Newsletter
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Principal’s Report

Beacon Team (Student Representative Council)
Last night students attended the School Council Sub-committees meeting. They put forward the Beacon Team’s request to redevelop the vegetable garden. School Councillors and Sub-committee members were very impressed and have decided to make the garden the major School Council Project for 2015. The project will begin in Term 3 and include garden beds pathways, seating, the sandpit and much more. Even chickens are on the agenda! We envision the garden having two double gateways so the children can easily flow throughout the space during school hours. Our major fundraising activities for 2015 will fund the project.

School Council Membership 2015
We would like to thank retiring members: Karen Yates; Brooke Hannaford; Carrie Heath, Marianne Kirk, Wayne Haverfield and Doug Mackenzie. Our outgoing members have supported Parktone Primary over a number of years and helped drive whole-school improvement. The new council is in place.
1. Executive Office: George Danson
2. President: Peter Marshall
3. Vice President: Paul Bender
4. Treasurer: Rachelle Rodgers
5. Secretary: Nadine Robinson
6. Amanda Birch
7. Paul Withington
8. Lucie Smith
9. Tim Blanks
10. Heidi Bampfield
11. Caleb Peterson
12, 13, 14,

We have three parent member vacancies. Please contact Nadine in the office if you would like to join the team.

Prep Transition
Transition brochures will be delivered to the local pre-schools next week. Tours will begin in April. A new school promotional DVD is currently in the making. It is similar to the previous DVD made four years ago. The DVD will be uploaded on our school’s website and featured at the beginning of K-P school tours.

Working in Your Element (Electives Program)
The student feedback has been highly positive. The cross-age classes continue to foster closer relationships between junior and senior students.

Compass
We are excited to inform you that Parktome Primary School is now starting to use Compass School Manager as a powerful tool to track student progress and keep parents connected via our Parent Portal. Using our Parent Portal parents will be able to:

- View up-to-date school attendance information
- Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
- Update their registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news
- E-mail your child’s teachers
- Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
- In the near future parents will also be able to:
  - Access their child’s Student Semester Reports
  - Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
  - Pay school fees, camps and excursions

The parent community will start to engage with Compass from the beginning of Term 2 and a parent information evening will be held to run through the basics of how to get the most out of the parent portal and to further explain how we are using compass to enhance student learning.

Easter Raffle Drawn
TERM 2
13 April
Curriculum Day
(No Students)
14 April
School Photos
17 April
IntSch Sport
Term 1 Finals
Annual Report
The Annual Report along with the School Strategic and Annual Implementation Plans will be uploaded onto the school’s website next week.

School Grounds Access
With the addition of six relocatable buildings over the past three years the access to the school grounds on McSwain Street has been restricted. Double gates have been installed on Robert Street to ensure access for emergency and larger vehicles.

Curriculum Day
Our next curriculum day is Monday April 13th (the first day of term 2). I must apologise for not ensuring this date was significantly publicised to the school community well in advance. Camp Australia is offering a whole-day care program for families requiring the service given that there is enough interest. You will need to book online at www.campaustralia.com.au by Monday the 23rd March to secure your spot. Camp Australia will only run if a minimum of 18 children are booked in.

School Dates
The last day of Term one is Friday March 27th.
The children will gather for a whole-school assembly at 2:10pm and dismissed at 2:30pm.
The first day of Term 2 is Curriculum Day (a non-student day).
The first day of Term 2 for students is Tuesday April 14th.

Habit 3: Put First Things First
Trust is the highest form of human motivation. It brings out the very best in people. But it takes time and patience, and it doesn’t preclude the necessity to train and develop people so that their competency can rise to the level of that trust.

School Photos
School Pix will be attending Parktone Primary School for the annual student school photos. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform. Order forms will be going home before the end of term. Please return the order form on the day of school photos.

Lost Property
There are two pairs of children’s reading classes at the office. If your child has lost a pair of glasses, please come and collect them from the office.
Please ensure all of your children’s clothes and belongings are named.

Working with Children Checks
Working with Children Checks are a requirement for all parents and visitors to our school who wish to assist in the classroom, as per our Working With Children’s Check Policy.

If you are a new parent to the school or a parent who would like to start volunteering and you wish to get started on your application, the following information is provided - Applications are completed online at https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.do

There is no charge to you when applying for a WWC Check as a volunteer. Please apply for your check as soon as possible, as the process does take a few weeks. **Once you receive your WWC Check Card bring it to the office for registration.**

Should you already hold a WWC Check card, just bring it along to the office for registration. You will not be required to apply for a new card, however you will need to advise the Department of Justice that you are now a volunteer at Parktone Primary School. This can be done online (follow the link below) or phone the Information Line on 1300 652 879.

WWC Checks have a 3 year expiry period so please check when your card is due for renewal.

If you have any further queries, more information is available at: www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

Kind Regards,
George Danson
The Leader in Me: Milestone Achievements

When we began implementing the Leader in Me process back in 2011, we initiated the evolution of a new school culture. We set three specific goals:

1. Student attitudes towards building effective relationships, their wellbeing, and teaching and learning will show positive improvement. This will be verified by 90% of student responses to the Attitudes to Schools Survey presenting in the 4th quartile.

2. A positive school climate centered on leadership will be developed amongst the parent community and staff in terms of how they engage with Parktone Primary. This will be shown through improvement in the Staff Attitudes to School and School Climate data; specifically in the categories: Staff Trust in Colleagues, Collective focus on Student Learning, School Climate, Teacher Collaboration and Parent and Community Involvement.

3. Student enrolments will continue to grow in a positive trend as a result of the newly defined culture of the 7 Habits. The enrolment data will show the total number of students greater than each previous year.

We have put up a display in the foyer near the office, showing our progress in these areas. Please have a look when passing by.
Imagination Creation Station

School Holiday Art Classes
with Mrs Poulter and Mrs Milner

$40/child 9th April
9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm

Venue: Cheltenham Guide Hall, Glebe Avenue
To book call Mrs Milner on 0418 940 905

Facebook: Imagination Creation Station
EASTER
RAFFLE

Closes this Monday 23rd. Prizes will be drawn by the Social and Fundraising Committee at our end of term assembly on Friday 27th March at 2:15pm. There are still 5 booklets left at the office if you wish to purchase more tickets.

$2 for 1 ticket, or $5 for 3 tickets.

GOOD LUCK
Who can believe that Term 1 is already drawing to a close.

Parktone's Social & Fundraising Group (S&F) have lots of exciting social events coming up this year and hope that our community members will find ample opportunities to continue developing friendships old and new during these social gatherings.

Our first event in Term 2 will be an afternoon tea on Monday 27th April straight after assembly. We ask that the Year 3 and 4 parents bring a plate of food to share. Food can be left in the staff room at the beginning of the day.

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Thursday 7th May this year and we are in the process of ordering lots of beautiful gifts for our children’s lovely mummies to open on Mother’s Day. We will have a wrapping day on Wednesday 6th and are looking for donations of gifts for the stall and help with wrapping and selling during the stall’s operation.

If you are interested in lending a hand with any of our events this year, please speak to Amanda Birch (Josh (4A) and Hannah (2C)’s mum) on 0468 361 747.

Enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to catching up with you in Term 2.

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Term 1

Hi everyone these past few weeks we have been busy working on our Q.I.P we have been looking at quality area 1, which is all about the program, the how’s and why we do what we do, At Parktone we focus our program around what the children like to do and often ask them to have an input into the program, giving them a sense of ownership of the service. It also gives the older children a chance to show leadership.

This weeks star’s of the week are: Edoardo, Nicholas and Blake M, last week, we had Charlotte P (Parktone), Charlotte S (St John Vianney), Taylor. Keep up the good work guys!!!

School holidays are fast approaching again and if you need holiday care are local Camp Australia locations are at Montone Primary and Aspendale Gardens. Annette will be at Montone these holidays. Or you can go to www.campasutralia.com.au/holidayclubs and find another location.

Hope to see you all soon at Camp Australian

MOTHER’S DAY GIFT STALL

THURSDAY 8TH MAY

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS!

If you have any gifts, sweets or home-made goodies you are able to donate to the Mother’s Day stall, please let Amanda Birch know – akbirch@gmail.com or 0468 361 747.

Thanks from the Parktone Social & Fundraising Group (S&F)