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.

Book Week Parade
Last Friday the children and staff celebrated book week and came to school dressed as characters from famous stories. It was a lot of fun and helped remind the children that books do influence our thinking, give us pleasure and influence our lives.

Concert: True Colours
Next Thursday September 3rd the children will be dancing the night away for their families and friends at the Kingston City Hall. The children have been rehearsing diligently in preparation for the annual event. Tickets are still available for both performances.

Visiting Classrooms: Looking at Reading
Over the past weeks Teena Muscat, Caleb Peterson and I have been visiting classrooms to observe how the students are learning during Reading lessons. It has been rewarding to see highly focussed students actively participating in daily Guided Reading and Reciprocal Teaching sessions. It is also encouraging to see parents supporting the children during the Reading lessons across the grade levels.

Responsible Parking
Local residents have complained that Parktone Primary parents are parking across private driveways at drop off and pick up times. As stated in previous newsletters, there is ample parking in the surrounding streets of the school, and that parents should expect to park 100 metres or more from the school gates during peak times. Traffic congestion is prominent in most inner-suburban and city schools, yet with the right approach, traffic flow and safety can be assured. Please note that infringement notices for parking violations have been served recently.

Dog Droppings
Many families bring their dogs into the school yard after hours. Dropping bag dispensers have been erected near school gates. In the interest of public health and safety I request that dog owners be vigilant in monitoring their pets’ behaviour and to remove droppings using the bags provided.

K-Prep Transition
Last week 36 pre-schoolers attended an early transition session in the Prep Centre, in preparation for the 2016 school year. Currently 92 Prep enrolment forms have been submitted. If you have not enrolled your pre-schooler for 2016 please contact Bev or Lisa in the office by Friday September 4th.

School Council and Sub-Committee
Sub-committee meetings begin at 6:30pm in the main building followed by the School Council meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm. Remaining Tuesday meetings for 2015: Sep 15th; Oct 20th and Nov 17th.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind
“Beginning with the End in Mind” is based on the principle that all things are created twice. There’s a mental or first creation, and a physical or second creation, to all things.
Have a great week everyone.

George Danson
UNIFORM BUY / SWAP/ SELL

FACEBOOK PAGE

Thanks to some proactive parents there is now a Parktone Primary School Uniform Buy / Swap / Sell Facebook page. Join the page to promote this great service for our parent community and find yourself a bargain! Once online, be sure to read through the well thought out rules and guidelines.

To join, follow the link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/954787611246370/

7 HABITS AT HOME

The Parktone Community has learnt a lot about the 7 Habits and we are learning how to apply these habits at school and in our daily lives. The ideas included here are to help your family use these habits at home.

Make a “wish poster”. Start by drawing a line down the middle. On one side, write, cut, and paste magazine pictures of things you want. On the other side, cut, paste, or write the items your parents want. Together, look at your “wish poster”. See how you can work with each other to make both your wishes and your parents’ wishes come true!

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. In this edition there are several flyers for school holiday programs for you to consider. There is always lots of great information on these pages so make sure and have a look.
Our Grade 2 students had a fantastic Book Week, celebrating our learning about Fairytales with an awesome Drama Toolbox Incursion and our Book Week Dress Up Day!
Science Day
26th August 2015

**TCAF**

Term 3 is our fundraising term, this time its for the Smith Family, we have asked the children to bring in a bear or a soft toy to Camp Australia, until Friday 4th Sept, as we are having a cutest bear competition to help us raise fund for the Smith Family, each child is asked to bring a bear, they can have a written story and dress their bear, also bring along a gold coin donation, (this includes 1 free vote) if they wish to vote for more than bear they need an extra 50 cents. The children will be voting for the bears from 7th to 15th Sept. Prizes will be given to the winners and they will be announced on 17th Sept.

The children at Parktone have their school concert on Thursday 3rd Sept, Parents please remember to cancel your child’s booking if you don’t need it, remember we have a 7 day policy cancellation, and they are very excited!! Annette & Felicity will be attending the concert so be on the look-out!

School holidays are just around the corner, Annette will be working at the Mentone Primary Vacation Club with Camp Australia and I hope to see you there.

Remember we are always here to help our families, if you would like to come and see what we do, you are more than welcome to drop by!! We hope to see you soon!!
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