Principal’s Report

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: Identify the talent, develop the confidence and create the leader.

Assembly
Last Monday we held our first whole-school assembly for the year. It was great to finally have the construction fencing cleared and to have our senior school students lead the assembly with confidence.

Multipurpose Building
Hopefully the building will be accessible next week. The music program will be based in the two end rooms. The main large space will be used for a range of activities.

Car Parking
Please remember to abide by local parking signs. Some parents are parking and leaving their vehicles in the two-minute drop off bays on McSwain Street, which is frustrating for others wanting to stop, kiss and go.

Extra-Curricular Activities
It is great to see so many students participating in various before and after-school activities. The Lego workshops, sports, music lessons and Wednesday morning running sessions are engaging the children and supporting them in developing their confidence and talents.

Minister of Parliament Visit
Last week we were fortunate to have our local State MP Mr Tim Richardson visit our school. Tim was keen to meet and had a clear and accurate understanding of our past, present and future needs. We are looking forward to building a close and strong relationship over the coming years. It is comforting as a school leader, of one of the fastest growing schools in Victoria, to know that our local MP is determined to help us manage future growth. Tim is a proactive leader and has already shared our story in parliament!

Mr Richardson —
I would like to reflect on my visit to Parktone Primary School in Parkdale and pay tribute to Principal George Danson and the students and teachers. Not long ago this school was on its knees, with just 120 students. The student population is now 500 strong. It is thriving. It has a wonderful program based on Stephen Covey’s book The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, customised to teach students how to perform in leadership roles. I pay tribute to George Danson and his team. I look forward to working with the school into the future to help meet its growing needs.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
Even in the midst of people or circumstances that seem to ignore the principles, we can be secure in the knowledge that principles are bigger than people or circumstances, and that thousands of years of history have seen them triumph, time and time again.

Kind Regards,
George Danson
Bunnings Visit
Bunnings visited us this week and started our new Sustainability Garden by building 4 vegetable boxes. Labour and resources were donated free to the school.

Eventually the garden will become a huge learning source with pathways and seats for children to explore. The garden will be open and accessible from open til close of school hours.

Thank you to Bunnings for the hard work and donations.

Lost Property
Lost property is now located in the sports shed.

Class Contact List 2015
As you are aware, the Social and Fundraising Group has distributed a class contact list compiled by your Class Representative.

This contact list is to be used for communication amongst parents and for the planning of special year level get-togethers such as coffee mornings and holiday play dates etc.

If you have not yet returned the form giving permission for your details to be included on the list, please pop into the office and fill one out. This will be passed onto your class rep.

Fees/Payment using Bpay
BPay is the preferred payment option at Parktone Primary School. Your Biller Code is unique to you and can be located on your statement. You can use BPay for school charges, excursions, camps, swimming, etc. If you have misplaced your BPay Biller Code, simply ring the school office.

Nadine Robinson
Business Manager

Squirt the Turtle
Thank you to Brian Kirk who kindly donated a huge tank for Squirt to live in. Hopefully it will be up and running soon.

Canteen
Could parents please remind their children to give their lunch orders in to the teachers first thing in the morning.

Drop off and Pick up Zone at Parktone
We know how busy the streets surrounding Parktone are at drop off and pick up. In order to ease congestion please ensure you take note of the signage around the streets. In the mornings and afternoons please be aware that the section of road at the top of McSwain Street, before you reach the crossing, is a NO PARKING ZONE (see pictures below). This area is to be used for drop off and pick up ONLY. We ask that parents do not park in this zone or leave their cars unattended. This impedes the flow of traffic and is against parking regulations. Parking inspectors regularly patrol the streets.
Friday 20th February, the senior school hosted St Mark’s Primary. Parktone students showed great endeavour and improved on the previous week’s showing with 3 wins. Congratulations to the Girl’s cricket, Girl’s and Boy’s softball.
Friday 13th February, Grade 5 and 6 students played various sports with Parkdale Primary. The children all performed well in their respective activity.
Parktone students travelled to Kingswood Primary The Boys’ cricket and Rounders teams enjoyed their first success. The other teams put in a terrific effort and played with great spirit.
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4th March 2015

Term 1

We have been busy at Camp Australia these past two weeks we have talking about sustainability and what we can do both at home and at OSHC to help and preserve our planet. The children now collect water left over drinking water to water the garden. We recycle paper for different crafts, we also use the fruit delivery boxes for art.

We have been very fortunate that some of our parents have been bringing us some recyclable material for the children to use in craft, this weekend Annette is going to the resource art truck in Ringwood to source out some other materials we can use. If any of our parents have boxes or other material (no egg cartons or toilet rolls thank you) we would love to have them.

School holidays are fast approaching again and if you need holiday care are local Camp Australia locations are at Mentone Primary and Aspendale Gardens, Annette will be at Aspendale Gardens these holidays. Or you can go to [www.campasutralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campasutralia.com.au/holidayclubs) and find another location.

Hope to see you all soon at Camp Australia