

Grade 1 Newsletter

Term 1 2017

Dates for your Diary

- February 23 – Resilience Project Parent Info Session
- March 13 – Labour Day
- March 17 – Fun Day Fair
- March 22 – Gr 1 incursion
- March 23 – Whole school incursion
- March 31 – End of Term 1

Hats, hats, hats...

Hats must now be worn at playtimes until the end of April. Please label all hats clearly! New hats are available at the office for \$8.

Grade 1 Sport

Grade 1 sport finally began on Wednesday this week after its cancellation the week earlier due to extreme heat! All students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in games and activities designed to increase skill and fitness levels. Please remember runners and a coloured t-shirt on Wednesdays.

Learning How to Learn

Throughout the last couple of weeks students at Parkdale Primary have been involved in many lessons and activities centred on the values that underpin our 'Learning to Learn' program. These values include the schools new 'Super 6' values – Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Co-operation and Excellence. In Grade 1 we used many Mr Men/Little Miss books and animations together with other stories to illustrate these values and generate discussions amongst the children. We also discussed the green and red roads that make up the MYTERN city of emotions.

On the 16th February we were fortunate to attend a Resilience incursion with the very funny Martin from the Resilience Project. He taught us to be grateful for what we have as well as encouraging us to practice mindfulness and show kindness and empathy towards others.



Dismissal

Please ensure that your child knows where to meet you at the end of each day or they know whether or not they are supposed to go to After School Care. The children are encouraged to stay with us if they cannot see you, or are unsure where to go. If you are running late please notify the office so they can get a message to us.

Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic this term is 'Families Past and Present.' The students will be involved in many activities exploring the similarities and differences between families today and in the past and will be encouraged to find out a little more about their parents and grandparents as children. We will investigate family celebrations and traditions and delve into our favourite memories.

As a part of this unit we will also look at how everyday household items have changed over time – items such as telephones, music players, cars and of course, toys!

We will finish off the term with a fun incursion all about old and new toys.



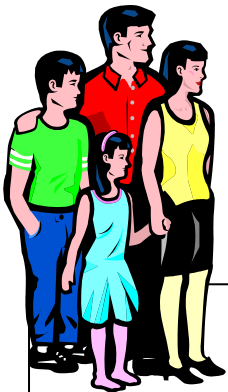
Readers

Readers have been sent home along with information about 'Traffic Light Reading'. We would love parents to assist where they can with listening to the children read in the classrooms. The children will read for 20 to 30 minutes each day with the actual time of these sessions dependent on each grades' specialist timetable. Reading will start in the classroom on Monday 20th February.



Maths Groups began this week. More details will follow soon about the concepts being covered this term.

Your child's maths teacher is _____



Communication and Teacher Email Addresses

It was great to meet so many of you at Wednesday night's 'Meet and Greet.' We encourage you to continue to communicate with us about your child and are available most mornings and afternoons for a quick chat if that is all that is needed. However, if you require longer we ask that you make an appointment so we can provide you with the time needed to address the issue properly. Please also feel free to contact your child's teacher via email. If you need to get an urgent message to your child before the end of the day it is best you call the school office.

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