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The Parkmore Pulse



Important Dates

CURRICULUM DAYS 2020
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

DEPENDANT ON COVID-19 TBC

2020 SCHOOL TERMS
TERM 3 JULY 13TH - SEPTEMBER 18TH
TERM 4 OCTOBER 5TH - DECEMBER 18TH

From the Principal



Teaching and Learning Update

Recently I have enjoyed visiting many virtual small group classes on WebEx. With Parkmore Primary School's focus in 2020 on reading, I have had fun jumping in to reading sessions to find out how we are making progress together. I am happy to report that reading learning is flourishing throughout Parkmore Primary School!

It was great to join Faith, Jess, Jasper, Matthew and Hannah for a close reading of the novel 'A Fortunate Life' with Mr Quere. They discussed their understanding of inference and talked about the benefits of learning through small group work. Their level of learning maturity was so impressive – referring each other to page numbers to find quotes and discuss the precise meanings of advanced vocabulary. They also constructed questions about the text to challenge each other's comprehension. Well done team!

I also enjoyed learning alongside Sebastian, Kenzie, Doris, Jacob and Amelia as they read 'The Children Who Loved Books' with Ms Collins. They were able to make interesting connections between the book and their lives as well as other texts. I was so pleased to see their confidence in being able to express their progress with their reading studies and their ability to respectfully sustain a discussion in the challenging world of WebEx. You all showed me wonderful learning skills – you can be proud of your work!

I look forward to joining many other small reading groups in the weeks to come.

School Assembly

The community will be advised when assemblies resume



Principal's Report

Maker Space

Today I joined Mr Quere, Ms Collins and a group of dedicated STEM learners to plan our Digital Maker Space project. Our Maker Space will be a dedicated space to learn about technology, creativity and...making things! Hannah, Meagan, Leah, Jason, Jess, Kian, Lara, Owen, Connor, Sebastian and Travis make a great group of student voice consultants, and were responsible for choosing how to spend our considerable grant money dedicated to digital technologies. Some very important decisions were made and we look forward to launching this project as soon as possible.

Thanks also to Mrs Yi for her work on this exciting project.

Transition

On Wednesday 26th August Miss Simmons ran a very successful 'Virtual Reading' transition session with many of our 2021 preps. It was a real joy to see the smiling faces of our new Parkmore students, and to see them joining happily with the fun craft activity. We look forward to more transition sessions next term and are ready for virtual or face-to-face fun!

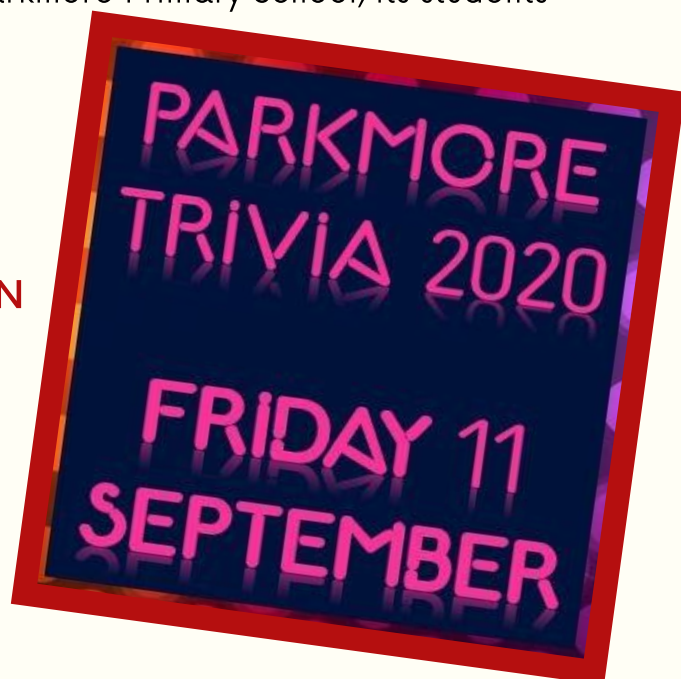
School Council

School Council met on Monday 17th August. The Annual Report was tabled and ratified – this will be available on our website soon. We welcomed Jade Canavan to the council as a community member – she brings to council considerable experience in disability advocacy and a real passion for Parkmore Primary School, its students and community.

Isobel McLennan
PRINCIPAL

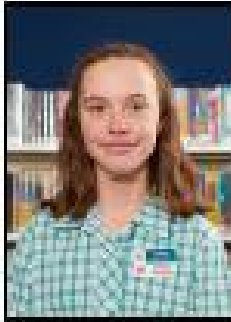
CHECK OUT THE PARKMORE PARENTS AND FRIENDS PAGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UP COMING TRIVIA NIGHT!

Get a team of fun filled & hopefully knowledgeable friends together and register.



School Captains Report

A Message from your School Captains



Hello! Our week has been quite interesting and fun! I think everyone is used to the home learning routine now we have done it for almost two terms.

The whole school wrote letters for our Strathdon Pen Pals. We wrote to them about our isolation experience, funny jokes and life in quarantine. I talked

about where I wanted to travel when this was over and what I do in my spare time. We asked them questions about their childhood and how things are going now. Let's hope they reply!



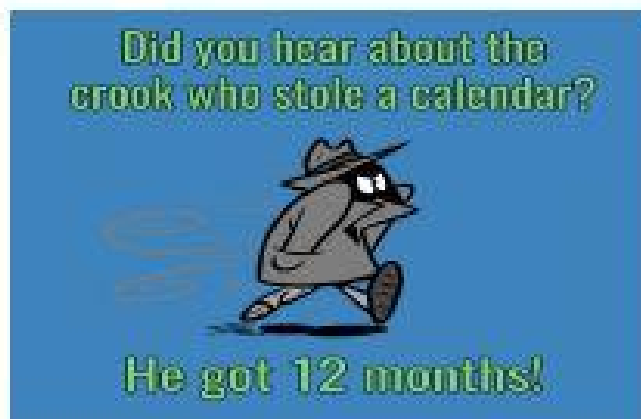
Our fellow year 6s also found out what high schools they got into, seeming secondary school is only one term away! Sounds sort of scary! Then again secondary school is a whole new chapter to life, new experiences, friends and learning new things.



During my time at home I have created and delivered hand made cards as part of the strathdon pen pals and are awaiting their replies. We also traveled to a webinar with the zoo and explored and questioned throughout the webinar.

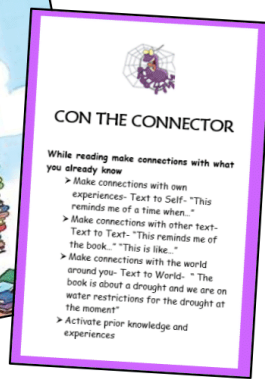
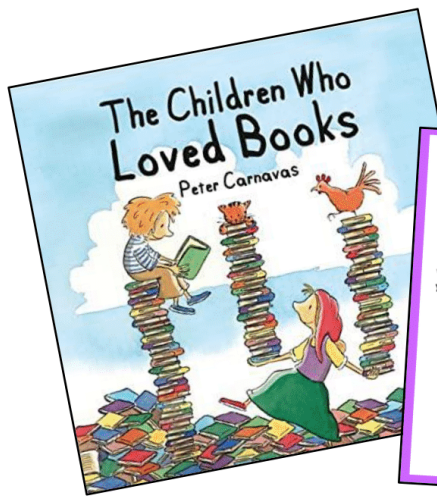


High school is a big topic that is taking up all the space in my brain right now. I have gracefully been accepted to Balwyn high school which indeed is a whole new chapter for myself and my year 6 classmates who will proceed to high school as well. My last year at parkmore is flying! It's already August! I really look forward to seeing my classmates when we return to school.



*It's all happening in
Prep*

PREP CLASS ARTICLE



This week, the Junior School read 'The Children Who Loved Books'.

We are focusing on making text connections to help us understand what we read.

We were able to make lots of connections and were very entertained following the chicken throughout the book.

We really enjoyed Funky Sock Day!

For our Check In, we shared a photo of our chosen socks for the day. As you can see, there was lots of variety!



We all really miss school and seeing our friends but we know that we are staying home to be safe!

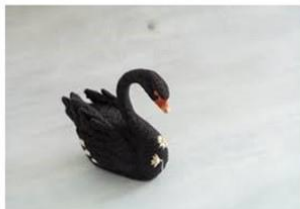


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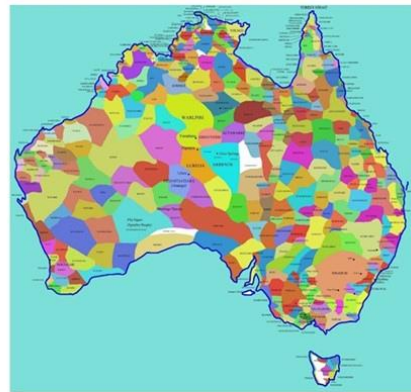


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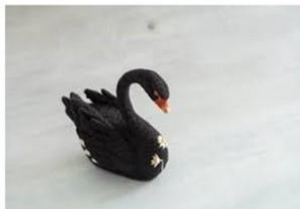


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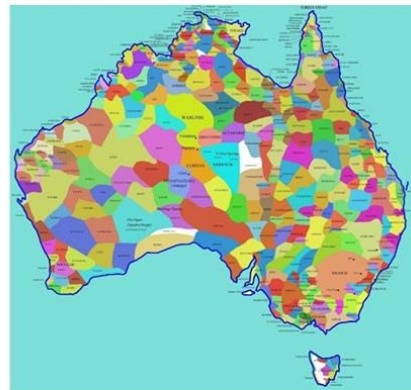


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Year 3A Virtual Camp

Virtual Camp ADANAC

Grade 3 and 4 were due to go to camp Adanac on Wednesday 19th August for 3 days, 2 nights. 3A completed a virtual camp with a packing challenge, waterslide writing, archery mathematics and plenty of tents in the backyard or loungeroom. Some students toasted marshmallows over a campfire, while others created their own 'flying fox'. Even though it wasn't the same as an actual camp, the students still had plenty of fun.



4-5A

Live teaching

Over the last two weeks, students completed the reading of their group's first novel. We received overwhelmingly positive student feedback on group learning, with students enjoying smaller, intimate spaces to share their thoughts and learning strategies with each other.



#maths
groups

Students also asked for a second maths group, happening on Friday now. Please continue to check that your child is joining in to every live teaching session, including the morning check-in at 9.30am.

In reading, students have learnt new reading strategies live on Webex with tasks called 'Mentor text'. This week's strategy has been determining cause and effect and understanding how this is influencing the characters of a book and the narrative elements.



Next week, we will be learning 'around the world' and teachers are busy creating engaging activities to make connections.



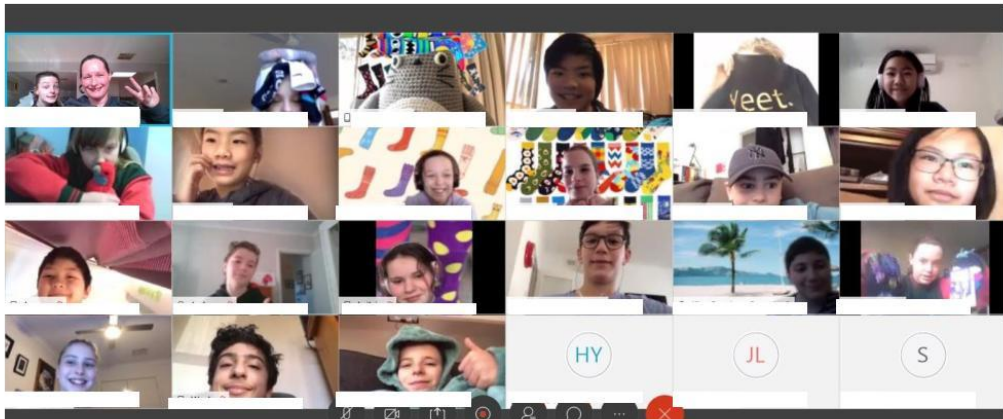
Student of
the Week



Congratulations to our student of the week, Elvis, for his perseverance demonstrated throughout the term and engaging with his peers and teachers.

5-6A - What We've Been Up To This Week!

Our 5/6 Classroom News



BIOGRAPHIES

Over the last few weeks, our class has been interviewing someone in their life to write a biography. These are being presented over this week through video, Google Slides and even an audio interview. Such an interesting life our families have had from travelling the world, working in London, being abandoned while camping only to then meet a future husband. Each presenter has shown Bravery, negotiating the technical side to let this presentation take place. Very proud of you all.



Meeting and discussing remote learning with all the families last week was interesting. All students are using their individual Character Strengths to work through at this time.



WebEx Meets

Reading Groups every Monday starting from 11:30

Math Groups every Wednesday starting from 11:30

Morning Tea 10:30 Tuesday and Friday (optional for socialising with classmates)

Questions and Answers 1:00 daily (optional if you have a need)

And of course, our 9:00 am daily check in will still remain which is our first opportunity to discuss the day and check in on everyone.

Performing Arts

Remote Learning in the PERFORMING ARTS

While our students at Parkmore PS are learning from home, they have been offered a Performing Arts program that incorporates music, dance and drama. In music the students have been presented with a variety of listening, playing, composing and singing activities. In drama they been encouraged to be creative in expressing their personal worlds and their dance activities have had the capacity to engage and inspire.

Junior Program F-2



Earlier this term, our junior students connected with two on-line music/performing arts teachers from the USA via Youtube videos. Miss Lindsey and Ms. Wonderly led the children through activities involving music, dance, drama, storytelling and singing. More recently our kids have had sessions with Drama Kids Online to encourage the use of their imagination and introductory acting sessions based around facial expressions and body movements.

Each weekly session has included a dance component designed to get the kids up out of their chairs and moving to music.

Senior Program 3-6

Our senior students started this term with a look at the musical instruments that are used in a traditional orchestra. We visited websites that focused mainly on classical music and contained games and activities designed to teach the four musical families of instruments.

The students have been offered some sessions with a drama focus. They have played a variation on the classic game 'charades' and they have used their voices in different acting situations using a short, simple script.

Our weekly sessions have also included a component of on-line music making. The students have accessed websites such as Bobby McFerrin's home page, Chrome Music Lab and Button Bass to create loops in music using synthesised sounds and virtual instruments.



Physical Education



PE NEWS



Walk to Uluru

By Friday 14th August, the Parkmore community virtually walked the 2,195km to Uluru. We decided to stay a week at Uluru and enjoy the scenery.



In week 6, we recorded how many laps of the Uluru 10.6km base walk around Uluru's circumference we could do. The answer is 35!

Below are the statistics for our walk.

Grade	Average Participants	Distance covered
Prep	4	118.8km
1/2A	8	363.8km
1/2B	7	379.2km
3A	7	201.4km
4/5A	8	445.9km
5/6A	5	326.2km
Staff	4	524.1km
Parents	2	194km
Total (average participants each week)	45	
Total Distance Covered		2,553.4km



The Parkmore 'Backyard' Olympics has begun. There is more information on the Parkmore Learning Hub and Class Dojo.



Keep a look out for Parkmore's own News presenter Jay Walker and the weekly PNN updates.

Birthdays

September Birthdays



2nd - Dave Y

5th - Leon L

6th - Eleni P

7th - Sami A

8th - Isaiah K

9th - Anmol K

10th - Matthew I

18th - Leo C

18th - Misha M

23rd - Phoebe C

30th - Travis G

Student of the Week

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August 28, 2020

Prep - **Felix T:** Perseverance

1/2A - **Rosha M:** Zest

1/2B - **Ian H:** Love of Learning

3A - **Jade G:** Perseverance

4/5A - **Elvis S:** Perseverance

5/6A - **Jason L:** Zest

P.E. - **Lara J:** Love of Learning

V.A. - **Emma C:** Creativity

L.O.T.E - **Kate G:** Love of Learning

Performing Arts - **Hannah S:** Creativity & Love of Learning

Performing Arts - **Holly C:** Creativity & love of Learning



Staff Member of the Week

August 28, 2020

Ms Collins: Love of Learning

Courage: Honesty, Bravery, Perseverance, Zest

Temperance: Forgiveness, Humility, Prudence, Self-Regulation

Humanity: Kindness, love, Social Intelligence

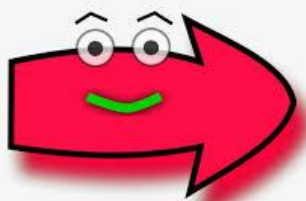
Justice: Fairness, Leadership, Teamwork

Transcendence: Appreciation of beauty & Excellence, Gratitude, Hope, Humour, Spirituality

Wisdom & Knowledge: Creativity, Curiosity, Judgement, Love of Learning, Perspective

Parents & Friends

Parkmore Trivia Night










Parkmore Parents and Friends Committee Present

PARKMORE TRIVIA 2020

LIVESTREAMING VIA FACEBOOK
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER FROM 7.30PM

How it works

-  Get a team of family and friends together (max 6) and nominate a captain
-  Buy a ticket via Qkr! (\$20 per team)
-  We'll email the team captain with answer sheets
-  Get glammed up and get your team together on Friday 11 September via your favourite video chat app (Zoom, WhatsApp, FaceTime, Teams etc.)
-  Tune in to the live stream from 7:30 PM via Facebook [@parkmoretrivia2020](#)
-  Captains fill in the answer sheets and hit submit
-  Win great Prizes!

Questions? Contact us parkmoretrivia2020@gmail.com or via Messenger [@parkmoretrivia2020](#)

ESPN

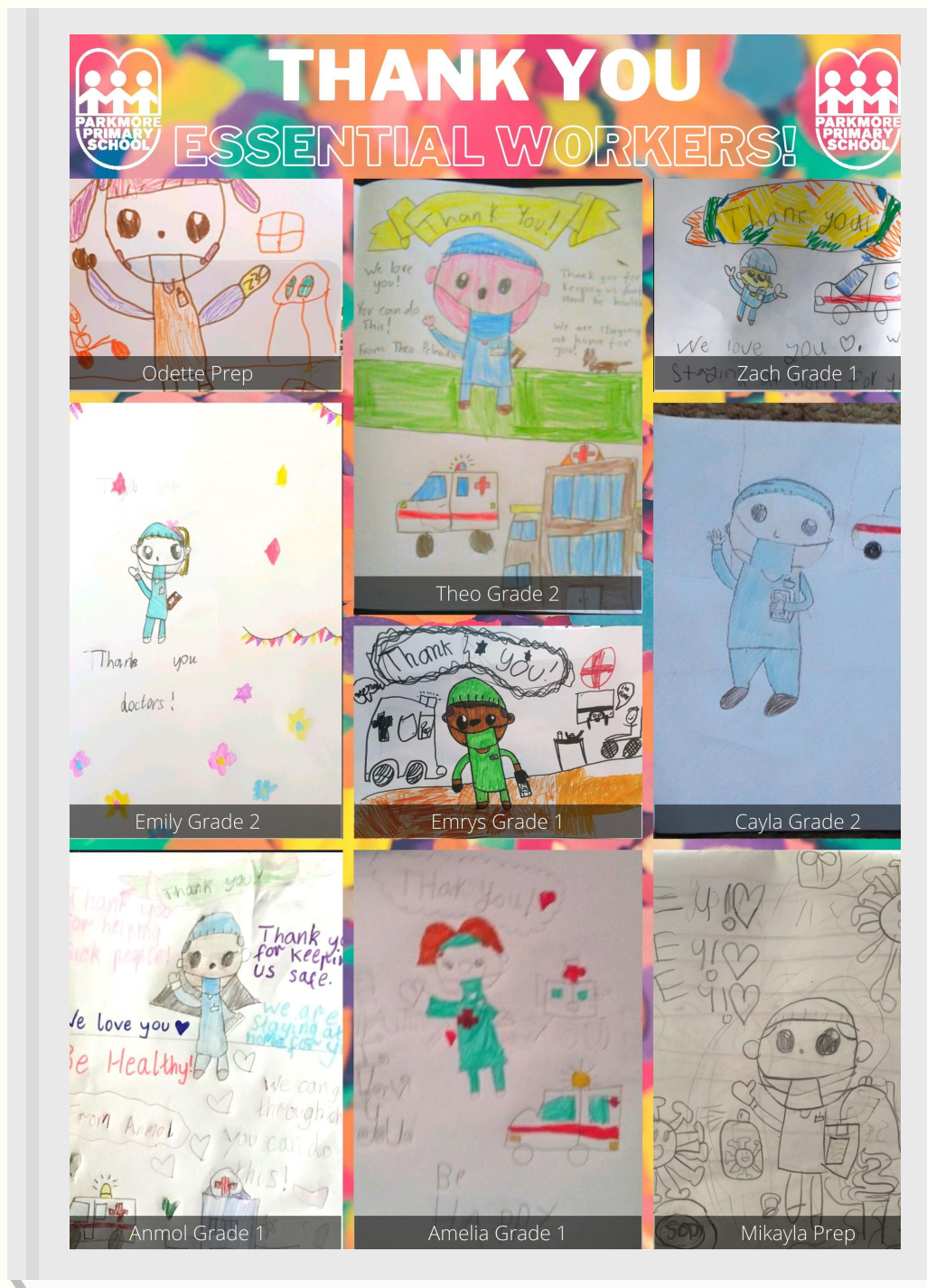
**footy
tips**

*Remember to keep
putting your tips in!*

Essiantial Worker THANK YOU's

Art Club - Juniors

During Art Club this week the Juniors drew some thank you's for the local essential workers - Medical, which will be forwarded on to Box Hill Hospital. What a great way to say thank you! Beautiful pictures!



Essential Worker THANK YOU'S

Art Club - Seniors

Senior students were busy at Art Club this week drawing thank you's for the local essential workers - Police, this fantastic collage will be forwarded onto the local station.

They've done a fabulous job!

