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

**Japanese Day**

Yesterday the staff and students participated in an enjoyable program. A variety of Japanese experiences were shared as the children rotated through a number of different lessons across the school. Miss Berriman organised a stimulating cultural event.

**House Cross Country Races**

Today the Grade 3-6 students competed in our annual House Cross Country. The sun was shining and the students proudly wore their House colours. Mr McGettigan always creates a sense of excitement and competition through the sports programs he manages.

**Switched On**

The Grade 2 buildings now have an electric generator, which allows us to run all heating and cooling systems and multiple electronic devices simultaneously. This resource is totally funded by the Department of Education and will be removed as soon as the entire school electrical upgrade is completed.

**Computer Lab**

Our new computer lab is now up and running. Mrs Buckleigh our I.C.T. teacher and the students are enjoying the new facility.

**Readers' Retreat**

The Readers' Retreat has been restored to its former glory and classes are now scheduled to visit and borrow books. The space is colourful, calm and inviting, and a great place to sit back and read.

**Music Rooms**

Two rooms in the new multipurpose building have been set up as music rooms for private and group tuition.

**School Signage**

A new sign has been erected on the corner of McSwain and Robert Streets. Another sign is currently being made and will be a permanent fixture in the garden outside the front office entry.

**Perceptual Motor Program**

The P.M.P. will begin again, shortly, in the multipurpose building. This is a valued program for our Prep children, which supports conceptual, perceptual and gross motor skills development. The program is linked to movement, placement and the language that relates e.g. over/under, in front/behind etc.

**Working Bee Sunday May 31st**

Our next Working Bee is on Sunday May 31st, 9am-12pm. An invitation will be sent home soon. Tasks will include gardening, painting, cleaning windows and frames, clearing drains, carpet cleaning and distributing soft-fall underneath the play equipment.

**No Dogs Please**

We have had a number of dogs being brought into the school yard at drop off and pick up times. Dogs are not permitted on the grounds during the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm. We have students who are afraid of dogs and suffer anxiety when near them. With over 480 students and 100 parents moving through the school yard, at these times, there is a risk that even a placid pet could be startled and nip, bite or attack.

**Habit 1: Be Proactive**

Listen to your language. Your language is a very real indicator of the degree to which you see yourself as a proactive person. That is, it’s better to say, “I choose” rather than “I can’t”, or “I control my own feelings” rather than “They make me so mad.”

Kind Regards,

George Danson
Compass Reminder

There are still quite a few parents that have not signed into Compass. If you have lost your username and password, please see Melissa at the Office. Using compass will avoid coming to the office at last minute to get lost consent forms as you can consent to your child going to an event at a click of a button. Once you have logged in, it is very easy to navigate through and will be quite convenient to parents.

https://parktoneps.vic.jdlf.com.au

Compass School Manager is 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

Below is a screen shot of how to approve your child’s absence on Compass. When you ring the office to report your child sick, it will be entered into Compass. It is then up to you to log on to Compass and approve the absence. If you choose not to ring the school to report the absence, you can easily log on to Compass and enter it yourself.
Physical Education Lessons

It has been a very busy start to the term in regards to our Physical Education program! The students have been lucky enough to participate in Soccer Clinics which were run by Melbourne City – SEDA Group. The clinics were very enjoyable with the students learning skills such as dribbling, shooting and passing. On the final week of the clinics the students participated in a round robin tournament and were able to put all their new found skills into practice. Well done to everyone involved!!

Over the next few weeks of Physical Education lessons the students will learn basketball skills including ball control, dribbling, passing and defending. Students from grades 2-6 will also try to improve their Beep Test result from Term 1. The Grade 6 students will also be lucky enough to participate in rugby clinics in preparation for the Rugby Gala Day to held in Term 3.

InterSchool Sport

The Grade 5/6 students have had a very successful start to the term in regards to our Interschool Sport teams. We have been moved into Pool A and are playing against some new schools, which is very exciting.

The football team are 2-0 and have been showing amazing effort and sportsmanship during both their games to date. The Netball A team are also 2-0, the B team are 1-1. The girls and boys have been playing with great spirit and enthusiasm and huge thank you to Ruth Parker who has helped out during both the games. The Soccer team lost their 1st game and drew their second game, T-Ball team are 0-2 and the VolleyStars team is 1-1. All the grade 5/6 students should be very proud of their achievements during the Interschool Sports program over the course of the year. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr Sargeant, Ms Macklin, Ms Blampied and Mr White for their continual support and efforts in the running and organising of the program. Their work is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank all the parents and friends who come along and support the children during their matches on a Friday morning. It makes a huge difference to the students and your encouragement and support does not go unnoticed, so a huge thank you!! I encourage any parents or friends to attend our next few matches for the term, starting this Friday at home against St Marks, followed by an away game vs. Kingswood Primary School and then finishing with a home game vs. Parkdale Primary School.

Cross Country

This term the students have also been training very hard for our Run for the Kids Day, House Cross Country Day and District Cross Country Day. Our House Cross Country Day is to be held on Wednesday 06th May at Walter Galt Reserve, Parkdale. The students have been running each and every Wednesday morning with Ms Ziogos and Mr Curry. It has been a hugely successful training program and I encourage anyone who is interested in fitness to attend those sessions. They will continue after the House Cross Country Day for anyone who is keen to participate. A very big thank you to Ms Ziogos and Mr Curry for running those training sessions. Their enthusiasm for fitness is infectious and they are a great example to all of us. A big thank you to all the parents who also attend those sessions and make them so fun for the students involved.

I look forward to a successful rest of term in regards to our Physical Education program and encourage all the students to get active and have fun!

Peter McGettigan
Physical Education Coordinator
The Parktone Community has learnt a lot about the 7 Habits and we are learning how to apply these habits at school and in our daily lives. The ideas included here are to help your family use these habits at home.

Think of a number of ideas as a family to balance body, brain, heart and soul.

**BODY:** play outside, ride your bike, take breaks, eat right and in portions, gardening, swimming, go for a walk, rest and sleep

**BRAIN:** make smart choices about what to watch on TV; read a book; do a puzzle; interesting conversations; quick mental mathematics questions (times-tables, 6 + 4, etc.)

**HEART:** do what makes you happy; spend time with friends and family

**SOUL:** find something or someone that inspires you; keep a journal to express your thoughts; listen to some music; meditate

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**After School Care**

Parktone Primary ph. 0422 008 223 | Co-ordinator Annette Davis

6th May 2015

We had a visit from two police officers and their patrol car, the children enjoyed seeing the car, they enjoyed the lights flashing but they all said the siren was very loud! The Police officers talked to us about safety and what we need to do in an emergency, the children even got a chance to look inside the car.

New to our service? Not sure what we are about? Why not come and see for yourself! We run our service at St Aidans church hall in Robert St Parkdale, opposite Parktone Primary, We hope to see you soon!
MOTHER’S DAY MORNING

Parktome students would like to invite their mum, grandmother, or special friend to our MOTHER’S DAY MORNING

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.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

When: Friday 8th May
Time: 9:00am – 10:00am
Morning Tea: 10:00 – 10:30am provided by Parktome staff as a way for us to say thank you for all you do!

We look forward to you joining us!
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)