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Tuesday 06th October 2009

Current Notices				
Date sent home	Level	Notice	Date due back	Amount
<i>Spare notices are available in the display stand in the foyer.</i>				

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 2009

- Monday 5th **Start Term 4**
- Friday 9th Round Robin Finals
- Tuesday 13th PA meeting 2.30pm
- Saturday 17th Wine and Cheese Night
- Sunday 18th Kidzart and
Trash n Treasure
- Wednesday 21st Prep Transition – Music

citizens in the twenty-first century. Parkmore is an outstanding community. We are focussed on continuous improvement.

At the end of last term our NAPLAN results for students in years 3 and 5 were forwarded home. Overall, our school results indicate that we are above the state average in all areas. This is testament to the fine learning and teaching at Parkmore. Continually, staff look to challenge students and investigate best practice. Our Teacher Professional Leave team have spent considerable time providing professional development and teaching resources to staff to further enhance and extend the writing domain across all levels at Parkmore.



Glenda's News:

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school to everyone for the final term of 2009. An exciting term has been planned for all students with many important events happening. It is the final term for twenty-eight Year 6 students. We encourage them to make the best of every opportunity this term as they prepare for entry to secondary school. We wish them well as they prepare during the term for their Graduation.

Yesterday I commenced my tenure as substantive Principal of Parkmore Primary. I look forward to continuing to develop the best possible learning opportunities for all students enabling them to become effective and vibrant

The students are exploring some exciting topics this term and I am sure will be investigating some aspects at home through books, the internet and the local library.

Levels 1 and 2 are studying Minibeasts. They will be looking at particular habitats, specific body features, survival and the characteristics of how living things change over time. Level 3 are completing their unit on Machines and then will investigate erosion and its effect on the environment. Level 4 will complete their unit on Government and then will investigate Types of Work and Emerging Sciences. Cathy G. and Martin H. have organized exemplary experts in their



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field to come and share their work with Level 4 students this term.

The Early Years Online Interview for students in Preps, 1 and 2 commences next week. This testing replaces the reading benchmarks that have been used in previous years.

Staff

Congratulations to Marty and Heidi H. on the safe arrival of a gorgeous baby boy - Atticus Benjamin – 3.4kg or 7lb 9oz.

Glenn will replace Cynara in 3/4CM whilst she takes maternity leave.

Later this week we welcome Diane S. after her trip overseas.

Buildings

Finally we have action! During the holidays work commenced on the demolition of part of the senior wing. The asbestos was removed from the boiler room and then the chimney and gas appliances were demolished.

The rest of 5/6H's classroom was then demolished, however 5/6G's classroom will stay as our architects requested that the new building be sited 2 metres further southwest to accommodate the new school plans. A temporary wall has been placed on the outside walls.

Yesterday the area was surveyed and the markings for the new build were painted on the asphalt. The cement for the new building should be laid today and I am told the build will be quick after that.

Jenny S. has been fabulous organising the builder's access this last week. She has been over to the school very early each morning to switch off the alarms and liaise with the builders on site. A huge thank you for this commitment.

District Finals

This week the school has three teams competing in District Finals. We were minor premiers of the Small Schools competitions in Softball (Girls), Rounders, Volleyball and Girls' Bat Tennis and now compete against the Large

School minor premiers in the District Finals. Information about these events will come home with the students.

Sun Smart Hats

Parents are reminded that all children must wear a school sun smart hat during Term 4, at recess and lunch times and when outside for sport and other activities.

Glenda Prior
Principal

Parents' Association Meeting

For all interested parents and community members, the first Parents' Association meeting for Term 4 will be held from 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th October. All interested parties are welcome to come and see what we do. Please feel free to join in.

Fundraising Committee

Lisa and Kate are putting a small committee together to help with future fundraising events. Ideally, we are looking for a couple of extra parent's hands, as well as some important ideas, contributions and hands-on help from half a dozen students from grades 5 and 6. This is a great way to become part of developing extra funds for your fantastic school, as well as offering ideas and lending a much needed hand! And, best of all, it's lots of fun.

So, if you have interest in this, can you please leave your name (school students) or name and number with Julie in the office. We endeavour to meet once a month for half an hour at 3pm one weekday. Thanks!
Kate and Lisa

Transition into Secondary School

The City of Whitehorse presents a parent information session with Rod Dungan, the founder of Thriving Youth and the Director and Trainer for Thriving Youth Australia. Bookings essential on 9262 6332. Cost is \$2 gold coin donation
Date: Thursday 22nd October 2009
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Location: The Whitehorse Centre
– Waratah Room
Rear of Nunawading Library
Melways Ref: Map 48 G9




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Around the School

LAUNDRY ROSTER		CANTEEN COUNTER SALES ROSTER	
Friday 9 th October	Karyn M.	Friday 9 th October	Kylie W. Fiona W.
Friday 23 rd October	Fiona W.	Tuesday 13 th October	Michelle B. Jenny H. (lunch only)

Student of the Week	Week ending 18th September 2009	
Class	Student's Name	Reason
5/6M	Lydia L.	For being a responsible frog feeder throughout Term 3.
5/6C	Talesyn H. Jason C.	Enthusiastic work. Being very, very helpful with class jobs.
3/4MC	Jeremy Y. Phoebe G.	Being the "Presentation Master" and usually defeating the evil "Rush Job". Great descriptive language in MYST.
3/4J	Mavis W.	For taking great responsibility for her own learning.
1/2G	Isobel K.	For being a focussed learner.
Prep A.	Amber L.	A great improvement in letter/sound recognition.

	PARKMORE OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM Activities for this week commencing 5 th – 9 th October 2009	
ACTIVITIES	Sport programs, indoor/outdoor games, art/craft activities, construction, cooking.	
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK	Art – Charcoal pictures Craft – Putting together the OSHC quilt! Cooking – Honey Joys	
O.S.H.C. NEWS	Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped make our vacation care program a fun and enjoyable success.	
<i>Michele M. Co-ordinator</i> Monique M., Christine B., Hilda M., Lynette W., Rob R., Chantelle W., Nick H. Assistants Telephone: 9894 3013 (Permanent & Casual bookings available) 7.00 – 9.00am 3.00 – 6.00pm		



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