**Editors 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.

The Easter period often presents us with a time of reflection. This year, my reflections have been influenced by the most recent terrorist atrocity that took place in Brussels. Such attacks function as the harshest of reminders that not everyone values human life as we do and like so many, the initial impact left me feeling a little more vulnerable and a little more helpless within this wide world of ours. It is all too easy to let one’s mind wander, as mine did, to draw perspective-based comparisons between the significance of such events in our world and what we consider important in our own daily lives. In one moment the innocents of Brussels were going about their lives with their own list of important priorities and the next moment their lives were taken.

It begs the question, what are our important priorities?

After all, we have classrooms, we have supportive parents, we have incredibly dedicated and talented teachers and we have young minds, ready and willing to learn; what else do we really need?

The iteration of reflections that followed however brought about a renewed sense of pride, purpose and positive attitude. That is to say, we at Parktone Primary have an abundance to be grateful for. Tim Richardson MP, addressed parliament last Thursday and spoke about our school. Whilst articulating a case for our school to be considered for additional funding, Tim simultaneously listed the things for which we can be most grateful...

- In recent years we have grown from 120 to over 500 students
- We have a strong culture, embedded in the Leader In Me process
- We have a visionary leader
- Dedicated staff and parents
- We focus on the whole child, identifying their talents, developing their confidence and creating leaders

In our current global climate, is there ever a more important priority for a school than the last point of which we are grateful? It is in developing the whole child that the value of human life is implicitly learnt and it is in creating leaders that we can instil hope for our future.
Principal’s Report continued ...

Therefore, it could be argued, we can never spend enough time, effort and thought into perpetuating all that Parktone stands for and has to offer our students, this community and abroad.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and reflective time with your loved ones over the Easter period.

Kind Regards,

Caleb Peterson
Assistant Principal
Tim Richardson MP
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School needs your help!

Parktonia Primary is a great school that has come so much needed extra support. That is why Tim Richardson MP has joined with local parents, teachers and students to launch a petition for the future.

We note the significant growth in student numbers at Parktonia Primary, which has increased by almost 50% in recent years from over 100 kids to more than 500 kids this year.

We note the need for extra funding for building upgrades at Parktonia Primary, to ensure they can continue to give our kids the best chance to succeed.

To Parktonia Primary School in the 2016/17 Budget.

To the State Government of Victoria.

We the undersigned residents petition the State Government of Victoria to provide much needed funding.
Reflections from Woorabinda

The night before camp, I couldn’t sleep at all! This morning I got up feeling so excited and a bit nervous too, and especially more tired than usual! I was all packed and ready to go. I kept on bugging mum saying, “We have to go or we will miss the bus!” I barged into my brother’s room saying “Get up, I need to get to school!”

We eventually got to school and I was even more excited than ever.

As we got on the bus, I couldn’t help thinking how much fun it would be!

When we got to camp, we went on this really long, but amazing walk to a camp fire place, where the first thing we did was make our lunch. It was so, so, so, so yummy. We had potato, sausages, pumpkin and carrot. We finished our lunches and walked back up to camp site.

I couldn’t wait to see our cabins. When I walked in, I started to unpack. Afterwards we had an assembly. The staff are really funny and nice. We then had tea. We had pasta. It was really nice, but not like the one my mum cooks at home.

I had a really fun first day today, I think it’s going to be even better tomorrow.

Last night I couldn’t sleep at all! All the girls were running up and down. It sounded like a pack of elephants running down the corridor. All of the girls, well most of the girls were up at 6:40. Before we knew it was breakfast time.

Soon after our yummy breakfast, my whole group had so many long, but fun activities. My absolute favourite activity was the zip line. I went 5 times. I was a bit frightened at my first turn. It was so tiring and hot because once we had reached the end of the zip line, we had to walk up this massive hill to get back to the starting line. I was one of the best landers.. I landed gracefully on my feet every time.

I had so much fun today, but I’m definitely looking forward to a good night’s sleep tonight.

Last night I had the best sleep ever! I was sooo tired… Anyway, you all probably don’t want to hear about my sleep, anyway, onto my day. First up, my group, the orange group, had breakfast duty – fun right! Note, I had to wake up half an hour earlier than the others. Ugh!!

Secondly, my group had high ropes. I’m not going to lie, I didn’t do it, but I got up there at least! I chickened out at the first platform!

My next activity is B3, whatever that is?

I’m back! B3 was a nice relaxing activity in the library. Afterwards, we had to do hut building. I was in a group with Harry, Amileah, Sean, Elaina and Angus. We had an amazing hut, but the teacher hauled a bucket of water and it wasn’t waterproof.

We then had a swim in the lake, it was so refreshing after a looong day.

After all the excitement, it’s almost over. I’ve had so much fun this week. Anyway, what did I do today? I had such a great day today. I had canoeing, it was so amazing. Phoebe and I made a great team. Afterwards, we had what was called second chance, which is, I’m reading this aloud, you would all know for I had zip line first – it was so much fun, I loved it. I went about 6 more times. I had to do art because there weren’t enough spots in archery and high ropes.

Overall I had an amazing day, and I can’t believe it’s all almost over. If I am reading this at assembly, to all the staff, thank you, I had a great time.

Tali 6S
Reflections from Woorabinda continued......

Day 1.
Today, when we arrived, we could see a bright green field of grass getting over watched by big tall trees. Once we all got to the cookout, we put all our sticks on the fire. Soon our fire was lit. We made our sausages and wrapped it in shiny silver foil that the staff carefully placed on the scorching fire. Once we took them off, we carefully unravelled the foil. A burst of smoke erupted out of the foil, and we took a look at the delicious looking sausage. I took my first bite. It tasted amazing. In no time, I finished and we headed off to the cabins. Once we got there, I quickly unpacked as well as do a tour of the camp. I was so excited for the days ahead.

Day 2.
Today was our first duty day. We left to go to the dining room at 7:30. Me and Tom got chosen as kitchen leaders. After a stomach filling breakfast, we head off to our assembly. Green group joined the angel choir. Me and Cooper were also the weather reporters. After assembly we went to our first activity – zip line, it was great. The first leap was scary, but after 12 goes it was easy! Later we went to the Nature Discovery room. We learnt all about animal poo and got to hold a shingleback lizard, blue tongue and two snakes. They were all so slimy. Our last activity was Skyline, a.k.a. high ropes. It was really fun. Now I know to try everything.

Day 3.
Today I woke up as if it was my first good sleep. After getting ready for the day ahead we had breakfast. We had hashbrowns and toast. It was amazing! In assembly, we found out who won the Parktone’s Got Talent. It was Phoebe and Me, Sean and Noah – surprise! We head off to our first activity, archery. It was great. Then off to my second favourite activity, the initiative course. We had two rusty billy cans filled with water to the brim to protect. Soon after it was lunch. We had amazing homemade sausage rolls. Then we had an amazing adventure through the Narracan Safari in canoes. I saw three water dragons. My favourite part was when me and Emir fell out of the canoe. I cannot wait until tomorrow.

Day 4.
Today was our last full day at Woorabinda. At 7:30 we had a delicious breakfast which was sausage and toast. After assembly, our first activity was bush art. We made an acorn army. Secondly we had hut building. We got drenched by a big bucket of icy water, but it was still fun. Our hut was the least liveable and the least waterproof! Then we had lunch. I had a delicious tomato and cheese sandwich. After a filling lunch we head off to second chance. I did high ropes. It was really fun. I got to swing on the obstacles while we were waiting. It was great! Finally we had zip lines, it was awesome!

Cooper H. 6S
Reflections from Woorabinda continued......

I woke up this morning feeling enthusiastic. The air felt joyful and I was exhilarated to go to school. Everyone was at school with their luggage. We got on the bus, and looking out of the window, there were some parents collecting their salty tears from the faces with tissues. It was sad to watch! It took a long time to arrive at our destination, but when we arrived, I was relieved. We dropped off our luggage and had a tour around. “WOW!” this place is amazing, I think I’m going to like it here.

Today I woke up to the sound of birds chirping and girls screaming. I knew if they were up, I should get up. We quickly got dressed, had our breakfast, did our assembly and got straight into our activities. First we had zip line which was probably my favourite. It was so thrilling, just letting yourself go into nothing!!! Second we had Nature Discovery which was also really interesting. We learned about nature and held animals (I held a real live snake!) Lastly we had the high rope course. At the start I was really excited and thought it would be easy, but once I got on, it was actually challenging. That’s a good lesson in life: don’t underrate something!

Today, as always, I woke to the sound of noisy girls running down the corridor. We had our tasty breakfast with yoghurt and berries. While the berries were scrunching in my mouth, I knew this would be a magnificent day. Our first activity was Bush Art which was marvellous. Then we had the initiative activities which was synergising with our team. I found out that we can work really well together!!! Subsequently, we did mapping and then straight into the canoes; splashing, pushing in the water was how we ended the day; but it’s not finished yet!

As I wake up to the sound of girls again, I knew it was time to get up. As I peacefully walked to breakfast, I could see everyone was exhilarated to start the day! After yummy toast and crunchy cereal, I was ready to start the activities. Firstly we did hut building which was challenging, but fun. Secondly, we went to the library to have some chill out time which was really needed. Subsequently we had our tasty lunch and got straight into second chance. I redid my favourite activities. Later we got dressed and had a marvellous dinner. Tomorrow we are going to leave this magnificent place; Woorabinda!

Vanessa 6C
As co-founders of UsherKids Australia, Hollie Feller and I are very proud to advise you that the support website for families with children diagnosed with Usher syndrome in Australia is now LIVE.

Usher syndrome is a rare genetic condition characterised by hearing loss or deafness, the progressive loss of vision and in some cases, vestibular dysfunction and up until now, there has been no support network in Australia dedicated to children. As parents of recently diagnosed young children, we have set up the website as a resource and contact point for all families of children with Usher syndrome in Australia. We also hope it will be a valuable tool for clinicians and support services in contact with children with Usher syndrome nationally.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could forward the attached throughout your organisation and contacts, and include in relevant newsletters. If you have any comments or feedback please do not hesitate in getting in contact with us directly at info@usherkidsaustralia.com.

With kindest regards,
Emily Shepard
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Dear Parents,

We have a new counsellor from Engage starting at Parktone. This service can provide assistance for students and their families who may 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
PARKTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON-LINE LUNCH ORDERS

You can now order your child’s lunch online at

We have everything ready to go to make lunch orders easy. All you need to do is register, add your kids, don’t forget their grades, choose their lunch and we will take care of the rest. You can order in advance or on the morning until 9am. Too easy!!

Categories are the same as this menu.

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

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
Food Allergies in Red Pen
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

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Grab a Coffee or Hot Choc on Canteen Days
Hot Chocolate $2.00
Coffee Sm $3.00
Coffee LG $4.00
Tea $2.00
Light Milk and Soy Available

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CANTENE MENU

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.

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This Menu is in line with the DEECD School Canteen and other School food Policy. *

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

TUMMY TEASERS

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

- Orange 1/4 $0.20c
- Slinky Apple $0.80c
- Slice of Fruit in Season $0.50c
- Mini Muffin $0.80c
- Anzac Biscuit $0.80c
- Corn Flossie cookies (Gluten Free) $0.80c
- Garlic Finger $0.50c
- Jummys (Chicken/BBQ/Salad & Vin) $1.10
- Veggie Chips (Gluten Free) $1.50
- Grain Waves $1.50
- Pop Corn Plain Small $0.50c
- Ginger Bread People $2.00
- Yoghurt Tub—Topped with Fruit Coulis Sm $1.00 Med $1.50 Lge $2.00

Available Frozen
- Juices—Frozen Fruit Ice Pole $1.00

DRINKS

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

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Facebook/stircrazykiddscanteen
**SPECIAL MEAL DAYS**

**MUNCHY MONDAY**
- Mrs Mac's Good Eating Sausage Roll $2.20
- Mrs Mac's Good Eating Sausage Roll (GF) $3.30
- Mrs Mac's Good Eating Meat Pie 200g $4.50

**TASTY TUESDAY**
- Beef Burger with Cheese With or without Sauce $4.50

**WICKED WEDNESDAY**
- Home made Chicken Noodle Soup $4.50
- Mrs Heinz Big Red Tomato Soup $4.50

**TEMPING THURSDAY**
- Oven Baked Penne Lasagne $4.50

**FANCY FRIDAY**
- Hot Dog White Hi Fibre roll and Frankurt $3.80

**SPECIAL MEAL DEAL**
Include an Oak Milk or Plain Milk for $2.00
Add a Slinky Apple, Anzac, Corn Flake Cookie or a Mini Muffin for 60c each

**RIGHT-ON-WRAPS**
- Tortilla Style Wrap with your choice:
  - Cheese & Salad $3.80
  - Ham & Salad $4.80
  - Chicken & Salad $4.80
  - Tuna & Salad $4.80

**SUPER SALAD BOWL**
- Super Salad Bowl $4.00
  Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber & Cheese
  Add any extra filling for $1.00 EA
  Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Egg or Avocado
  YUMI YUMI YUMI

**HOT ITEMS ANY DAY**

**SUPER SANDWICHES & ROCK N ROLLS**
Your Choice White Hi Fibre/Wholemeal Rolls are available for an extra 30c
Gluten Free Bread & Lactose Free Cheese Available
- Vegemite $2.20
- Honey $2.30
- Cheese $2.50
- Cheese & Vegemite $2.80
- Cheese & Lettuce $2.00
- Cheese & Tomato $2.00
- Egg $2.00
- Egg & Lettuce $3.35
- Fresh Chicken $3.50
- Fresh Chicken & Salad $4.80
- Ham $2.50
- Ham & Salad $4.80
- Ham & Cheese $4.00

Extra fillings, Tomato, Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce All extra fillings are 50c each
Avocado $1.00

**Truly Tasty Toasty's**
- Vegemite $2.20
- Cheese $2.50
- Ham $3.50
- Ham & Cheese $4.00
- Chicken & Cheese $4.00
- Cheese & Vegemite $2.80
- Cheese & Tomato $3.00

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heartfoundation.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