

Excellence  
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# The Parkmore Pulse



## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

15TH - SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - VIRTUAL  
18TH - SCHOOL COUNCIL  
25TH /27TH - Y3/4 PORTSEA CAMP - TBC  
26TH - PREP 2022: TEDDY BEAR PICNIC - VIRTUAL

### NOVEMBER

2ND - MELBOURNE CUP DAY - NO SCHOOL  
3RD - CURRICULUM DAY - NO STUDENTS  
4TH - PREP 2022 PARENT SESSION & PHONICS  
8TH/12TH - Y5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG  
9TH - PREP 2022 ART PLAY  
17TH - PREP 2022 PHONICS ARE FUN!  
22ND - SCHOOL COUNCIL  
30TH - PREP 2022 - MEET THE TEACHER

### DECEMBER

8TH - SCHOOL COUNCIL - TBC

### 2021 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 3 JULY 12TH - SEPTEMBER 17TH  
TERM 4 OCTOBER 5TH - DECEMBER 17TH

### CURRICULUM DAYS

TERM 4 - DECEMBER 17 - TBC  
TERM 4 - NOVEMBER 3, WEDNESDAY

## From the Principal Special Edition



The beginning of Term 4 has been a time for us to reflect on how the year is going so far for our learning community. Recently Parkmore Primary School received our NAPLAN results from testing done by our Year 3 and 5 students earlier this year. These really positive results have shown us that, despite all of our challenges, 2021 has been a really successful year for Parkmore Primary School.

- Our Year 5 students have outperformed similar schools in learning growth in Reading and Writing
- Year 3 students have outperformed similar schools and the state average with 71% of our students performing in the top two bands (highest achievement level) in reading, 65% in writing, and 58% in numeracy
- We have already met many of our ambitious School Strategic Plan targets for 2023!

I would like to acknowledge our fantastic teachers who, throughout 2020 and 2021, have continued to dedicate themselves to enhancing their teaching practice and supporting our students to make sure that they continue to flourish during remote and face-to-face learning. Their hard work has ensured that Parkmore continues to be a place of high-quality instruction leading to high quality learning and wellbeing outcomes for students even in the middle of a pandemic. Well done too to our wonderful students who have continued to show our school values of resilience and excellence!

So what is next for us during Term 4?

## School Assembly

Parents you will be advised on Class Dojo once parents/carers are permitted to attend assemblies again.

The 2nd Hand UNIFORM SHOP will recommence after Assembly once parents are able to attend assemblies.

## Teaching and Learning Update

As we move from remote, to blended, to fully face-to-face teaching, our teachers will focus on providing students with a balanced program that ensures a continuity of learning, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. There will be a particular focus on classroom routines and providing lots of opportunities for students to reconnect socially.

# Principal's Report

## Wellbeing

Our teachers are already working hard to plan for our students' return to school. We will be focusing on student wellbeing, with professional learning sessions already undertaken last term with our Visible Wellbeing consultant Annabelle Knight to support our Positive Education approach. During the holidays our Wellbeing Team Leader Michelle Bamford attended the virtual PESA conference, representing Parkmore Primary School and learning about the latest research and practical strategies for supporting student wellbeing, coping strategies and positive learning mindsets. Michelle has begun hosting professional learning so staff can implement these strategies throughout the school.

## COVID-safe Behaviours

Work has already begun on planning for a safe return on onsite learning. We are investigating best-practice ventilation, mask etiquette for students and timetables to ensure social distancing as much as possible. We will continue with our well-established COVID-safe practices including enhanced cleaning, hand sanitiser provision, adult mask wearing and signing in protocols.

**Isobel McLennan**

**Principal**

### Back to Face-to-Face Learning Term 4

**Note – remote learning on non-onsite learning days**

**Care and supervision will run for eligible students as usual on remote learning days.**

From	4/10/21	18/10/21	26/10/21	5/11/21
<b>Prep</b>	Remote Learning	Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	onsite
<b>1/2A 1/2B</b>	Remote Learning	Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	onsite
<b>3/4A</b>	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Tuesday – Wednesday	onsite
<b>4/5A 5/6A</b>	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Thursday – Friday	onsite



Visual Art

# Parkmore succulent garden







# P.E NEWS

with Mrs Raebel

## Whole School Swimming

Every year Parkmore Primary commence their swimming program in the first few weeks of November. Unfortunately, due to our current circumstances it is looking unlikely this program will go ahead.

As swimming and water safety are important areas of the Physical Education curriculum this will be taught as a whole school 'Dry Swimming' program.

Students are learning the theory around water hazards, how to stay safe around water, spotting rips at the beach and ways to stay safe when assisting others.

Once we are back at school, we will be using scooter boards, pool noodles and other items to replicate swimming without water. It can be educational and lot of fun!



## Interschool Events

School Sport Victoria (SSV) have cancelled all interschool events for 2021. This includes Summer sport and Track and Field events

# Wellbeing News

## Wellbeing Update

We welcome our families and students back to school for Term 4. Teachers and staff are preparing and very much looking forward to seeing our students return to school in the coming weeks. We know that students are looking forward to returning to school with their friends but as it is a period of change, they may find the new routines a challenge. Below are some tips for parents to support their child's return to school, from the Australian Psychological Society (APS). The full document '*Helping children transition back to school in the COVID-19 era -ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS*' can be found [here](#)

<https://psychology.org.au/getmedia/6a3f524c-02c1-4e29-ac16-32a92a204599/20aps-ccn-is-transitioning-to-school-p1.pdf>

### Re-establish normal routines in the lead up to school

- **The week before:** Return children to their usual wake up and bedtime routines, as well as breakfast and morning snack/lunch.
- **The day before:** Involve your child in packing their bag and preparing their uniform - this leaves you plenty of time to notice if anything is forgotten.
- **The morning of:** Allow more time than usual to get ready.

### Mental Health Week:

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme this year is *Looking After Yourself in the times of Covid-19*. Parkmore Primary School prioritises the health and wellbeing of students through the positive education program, respectful relationships curriculum and other targeted initiatives. At the end of last term our school implemented a Wellbeing Day and encouraged students to replace screens and devices for outdoor and creative activities. Some pictures below highlight some of the creative ways some students spent their wellbeing day.



Lana Paten

Student Wellbeing

# Birthdays

## October Birthdays

23rd - Stanley R

24th - Candice Z

27th - Iqra R

30th - Kate G



## Student of the Week

**17 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Prep - **Sophie M** - HOPE

1/2A - **Usher R** - PERSEVERANCE

1/2B - **Dexter S** - LOVE OF LEARNING

3/4A - **Alicia R** - PERSISTENCE

4/5 - **Juan C** - LOVE OF LEARNING

5/6A - **Ella P** - LEADERSHIP

5/6A - **Matt I** - BRAVERY

L.O.T.E - **Sophie M** - LOVE OF LEARNING

Physical Education - **Leo C** - ZEST

Visual Art - **Annay K** - PERSEVERANCE

Performing Art - **Gemma K** - CREATIVITY

Performing Art - **Josh K** - JUDGEMENT





# Parkmore Primary Parents & Friends

## - What's On



### RECIPE BOOK



KEEP A WATCH OUT FOR  
INFORMATION ON HOW TO PURCHASE  
THE PPS RECIPE BOOK  
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU'LL BE  
ABLE TO ADD A FEW MORE TASTY  
RECIPES TO YOUR REPERTOIRE.



Keep your eye out on CLASS  
DOJO for the latest book club  
edition information

### Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 October  
2021



7.30pm via Zoom