up to 14 days if there is an outbreak in the school community and the school does not have evidence showing your child has received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Further information on primary school immunisation requirements can be found at [www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/primary-school-immunisation-requirements](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/primary-school-immunisation-requirements)

Reliable information on measles symptoms and measles vaccine is available at [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

If you think your child may require immunisations or you have questions or concerns about immunisation or particular vaccines, see your doctor or contact your local council. Immunisations are provided free to children under the National Immunisation Program.
FREE DRESS DAY
FRIDAY 4TH MARCH, 2016

A fun and fantastic way to have some fun and support our fabulous Kids Day Out in 2016!

Please bring along a donation to go towards one of our wonderful stalls because as we all know these are so important to the success of this great day and we cannot do it without all of you!

2 ‘Fantastic Family Fair Pass’ Draws – Monday 7th of March and Monday 14th of March just prior to Fair Day at assembly!

Join the Kids Day Out Fair Team!

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 let us know. We have a number of positions vacant for stall convenors and we would love to have some new faces and new ideas on board for 2016. We need volunteers for stalls such as Silent Auction and Showbags so please let us know if you would like to 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)
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

PREP
This week we have been learning about the phrase ‘I can’ and the letter ‘t’. We had a great day today constructing modes of transport for little teddies! Thank you for all the boxes that were brought in they were very useful and lots of fun!
Don’t forget tomorrow is a Curriculum Day so there will be no school for students.
Next week we are learning about the letter ‘e’.
Today our term newsletter went home in your child’s reader bag. If you did not receive it please see your child’s teacher.

GRADE 1
We have had another great week in Grade 1! The children are getting better at their morning routines every day and have been doing a fantastic job with their Traffic Light reading, both at home and at school.
Thank you to those of you who have already given up your mornings to come in and help with morning reading. Please remember to show your Working with Children Check at the office (if you didn’t do so last year) and have it sighted and ticked off by your child’s teacher (please check that it hasn’t expired).
Thank you also for your prompt returns of all of the notices we have been sending home. Some grades are still waiting on the return of parent contact details, Gerry Green consent forms and photo consent forms so please send them to us ASAP. If you need another copy please let us know.
The teachers have loved having a sneak peak at all of the gorgeous baby photos that have been coming in and we can’t wait to play our class ‘Guess the Baby’ games, so please don’t forget to send them with your child before the end of this week!
This week students will also be bringing home a special homework task, where they will be asking a grandparent or special friend 3 questions about what life was like when they were young. Please look out for these in your child’s reader bag. Any assistance you could give with this task would be greatly appreciated!
Finally a reminder that tomorrow (Friday 26th February) is a whole school Curriculum Day, so students will not be required at school. Have a lovely ‘long’ weekend!

GRADE 2
The Grade 2 students enjoyed a fabulous excursion to Rippon Lea this week. Both children and staff had lots of fun and learned many interesting facts about life in ‘the good old days’.
Our CAFÉ focus this week is, ‘Reading aloud with fluency’. At home, you can model fluent, expressive reading, and encourage your child to be aware of how their reading sounds.
In Maths this week, we moved our focus to Addition. Simple card and dice games at home, along with access to apps and online maths games, will really help children develop their automatic recall of addition facts.
Reminders: A note is required for any student absence from school. This can be sent to school in the reader bag, emailed or submitted via the Skoolbag app.
Could all parent helpers please sign in and out of your child’s classroom when helping with reading or any other classroom activities. Thank you!

GRADE 3
Welcome to Week 5!
The doors of the Grade 3 Hub are open and we continue to invite all parents in to participate during our morning reading sessions. It is now school policy that you sign into the classroom on every arrival. A ‘sign in’ sheet will be placed outside your child’s room.
Please also ensure you have a Working With Children Check and that you have shown your child’s teacher and office. 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
Our CAFÉ focus this week was picking ‘a good fit’ book. The students have been taking charge of their reading and used the IPICK method to select a book that is a good fit for their own reading level.
In maths we have commenced the next topic of addition concepts and strategies. At home, please continue to practise number facts using mental strategies to assist with automatic recall.
GRADE 4
All groups reported that the Melbourne Walk was a huge success. Many children thought that it was the best excursion ever. We were very proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm on the day. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and support us…we certainly did a lot of walking!
The children are now commencing their Marvellous Melbourne projects. Research can be done at home, but the poster and 3D model will be done in class time.

R.O.A.R. reading will commence next Tuesday 1st March at 9:00 and conclude at 9:30am. If you are able to assist, pop in and see your child’s teacher. This does not have to be an every week commitment.

For parents’ information: We now require parent helpers to sign in to the classroom upon arrival and sign out when leaving. This is an OHS requirement. Thank you for your understanding.


GRADE 5/6
The Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful time at the Black Rock beach for our intensive week of beach safety and CPR training. They learnt valuable information while displaying excellent cooperation and responsibility.

Just a reminder, it is necessary to contact your class teacher if your child is absent. You can contact the school in a variety of ways; email your child’s teacher, Skoolbag, write a note or phone the school.

Class Representatives are an important part of our classroom organisation and a link with parent communication. Unfortunately, some of the Grade 5/6 and Grade 5 classes do not have a volunteer, so if you could devote some time to help please contact your child’s teacher.

In Maths next week, the Grade 5/6 students will be finalising the Number concept and we will commence pre-testing for the Applied Maths unit on Angles and Shapes. Students should be using Mangahigh to practice their tables and to get a head start on our next Applied Maths unit.

HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG ON YOUR SMARTPHONE iPhone Users
Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select ‘OK’ to allow push notifications. Also click on ‘more’ then ‘Setup’ and select the categories for which you would like to receive ‘push Notifications’.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Baby and Child Market
We have a great family event on this Sunday, 28th February, in Moorabbin at the Moorabbin Masonic Hall, 124 Rowans Rd Moorabbin from 9am-12pm. Adults $2 - Children Free.

Cheltenham Community Centre
At CCC we offer quality Holiday Programs. Our March/April Holiday program for 5-12 year olds runs from Tuesday 29th March to Friday 8th April with lots of fun activities!

We are also running 2 days for our 3-5 year olds – Thursday 31st March Easter Funday and Thursday 7th April Messy Play Funday.

We are also excited to offer a new program – Workshops. We will be offering a Woodworking Workshop on Thursday 31st March and a Cupcake Workshop on Thursday 7th April. These will be fun 3 hour workshops for children to work on a project and come out with a finished product.

www.chelt.com.au or 03 9583 0095.

HELP 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.
## STARS OF THE WEEK

| LOTE  | 3J | For wonderful team work on your group work. |
| ICT   | 3T | For creating wonderful comics and showing excellent cyber safety knowledge. |
| P.E.  | 5/6B | For teamwork, cooperation and sportsmanship. |
| Prep B | Ryley B. | For trying his best during writing tasks. Well done Ryley. |
| Prep D | Mienge S. | For being a kind and caring classmate. Well done. |
| Prep M | Artemis S. | For a wonderful job sounding out words in her writing. |
| Prep S | Levi M. Penelope W. | For being such a great listener and helpful class member. For using the initial sound of words to help her when reading. |
| Prep T | Benny R. Thomas B. | For excellent sounding out of words during weekend writing. For coming into class in the mornings happy and ready to work. |
| 1A | Dan D. | For excellent work in Maths. |
| 1D | Chelsea F. | For working so hard on her writing. Keep it up. |
| 1J | Grace L. Adrian R. | For well written and wonderfully presented Family Acrostic poems. |
| 1S | Angus C. | For taking his time to ensure his handwriting was neat and beautiful. |
| 2H | Raf V. | For giving a good effort during discussions in class. |
| 2M | Hayden G. | For being an active participant in class discussions during Maths. Well done. |
| 2P | Ruby H. | For showing initiative to finish her writing and complete her interview questions. |
| 2T | Matilda J. | For being such a responsible and caring class member. Well done. |
| 03F | Shaya C. | For achieving excellent AR results and being an enthusiastic reader. Keep it up. |
| 03J | Harrison R. | For a great start to the year. Keep it up. |
| 03T | Miguel P. | For working very hard on improving his reading and finishing 4 AR tests with 80 - 100% correct answers. |
| 03U | Olivia F. | For her amazing effort and results with her AR reading. |
| 04B | Olivia H. | For her excellent work ethic in the classroom and outstanding behaviour. |
| 04H | Will S. | For his dedication and ability to act as an effective Leader. |
| 04M | Sylvia W. | For writing a convincing persuasive piece on leaders and using strong evidence to support your arguments. |
| 05A | Beth H. | For her beautifully written ‘Sizzling Start’. |
| 05S | Chloe C. | For amazing figurative language in her writing. |
| 5/6B | Hugo E. | For displaying wonderful writing skills in classroom activities. |
| 5/6C | Kai P. | For his fabulous ‘Colour Me’ writing and his wonderful helpful and enthusiastic approach to each school day. |
| 5/6G | Archie K. | For his wonderful attitude in class and his diligent approach to his work. |
| 5/6H | Lucy E. | For her excellent descriptive writing and presentation of her ‘Snapshot’. |
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.

To book visit www.campaustralia.com.au or call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

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.
I imagine everyone is well and truly settled into the term and getting ready for Fair Fever to take over in the next few weeks!

This is a reminder that the PPA will be holding their AGM next Wednesday night, 2nd March at 7:30pm in the school Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend and all positions will be open.

If you have any questions regarding PPA please don't hesitate to contact me on 0414927205 or catch me in the school yard.

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.

We have had lots of fun in the garden over the last few weeks… here are some pictures of the highlights of our afternoons together. We have started planting for the Fair and are still in need of succulents and class and tin jars!!! J
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