



The Parkmore Pulse

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 19TH ASSEMBLY
- 19TH DISTRICT SWIMMING
- 19TH SCHOOL COUNCIL

MARCH

- 5TH ASSEMBLY
- 14TH CLASS OF 2017, GRADE 6 REUNION
- 14TH HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
- 19TH ASSEMBLY
- 19TH SCHOOL COUNCIL

CURRICULUM DAYS

- JULY 16 (FIRST DAY OF TERM 3)
- OCTOBER 8 (FIRST DAY OF TERM 4)

TERM DATES

- 31 JANUARY - 29 MARCH
- 16 APRIL - 29 JUNE
- 16 JULY - 21 SEPTEMBER
- 8 OCTOBER - 21 DECEMBER

From the Principal

Welcome!!

Welcome all to the 2018 school year! We have enjoyed a smooth start with students in Years 1 – 6 returning on Wednesday with everybody looking energised and ready for learning. Our Prep students arrived on Thursday morning for their very first day of school and demonstrated bravery and zest as they met their new classmates and teachers.

Once parents and grandparents had said their goodbyes, parents of Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed a 'catch-up cuppa', giving them the opportunities to introduce themselves to other new families in the school. These connections are so important, as they provide additional support that benefits the whole family.



Holiday works, New Furniture and Technology

You may have noticed the walls in the quadrangle have been cleaned of bird droppings. In addition to the pressure cleaning the nets covering the gaps in the quad were repaired; hopefully this will help keep the birds out of the area! Funds raised from the Moonlight Cinema helped us purchase new chairs in the library.

In both the Junior and Senior spaces Chromecast televisions have replaced the broken whiteboards. As previously mentioned, such refurbishments and purchase of resources would not be possible without the fundraising contributions of our families and community members and organisations. Once again thank you. We hope this year's fundraising will help us continue the rollout of much needed new furniture.

Principal's Comments

2018 Parent Payments

All families (Prep– Year 6) should have received their 2018 Statements outlining the Parent Payments for each child’s year level. Thank you to the families who have already arranged payment. As stated in the covering letter, there are a range of payment options, we encourage you to inquire about these should the one payment prove to be financially difficult. School Council is confident the range of experiences outlined will significantly reinforce the learning for all students.

2018 Staff Arrangements

This year Mrs Michelle Bamford joins us while Mrs Hewitt is on Family leave. I encourage families to say hello to Michelle and welcome her to our inclusive school community. Please find the staff list below:

Saraid Doherty	Principal
Pam Roberts	Business Manager
Simon McIntosh	Prep/1 A
Clare Simmons	Prep/1 B
Michelle Bamford	2 A
Cathy Gilbert	3/4 A
Sam Schrodter	3/4 B
Adrienne Baucke	5/6 A
Glenn Hallett	5/6 B
Sam Besmehn-Burt	Performing Arts and Physical Education
Helen Yang	Visual Arts & Language - Chinese
Anne Cahill	Integration Aide
Kate Lawrence	Integration Aide
Jayden Somerville	Integration Aide
Michelle Phillips	Integration Aide & Librarian
Colin Zhi	ICT Technician

Principal's Comments

Baby News

Chelsey and Aaron Hewitt welcomed baby Charlotte Olivia (Lottie) to the world on January 11. I know all the Parkmore Community will join me in congratulating Chelsey and Aaron and we very much look forward to a cuddle (hopefully sooner rather than later).



Assemblies 2018

In 2018 we will hold whole school assemblies on a fortnightly basis on Monday mornings. The reason for the change of days (from Fridays) was the frequent interruption during Interschool sports competitions. All assemblies are on Mondays at 9am; except on the last week of every term when assemblies will be held on the Friday afternoon at 1.45pm.

Principal Leave

On Monday a note was sent home to students in years 5 and 6 informing them that Mrs Baucke will be Acting Principal from Friday 9 February for one week. During this period I will be on study leave as I received an (unexpected) invitation to attend the World Government Summit in Dubai. I will be travelling with a selection of post –graduate students from the University of Melbourne and share my work in Positive Education. I understand it is very early in the school year, however it is a great honour to be invited and too good an opportunity to pass up. For more invitation: <https://www.worldgovernmentsummit.org/>

In partnership,
Saraid Doherty
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