**NEWSLETTER**


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**Principal’s Report**

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Principal’s Report continued ...

Compass Reminder
This year the staff will limit emails to parents. Parents will only receive email alerts pertaining to notices requiring parental permission and/or payment for activities. All other notifications and information will be posted on Compass and will be visible when logged in. The staff and I would encourage everyone to check Compass at least once a week to remain up-to-date with what is going on in the classroom and across the school.

Another Traffic and Parking Reminder
I remind everyone to take extreme care when navigating vehicles around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Parking across local residents’ driveways is not permitted at any time. There are ample parking spaces in surrounding streets. As in most inner-suburban schools the streets do become congested. By parking the car 100 - 150 metres away from the school gates and walking the children from the car into the school eases congestion and fosters a calmer experience for all. It is not the school's responsibility to ensure parents obey local traffic laws. Please understand you will be fined by the Kingston Council should their officers observe you breaching traffic and parking laws.

New Garden Beds
Leslie Fyffe our talented school gardener created three attractive garden beds around the Grade One and Two Buildings. The gardens brighten up the spaces and it is hoped that the plants will not be stolen as on two previous occasions when more than 270 plants were taken from our garden beds out of school hours. Shortly we will have the pleasure of seeing the main vegetable garden sprout!

Thought of the Week
As I look back on my life, I realise that every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being re-directed to something better.

Kind Regards,

George Danson

Dear Parents,

We have a new counsellor from Engage starting at Parktone this week. This service can provide assistance for students and their families who many need some additional support in dealing with school or home issues.

We also have an on-site psychologist and speech pathologist; to refer you to should you and your children’s teachers have concerns about potential learning difficulties and targeted assessment.

Part of my role at Parktone is to facilitate and administrate the specialist referral process.

Please feel free to contact me via Compass or through the school office, or if you are in the school my office is located in the main building foyer near the front door.

Kind Regards,

Bree Jones
Welfare and Special Needs Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS
Please return all Scholastic Book Order forms by Friday 11th March 2016.
Thank you!

ACCESS MINISTRIES
All families would have received a Parent Consent Form for special religious instruction – Access Ministries. Could we please ask that all forms be returned by Friday 4th March. If you did not receive one, feel free to pick one up from the office.
Thanks.
Grade 1/2 Community Helpers Visits

As part of learning about our Community and the people that help us, we have had the Police and Ambulance visit us in Grade 1/2 to share what these special helpers do as part of their job.

The students loved having some of our parent paramedics Carrie, Ryland and Rob bring the Ambulance to school. The students got to walk through the van, see how a heart rate monitor works, learn about the special blankets and bandages and even bandaged up Miss Wapling!

The Moorabbin Police also visited us with their car and explained more about their role in the community, the ‘tools’ they have, the different types of vehicles they use and showed us how loud the siren really is!

Thank you so much Ambulance Victoria and Moorabbin Police Station for providing such fantastic learning experiences for our students.
Hi Everyone welcome back we hope you had an enjoyable break.

We have a new Menu for Term 1 with a few changes to the Special Day Orders,

Mondays: Sushi is back for this term. Tuesdays; Egg and Bacon Rolls. Wednesdays; Our famous Chicken Tender Wraps with Lettuce and Mayo. Thursdays; We've kept Dim Sims as they are a favourite and Fridays will still be our Hot Dog Day.

**Fee Free Fridays**

Don’t forget to register for On-line ordering at My School Tuck shop.

Due to the changes in the timetable and Lunch now being 30mins earlier all Friday Orders will need to be placed via My School Tuck Shop on-line. It’s the possessing of the cash that takes the longest time and we want to have the lunches ready on time.

We are covering the .33c fee for Friday orders so if you do a direct deposit it will not cost you any extra to place your Friday orders online and bags are included. Give it a go!!

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**PARKTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TERM 1 2016 CANTEEN**

**TUMMY TEASERS**

Available for lunch orders and every Canteen day at Recess and Lunchtime:

- Orange 1/4
- Sliced Apple
- Slice of Fruit In Season
- Mini Muffin
- Anzac Biscuit
- Corn Fibe cookies (Gluten Free)
- Garlic Finger
- Jumpys (Chicken/BBQ/Salt&Wine)
- Vegie Chips (Gluten Free)
- Granio Waves
- Pop Corn
- Plain Small Bag
- Ginger Bread People
- Yoghurt Tubo-Topped with Fruit coulis
- Juice - Frozen Fruit Ice Pole

**DRINKS**

- Juice Box 250ml- Apple/Orange $1.60
- Oak Milk 300ml
- Choc / Straw / Vanilla $2.20
- Plain Milk 300ml $2.20
- lactose Free Choc Milk $2.29
- Hot Chocolate $2.00
- Bottled water $1.50

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For orders direct to Canteen please write the following details for your child's lunch order on a Paper Bag

- Child's Name & Grade
- Food order
- Cash amount enclosed

Please provide one bag per order.

*If a bag is not supplied 20c for a bag will need to be included.
*To help us comply with Food Safety Regulations all Paper BAGS are required.

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**Nutritional Guide**

All The Food in this Canteen Menu has been ranked by Nutrition experts using smiley faces. This allows you to make informed choices about your child’s daily nutritional requirements.

![Smiley Faces](image-url)

*This Menu is in line with the DEECD School Canteen and other School Food Policies.*

*Whilst we offer Gluten Free choices they are prepared with care in a Gluten environment*

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*Lavazza*

Grab a Coffee or Hot Choc on Canteen Days

- Hot Chocolate $2.00
- Coffee $3.00
- Coffee Lg $4.00
- Tea $2.00
- Light Milk and Soy Available

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*www.stircrazykids.com.au*

*Facebook/stircrazykids.canteen*
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.

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/
Thank you Prizes 2016

- $5000: Trampoline
- $2500: Quadcopter
- $1000: Bicycle
- $500: Kite
- $300: Water bottle
- $200: Football||net
- $150: Bubble gun
- $100: Sports ball
- $50: Sports glove
- $30: Sports tape

Register and fundraise online now
hartfoundation.org.au/jumprope
We are very excited to introduce our new **House Coloured Sport T-Shirts** which can now be purchased at the PSW store in Cheltenham. Like, with our existing sport t-shirts students are asked to wear them for their weekly PE session and on special sport days such as Athletics Day.

Please do not feel that you must purchase one straight away this is just a courtesy letter to let you know that the design has changed and are available whenever your child grows out of their existing one or you need to get another one.

Thanks,

Teena Muscat