**Principal’s Report**

**Our Vision**
There is a prosperous path for very 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.

**Fathers’ Day Celebration**
Last Friday afternoon the school was ‘a buzz’ when dads and other special family members came to spend time with their children to celebrate Fathers’ Day. The sausage sizzle and playground activities ensured everyone had a great time. Thank you to the parents and teachers who worked behind the scenes to make the event a memorable one.

**Splash of Colour Concerts**
Last week the children eagerly performed dance routines when they participated in one of our two Splash of Colour concerts. They did a terrific job. I was especially impressed with the Grade Six students who were the MCs on the night. They spoke with confidence and at times included humour. Next year we have tentatively booked a larger venue so we will only need to have one concert. We will provide the details next year when the booking is confirmed.

**Lunchtime Activities**
It is rewarding to see teachers giving of their own time to run extra lunchtime activities. This term Newcomb has been an addition to the lunchtime activities program and it has been a great success.

**Last Day of Term (Footy Theme)**
Next Friday September 18th the children are encouraged to wear their favourite football or other sporting team’s colours (no gold coin required). The children will have the chance to parade in their colours before the whole school at 1pm on the basketball court. The canteen will be open.

**Early Dismissal on the Last Day**
Next Friday September 18th the students will be dismissed at 2:30pm after a short assembly.

**Filling Our and Others’ Emotional Bank Accounts**
Building and repairing relationships are long-term investments.

Have a great week everyone. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/954787611246370/)**

"Thank you for the fantastic support in collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. So far we have collected 38,000 stickers a fantastic achievement!! The program ended on 8th September so please bring in any stickers you have lying around and drop them in our collection box outside the Japanese room."

**Megan Berriman**

7 HABITS AT HOME

Ask each family member to identify what they think their mum, dad, brother or sister is really good at, then share the lists with each other and discuss how you could Synergise on homework, chores, playing games, sports, etc.

SYNERGISE:

Together Is Better

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.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Friday 4th September 2015, the Parktone Primary School district athletics squad participated in the Mordialloc District Athletics Carnival, held at Dolamore Reserve, Mentone. The students performed exceptionally well on the day representing our school in a terrific manner. We had some outstanding individual achievements on the day (see opposite) and finished 7th overall.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the parents and friends who came along and supported our athletes on the day. Your support is very much appreciated by all students and staff.

Also another HUGE thank you to Mr Sargeant and Mr McKenzie for their assistance in training, coaching and managing on the day. Their passion and enthusiasm is outstanding and our athletes are privileged to have such great support.

Well done again to all our athletes and I very much look forward to some more successful years to come.

Peter McGettigan

Overall Champions

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***CONGRATULATIONS***
September 2015

Waste free Wednesdays
A big thank you to all parents and their support this term. We have noticed an improvement on the cleanliness of our grounds. Our students are excited that they are synergising with their peers to make a positive impact.

Prep Gardening Project
Earlier in the term the Prep children all received a kit containing a biodegradable Peat Pot and some vegetable seeds. The students have taken their seed raising kits home, and now that spring is here they are super excited about watching their plants grow. They are looking forward to bringing the seedlings in to school and planting them in our new kitchen garden!

How you can reduce waste at home?
- Turn paper into note sized paper for grocery lists and to do lists.
- Take reusable bags when shopping.
The Silk Cut Award for Linocut Prints was introduced in 1995 to promote the making, appreciation and understanding of contemporary linocut printmaking in Australia. The Award aims to provide creative opportunities for artists of all ages. This year Parktone Primary School entered 5 pieces of work from Working in Your Element - Printmaking in Term 3. Bryony Baker’s lino cut was chosen out of 5 entries from Parktone to represent the schools section. Well done to all students who contributed to the award.

Mrs Poulter and Bryony at the Exhibition opening/Awards presentation night on Friday 4th September.
8th September 2015

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching!! Have you booked your child into the holiday program, our local schools are Mentone Primary and Aspendale Gardens Primary. Annette will be at Mentone Primary School. I hope to see you there.

Remember to bring your 50 cents to before/after school care program, so you can vote on your favourite bear! Prizes are given to the best dressed, cutest bear and best story. All proceeds will go to the Smith Family, and help family and children in need.

We hope you all have a great two weeks holiday and we look forward to seeing you at a local holiday club or back at before/after school, we have had a very busy term and we are organising some great activities for Term 4, we hope to see you soon.

We are always looking for recyclable material for the children to create craft with, please drop it off at before/after school care.

Remember we are always open for you to visit with your child!!
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