

Excellence  
Resilience  
Responsibility  
Respect  
Inclusiveness

# The Parkmore Pulse



TERM 1 2025

**FEBRUARY**

12th Assembly  
18th Whole School Photo Day  
19th District Swimming  
24th Hockey Incursion  
26th Assembly

**March**

8th Bunnings BBQ  
10th Labour Day Holiday  
11th Government Incursion 3-6 TBC  
12th Assembly  
21st Harmony Day  
Ride to school Day  
26th Assembly

SEE PAGE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
FOR TERM DATES.



## Next Assembly

Wednesday February 12th 9am  
Please be seated prior to the  
start

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

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers a big welcome back to school to our existing families and welcome to all our new families.

We have had an incredible start to the new school year, and everyone is ready for another exciting year of learning and the many positive challenges that this brings. Our staff returned the week before school commenced and were busy setting up learning spaces and looking at student learning data from previous years so that they were ready to hit the ground running to support all our children's learning growth. I am extremely proud of all our accomplishments last year placing our school as a High Performing school in both student engagement and wellbeing and student achievement and this will be reflected in the Annual report to the Community.

Over the break our School Improvement team met to review all our data sets to plan for what we hope will be another outstanding year for Parkmore.

**Welcome to Prep our new families** Wednesday 29th of January was a very special day as it saw our Foundation (Prep) students officially start school. After our wonderful transition program throughout Term 3 and 4 last year, we can hardly call them new. The courtyard was brimming with excitement from Mums and Dads and the students were full of confidence and so eager to begin their primary school experience. We look forward to many amazing achievements and a wonderful partnership over the next seven years. We also welcome the many new students at our school at the beginning of the year, many of whom have just moved to the Forest Hill area or moved schools. I would like to warmly welcome all of our new families and I know that they will make many great connections with others in our local community.

**Family Picnic and BBQ** On Thursday this week, it was lovely to see so many of our students, their families, and members of our PEG (Parent Engagement Group) join us at our annual welcome BBQ & Picnic.. We hope to hold a number of social fun events throughout the year.

# Principal's Report - continued



**Compass and home school communication.** Thankyou to all our families who have logged into Compass and downloaded the Compass App. Please check your Compass App as this is our main communication portal. Through Compass we will send home information about events, excursions, incursions, camps, assemblies, and parent teacher nights. This is also the best way to communicate with your child's classroom teacher as well as receive and provide feedback on your child's academic report. A reminder from the office – please use Compass to notify us if your child is unwell and absent from school.

**Welcome to New Staff members.** On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to formally welcome Mr Daniel Sullivan who will be working in the Senior School Building, Leading Numeracy and Mathematics and teaching 4-5S. I would also like to welcome Ms Ella Stephenson who will also be working in the Senior School teaching year 3-4S. We are all really excited for these two enthusiastic and energetic teachers join our team and look forward to the year ahead.

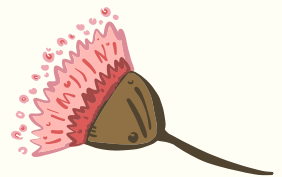
Supporting our children's engagement in their learning we also welcome Chad who will be working in P1B and Emily who will be working in 34S.

**Co-Curricular opportunities.** Our clubs began this week for all our children to join in. The information about the range of clubs and the days they are running are on the notice board inside our Hub for all the children to see. These include our Monday Breakfast Club, SRC, Minecraft, Lego, Library, Sport Aerobics, Mindful Colouring, Art Club and Friendship Club. These will be announced in assembly next week as well as announced daily at the start of lunch.

**Assembly** – This begins on **Wednesday** 12th of February at 9am. Feedback from last year was very positive about the morning assembly times but concerns were raised with Fridays due to the number of sports and activities that impacted on the running of assembly. We hope the Wednesday morning will be a more regular time. Assemblies will run every second week with our newsletters being published in the non-assembly weeks.

Finally, my door is always open, and I would like to warmly invite you to come and meet me and have a chat about your child, how we can support their learning and how we can work together to make our school great.

Jodie Doble  
**PRINCIPAL**





2025  
Dates for Your Diary

2025

**Curriculum /Professional Practice Days 2025**

**Term 2:** Friday June 6

**Term 3:** Monday July 21

**Term 4:** Monday November 3

Friday December 19

***Term dates for 2025***

**TERM 1**

Tuesday, January 28 (staff only)

Wednesday January 29 - students first day

Friday, April 4 - last day of term

**TERM 2**

Tuesday, April 22 - first day of term

Friday, July 4 - last day of term

**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 1**

Monday, March 10 - Labour Day

**TERM 2**

Monday, April 20 - Easter Monday

Friday, April 26 - ANZAC Day

Monday, June 9 - Labour Day

**TERM 3**

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**TERM 4**

Tuesday, November 4 - Melbourne Cup Day

# School Captain Report

Hello and welcome to Parkmore Primary, 2025!

We're Sophia and Emily, your 2025 School Captains!

We are so excited and honoured to lead our school this year. We will try our absolute hardest to make this year the most enjoyable and memorable year yet for all students.

There are so many thrilling things happening in 2025.

For example: Camp for the Senior School, House Cross Country, and so many fun and exciting excursions and incursions!

All of our fun clubs are back, including our new club called 'Friendship Club' where you can make bracelets, draw and make new friends! Sports Aerobics is also back! Tryouts have already happened, so be keen for an announcement soon.

This year sounds like it's going to be a blast already, and we can't wait to see everything in action!

Entering 2025, a lot of things have changed in our school. As we welcome the new year, we are getting to know our wonderful teachers. I'm sure that our teachers have many fun things planned for this term! This term we have already welcomed 11 international students and they are settling in very well.

This year, Grades 6, 5, 1 and Preps are getting to be buddies with each other. We encourage the 5/6s to look after their Prep buddies and make sure they settle nicely.

We are looking forward to the future and are truly honoured to lead our students on this incredible journey.

Sophia and Emily



# Junior Literacy

## LITERACY

### Phonics

### LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY

This year, the Juniors at Parkmore Primary, (Foundation to Level Two) are learning phonics through the *Little Learners Love Literacy Program* which is an '**explicit and sequential literacy approach for teaching children to read, write and spell with confidence.**'

The *Little Learners* program is systematic and engages the children with their phonics by using a variety of activities including writing, reading, music, craft, games and stories. In Foundation (Prep), students are following the adventures of 'Milo' the monkey and his birthday surprise. Years One and Two follow Pip and Tim through a range of wonderful adventures!

There are tips available on the website to help your child read at home, and a range of songs for *Little Learners* which can be located on Spotify.

Here are some handy tips to assist your child to read at home:

#### **Read to your child**

Read many varied books to your child – from home, your local library or child's school library – and talk about what you have read. Choosing a quiet time, such as bedtime, can help build an easy and fun reading routine.

#### **Play with sounds**

Play sound games such as I Spy – be careful to use the 'pure' sound e.g. 'mmmm' not 'muh' or 'em'.

#### **Listen to your child read**

Children should only be asked to read decodable books which practise the letter-sound relationships they have learned at school so far. Whilst your child is reading their decodable book, encourage them to use their knowledge to sound out and blend unknown words – no guessing required!

#### **Support writing practice**

Children need lots of practice opportunities to master the phonics knowledge and skills they are being taught. Don't put too much pressure on home reading. **Play, Talk, Practise!**



# Senoir School

## Year 3-6



### A Wonderful Start to the Year!

It's been an exciting and positive start to the school year! Our students have been busy building new relationships and exploring their emotions. They've been learning to identify feelings such as anger, worry, calm, silliness, and joy. By recognising that emotions are either pleasant or unpleasant, but not inherently good or bad, they're developing a deeper understanding of themselves. Knowing how these emotions *feel* helps them to identify and manage them in everyday situations.

We've also hit the ground running with our routines and expectations. It's been fantastic to see students already celebrating their achievements, with some of their amazing work displayed around the classroom and shared spaces.

We can't wait to show you the full transformation of our learning environment soon!

Key dates to remember include:

School Photos: Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of February  
District Swimming: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February  
Ride to School day: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> of February  
Hockey Incursion: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> of February  
Parent Teacher Night: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of February  
Government Incursion: Tuesday, 11th of March  
House Athletics Day: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of April

Further information will be distributed closer to these dates.





# P.E. News

## PE NEWS with Mrs Raebel

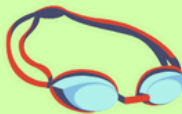


### Term 1 Activities

District Swimming Carnival  
Hockey Roadshow  
House Cross Country  
Whole School House Athletics  
Carnival  
FoodBank Food Fight- Last day of  
Term 1



### District Swimming Carnival



On Wednesday 19th February, 15  
Parkmore students from grades 3-6  
will be competing in the District  
Swimming Carnival at the Croydon  
Memorial Pool.



### Sport and PE in Term 1

**We have lots of learning occurring  
in our PE and Sport classes**

All students completed their 'Learning to  
Learn' week looking at how the school  
values are applied in our PE classes.



### Whole School Athletics

**Wednesday 2nd April**

All students will get a bus to Bill Stewart Athletics  
Track on Burwood Hwy to compete in various  
running, jumping and throwing events. Parent  
helpers are needed to make this day a huge  
success.

There will be the Grade 6 vs Staff vs Parents  
relay to end the day.

Please contact Mrs Raebel on Compass if you can  
assist on the day.

# Wellbeing

## WELLBEING NEWS

### What is happening at Parkmore?

BY ALISON RAEBEL

Parkmore Primary is implementing the **Disability Inclusion** initiative throughout our school. We are looking at how we can further meet the needs of all our learners through wellbeing initiatives such as **Lunchtime clubs**, the **Tutor Learning Initiative**, the **Kids COACH** mentoring program, **Wellbeing dogs Fizz and Andy** and the implementation of the **High Impact Teaching Strategies** along with the **High Impact Wellbeing strategies** and the **BSEM Circle Time** in every classroom.

Classroom teachers have begun reaching out to families to organise meetings to best support their child's learning needs. Our **'Welcome BBQ'** was a great way for the staff and families to meet and mingle in a relaxed picnic setting. Having parents/ caregivers a proactive part of the students' school life is known to increase a student's learning outcomes (<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/research/spotlights/strengthening-parent-engagement-to-improve-student-outcomes>).

There are many ways parents/ caregivers can assist around the school including classroom reading, sports and athletics event days, art room assistance, fundraising events, and many more. I encourage all families to sign up for the Parent Engagement Group 'WhatsApp' chat to stay up to date with things happening in each classroom. Please see Pam in the office if you need more information.

FOODBANK BREAKFAST CLUB  
MONDAY MORNINGS  
8.30AM IN THE HUB.  
EVERYONE WELCOME  
(ENTER VIA THE SIDE GATE)



BERRY STREET  
EDUCATION MODEL  
CIRCLE TIME  
EVERY MORNING 9AM IN  
THE CLASSROOM



# Arts



the  
Song  
Room

IS IN OUR SCHOOL

CREATE

We are excited to have a Song Room Teaching Artist working with our students and teachers this semester to enhance learning, wellbeing and community through the arts.

Find out more

INSPIRE





*Birthdays.....*



## **February Birthdays**

5th Hudson R

5th Ximo Y

6th JJ

7th Oliver N

10th Mario Z

12th G Abby A

19th Ethan A





# OSHCC



Welcome to Theircare!  
Parkmore Theircare

TERM 1

## Introduction!!

Hi Parkmore families! My name is Sam, and I'm excited to be joining the community as the new coordinator for Theircare. I'm currently studying Primary Education at uni, which has expanded my passion for creating fun, enriching, and educational environments for kids. I believe learning can be exciting, and I can't wait to share that with the students at Parkmore.

When I'm not working or studying, I love playing netball and cheering on my AFL team—go Carlton! I also have a mini dachshund named Slinky, who's a bundle of joy and keeps me on my toes!



**At Theircare, we understand the importance of every dollar for our families!**

We are committed to providing the best value for your money. That's why we have not increased our late fees for the past seven years! We understand the challenges late fees can bring, so we've kept these steady to provide the best value for your family without adding extra stress. We want to ensure that our services remain affordable and accessible to everyone!

## We've got some great things in store for Term 1 at Parkmore! Here's a sneak peek:

- **Monday Craft Club:** Get crafty and creative as we complete projects that can be taken home!
- **Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club:** Come along and join us for a delicious breakfast with a rotating menu that sets the tone for a productive school day!
- **Thursday Afternoon Baking Club:** Whether it's mixing, stirring or decorating, students that come along can get creative in the kitchen baking sweet or savory treats!

I'm really looking forward to working with all the kids and making Term 1 an exciting and enriching experience. Can't wait to get started and see all the amazing things we'll do together! Stay tuned for more updates throughout the term.



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# Community



## Whitehorse Girl Guides

Units for girls aged:

5-7 years

7-10 years

10-15 years

14-18 years

### At Guides you are able to:

- Experience exciting challenges with friends
- Have lots of fun
- Join a Guide Unit of similar aged girls
- Meet for 1-2 hours in a local hall during term time
- Enjoy a different experience every week



GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA  
VICTORIA



For more information:

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[www.guidesvic.org.au](http://www.guidesvic.org.au)

Giving girls and young women a sense of adventure, new pathways and experiences to develop leadership skills for the future.

We provide a range of opportunities, indoors and Outdoors to let girls and young women find their own pathways



All the activities the girls do, from weekly meetings, camps, expeditions and hikes, are driven by the girls themselves with input and assistance from their Leaders, and planned to match the girls abilities.



Guiding provides opportunities for you to:

- Be challenged by new experiences
- Think for yourself and make decisions
- Undertake teamwork and acquire leadership skills
- Develop resilience, self-awareness, self-respect and self-confidence
- Develop personal values
- Do your best
- Contribute to society



Our dedicated Leaders and Volunteers make Guiding happen and inspire girls and young women to be their best in a non-competitive environment.

Learning, encouraging, and challenging each and every girl to individually do their best.





# Community Events



GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA



## Come and Try 5th Vermont Girl Guides



**Who:** Any Girls Grade 4 to 6, interested in having fun, making new friends and developing new skills.

**When:** Tuesday 11th  
February 630pm -  
830pm



**Activity:** At Ringwood Lake Park, we are building twig rafts and exploring the waterways.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT**

**What Next:** Please Register interest to receive further information, and our meeting point etc.

Register via:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tQHDX8Fdzd>



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