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.

100 Days of Prep
Today the Prep children celebrated their 100th day at Parktone Primary. It was rewarding watching the children and their teachers enjoying their classroom parties and posing for a milestone photo.

School Disco
Next Friday August 7th we are having our annual Disco night. The event is always a fun and safe time, when the children can really let their hair down and dance. The Prep – Grade 2 session starts at 5:30pm. The Grades 3-6 session begins at 7:00pm. Refer to Compass for details.

Plant a Tree Day
Last Friday many of our students and teachers set out to beautiful our school yard. They did a great job, especially in the garden beds around the Grade 2 buildings. Unfortunately the plants that the children planted were stolen on the weekend.

Concert Preparation
This year’s concert ‘A Splash of Colour’ will have everyone tapping their feet. The children and teachers have begun rehearsing for this all dance celebration. The concert date is Thursday September 3 and more details will be posted shortly.

UNSW Maths Competition
Each year we give students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to participate in the UNSW Maths Competition. Students will sit the competition on Tuesday 11th August. The competition covers areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry using novel situations relevant to students. All students who enter are awarded a certificate with outstanding students being awarded a medal. Each student receives a results letter complete with a graphical student profile showing strengths and weaknesses.

Habit 5 Tip: Seek first to understand, then to be understood. The key to good judgment is understanding. By judging first, a person will never fully understand.

Reflection
It is a privilege to work at Parktone Primary School. I was visited by two Prep girls today. They came to my office to tell me that they had been synergizing with their friends. I was surprised how the girls went on to explain what synergising meant to them and how it helps them to work well with others. I can only imagine how highly effective these students will be when they graduate onto high school in six years’ time. Truly amazing!

Have a great week everyone.

George Danson
Hi everyone

We have some very exciting news. **Online Ordering**

Yes.......we have finally found a company that is perfect to organise our Canteen lunch orders online.

**My School Tuck shop** is a Melbourne based Australian Company that we are pleased to be joining with to provide this service for our Canteens. Lunches ordered online and prepared in our Canteen. We are in the final stages of setting this up and should have it all in place to begin in August.

We will let you know as soon as it is ready to go.

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**COMMUNITY LINKS**

Don’t forget to look at the Community Links section of the Newsletter for some ideas on after school activities for your children. There is always lots of great information on these pages so make sure and have a look.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

During Term 3 Commonwealth Bank are offering some great prizes for our school banking students. All you need to do is make at least 3 deposits during Term 3. It’s great to see our regular savers bringing in their books each week and wouldn’t it be great if one of them was lucky enough to win a prize. If you would like to open an account for your child pick up an information pack and application form from the office.
Last Term some of our amazing Parktone Primary School students presented at The Leader In Me Symposium in front of 180 educators and leaders from across the world. We were very proud watching them present so confidently on stage - great work by great leaders!
Last Friday 1C and 1S students were lucky enough to participate in our National Tree Planting Day.
The students learnt how to use a range of gardening tools and skills needed to prepare the planting process. It was fantastic to see how enthusiastic and proud the children were during their gardening lesson. We are all excited about using the vegie boxes in the coming months, and utilizing the produce in the kitchen! Parktone is now a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden school, which will provide our students with many engaging real life learning experiences and knowledge.

Waste Free Wednesday is about encouraging students to bring to school their recess and lunches with minimal waste! This will reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into the bins, that goes into the ground, that pollutes our planet. This is an amazingly simple concept that really empowers the kids to create change, you will be amazed with how enthused they can become!

The Golden Bin Award will be given to the class each week who has come to school with the least amount of rubbish in their recess and lunch boxes on Wednesdays. We also encourage this on all other school days.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef