



PARKDALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

FOCUS

Thursday 29th October, 2015

November

Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Sunday 8th

Working Bee
9.00am - 12.00pm

Thursday 12th

Prep Incursion

Monday 16th

Curriculum Day

Thursday 19th

Prep 2016
Information Evening

December

Thursday 3rd

Grade 1 Excursion
Grade 2 Excursion

Tuesday 8th

Grade 6 to Year 7
Transition Day

Thursday 10th

Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 18th

End of Term 4
Early Dismissal 1:00pm

From the Principal

Garden Club

The Garden Club has finally received some much needed shade. The patio pergola was installed on Wednesday which will provide shade for the children during lunchtime Garden Club. The money that was raised through the Disco Bingo night (PPA) funded the structure.

Sports Uniforms 2016

The children will be trying on sizes for their 5/6 sports uniform next week. We have provided the sizes for the sport's top and shorts for you to look at. If you would like to check your child's size before committing to the purchase, please feel free to drop into the office and confirm the sizes.

We do not order extra sizes so please make sure your child has the correct size.

The cost of the uniform is \$55 for the top and the shorts.

Please sign the form confirming your child's order. All forms need to be returned by **Friday 20th November**. This will allow for delivery before the end of the year.

Melbourne Aquarium

Chris Kearney, the father of Hannah (3/4U) and Neve (2H) works at Melbourne Aquarium. The school has been given the opportunity to name one of the recently born Gentoo Penguin chicks at Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium. For a gold coin donation children can submit a name for the penguin chick. The winning child and family whose name is chosen will have the opportunity to visit the aquarium and meet their penguin chick in the coming months.

A huge thank you to Chris for providing us with this opportunity. Thinking caps on - all names need to be submitted by **Friday 6th November**.

Names and the gold coin donation need to be submitted on a piece of paper and include the following:

Child's Name: _____ Grade _____

Penguin Chick Name: _____

Reminders:

Tuesday 3rd November is a Public Holiday, Cup Day - No School.

Monday 16th November is a Curriculum Day. Children do not attend.

Together We Achieve

From The Principal Cont'd

2016 Student Supplies

2016 Booklists have been sent home with all children tonight. These can be ordered **online from today** through the Officemax Back to School website. Orders placed before Tuesday 1st December will be delivered free of charge.

The school has opted to go for closed packs because teachers find it of great benefit to have quality and identical items. As these are ordered in bulk they are generally at a reduced cost to what can be purchased elsewhere.

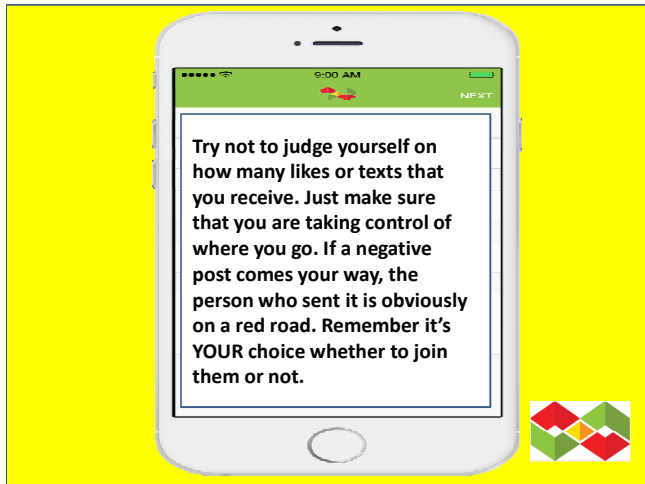
If you are building up a stock of small items such as rulers, scissors and pencils the school would love these to be donated back to the school as we can certainly use them through out the year. A box will be located at the office.

Additional Information: **Please read the information on the front of the booklist.**

Bike Shed

A reminder that all bikes and scooters need to be collected straight after school, the bike shed is locked at 3:40pm. Please note: It is important to know that if you leave your bike or scooter in the shed after hours or over the weekend, unfortunately it is likely to go missing. If you are concerned that your child may forget their bike, perhaps consider the use of a bike lock.

Unpacking the daily MYTERN Message: Social Media



Discuss the following statements and question with the family:

"I think therefore I am" has changed to "I am responded to, therefore I am". If we post on Facebook or send a text and no-one responds, then do we exist?

Social media can easily dominate and influence our lives, and we often let negative posts influence how we feel. Any negative comment shows that the person who has written it is on a red road. Discuss the fact that it is our choice whether we join them on the red road or not. It is not their comment which sends us onto a red road, but our response to it.

Baby News

Congratulations to Jaci and Brad on the arrival of their baby boy, Sidney (Sid) Yates. Born 29th October, weighing 6.8pounds.

Leanne Bradney
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PREP

The Preps are very excited about making their Dinosaur Dioramas tomorrow! We still need shoe boxes as only a few have been brought in. If you have a spare shoe box at home and would like to bring in a second one we would greatly appreciate it!

Don't forget Term 4 is hat term. If your child has lost their hat, new ones can be purchased at the office. Children without hats will only be allowed to play in undercover areas.

As next Tuesday is Cup Day, we know many families like to go away to make a long weekend. If you are heading away, please let your child's teacher know.

GRADE 1

The Grade Ones have begun this week by reviewing the CAFÉ reading strategy of *skip the word and come back*. When using this strategy students will skip the difficult word and continue reading to the end of the sentence. Students will then back-up and re-read the sentence and use context clues to help decipher the unknown word.

The students have continued to enjoy our new Inquiry topic by observing 'wiggly worms' from our school's worm farm. All students should have received their 'Backyard Safari' homework last week. This will be due by the 2nd of November, if not before as students will be presenting their findings to the grade from this date.

Thank you to those families who have sent mini-beast books in to school for the students to enjoy, if you find any more lying around we would love to have a look!

GRADE 2

The children have thoroughly enjoyed being authors and illustrators while completing their Literacy Week 'Big Books'. We are looking forward to sharing them on with all of the Grade 2 classes on Friday.

Our CAFÉ Focus this week is 'Discriminating between fact and opinion'. See if you and your child can find examples of facts and opinions during their home reading.

In Maths, we continue to revisit, revise and extend on the concepts taught throughout the year. We encourage the children to look for opportunities to apply their maths knowledge in everyday situations, e.g dealing with money, telling the time, and mental maths.

Project information was sent home this week for our Inquiry topic, 'Habitats'. It's wonderful to see the children so excited to make a start on their research and diorama!

GRADE 3/4

Our excursion to CERES was very informative and interesting. The children learnt about the process of making new paper from recycled paper, and the many changes that have occurred over 30 years in and around Merri Creek. Playing with the worms was also a highlight!

The children have been busy writing and publishing some very interesting fables as part of Literacy Week. These Big Books will be available to read in the Library when completed, so the stories can be shared with the whole school.

Our maths topic is *Data, Chance and Graphs*.

Congratulations to our AR certificate recipients:

Kya G, Ava P, Emma L, Rebecca W, Ella H, Haille S, Blake L, Archer R and Georgia A.

GRADE 5/6

Our students are doing a terrific job in terms of completing and being involved in both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Children have now started their new Maths unit in *Patterns and Algebra* and discussion around Prime Numbers, Composite Numbers, Factors and Money Concepts would be beneficial.

Having written our class Fables, Myths and Legends for Literacy Week, we will be sharing these on Friday.

Well done to all those students who participated in the Rugby Gala Day; they represented Parkdale really well.

Please ensure Memory Book materials are at school for Wednesdays and Fridays.

Continue to encourage your child to read aloud and to apply CAFÉ Reading strategies to their daily reading at home.

We would be grateful if Grade 6 students could bring their "baby" photo for Graduation as soon as possible, named and in an envelope.

SCHOOL CONCERT VIDEOS

We have three copies of the school Concert Video available for sale. If you missed out on purchasing a video, now is your chance to purchase one. These three copies are the last ones available.

These are \$25.00 each.

State Athletics Championships: 26th October 2015

Congratulations to all 7 girls from Parkdale Primary School who qualified for this year's State Championships. It is an amazing achievement to make it this far.

Special mention to Kate and Hannah W. They are both Parkdale Primary School's first State Champions. Well done girls!

Results

High Jump: Jaime J. 6th
200m: Milly W. 5th
4x100m: Jamie D, Sascha P, Olivia C & Jaime J 8th (heat)
Hurdles: Kate W. State Champion
Hannah W. State Champion



PARKDALE PARENT'S ASSOCIATION (P.P.A.)

The school term is flying along! My kids are excited about the Christmas projects they are doing in Art class and I am wishing time would slow down just a little!

The Spring Ball was last week and as always was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to Katie and her team for organising such a great night.

Not long now and we will be having our Prep family afternoon tea. We will be calling for donations of baked goods closer to the time so please if you can provide something it would be most appreciated. There will be a second hand uniform sale on this date. If you have any unwanted small sized uniform please donate it at the school office.

Also, PPA are supporting the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) food donation drive. Notices have been sent home highlighting this cause and requesting food donations. This drive is only being run over two weeks so please send your donations to school as they are much needed and appreciated. The notice in *Focus* highlights items that each year level can supply. We hope this has made it easier for families to be able to donate something.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 0414927205 or in the school yard.

Many thanks ...

Samm Hughes President, Emma Salah Vice President, Paula Fleming Treasurer and Kate Ashley Secretary.



Could you be a visitor for someone who needs a friend?

It only takes 1 hour a fortnight to make a difference to an older person who is feeling lonely or isolated.

As a **Community Visitor** volunteer you would be matched with an isolated person to visit once a week or fortnight for a social catch-up. This might include a chat over a cup of tea, playing board games or going for a walk in the garden.

Red Cross is looking for interested *males* and *females* to become a Community Visitor in your local area.

Contact Mairead McGowan, Program Officer on 8692 3302 or mmcgowan@redcross.org.au for more information and to become involved in this rewarding program!

SUMMER FIESTA NIGHT MARKET

FASHION > CRAFT > KIDSWARE > FOOD > DESIGN

7-10PM || 27 NOVEMBER 2015

MORDIALLOC COMMUNITY CENTRE 115A WARREN ROAD MORDIALLOC

YOU'RE INVITED!!
JOIN US & BAYSIDES LOCAL BUSINESS' FOR A FUN EVENING OF SHOPPING & EATING...

...AT OUR 30+ NIGHT MARKET STALLS THIS SUMMER FIESTA
DOOR PRIZES || GIFTS > GOLD COIN ENTRY

STALLHOLDER || INFO INQUIRIES
mgnomarket@outlook.com.au

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CANTEEN

Thank you to the parents who will be supporting Lil in the Canteen during the next week:

Friday 30th October

10.00 - 12.30	Melissa Rowe
10.00 - 12.30	Tiger Pillay
12.00 - 2.30	Mel Parker
12.00 - 2.30	Katie Kloprogge



Wednesday 4th November

10.00 - 12.30	Simone McCurdy
10.00 - 12.30	Lisa Taylor
10.00 - 12.30	Elaine Joyce
12.00 - 2.30	Volunteer Required

Friday 6th November

10.00 - 12.30	Vivian Queiroz
10.00 - 12.30	Mel Rowe
12.00 - 2.30	Monique Longhurst
12.00 - 2.30	Sharon Bradley

Wednesday 11th November

10.00 - 12.30	Natalie Mammone
10.00 - 12.30	Sarah Darley
12.00 - 2.30	Dianne Astwood
12.00 - 2.30	Volunteer Required

Friday 13th November

10.00 - 12.30	Michelle Rowland
10.00 - 12.30	Nicole Roberts
10.00 - 12.30	Kate Ashley
12.00 - 2.30	Dani Francis
12.00 - 2.30	Catherine Ramage

Qkr! PAYMENT OPTION FOR CANTEEN LUNCHES

We have introduced the Qkr! payment system for Canteen lunch orders.

Orders can be entered on line, processed at school and delivered to the children at lunchtime.

The Qkr! App can be downloaded by following the instructions in last week's newsletter.

Please remember:

- Each child needs their own order, please do not combine orders.
- Orders must be submitted by 9.00am.
- You do not need to send a paper bag to school.
- Orders are for lunch only, not recess. *Moosies* or frozen yoghurt can be collected after lunch has been eaten. (Please let your child know.)

You are still able to send cash along in a paper bag to order lunch, but using Qkr! is our preferred method of payment.

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Term 4 Working Bee

Sunday 8th November 9am-12pm



BEE involved in the community and help improve the school grounds for our kids!

Come for one, two or three hours, whatever you can spare!

Got some specific skills or tools to offer?

Contact Natalie Caughey: nats74@hotmail.com

OR

Rebecca Symons: symons.rebecca@gmail.com

Things to do...

- Weeding
- Sweeping leaf litter
- Cleaning drainage pits
- Removing cobwebs from buildings
- Scrubbing the drink troughs & backs of toilet doors
- Planting in various garden beds
- Spreading garden mulch
- Pruning bushes
- Refurbishing pathway through indigenous garden

Don't forget to BYO water bottle and to dress appropriately for the outdoors with a hat or coat and covered shoes.

Morning tea will be provided to thank everyone for all of their effort.

Children welcome under parental guidance.

Things to bring...

- Gardening/rubber gloves
- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels/Spades
- Brooms
- Rakes
- Pruning shears
- Secateurs
- Karchers



FOOD AND ITEMS DRIVE FOR THE ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE

26th October to 6th November, 2015

An optional food and goods drive for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (the ASRC) is being held at Parkdale Primary School. The ASRC is a community lead, not for profit organisation that is committed to upholding the human rights of all people seeking asylum. 'Food Bank' is one of the programs run by the ASRC. It is run on a supermarket model, where the dignity of asylum seeker members is preserved by allowing people to make their own selections within set limits, rather than being allocated a food parcel.

A bit about Food Bank

Given that asylum seekers have no guaranteed access to an income or income support, there are many people who struggle to access essential items such as fresh food and toiletries. Nearly 90 per cent of ASRC's clients live below the poverty line. They receive vital assistance through the ASRC food and aid programs.

Contributing to this food and items drive provides families with an opportunity to provide humanitarian, practical assistance to those in our community in need. It is very much an optional campaign - families can elect to donate goods or choose not to become involved.

When will the drive be conducted?

Items will be collected between **26th October to 6 November.**

How can I contribute?

Drop offs can be made in clearly identified boxes that will be **in each of the classrooms.** Each grade level will be nominated a specific item that Food bank is currently running low in stock. They are as follows:

- Prep:** Seeds and Dried Fruits
- Grade 1:** Honey
- Grade 2:** Basmati or Brown Rice
- Grade 3 & 4:** Tinned fish
- Grade 5 & 6:** Shampoo and conditioner

If you wish to contribute more or other items, a full list of all items that Food Bank requires will also be distributed by your class representative.

If you wish to find out more information about Food Bank or the ASRC, please check out their website at: www.asrc.org.au . If you have any further questions about the drive please contact Jane Carter at janenjohn@bigpond.com

