**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 Statement**
Identify the talent, develop the confidence and create the leader.

**School Council**
Last night our School Council sub-committees met and organised a range of activities for the coming months. Afterwards School Council met and had a highly effective meeting. I want to thank everyone for their contributions. Our 2015 School Council Membership:
- President: Peter Marshall
- Vice President: Paul Bender
- Treasurer: Rachelle Rodgers
- Secretary: Nadine Robinson
- Parktone Social Group Leader: Amanda Birch
- Educational Policy Leader: Caleb Peterson
- Buildings & Grounds Leader: Tim Blanks
- Executive Officer: George Danson
- Alison Hill
- Paul Withington
- Catherine Flowers
- Kelly-Anne Twist
- Lucie Smith
- Heidi Bampfield

**The Readers’ Retreat**
Our library in the main building has reopened and looks stimulating and inviting once again. Grades will be scheduled to visit the retreat on a weekly basis.

**Additional Library Stations**
More library stations have been planned. Shelving and furniture have been ordered. Books will be ordered closer to the delivery dates.

**Staff Car Park**
For the safety of all our students please do not walk through or drive your vehicles into the staff car park off McSwain Street.

**Heating and Cooling**
The new Grade 2 classrooms are the latest design and perfect for teaching and learning. The fans are well spaced throughout the building, and the windows easily slide open for fresh air circulation. As the student population has increased annually we have been upgrading our utility services as required. In February the Department of Education identified the need to significantly increase the school’s electrical capacity to service the additional classroom power usage. The electrical upgrade is a major project and requires increasing the capacity of electricity to the whole of Robert Street. The upgrade application was lodged in February and the job is scheduled to be completed as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Department of Education is putting an interim energy source in place. The generator will ensure the heating and cooling systems are fully functional. Additional computers will be set up in each room, over and above the current netbooks and iPads, as soon as the energy source is sufficient.

**Computer Lab / Global Classroom**
We are in the process of installing benches, electricity and points to create a modern lab. Existing desktops, iPads, netbooks and iPod Touch devices will be reorganised across the school so technology is evenly spread and that the lab contains a class set of desk tops.

**Lighthouse Accreditation**
On Tuesday June 9th an international team of educators will visit Parktone. The team will decide if we are ready to be awarded Lighthouse status, to be recognised as a school that is teaching and practicing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Stephen Covey). It will be an exciting day and we are looking forward to articulating and demonstrating how we use the 7 Habits to develop our character and to work with others.

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win**
The Abundance Mentality flows out of a deep inner sense of personal worth and security. It is the paradigm that there is plenty out there and enough to spare for everybody. It results in sharing of prestige, of recognition, of profits, of decision making. It opens possibilities, options, alternatives, and creativity.
Leader in Me Symposium
This term the staff are working after school to prepare for the Leader in Me symposium on June 11th and 12th. On day one some of our teachers and students will present, perform and be discussion group panel members, in the city. On day two local, state, national and international educators will visit Parktone to observe how students and teachers use the 7 Habits to achieve success. The experience will begin at Parkdale Secondary College auditorium at 9:30am. We will share our journey through speeches, videos and singing. At 10:15am visitors will have morning tea then travel by bus to Parktone. At 11am visitors will visit classrooms and talk to the staff and students before heading off to Oakleigh Grammar at 11:45am.

Kind Regards,

George Danson

Lost Property
There are a few items of lost property being kept at the office.

- A small purse (Fossil) brand
- Tom Ford woman's glasses
- Reading glasses in a black case
- Red children's reading glasses

Please ensure all of your children's clothes and belongings are named. Lost property is no longer in the sick bay. It is located in a white basket out under the breezeway.

New Sign In Sign Out Procedure at the Office
With the implementation of Compass, you no longer need to sign your child in or out when late or leaving early. Please attend the office, let Melissa or Lisa know your child's name and the reason you are late, or leaving early and take a pass for the teacher. We trust this will save parents a lot of time at the front counter. Visitors are still asked to sign in the regular way.

Donation Of Turtle
Could the parent that offered a donation of a turtle please contact the office as the tank is up and running and ready to go!

Run 4 the Kids
On Sunday the 22nd on March a number of our parents' students and friends participated in the Run 4 the Kids event, which raises money for the Royal Children’s Good Friday Appeal.

The event consisted of two distances, 5.4 and 15.5 kilometres. Overall our school team came 96th out of 213 teams.


Well done everyone for a great effort. I apologise if I have missed anyone.

Anne Ziogos

Parktone Social Group
Term two has come around very quickly and we have plenty of fun social activities planned for the Parktone Social Group.

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase - there is a link on the Facebook page to buy the digital version of the book, or you can buy a hard copy. There is a book to flip through at the office if you'd like to see the offers available this year. There are some amazing deals to be had.

We have our next afternoon tea after assembly on Monday 27th April. The grades 3 and 4 families are requested to bring a plate to share and it is a gold coin contribution.

The Mother's Day stall is going to be held on Thursday 7th May with lots of beautiful presents for the kids to buy their mothers. Thanks to all the volunteers who signed up so quickly to the roster for wrapping and manning the stall.

Our major fundraiser this year is BOGAN BINGO at the Allan McLean Hall in Mordialloc on July 25, 2015. More details will follow shortly - please save the date for now. All helpers will be greatly appreciated so we can make this event amazing!

In addition, if anyone owns a business and would like to donate raffle prizes, vouchers or has donations for our silent auctions, please contact Amanda Birch on 0468 361 747 or at akbirch@gmail.com.

So much to look forward to. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!
This week in the Prep Centre we all read “Who Sank the Boat?”. After we read the story we used foil to make some boats of our own. As a group we put the boats in some water one at a time and used some coloured teddies to see whose boat could hold the most. We had lots of fun and it was fantastic to see so many different creative boat designs.
If you would like your child to participate in the 2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, please go to:

www.parktoneps.vic.edu.au

“Information” tab

“2015 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge” tab
Print the permission slip and hand to your classroom teacher

Once your child receives their login, students can begin recording their books online.

Please see your classroom teacher if you need further clarification.

Happy reading!
MOTHER’S DAY MORNING
FOR YEAR 5 AND 6

Our Year 5 and 6 students would like to invite their mum, grandmother, or special friend to our
MOTHER’S DAY MORNING
Please come and cheer your Year 5 or 6 child on at interschool sport.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

When: Friday 8th May
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am
Location: St Marks Primary
4 Dimar Ct, Dingley Village
Morning Tea: 10:00 – 10:30am provided by Parktone staff
back at school as a way for us to say thank you for all you do!
We look forward to you joining us!

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Please join your child in class from 9 – 10 for a morning of activities and receive a special gift to let you know how much you are appreciated.
If you have more than one child at the school please go to the youngest child’s classroom at 9am.

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MOTHER’S DAY GIFT STALL
THURSDAY 7TH MAY
ONE DAY ONLY

Lots of gorgeous gifts for the children to buy for Mum
Nothing over $10
MOST gifts $5 or less

Children will attend the stall during class time, so please make sure they bring a few dollars on the day if they would like to buy something special for Mum!
The stall will be open for half an hour after assembly on Friday 8th May for any last minute purchases (3.30-4pm).

Thanks from the Parktone Social Group (PSG)
LEGO® EDUCATION PROGRAM

The program has been designed in two parts:

- **Science and Technology:**
  Students explore the world of simple machines.

- **Creativity and imagination:**
  Students engage with miscellaneous pieces to complete puzzles, games and challenges without instructions to become Master Builders!

*As long serving primary school teachers we believe it is important to use the Australian Curriculum as a guideline to the program. The program includes number and algebra, measurement and mental arithmetic, speaking and listening skills, problem solving, comprehension and construction of simple machinery.*

Each Student works with their own specially designed LEGO educational box, containing gears, pulley’s, rope, weights and specialised LEGO technic pieces.

The 10 week course will begin in term 2, on Tuesday the 28th of April, afterschool from 3.35-4.35pm, at a cost of $150 per student and will be held at Parktome Primary School, classroom.

Limited availability, so call James today: 0401 733 299

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