Principal's Report

Welcome to 2015

Welcome back to Parktone Primary. I hope you had an enjoyable time over January. 2015 has started smoothly. The children and staff are settling in and are productively planning their academic and personal goals for the term. We have four new classrooms and the Staff and Science rooms have swapped locations. The Principal Class offices are still a work in progress and located next to the Science room in the main building. Our multipurpose room and music rooms will be opened shortly.

New Staff

We now have 47 staff and 491 children. We have an additional Assistant Principal, Caleb Peterson. We have two returning teachers in Grade 2, Courtney Voss and Bree Jones and two new teachers, Brooke Mclean in Grade 1 and Brett Sargeant in Grade 6. Melissa Guilmarin joins our administration team at the front office.

Picnic, Music and Games Night

This Friday February 6th we are having our Picnic, Music and Games night. This is a chance for you to get to know others in our school community. We look forward to seeing you there from 7:30-9:00pm. Bring along a blanket, chairs, a picnic and beverages and be entertained by the band ‘The Gap’, whilst the children play games on the oval. Soft drinks, coffee and ice-poles will be available for purchase.

Assemblies Postponed

Our whole-school assemblies will begin in a few weeks. With a large section of the assembly area fenced off it is not a functional space for 500 children and 150 parents to gather. We are patiently waiting for the building works to be completed.

Building Works

In late December 2014 Parktone Primary School was fortunate to be included in a government initiative to have the external walls cladded with new material. The external failing tiles were held together with glue that contained small traces of asbestos. The asbestos was never air-born and has never been a risk to the community. The renovation comes at no cost to the school and will look fantastic when finished.

Homework

Homework is a valued element of our whole-school program. Please refer to the following outline so that you are better positioned to plan for quality family time, personal out-of-school commitments and extra-curricular activities such as sports and music/arts programs.

Prep – Grade 2

Reading nightly Mon – Thu
Mathletics (set tasks)

Grades 3-6

Reading nightly Mon – Thu
Mathletics (set tasks)

Optional Projects Each Term

The Leader in Me Focus
Inquiry Unit Focus
Personal Choice

Students will be provided with a rubric to specifically guide them in achieving high standards.

More information will be posted on the school website next week.

Making Time

Heidi, Caleb, and I appreciate parental participation in the school’s programs. Should you have a concern please contact Melissa in the office, to schedule a time to meet with one of us. We value your input and would prefer to set aside quality time with you.

123 Magic Discipline Approach

Parktone Primary uses the 123 Magic Discipline Approach across all classrooms. We are running a parent information session so you too can implement this highly effective approach at home. The focus of the strategy is to manage behaviour of concern, encourage positive behaviour and strengthen relationships through the use of No Talk – No Emotion. The morning session will be run by Michelle Bampfield from Synergy Counselling Service on Monday February 9th from 9:15am to 10:30am in the Readers’ Retreat in the main building.

Our Philosophy

The following statements, habits and code of conduct are what we aim to live by every day at Parktone Primary. With this framework in mind the staff and children are creating a rich school culture and a strong sense of connectedness.

Our Vision

There is a prosperous path for every child.

Each journey is theirs to lead.

There is a place in which every child can shine.
Our Mission Statement
Identify the talent, develop the confidence and create the leader.

Our Habits
- Be proactive
- Begin with the end in mind
- Put first things first
- Think ‘win-win’
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- Synergise
- Sharpen the saw

Our Motto: Always Moving Forward

Our Code of Conduct
In every situation, irrespective of circumstances, I will:
- Be kind and well-mannered;
- Do what I can to help;
- Always try to do my best;
- Stay positive and confident; and
- Be thankful for who and where I am.

Classroom Introduction Evening
Parktone’s Classroom Introduction Evening will be held on Tuesday February 10th. The evening will give you an opportunity to visit your child’s classroom, meet with the teacher and have your questions answered. Please refer to the notice that was sent home earlier this week for additional information.

The Leader in Me Parent Information Session
Next Thursday February 12th from 9:15am to 9:45am Laura Wapling and Jo Moriani will brief parents about the Leader in Me process in our new Grade 2 building (near the play equipment).

Parking and Respecting our Neighbours
Please help us to maintain a positive relationship with our local residents by obeying traffic speed limits and parking signs. Parking across driveways or on nature strips is not permitted. Ample parking is available in: McSwain St, Evan St, Lawborough Ave, Grey St and Keiller Ave. The main entrance of the school is on Robert Street and all day parking is reserved for the administration staff. The rest of Robert Street has a 15 minute parking limit and should be used as a drop off point only.

School Council Elections
If you would like to be on school council please complete a self-nomination form or have someone nominate you. Forms are available at the office from Friday February 6th and close on Friday February 20th.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
Are the decisions you are making today based on principles or on other people or circumstances?
Have a great week everyone.

George Danson

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Parktone Primary.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm next Friday February 20th 2015.

In the event that an election is required ballot papers will be sent out on Tuesday February 24th. The ballot will close at 4 pm on Friday March 3rd 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

George Danson
Principal
Nomination forms will be available at the general office from Friday February 6th.
IRON MAN 2015

On Sunday the 1st of February some extremely brave Parktone community members, participated in the Sandringham Half Ironman. That involved 1.9 km swim, 90 km ride and 21.1 km run. The conditions were extremely challenging. The waves were big and the wind provided a nice challenge staying on the bike and not getting blown off, the run had to provide an added challenge as well, the rain made the ground muddy and slippery and hard to run on.

Congratulations and well done to our new Assistant Principal Caleb Peterson and parents Mark Yates and Barbara Eastwood. The Parktone Community is very proud of your achievements and determination.

Anne Ziogos