

Principal's Report

Return to school

We were excited to see our students back at school. They were calm, assured and walked in with such beautiful smiles. Parents, thank you for preparing your children so well and for respecting the directions regarding entering and exiting from school. This was much appreciated and is working effectively. We now look forward to welcoming the Grade 3-6 students on Tuesday the 9th June and I know their teachers are eager to be able to teach them in person.

Parents will be looking forward to some normality returning to the household, and most importantly have the time back to complete house and work demands, without the added pressure of supporting their child with Remote Learning. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the efforts and support of our parent community, who have had to juggle many hats over the last eight weeks. Your positivity throughout this time has uplifted the community spirit. It has been a time whereby each one of us have turned into a GEM. You may wonder,

how so?

By finding happiness/positivity through:-



each day.

Mel and I found working onsite throughout this period without students and staff present a challenge. We relished the interaction we experienced this week with students and staff. It has been wonderful to see students engaged in the onsite learning and the laughter and smiles as they interacted with their peers/adults in and out of the classroom. The school site has become a buzz of happiness once again, and next week this will increase to another level. Welcome back everyone!

Drop Off and Pick Up

A great deal of work has taken place behind the scenes to plan that at Parktone, we have a safe and orderly environment, with detailed protocols sent out to parents and staff. Thankfully, the processes in place have worked and each day students and parents are becoming familiar with these. Some of the minor tweaks have been:-

- Ensuring parents, staff and students use the footpath that surrounds the stadium carpark rather than traversing across the carpark
- Using bollards to streamline students exiting the school premises.
- Ensuring students are at the exit points prior to the bell to limit the wait time for parents especially with the inclement weather we had this week

Next week, we will have four entry and exit points that will be operational. Some wonderings from the parents has been:-

What about the rain downpours that generally occur at 9:00am and 3:30 pm?

Where possible, we will either dismiss the children a little earlier or hold them in the classroom until the weather ceases. However, this means your child will need to make sure they come equipped with a rain coat and umbrella to school each day, to limit their chance of being drenched.

What gate does a family exit the school?

At 3:25pm all students with siblings will meet at the basketball court ready for dismissal at 3:30pm through the youngest sibling's gate.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all in the Parktone community, please be patient and respectful of those around you.

Extra Curricula Activities

We have been advised by the Department of Education that extra-curricular programs including Music Bus, Lego and Coding cannot return to school premises at the present time. We anticipate these programs can resume in Term 3, but will advise accordingly.

Welcome Cheryl, Kristy and Gavin

A huge welcome to Kristy, Cheryl and Gavin from H&H who are now cooking up a storm in the canteen. We've had rave reviews from students and staff about their beautiful food and they take great pride in their fresh, healthy menu.

School Grounds

The school is looking a treat, with students enjoying the use of the different play zones. Our latest edition has been the bench seating placed on the edge of the oval and on the new synthetic turf. This seating has been purchased thanks to fundraising by the parents and the student Beacon Team.

Social Media

This week, I have received information regarding our students using social media inappropriately in and out of school time. With the use of social media, there comes extra responsibility and the following of strict protocols. I ask that all parents have a conversation with your child/children regarding what social media they are using and how they are using it. A number of the social platforms that students are currently using, are not legally age appropriate. Children on such sites are not equipped emotionally to understand the consequences and impact of their actions. It also put them at grave risk of harm from cyber bullies and predators.

It is also a time to read the social media policy of the school with your child/children so they are fully aware of what is expected of them at school. Teachers in Level 3 to 6 will also discuss this with your child in the coming weeks in the classroom. [..\..\Inserts and Advertisements\Social Networking \(1\).pdf](#)

Finally, this article below came across my desk this week, which I would like to share with you. For me, it reminded me to be grateful for the life I have and gravity of what we are currently experiencing.

Keep safe and well.

Cheers
Genevieve

Pippa playing Hide
and Seek
SHHHHHHH.....
Don't tell them
where I am



*If you or anyone you know needs help: Lifeline on 13 11 14 Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800
beyondblue on 1300 224 636 MensLine Australia
on 1300 789 978 Suicide Call Back Service on
1300 659 467 Headspace on 1800 650 890 QLife
on 1800 184 527*

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DEPARTING SCHOOL - GRADE ORDER

Prep	Year One and Two	Year Three and Four	Year Five and Six
PA- Miss Coote PB- Mrs Miller/Mrs Northcott PC- Mr Gallagher PD- Miss Ellis	1A - Mrs Hutson 1B - Miss Pullin 1C - Mrs Bain 1D - Ms Buckleigh/Ms Jones 2A - Mrs Carolan 2B - Miss Christian	3A- Miss O'Callaghan 3B- Miss Webb 3C - Miss Sharman 3D- Miss Callanan 4A- Mrs Redzic and Mrs Anderson 4B - Mrs Adams 4C- Mr Feary 4D - Miss Slykis	5C - Miss Ryan 6B - Miss Dossor 5B - Miss Lowe 5/6A - Mr Sargeant 5A - Miss McGeachin 6C - Miss Kelly 6A - Mrs Gibson



Prep Entry: Front of school



Year 1 & 2 Entry: Double gate near the stadium car park



Year 3/4 Entry: single gate on McSwain St



Year 5 & 6 Entry: single gate cnr Robert & McSwain St

Maybe we don't have it that bad?

It's a mess out there now. Hard to discern between what's a real threat and what is just simple panic and hysteria...

For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900...

On your 14th birthday, World War I starts, and ends on your 18th birthday. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish 'Flu' epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. 502 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million!

On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy.

When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war.

Smallpox was epidemic until you were in your 40's, and it killed 300 million people during your lifetime.

At 50, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. From your birth until you are 55, you deal with the fear of Polio epidemics each summer. You experience friends and family contracting polio and being paralysed and/or dying.

At 55 the Vietnam War begins and doesn't end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict.

During the Cold War, you lived each day with the fear of nuclear annihilation. On your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet as we know it, almost ended.

When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How did they endure all of that?

When you were a kid in 1985, you didn't think your 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was, and how mean that kid in your class was.

Yet they survived through everything listed above. Perspective is an amazing art, refining and enlightening as time goes on.

Let's try and keep things in perspective.

Your parents and/or grandparents were called to endure all of the above – all you need to do is social distance and sanitise.

2021 Enrolments

We would appreciate our Parktone community spreading the enrolment word to our wider community of kinder friends and neighbours as our normal communications are difficult at this time. We still need to manage staffing though for 2021 so please help us if you can. All enrolment information can be found on our school website.



2021 TRANSITION PROGRAM

For bookings please call 9580 1207

Below are the transition sessions on offer for both enrolled students and those considering enrolment in 2021. These colours indicate the suggested participation for each session.

Optional

Encouraged

Strongly Encouraged

Date	TIME	SESSION
Wednesday 12 th August	9:30am- 10:30am	<u>Open Orientation Session- for all enrolled students and those considering enrolment in 2021</u> Students will spend the hour exploring the Prep classroom and participating in guided activities. A morning tea for parents/caregivers will be provided in the staffroom.
Wednesday 9 th September	9:30am- 10:30am	<u>Open Orientation Session- for all enrolled students and those considering enrolment in 2021</u> Students will spend the hour exploring the Prep classroom and participating in guided activities. A morning tea for parents/caregivers will be provided in the staffroom.
Wednesday 21 st October	9:30am- 11:30am	<u>Transition Session for Enrolled Students- Meet the Specialist Teachers</u> Students will spend the hour meeting the Specialist Teachers (Art, STEAM, PE, Japanese) and participating in guided activities under the supervision of the Prep Teachers. These sessions are reserved for confirmed enrolments only. Parents will say goodbye to their children at 9:30am and collect them at the conclusion of the session.
Wednesday 11 th November	9:30am- 11:30am	<u>Transition Session for Enrolled Students- Literacy & Numeracy Based Activities</u> 2020 teachers and students will build relationships in preparation for the new year. These sessions are reserved for confirmed enrolments only. Parents will say goodbye to their children at 9:30am and collect them at the conclusion of the session.
Wednesday 25 th November	9:30am- 12:30pm	<u>Transition Session for Enrolled Students- Half Day Program</u> Today the children will experience the routine of a school day with their 2021 class and teacher. Please pack a snack, drink bottle and hat.
Wednesday 25 th November	7:00pm- 8:00pm	<u>2020 Prep Parents Information Night</u>

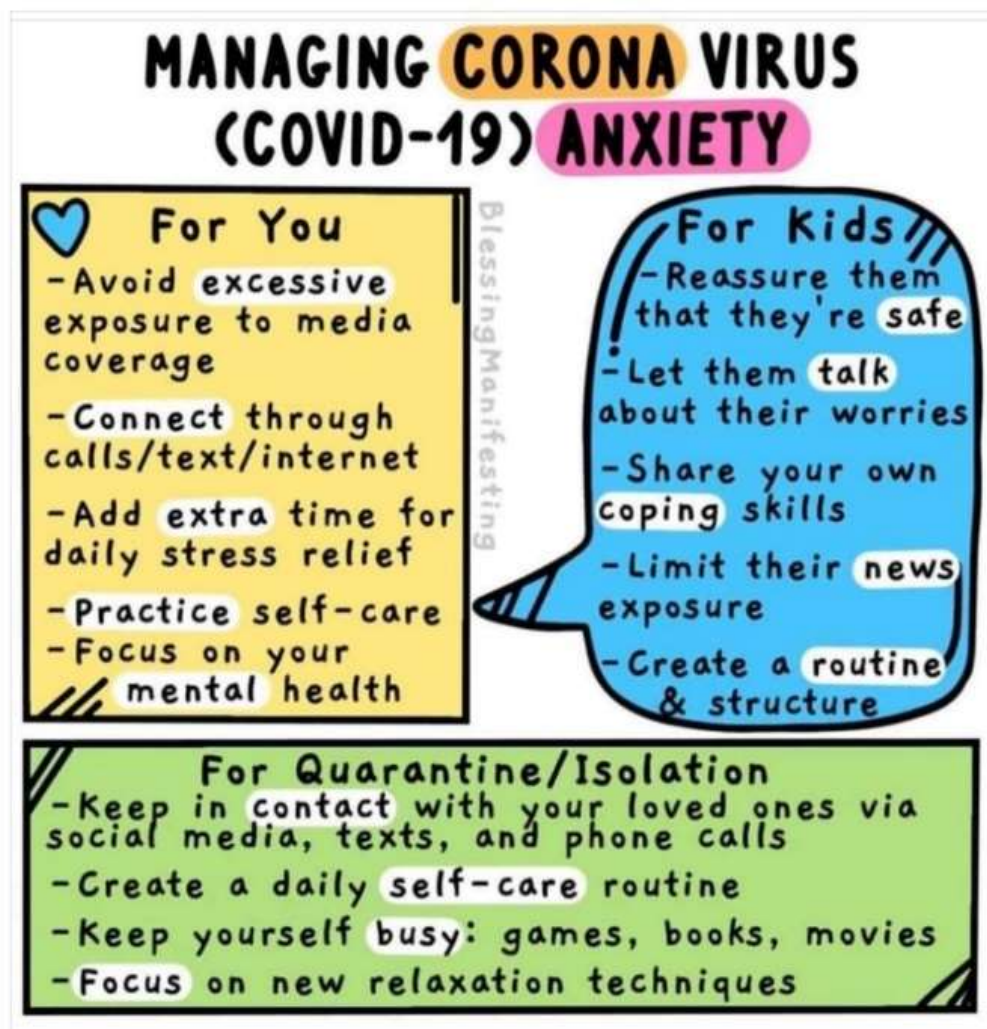
Repeated below are the recommendations for reducing risk of COVID-19:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer
 - Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow
 - Isolate yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies
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- Phone your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
 - Continue healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep
 - Don't wear a face mask if you are well
 - Buy an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol
 - Get the flu shot (available April)
 - Shaking hands is discouraged – elbow bumps better!

Guidelines can be found on the Victorian Government website

Remember:-

Coronavirus has been filling our newsfeeds and media broadcasts, but it's important to also focus on all of the great things that continue to happen all around us, including here at school.



**THANK YOU CHELSEA AND KRISTY FOR
CLEANING THE SIGN**



Before Chelsea (5C) and
Kristy (mum) put some serious
elbow grease into cleaning our
sign



After and the hard work paid off.
Thanks Chelsea and Kristy for
your thoughtfulness and pride
in Parktone

Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we now have wonderful new seating on the edge of the oval and on the new synthetic turf



CANTEEN NOW OPEN



A huge welcome to Kristy, Cheryl and Gavin from H&H who are now cooking up a storm in the canteen.

We've had rave reviews from students and staff about their beautiful food and they take great pride in their fresh, healthy menu (next page).



PARKTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEALTHY KIDS CAFÉ MENU

HOW TO ORDER

Paper Bag

- If you require a paper bag, please add 20c to your order.
- DO NOT use staples or paper clips on the paper bags.
- Please write the following details for your child's lunch order:

Child's Name, Grade, Food Order & Cash amount enclosed

Online

You can order your child's lunch online at -

quickcliq.com.au

All you need to do is make an account.

Please have orders in by 8.45am.

If your child has a food allergy, please inform the office and Cheryl.

Canteen hours of operation

Recess : 10.40am-11.10am
Lunch : 1.00pm - 1.50pm

Reusable lunch bags
= \$11

(v) = vegetarian

(vg) = vegan

(gf) = gluten free

SNACKS - RECESS & LUNCH

Muffin	\$1.00
Popcorn-Homemade	\$1.00
Anzac Biscuit-Homemade	\$1.00
Raisin Toast	\$1.00
Homemade Mini Pizza	\$1.00
Boiled Egg	\$1.00
Corn on the Cobb	\$1.00
Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
Apple Slinky	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00

DRINKS & FROZEN TREATS

Fresh Fruit Smoothie	\$3.00
Bottled Water (600 ml)	\$2.00
Flavoured Springwater	\$2.00
Frozen Fruit Cup (100% juice)	
Apple Blackcurrent Mango	\$1.00
Ice-Cream Cones	\$1.00
Pineapple Ring	\$0.50
Watermelon Pop	\$0.50
Banana Pop (Choc Tip)	\$1.00
Paddle Pop Chocolate Rainbow	\$2.00
Icy Twist	\$1.50

SPECIAL MEAL DAYS

Monday only - \$6.50

- Recess -
- Cup of Noodle and Hot Chocolate
- Lunch - Chicken Wrap with Chicken Tender Lettuce and Sweet Chilli Sauce
1 Banana Pop or Melon Pop

Tuesday only - \$6.50

- Recess - Mini Pizza and Hot Chocolate
- Lunch - Nachos with Cheese and Mild Salsa
1 Bag of Popcorn

Wednesday only - \$2.40

Sushi Hand Roll - Crispy Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna or Vegetarian (Cucumber and Carrot)

\$6.50 Lunch/Special

2 Sushi Hand Rolls
1 Fruit Smoothie

HOMEMADE SANDWICHES, WRAPS & ROLLS

• Fresh Sandwich (White or Whole meal bread)	
• (GF add \$1.00) white or Whole meal roll and wrap add 50c	
Cheese	\$2.30
Vegemite	\$2.30
Choose from the following fillings: Ham, Chicken, Tuna, Egg or Egg & Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber, Lettuce	\$3.30
• Sauces: mayo, tomato, sweet chilli	No Charge
Salad wrap /or Plate (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese, Mayo)	\$4.00
Salad Plate with Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Egg	
Salad Wrap with Sweet Chilli Tender (Lettuce, Tomatoes, Carrot, Cheese, Beetroot, Cucumber, Mayo and Sweet Chilli Sauce)	\$6.00

GLUTEN FREE VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

Veggie not Burger with Lettuce (Mayo Optional) v/vg	\$4.50
Noodle Box with Vegetables v/vg	\$4.00
Pastie v	\$4.00
Pizza Margarita v/gf	\$3.50
Nachos (Mission Corn Chips) and Salsa v/gf	\$4.00
Hotdog v/vg	\$4.00
Strawberry Smoothies with Soy Milk v/vg/gf	\$3.00
Gf Bread add \$1.00 to Sandwich	

JAFFLES - HOT BAGELS

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Vegemite	\$3.00
Ham and Cheese	\$4.00
Ham Cheese and Tomato	\$4.00
Ham and Pineapple	\$4.00
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Baked Beans / Spaghetti (GF Bread or Bagel add \$1.00)	\$4.00

SNACK ORDERS

- Order via the Lunch Tub or over the counter.

HOT FOOD

Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.00
Beef Lasagna	\$4.20
Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.00
Nachos Cheese and Salsa	\$4.00
Noodle Box Chicken and Vegetables	\$4.00
Pizza (Hawaiian, Margherita)	\$3.20
Cheese Burger with Cheese and Tomato Sauce	\$4.00
Chicken Wrap Sweet Chilli Tender	\$4.00
Lettuce Sweet Chilli Sauce	
Chicken Burger with Lettuce (Mayo Optional)	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets - 4	\$3.00
Hot Dog - with or without sauce	\$3.80
Lite Pie, Pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.20
Dim Sim	\$1.20
• Sauces: Mayo, Tomato, Sweet Chilli -	No Charge
Fish Finger or Nuggets Meal (Peas, Corn on the Cob and Seasoned Wedges)	\$4.80



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ABOUT US

The Music Room is an **online** platform for music tuition, spreading the joy of learning music across Australia with our team of inspiring instructors weekly in the comfort of your own home!

Weekly live online classes are catered for group sessions which focus on engaging students in learning all elements in music from rhythm, instrument families, timbre, songwriting. You name it, we'll cover it!

Our **Private 1-1** weekly live classes are for individual instrument tuition, focussing on engaging each student on their chosen instrument.

FEATURED PACKAGES

5 X PRIVATE LESSONS

Weekly 30 minute one-on-one classes

*Instrument Required

\$190

- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Ukulele
- Drums
- Vocals
- Bass

....and more to come!

10 x GROUP LESSONS

Weekly 30 minute group classes

*No Instrument Required

\$150

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Lego club is an educational program, designed to give students of all ages a platform to share, learn and interact with other like-minded students. A fun class for students to feel safe to explore and experiment with building blocks, imagination being their only limitation.

- **Science and Technology:**

Students explore the world of powered mechanisms and simple machines, using age appropriate LEGO ® Education kit to complete their build.

- **Creativity and imagination:**

Students engage with LEGO® pieces to complete puzzles, games and challenges without instructions and become Master Builders!

Key STEM Learning Values:

- **Physical Science:** The way objects move depends on a variety of factors including their size and shape: a push or a pull affects how an object moves or changes shape
- **Engineering Principles and systems:** Explore how technologies use forces to create movement in designed solutions
- **Materials and technologies specialisations:** Explore the characteristics and properties of materials and components that are used to create designed solutions

The classes will begin in term 3, Tuesday the 14th of July, afterschool, at a cost of \$170 per student. The course will be held at Parktone Primary School.

Email: buildit4kids@outlook.com





WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



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