Our Vision Statement
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 Motto
Always Moving Forward

Student Led Conferences
It was rewarding to observe the students leading discussions on their progress with their parents and teachers on Tuesday evening. The students referred to their Leadership Notebooks during the conferences. The Notebooks serve as concrete evidence, of how the students apply the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The Notebooks comprise of: vision and mission statements; codes of conduct; personal and academic goals; tracking progress tools; performance results; and samples of work.

Capital Works Update
The Department of Education and the Building Authority approved Parktone Primary’s report for the development of a master plan. The report contextualised our school’s vision and mission and our current and future student learning needs and educational directions. We are in the process of selecting an architect. By the end of August an architect will be appointed and then over the next six to twelve months, design a master plan.

During this time the architect will be invited to meet with key stakeholders to gain deeper understandings of student, teacher parent and local residents’ ideas and aspirations.

Bring Your Own Device (laptop)
Information Session
Next Tuesday at 6:30pm Caleb Peterson will deliver an informative presentation of the school’s vision and strategy to unleash teacher and student access to 21st century planning, teaching, learning and assessment tools. The session will provide an opportunity for interested parents to ask questions and to learn more about current and future teaching and learning needs.

New Classrooms Update
Another two classrooms have been mounted and almost ready for handover. New pathways were poured this week. The early arrival of the building will ensure a smooth start to the 2017 school year when Parktone increases to twenty-six grades.

New Garden Beds
Leslie our gardener continues to create a welcoming school environment. The new garden beds around the grade one and two buildings are looking great.
Principal’s Report continued ...

Concert Tickets on Sale
The annual school concert is fast approaching. On Wednesday September 7th one performance, and one performance only, is scheduled at the Palais Theatre in St Kilda. Nicole Lowe our Performing Arts teacher and the entire staff are gearing up for what will be an exciting and memorable evening. We have a team of parents working diligently creating costumes and props, whilst students are learning lines and refining their dance moves. Tickets can be purchased via Ticketmaster on their website ticketmaster.com.au or phone 136 100. You do not need to purchase a ticket for students.

Enrolment Update
We have had a number of students transfer into our school recently. The 2017 Prep enrolment is at 62 and counting, which means we are certain to have four Prep grades next year.

Thought of the Week
"At all times, we must keep open the possibility that much more is possible. "Bofy OS Idiodi!"

Have a great week.

Kind Regards,

George Danson
Principal

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Library

As we head into Term 3, I am pleased to announce that the students are enjoying the opportunity to borrow from our library. The library is well and truly up and running now and students get the chance to come once a week to borrow and return books. It has been lovely to see how much enjoyment the students are getting during their visits. Keen borrowers are welcome to return and borrow outside of their class times, they can do this during the first half of lunch Monday-Thursday.

Thanks to the many donations received last year, we have quite a good selection of picture story and fiction books available and we also have a small selection of non-fiction titles. We receive a selection of new books each month from Lamont Publishing and it is exciting to see our stock grow.

For students participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, there is a selection of challenge books set aside in the library. Students still have plenty of time to complete the challenge so feel free to come and see me if you need help finding a suitable book.

Look forward to seeing you in the library soon.

Beverley Watson
Dear Parents,

As previously communicated, we have introduced a grade 3 to 6 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program which will be in effect for 2017. Some parents have already bought the device! We are holding an information session in the grade 6 classrooms next Tuesday 26th July at 6.30pm. We have invited a representative from Centre Com who will walk through how to use the portal for purchasing the device as well as details of the devices functionality. In addition we will discuss the vision and purpose of the program and provide plenty of questions and answer time. We anticipate that the presentation will run for 20 minutes and we will stay as long as required to answer all questions thereafter.

Please read the previous Compass news item about BYOD prior to the information session.

In 2017, Parktone Primary will begin the 3rd phase of a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device – Laptop) program. This program allows students to bring their own devices to school for educational use in the classroom.

The ICT philosophy at Parktone recognizes that in the digital age, and with rapid and continuous changes in the ways that people share, use, develop and communicate with ICT, young people need to be highly skilled in its use. To participate in a knowledge-based economy and to be empowered within a technologically sophisticated society now and into the future, students at Parktone Primary will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make ICT work for them at school and at home.

Parktone Primary has prepared to meet the needs of all aspects of the program. Phase 1 of the program began at the end of last year with an upgrade to our wireless network capabilities and servers. Phase 2 involved meticulous research for selection of the ideal device for our teaching and learning needs. We timed the selection and purchase of 70 of the devices with the end of a lease program which will see 30 four-year-old computers replaced with the devices and provide our students, teachers and technicians an opportunity to test the full capabilities as well as discover any limitations to be overcome prior to commencement of the 3rd phase.

The following timeline has been determined for the full implementation of phase 3

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The personal computing device that is brought to school must meet the specifications listed below in order to operate with our network:
Operating system requirements: Windows 8 or higher
Minimum screen size 11”
8 hour battery life
Minimum 4gb RAM
Physical connected keyboard (no wireless or Bluetooth)
USB port
These are the same requirements expected of parents from Parkdale Secondary College. The device that Parktone Primary has sourced and purchased for our own use has superior specifications than the minimum required by Parkdale Secondary College. We are highly recommending the device (ACER SWITCH PRO 11) and future iterations of it as the preferred device for parents to purchase.

We have sourced the device from Centre COM which is a company that has provided Parktone's parents with a portal to purchase the device and streamline the process of purchasing, distribution through the school, software installation by the school, warranty and repairs. At the moment Centre COM are prepared to offer to parents the same device that Parktone has purchased and is recommending, at the same prices that Parktone purchased 70 devices ($690 + GST), until stocks run out. It is anticipated the next version (2017 model) of the same laptop will cost between $850 and $900. The next version will be lighter and have a camera on both sides of the device.

It is our vision to significantly increase the number of devices available to our Prep to Grade 2 students and for every grade 3 to 6 student to have their own digital learning tool. At the moment there are only 5 devices per class which limits the range of online resources and software packages that can be used. Each class only has access to the computer lab once per week and if a class requires every student to have access to a computer at any other time the teacher is required to organise a time with three other classes when they are not using their devices so the students can borrow them. By providing students with their own digital learning tools organisational limitations will be removed and our staff will have access to methods of teaching that not only engage learners but enhance the efficiency of learning.

Imagine a class in which at the push of a button:
- a teacher is able to ‘push’ the content from their own screen to all of the students’ screens
- a student can ‘push’ what they have been working on to the interactive television for all to see/edit/provide feedback
- a teacher can ask key questions and instead of getting just one answer via a ‘hand-up’, every child’s thought/answer can be given and a teacher will receive instant and sometimes graphed knowledge of what the students are understanding.
- Students can hear what they have written, say what they want to write and make real time edits
- Students can create mini-films and take still shots to capture moments of learning, thought and work they are proud of
- And so much more!

Our School Council has endorsed this program. Early next term we will hold an information session in which a representative from CentreCom will be present to discuss the device and method of purchase.

Please direct any further queries to Caleb Peterson.
We are excited to share that Parktone is improving the reporting process. Currently, teachers are required to report student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum twice a year. Parents receive a fairly generic report with summary blurbs about the content covered and often a comment database is used to indicate achievement. Parents have provided feedback that the reports tend to be impersonal. We know that for feedback to be effective, it needs to be received in a timely manner. We also know that for feedback to be meaningful it should be specific to the individual and related to a known task. Whilst we have always strived to provide timely and meaningful feedback to students, we are transitioning to an ongoing reporting process as a means to extend the provision of feedback to parents as well.

During the curriculum day on Friday 17th June, one of the tasks teachers undertook was to map Key Assessment Tasks (KATs) that would occur throughout Term 3. A KAT typically provides teachers with supporting evidence to support student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum. A teacher takes into account more than a singular result when they report achievement to parents; however ongoing reporting allows parents to view the assessment result at the time it is marked rather than waiting for a summary at the end of each semester. The result of each KAT will be reported on Compass along with the ability to view either the assessment or the rubric used to judge achievement.

The second semester of 2016 presents an opportunity to start ongoing reporting of Numeracy and Literacy with the view to reporting all others subjects in an ongoing manner from 2017. Science, Humanities, ICT, P.E., Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Japanese will be reported on in the same manner as it currently is along with a summary achievement grade for Numeracy and Literacy at the end of Semester 2 2016. From 2017 only a summary grade will be provided at the end of each semester.

We look forward to your feedback on our decision to report progress in a more timely, relevant and meaningful manner.

Please direct any further queries to Caleb Peterson.
GOOD LUCK ADAM MAO!

Adam Mao from 2B is leaving to go to America soon to compete in the US Kids Golf World Championships. He will be taking part with 1200 other children from around the world. It will be a 3 day tournament at Pinehurst Golf Course beginning on the 4th August. We wish Adam lots of luck and we know he’ll have a memorable experience.

Here is the website link to the championship http://www.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/world/find-tournament/496159/world-championship-2016

Well Done Jude

Jude from 6C sailed in the Minnow National Champs over 5 days in Darwin. He came 5th overall out of 35 boats, which was well above his expectations. His sportsmanship and persistence were outstanding, observing all the rules of racing. On several occasions this put him at the back of the fleet, and he fought back into the top 10 - 15 boats every time.
You Are Invited To The First Annual Parktone Primary School

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Dinner

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST @ 7:30pm

Woodlands Golf Course, 109 White St, Mordialloc

$65 per head - includes:
3 course dinner
Complimentary drink on arrival
A great evening of fun & dancing

LIMITED TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets available via www.trybooking.com
Search - Parktone Primary School Gala
IT IS TIME FOR THE KIDS TO GET THEIR DANCING SHOES ON!!

The Parktone Social Group invites them to come and shake it with their friends at the school disco. Footsteps dance will be spinning the tunes and running the show so it promises to be a fantastic fun-filled night.

Held at the Mordi-Brae Football Club on Friday 5th August - Prep to Grade 2 from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. Grade 3 to Grade 6 7pm until 8pm. $5 per child.

For more details and to book please refer to compass

If you are able to help on the night please email parktone.psg@gmail.com