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The Parkmore Pulse



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers
It has been a busy few weeks since our last Newsletter.
Thank you to all those families who attended our picnic BBQ. It was lovely to see you all enjoying catching up and chatting to each other. Due to the heat, we moved the picnic into the Hub and library providing shade a cool breeze or two. This will be the start of our community get togethers and I hope you will all join us at our next event.

Parent / teacher meetings

On **Thursday the 27th of February, school will end at 3pm.** This is to allow the start of our Parent teacher evening.
If you cannot collect your child at 3pm, please contact 'TheirCare' our OSHC provider to book in a place on 1300 072410 or info@theircare.com.au

This is the first of our parent teacher meetings and a highly important one. At this meeting our teachers will share with you, your child's current Literacy and Numeracy ability level and discuss with you their 6-month goals with suggested strategies for your child to achieve the goal.

School Council

The roll of School Council is important in a school as it provides an opportunity for our parents to better understand the governance in schools as well as provide an opportunity for parents to have input into our policies and decision making. We have a small number of vacant parent positions due to the graduation of our class of 2024.
I encourage you all to consider joining school council. Meetings are held once a month with a maximum of 8 meetings in total throughout the year. Meetings are a combination of face-to-face at school with an online option.
Please complete a nomination form for a parent place on School Council and hand it back into the office.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

24th Hockey Incursion
26th Assembly
27th Parent Teacher Interviews 3pm onwards
27th Students dismissed at 3pm
27th Working Bee 3pm

March

8th Bunnings BBQ
10th Labour Day Holiday
11th Government Incursion Y3-6
12th Assembly
12th NAPLAN begins
21st Harmony Day
Ride to school Day
26th Assembly
26th Dream to Lead - SRC
27th Fizz Kids Science P-Y2

April

2nd House Athletics Day - whole school
4th Last Day of Term 1 - dismissal 2.30pm



SEE PAGE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
FOR TERM DATES.

Next Assembly

Wednesday February 26th 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



District Swimming Carnival

This week we had one of the largest swim squads go out to represent Parkmore Primary School. The sun peeped out bringing smiles to all our swimmers faces.

I am so proud of all our athletes and our school. Each student swam their best, tried their hardest and really represented the values of our school. Congratulations to every swim squad member.



Assemblies

Our bi-weekly assemblies began last week, and we are receiving very positive feedback about the timing, length and student leadership in assemblies. It is always wonderful to see student leaders given the opportunity to lead.

Assembly take place every 2nd Wednesday morning in the Hall starting at 9am. In the 'off' weeks we will post out our Newsletter on Compass.



DIP'S

On Monday this week, Alison Raebel our Whole School Wellbeing leader attended the Regional conference to find out more about the DIP's (Disability, Inclusion Profile). This is the new inclusion and support that will replace the Program for Students with Disabilities. The model and supports provide more access for all our children with a large range of educational engagement and learning needs.

We all look forwards to seeing the necessary supports being provided for all our children.



Song Room

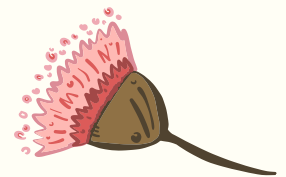
It was lovely to welcome back Ben to support all our student's engagement in learning and in the Arts. Ben spent the first few weeks in the classroom with the teachers building positive relationships and getting to know our curriculum goals.

This year he will focus his Performing Arts classes on classroom learning to support bringing our Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry to life.



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 Captains Report

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This week has been an exciting one for Parkmore with so many awesome things that happened!

On Tuesday the 18th of February, it was Parkmore's Whole School Photo Day. Everyone looked great and we are all really keen to see how all the class photos turned out.

On Wednesday the 19th of February, our District Swimming Team represented our school amazingly. They all tried their best, even if Parkmore did not earn any ribbons.

At least we made it to the end without drowning!

This week and last week, Years 4, 5, and 6 started doing our Weeding, Watering and Monitoring week! They pulled out some giant weeds and watered so many plants. They monitored all the bees that landed on each flower and found so many (especially Blue Banded Bees)!

Overall this week has been fantastic and we can't wait to see what happens next!

Kind regards,
Sophia and Emily

Junior Inquiry

P – 2 Inquiry

In Term 1, students in the Junior years are exploring the following inquiry topics through our big questions of:

History

How can we stay connected with our families?

Physical Science

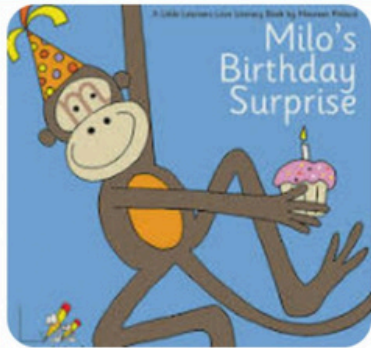
How can objects be moved and changed?

In History, students have explored how children are different yet similar through the fantastic mentor text *Whoever you are*. Students are beginning to explore who belongs in their family, which will be supported by their family photo show and tell.

In Physical Science, students have explored what movement is. They are also beginning to explore a range of different materials that objects can be made of.

Class Report

P/1B



Phonics in P/1B!

Students are enjoying meeting new characters and friends!

We have lots of fun sounding out new letters and blends.

Preps can sound out the letter 'M' 'm' and are reading the book Milo's Birthday Surprise!

Grade Ones can sound out 'ai' and 'ay' words.



We are having lots of fun reading with Pip and Tim from Little Learners Love Literacy!



Senior School

SENIOR SCHOOL

WEEKS 3 & 4

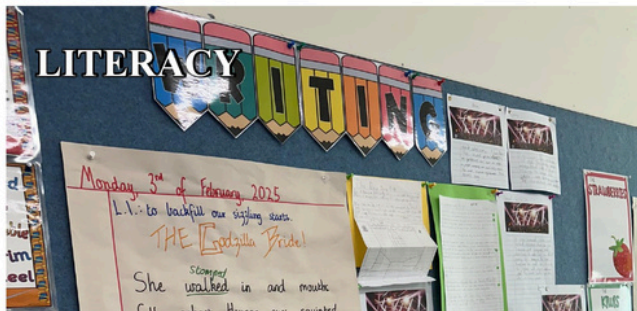


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WHATS GOING ON?

The Senior School has been hard at work exploring a wide variety of topics and activities. In Inquiry, the 5/6s have been exploring how light can refract, while the 3/4s have been investigating states of matter.

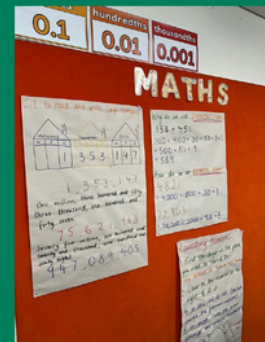
LITERACY



NUMERACY

In Numeracy, the students have been developing their Addition Strategies whilst applying it to Decimals and Fractions.

This has included establishing their confidence in the Addition Algorithm.



Over the last few weeks, the students have explored how authors create Sizzling Starts, expand on Tension, and formulate Exciting Endings.

Birthdays.....



March Birthdays

3rd Joseph M
7th Theia S
8th Scarlett T
15th Shazain A
17th Checy C
20th Jacob N
21st Deneth R
22nd Zach C



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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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whitehorse@guidesvic.org.au

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.

