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Resilience  
Responsibility  
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# The Parkmore Pulse



IMPORTANT DATE

**July**

31<sup>st</sup> Fire Ed incursion Prep

**August**

1<sup>st</sup> 100 Days of Prep

4<sup>th</sup> Hoop Time Y5/6

18<sup>th</sup> School Council

19<sup>th</sup> District Athletics

22<sup>nd</sup> Book Week parade

29<sup>th</sup> Summer Sport Y5&6

**September**

12<sup>th</sup> Summer Sport Y5&6

15<sup>th</sup> School Council

19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 3 Students finish at 2:30

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FOR TERM DATES.**

## Principal's Report

*Hello Everyone*



### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. I was fortunate to have my beautiful 6-year-old twin granddaughters, Elsie and Hazel, to stay for the last week of the holidays. We had lots of fun participating in the Bunnings Children's Holiday workshops, making Butterfly Fairy wings at the Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre, having our faces painted, checking out all the local parks and having our hair trimmed cut and blow waved, they for the first time, at my hairdresser. Elsie and Hazel finally went home on Sunday, and I must admit my house is now very quiet!



### FAREWELL MRS RAEBEL AND WELCOME MRS RAYMOND

Though we are sad to farewell Mrs Raebel until the end of the year, we know it is for a very happy event as Mrs Raebel is expecting a new addition to the Raebel family. However, we are excited to welcome back Mrs Raymond who is returning from family leave. Mrs Raymond is well known in the Parkmore Community having taught in the Junior School over previous years. Mrs Raymond will take over the responsibilities of PE teaching and the Wellbeing Leader role during Mrs Raebel's leave. Both Mrs Raebel and Mrs Raymond have spent many hours having an extensive handover to ensure a smooth transition.

## Next Assembly

Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 9am

**Please be seated prior to the  
start**

**IMPORTANT : Students must  
attend class prior to assembly  
to have the roll marked**

# Principal's Report - continued

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

I would like to extend a sincere welcome to our international families who are joining our community in Term 3. We value the exchange of ideas and cultural information between students, that participating in this program provides. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support or information during your time with us. We trust that you and your families will enjoy your stay at Parkmore Primary.

I would further like to extend a warm welcome back to Rory C and his family, who are returning to us. It is great to see you back with the Parkmore PS community and we hope that you are settling in well.

## UNIFORM POLICY

It is an expectation and a school policy that all students wear the official school uniform when at school and on school excursions. Second-hand uniform items can be purchased from the school office. There are several students who are not wearing the correct green pants. These can be green tracksuit pants but not leggings unless they are being worn under a school dress. Black pants or leggings are not official school uniform items. If for any reason, your child attends school out of uniform, please send a note to the class teacher with a brief explanation.

It is also a requirement that no make-up is worn whilst in school uniform, this includes any form of face make-up, and nail polish should be clear if worn at all. Coloured nail polish is not permitted.

Headlice particularly enjoy long free flowing and clean hair. To avoid further outbreaks of headlice, it is a requirement that all students with hair longer than shoulder length, have their hair tied back when in school uniform. Beanies and outside jackets/coats should also not be worn in the classroom.

Adhering to our Uniform Policy and wearing the correct uniform items, besides being a requirement, also demonstrates a student's pride in their school. A big shout out to our many students who do attend school wearing the correct school uniform every day!

## SEVERAL REMINDERS...

### *Start and Finish Times*

**Just a quick reminder that our school day commences at 8.50am.** It is during this time that the attendance roll is taken, messages and information for the office is collected and the day's activities are outlined. The day's learning commences at 9.00am. Late arrivals impacts not only on your child's learning but also disrupts the class. We discourage students arriving before 8.30am. Yard supervision commences at 8.45am. Students who arrive early or are collected after 3.45pm, must be enrolled in the before and after school care program, TheirCare. Yard supervision concludes at 3.45pm. Students who have not been collected by this time, must wait in the office area, while their parents are contacted. Students who have been collected by their parents and who are continuing to play in the playground/oval areas of the school, **must be directly supervised by their parents.**

It is important that students are on time and do not miss class unnecessarily, either through unauthorised absences or by being late or leaving early. We value education highly at Parkmore Primary School. School absence reflects missed opportunities for learning.

# Principal's Report - continued

## *School Crossing*

The school crossing is manned each school day by our very capable School Crossing Officer, Bea, who ensures the safe crossing of the very busy Jolimont Road for not only our students but also members of our community and the public. Unfortunately, I have witnessed some parents crossing the road from between parked cars when picking up or dropping off their children. This is an extremely dangerous practice as before and after school are busy times of the day. We are also not modelling good road safety behaviours to our children when we do this. Please use the manned school crossing at all times.

## *Staff Car Park*

Please do not park in the Staff carpark or use it as a thoroughfare to the school office. The carpark can be very busy at all times of the day, and drivers do not expect to see toddlers or children in the car park. Unfortunately, I have seen several near misses, particularly when delivery trucks are coming and going.

## *Assemblies*

Our assemblies will continue to be held at 9.00am fortnightly, on alternate Wednesday mornings, commencing this term from Wednesday 30 July. We enjoy seeing our many parents and members of our community attend. Our student leaders present our 'Student of The Week' and any other awards, announce community events, and highlight student achievement and celebrate what is happening in our classrooms.

## **PHONE /SMART WATCH POLICY**

During 2020 the State Government enacted a DET School Phone policy that mandated that mobile phones and smart watches carried/worn by school students must be handed in to their class teacher, upon the student's arrival at school each morning, to be stored safely in the school office during the day. These devices can be collected by the student at the end of the day. If students are found to possess a phone or smart watch during school hours, these items will be confiscated, and parents will be contacted. This policy also applies to personal iPads or any gaming device, unless otherwise authorised by the Principal. A copy of the policy can be made available on request.

## **TERM EVENTS**

We have a short term this term, which ends on Friday 19 September. However, it is also going to be quite a busy term with many upcoming events including our popular book week (and book week parade); the Scholastic Book Fair; the Preps 'First 100 Days'; the District Winter Sports Days and then Summer Sports Days for the upper grades throughout the term; the Grade 5/6 Hoop Time; the Ceres Excursion for the Grades 3-6; the Sustainability Incursion for the Grade 3/4; the Fire Ed Incursion for the Preps, to name a few of the activities! I'm already exhausted just thinking about them. Please make sure that you have your Compass app downloaded onto your device as this is our main avenue for communicating information about any school events and activities, to our families.

# Principal's Report - continued

## SUN HATS

As we are a 'SunSmart' school and in line with the DET 'SunSmart' policy, it is a requirement that all students wear the SunSmart approved school hat, always, when outdoors from August 1<sup>st</sup> in Term 3, and during Terms 1 and 4. To protect your child from sunburn we do request that you apply sunscreen to your child each morning. It is also a good idea to supply your child with a small tube of sunscreen in their school bag. Whilst we are not permitted to dispense sunscreen we can support and assist younger children to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

Have a great fortnight everyone. I'm looking forward to a fantastic Term 3.

*Anni Smart*  
**Acting Principal**



2025  
*Dates for Your Diary*

**Curriculum /Professional Practice Days 2025**

**Term 4:** Monday November 3  
Friday December 19

***Term dates for 2025***

**TERM 3**

Monday, July 21- (teachers only)  
Tuesday, July 22 (students first day)  
Friday, September 19 - last day of term

**TERM 4**

Monday, October 6- first day of term  
Thursday, December 18 - last day of term  
- for students  
Friday, December 19 (staff only)

***Public Holidays in 2025***

**TERM 3**  
nil

**TERM 4**  
Tuesday, November 4 - Melbourne Cup Day

# School Captains Report

## ✨ School Captains Report ✨

Hey everyone, and welcome back! We hope you all had an awesome holiday.

It is the first week back and it has been so incredible already! We started out the term with welcoming in our new international students. They are so wonderful and we are very happy to have them at Parkmore.

In literacy, we are focusing on graphic novels and comics in the senior space. It is so exciting and so far we have looked at Avatar and next week we will focus on The Arrival by Shaun Tan.

Term 3 is going to be a very exciting term! Here are some of the things that will be happening: District athletics, 5/6 Hoop time, Book week dress up day, and so much more! So keep an eye out on Compass for more information!

### 🤡 JOKE OF THE WEEK! 😂

**Q. Why was Cinderella bad at soccer ??**

**A. Because she kept running from the ball!**

Friday the 22nd of August is book week dress up day! Please dress up as your favourite character from your favourite book. Fiction or Non-fiction, you can go as anything!

On Tuesday the 19th of August, 29 fabulous students are going to district athletics. Please make sure you know if you are going and pay on compass if you are. You can check the sports wall in the quad to see what you're competing in! If you have any issues please talk to Mrs Raymond, our amazing sports teacher.

Remember Sophie and Toby are on the lookout for wrapper free lunchboxes, so please make sure you have no soft plastic to protect our fishy friends! 🐟🐠

Just a reminder that all students must be in the classroom by 8:50 when the bell rings.

Have a great weekend.-

Kind regards,

Sophia and Emily - your School Captains



# Class Report

1/2 M

## 1/2M NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 1

### WELCOME BACK

Students in 1/2M have demonstrated wonderful enthusiasm and focus in their return to school this week.

We also welcomed 4 new students who will join us for 5 weeks at Parkmore PS.

### TERM 3 INQUIRY

This term in Inquiry, students will be exploring the topics of Earth and Space Science and Design Technology.

### Term 3: Earth and Space Science

How does the sky change  
and why does it matter?

# Class Report

## 5/6L

**BAM!**

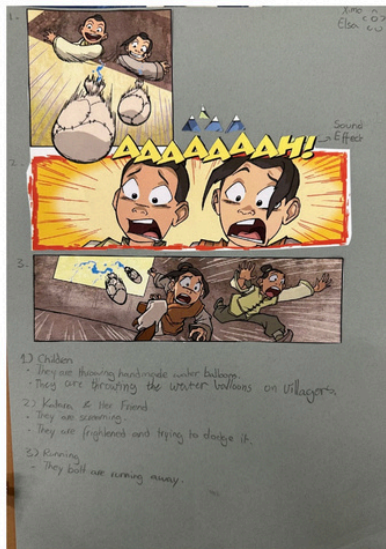
### 5/6L LITERACY

**WOW!**

#### ANALYSING COMIC FEATURES

This term, 5/6L have begun exploring the exciting world of graphic novels as part of our Literacy program. What began as a study of storytelling quickly evolved into a creative journey of visual literacy, character development, and narrative structure. Students examined how illustrations, layout, and dialogue work together to convey meaning, mood and tension—just like in traditional texts. This week, we focused on the classic comic/cartoon *Avatar: The Last Airbender* – which the students had an absolute blast with!

#### ANALYSING A COMIC PANEL



#### CREATING OUR OWN





# Book Week

**Book Week Dress Up Day**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025**  
**Book an Adventure!**

Best dressed from each class will win a \$10 Scholastic Voucher  
to be used at the Book Fair.



# *Birthdays.....*



## **July Birthdays**

28<sup>th</sup> Diana Q

## **August Birthdays**

3<sup>rd</sup> Ava T

5<sup>th</sup> Alice P

6<sup>th</sup> Ryan H

7<sup>th</sup> Chloe N

7<sup>th</sup> Simran N

8<sup>th</sup> Toby R

12<sup>th</sup> Yichen L

12<sup>th</sup> Blake G

13<sup>th</sup> Kasper Y

20<sup>th</sup> Kason Y

23<sup>rd</sup> Ken T

28<sup>th</sup> Amber Z



# Community



## WHITEHORSE DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES COMMUNITY DISCO FOR GUIDES & FRIENDS

### What

Join with other girls from across Whitehorse for a night of girls only fun including: meeting new friends; dancing; playing games and celebrating the power of girls to create a better world!

### Where

Laburnum Guide & Scout Hall,  
34 Pakenham St, Blackburn

### When

1st August 6-8pm

### Who

Girls aged 5 to 17 years -  
Girl Guides and new visitors!

### Cost

\$10

### For more info:

whitehorse@guidesvic.org.au  
0420 975 068

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District Girl Guides - Bring a friend  
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