Welcome to Term 2, Week 5!

LEARNING FOCUS

This week’s learning focuses are:

- Reading Focus: identifying the use of the 5 senses in a passage of writing
- Writing Focus: Autobiography using the 5 senses
- Maths Focus: converting length
- Unit of Inquiry: Australia

Japanese day was a fantastic! The children all got involved and showed great enthusiasm and positive attitudes. The most popular activity by far was the making of the Ninja Stress Balls. A special mention to the children who took the time and effort into their costume. You looked fantastic.

Congratulations to all grade 6 children who participated in the House Cross Country. It was fantastic to see so many children having a go and supporting their friends along the way. The top 10 placers in each age group will proceed to Districts.

We would like to wish them all the best!

The forms for year 7 transition are due back no later than **22nd MAY**. These forms are to be handed to Miss Macklin no later than this date! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact her through Compass.

We are receiving a few Parkdale testing forms, these forms are to be sent directly to PARKDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL not Parktone!

Camp is fast approaching! We are still waiting on a few children to return their forms and it would be appreciated if these were returned by the end of this week.

We hope that all the Mothers had a wonderful Mother’s Day and were spoilt, you sure deserve it!
The grade 6 children have two projects at the moment. They are completing their Pioneer project which is due Monday 18th May.

They also have their Leader In Me project to complete. The rubric and task outlines have been sent home. It is to be noted that this project is OPTIONAL. We do encourage all grade 6 children to complete it!!

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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**Science Fact from Mrs. Zilogos**

Did you know that a medium-sized cumulus cloud weighs about the same as 80 elephants and red blood cell can make a complete circuit of your body in 20 seconds.