Principal’s Report

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

Book Week
Last Friday the staff and students celebrated Book Week by dressing up as characters from their favourite stories. A whole-school assembly was held and characters paraded around the basketball courts to the delight of onlookers. Melissa Cox, one of our staff members won the Best Costume award, and was unrecognisable disguised as Miss Trunchbull from Matilda.

Planning Week
This week each team of teachers spent one day collectively planning next term’s educational programs.

This is a standard practice at Parktone and has been instrumental in the writing of highly effective units of study, tailored to meet the learning needs of our students. The term planners are then made more explicit on a weekly basis, as teachers write detailed lesson plans, which are then articulated and demonstrated during weekly team meetings. We currently have teachers and school leaders visiting Parktone to observe what has become known as best practice throughout the Kingston Network. Caleb Peterson and Laura Wapling have also presented our planning model to more than thirty primary and secondary school principals.

Capital Works Update
Last Friday the architect selection process was finalised. We were very impressed with Baldasso Cortese and will soon meet with the Senior Project Architect for a Start-up appointment. Information will be shared with the community as we are led through the creation of a master plan and concept maps over the next thirteen weeks.
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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Fathers’ Day
This Sunday is Fathers’ Day. Yesterday students were able to purchase small gifts from the school organised by our Parents and Friends Team. This afternoon, parents were invited to visit their children at school for a sausage sizzle and game time, to celebrate this special day.

Concert: Around the World with the Davidsons
Next Wednesday September 7th will be one of the most exciting days of the school year. At 7pm when the lights dim and the curtain rises, the students will take us on a musical adventure around the world. Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster. Further details are available on Compass.

Last Day of Term
Friday September 16th is the last day of Term 3 and the students will be dismissed at 2:30pm after a short assembly.

Thought for the Week
You can’t calm the storm, so stop trying. What you can do is calm yourself. The storm will pass.

Have a great week.

Kind Regards,
George Danson
Principal

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2016 Book Week
PARKTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE DAVIDSONS

PALAIS THEATRE
WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016
7:00PM

TICKETS $25.00. PLEASE VISIT TICKETMASTER.COM.AU OR PHONE 136 100
Congratulations to Daniel Jones and Benjamin Logan from 6C for being nominated by their fellow classmates, and teacher for the Fred Hollows Humanitarian grade 6 award. The Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award recognises Year 6 students in ACT, NSW, VIC & TAS who are following in Fred’s footsteps by making a positive difference in their community. Whether it’s volunteering, raising awareness for a cause, or simply showing compassion for others, no act is too small to celebrate.

Daniel Jones is presenting his initiative to the Beacon team, 'Make a Change with your Loose Change.' This would encourage all members of the school community to take 5 and 10c pieces to a piggy bank at the office. Once the piggy bank is full the proceeds would go to the Salvation Army to provide resources and food for those in need. Daniel was inspired by watching a documentary, 'Living on One Dollar a day.' Daniel is an inspirational, generous, kind and compassionate student and his classmates in year six were proud to write his nomination and send it to the Fred Hollows organisation. We are extremely proud of the grade 6 leader that Daniel has become and we congratulate him on his worthy nomination.

Benjamin Logan played an integral part when helping to write out Daniel's nomination, but what he had not realised until later was that he too had been nominated by his peers and teacher. Benjamin is an inspirational leader whose acts of kindness involve asking students' how their day is going and caring for others at all times. Benjamin consistently enquires about the welfare of every student he encounters at school. He is also very proactive as a leader in class for his teacher. Congratulations to Benjamin for his outstanding kindness, cooperation and care for others during 2016.

Nominations closed 26th August and regardless of the outcome, we could not be prouder of the magnificent leadership qualities that both students display every day at school.

Ms Georgie Callanan

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**Thank You**

*Mark Eddy Hodges Real Estate has kindly donated $500.00 to our upcoming production which is on Wednesday 7th September 2016. Thank you very much Mark Eddy Hodges Real Estate. We are very grateful for your generous and thoughtful donation to Parktone Primary School.*

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**Proud supporter of Parktone Primary School**

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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.

Please direct any further queries to Caleb Peterson.
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dillos are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 to have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras, and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotional starts 9.09am AEST 11/4/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/4/16. Student Beneficiary Entry is open to all School Banking customers aged 5-13 years. Entries received into Star Saver draw when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking program. Entry received into Supernova draw when an activity is completed online at commbank.com.au/prizelights and submitting a fully completed entry form. One entry per person per draw. Entries will be divided into the following School Banking groups: STRONGBACK, WCAINT, VOSINT, geed, GALINT, TOTINT, LINT, UFTINT. A total of 200 prizes comprising the supernova draw for 50 PlayStation 4 packs valued at $599.99 each, and the star Saver draw for 50 camping kits valued at $234.99 each, 90 instant camera packs valued at $114 each, and 200 12-month subscriptions to Total Sport Kids magazines valued at $46.80 each, will be distributed amongst the School Banking groups. The Supernova names of the winners will be published on commbank.com.au/prizelights on 16/1/17. School Beneficiary Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least $100 in savings within the Student Beneficiary at the promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following School Banking groups: ANZINT, MCINT, SCAINT, LINT, TOTINT, VOSINT. A total of 75 prizes of a total value of $3000 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the School Banking groups. Prize draw will take place at 12 noon AEDT 12/9/16 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 The Quadrant, Sydney. Total prize value $77,464.50. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 123 of Level 3, 11 The Quadrant, Sydney 1099 2016, NSW Attorney-General's, ACT Attorney-General's, SA Attorney-General's.
eravue is coming to your school this term. Don’t miss the chance to forever catch this part of their lives forever.

What is eravue?

Memories from school days are so often limited to stories, report cards and a range of photos - and not much more. At eravue we are turning moving images into the new normal and making school photos come to life.

Every year eravue will visit your school and produce a short film of each participating student for parents to receive. In addition, at school graduation, a compilation video of your child’s school journey will be created.

The resulting films are then able to be shared with anyone you wish, so they can watch and marvel at the growth of your child’s personality. Geography is no longer a limitation. You have the power to choose who can see your child’s film and distribute it globally.

The eravue concept has been designed to be easy and fun for students and forever enlightening and rewarding for parents.

We are asking for you to register your intention to participate by visiting http://ev.fyi/parktone_2016 and entering your details by Friday 19th August. We will then contact you directly with payment, dates and filming schedule.
First Aid
Spare Uniform
The First Aid room is stocked with spare uniform thanks to the generosity of our Parktone community. In the winter months, children can end up with a very muddy uniform and so the lovely staff is able to give them a clean dry uniform. Unfortunately our stocks are getting low. If you have spare uniform at home, we would really appreciate it if you could return it as soon as possible so we can keep helping your kids.
Thanks so much!

BYOD Cases
There are now device cases available on the Centrecom Parent Portal. Just visit:
http://www.centrecom.com.au

Mentone Aquarium
Come for a visit and find Nemo the Clown Fish! Heaps of things to see like fish, turtles, frogs, snakes, spiders and even glow in the dark scorpions. Check us out on Facebook or go to our website.

Hours
Monday – Friday 10.30am – 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday 10.30am – 5.00pm

Like us on Facebook and show your visit for 5% off your next purchase of fish.

Thanks to Mentone Aquarium for donating the supplies for fish tank. It is very much appreciated!