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Important Dates

DECEMBER

14TH - Y6 GRADUATION
15TH - Y6 BIG DAY OUT
16TH - GRADUATION ASSEMBLY (FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2022)
16TH - DISMISSAL AT 1.30PM AFTER ASSEMBLY
19TH - PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY - NO STUDENTS
20TH - CURRICULUM DAY- NO STUDENTS

2023 DATES

TERM 1

MONDAY JANUARY 30 - THURSDAY APRIL 6
(PREPS REFER TO HANDBOOK)

TERM 2

MONDAY APRIL 24 - FRIDAY JUNE 23

TERM 3

MONDAY JULY 10 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

TERM 4

MONDAY OCTOBER 2 - DECEMBER 20

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2023

LABOUR DAY - MONDAY MARCH 13
GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY APRIL 7
ANZAC DAY - TUESDAY APRIL 25
KING'S BIRTHDAY - MONDAY JUNE 12
AFL GRAND FINAL - (MAY BE IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)
MELBOURNE CUP - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7

next School Assembly

Friday December 16th 2022
in the MP Room
12.45pm start
please be seated prior

Principal's Report

As many of you now know, this week is my last week as Principal of Parkmore Primary School. I am sad to be leaving such a wonderful community of students, staff and families, but I am confident that Parkmore is surging ahead with a clear direction as we head towards 2023.

Term 1's incoming principal Mrs Jodie Doble visited the school yesterday, and took the time to meet with classes and individual students. She was impressed by our students' positive attitude towards the school and their learning.

Today the students participate in our transition day, with students visiting their new homeroom and teachers. Staffing at Parkmore remains stable, with the following staffing structure:

Staffing for 2023

Classes

Prep: Clare Simmons (to be Mrs Clare Raymond in 2023)

Year 1/2A: Eliza Kelly

Year 2/3A: Yann Quere (Learning Specialist)

Year 3/4A: Renée Conway

Year 5/6A: Elizabeth Forde

Year 5/6B: to be advised

Specialists

L.O.T.E. (Mandarin) and Visual Art: Helen Yi

Performing Arts and Tutoring: Emma Davies

P.E. and Tutoring: Alison Raebel

Student Wellbeing: Carolyn Bunston

E.S./Integration Support

Pamela Roberts: Business Manager and Office Manager

Melissa Plaw: Administration Support

Anne Cahill: Integration Support

Michelle Phillips: Integration Support and Library

Anna Duff: Integration Support

Darcy Muller: Integration Support

Colin Zhi: IT Support

Thank You!

Thank you to all our wonderful staff. During the last four years we have risen to the challenge of remote learning and school improvement. It has been a privilege to lead you as you have shown dedication to improving your practice and being an advocate for all of our students.

Thank you to our families, volunteers, school council members, Parents and Friends members and coffee morning organisers. Your dedication to your children, our students and the school is impressive and humbling. Thank you for working to make Parkmore a great place!

Finally to our wonderful students – thank you for making Parkmore an exciting and fun place! I have really enjoyed working with and teaching you. Don't forget...reading rocks!

Isobel McLennan

PRINCIPAL

Principals Report continued....

Farewell from Mr Paine

I cannot express strongly enough my thanks to all staff, students and members of the Parkmore community for making me so welcome to your school.

Just like life, education is dynamic, not static. To the students, success comes to those who try, it comes to those who are not afraid to fail. I encourage you all to strive to achieve your best no matter what your standard is and tackle every learning task with a positive attitude. To the Year 6 students, I wish you all the very best for your journey through secondary school and beyond.

To the staff, education is ever changing with new advances in brain research, and I know with your professional attitude and commitment to Parkmore Primary School you will always commit to continuous improvement. It has been a pleasure to work with every one of you.

I have enjoyed working closely with Isobel, Pam and Melissa in the office and wish Isobel every success in her new role with DET.

I know how much the community respect the Parkmore Primary School staff and I thank you all for your ongoing support of your great school.

Next Tuesday is my resignation date from the Victorian Department of Education which I have served since 1987. It is a strange feeling resigning after such a long time, but I am very excited to be returning back to my wife and daughter in Edinburgh to commence a new chapter in semi-retired life.

Below is a photo my wife took a few days ago of the current weather in Scotland. In the photo taken in our backyard are my youngest daughter, our dog Flynn and Frosty.

*Thanks again and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period.
Kind regards*

Greg Paine
NEVR Liaison Principal



Wellbeing News

Student Wellbeing

As the Student Wellbeing Worker, it's been an absolute pleasure working with the wonderful staff at Parkmore Primary School. These are some of the ways in which the Student Wellbeing program has supported students and families:

- Breakfast club every Tuesday morning with 30 - 40 students enjoying cheese toasties, fruit cups and relaxing with friends. A huge thankyou to Lilly J, Grace L and Arun N for generously giving of their time to help out.
- Art club every second Monday where students worked most of the year on colouring huge wings which were then displayed in the quad. Thank you to our Art Captain, Travis G for his reliable and responsible dedication to the Art Club.
- Year 3 and year 5 girls' groups providing a space to develop self- esteem and friendship skills
- Seasons for Growth program providing specific support for students who have experienced grief and loss
- Fresh fruit delivered weekly to classrooms provided by Foodbank Victoria
- Food boxes for families in need provided by Foodbank Victoria

I wish all the families at Parkmore Primary School a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2023.

Carolyn Bunston
WELLBEING WORKER

Birthdays

December Birthdays

21st - Aiden G-C
22nd - Audrey T
22nd - Tavani T
24th - Annay K
29th - Lachlan H
30th - Wendy L

January Birthdays

20th - Josh F
23rd - Alice Y
24th - Ezekiel R
28th - Gabriella D
28th - Kenzie J
30th - Sariel L

Advertising....

Whitehorse Carols

Sunday 18 December 2022

5.30pm – 9.30pm

Tunstall Park




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