

Excellence
Resilience
Responsibility
Respect
Inclusiveness

The Parkmore Pulse



IMPORTANT DATES

August

29th Summer Sport Y5&6
29th Trivia Night
30th Sport Aerobics National Championships

September

9th CERES Excursion Y3-6
12th Summer Sport Y5&6
15th School Council
19th Last day of term 3 Students finish at 2:30

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FOR TERM DATES.

Principal's Report

Hello Everyone



Disappearing Term

I can't believe how quickly this term is going...we have just over 4 weeks left until holidays again. There are many events still planned, including the Book Week Parade that, I must admit, is one of my favourite days of the school calendar), Trivia Night...only for the grownups, which is again a lot of fun, Interschool Summer Sports for the Senior School and the National FISAF Sport Aerobics championships on the Gold Coast.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

We sent you an invitation to complete the survey. If you cannot find the invite, please reach out and we can resend this invitation to you.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 19 September 2025.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to **identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school**, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

The survey is being conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.

If you require assistance in completing the survey, please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school if you require assistance in another language.



Next Assembly

Wednesday August 27th 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

NAPLAN Results

I am delighted to announce that once again, our students performed well and recorded strong results in all the curriculum areas. These are the percentage of students who achieved Exceeding and Strong results in the 2025 NAPLAN tests.

Grade 3:

Reading –

85%	77%	83%	69%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Writing –

92%	87%	89%	79%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Spelling –

85%	71%	79%	63%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Numeracy –

77%	74%	83%	66%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Grammar & Punctuation –

92%	66%	75%	57%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Grade 5:

Reading –

84%	82%	86%	74%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Writing –

74%	80%	84%	72%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Spelling –

80%	76%	81%	68%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Numeracy –

85%	77%	87%	69%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Grammar & Punctuation –

80%	72%	79%	64%
Your school	Similar schools	Network	State

Our students achieved above State results in all areas of the curriculum in both the Grade 3 and Grade 5 results. In many of the areas we achieved excellent results that were above similar, network as well as the state.

All students achieved at or above the proficient level in NAPLAN except for two students across both Grade 3 and 5, recorded as 'needing additional support' in several of these areas. These students are supported with intervention learning and a targeted Individual Education Plan.

Principal's Report - continued



Trivia Night Friday 29 August!

There's just enough time to get organised for our Trivia night. The funds raised will go directly to supporting the purchase of much needed resources for your children, whilst also promising to be a fabulous night and an opportunity for an entertaining get together with your friends, neighbours, family! Get ready for a fun night (without the kids - adult only event) at the annual Parkmore Primary Trivia Night!!

Held on Friday 29th August starting at 7pm in the MP room.

It is a BYO food and drinks (alcohol is permitted as it is a no under-age event). In the past people have even ordered pizza delivery!!

Tables are a maximum of 8 people, so get together with friends & family or put together a table with other parents in your child's class using your class WhatsApp group!!

There will be trivia, fun games and prizes to be won.

Purchase your tickets through the **trybooking** link provided on the Compass message or in the Whats App group.



FISAF Sport Aerobics National Titles

Our school team is hard at work and practicing hard for the FISAF National Sport Aerobics Championships. Only one more week before we head up to the Gold Coast for the championships! I know that you will join me in wishing our team every success and lots of luck. I am sure that they will do well. A big shout out to the team for their hard work and commitment in showing up for all the practice sessions and for working so hard to be the best team there, Harper C, Tavia H, Annika K, Sarel L, and Scarlett T.

Principal's Report - continued

District Athletics

Despite it being a cold and frosty morning, the day turned out to be a brilliant day for the District Athletics event. I would like to commend all our athletes for their excellent sportsmanship and positive behaviours displayed and for giving each event their very best. A special shout out for the excellent efforts of Ollie N who came 3rd in the 9/10 boys Discus event; Felix T who also came 3rd in the 11 yr boys Discus event and finally Sophia T who came 3rd in the 12/13 girls 100m sprint event. Well done everyone.



Anni Smart
Acting Principal

2025
Dates for Your Diary

Curriculum /Professional Practice Days 2025

Term 4: Monday November 3
Friday December 19

Public Holidays in 2025

TERM 3

nil

TERM 4

Tuesday, November 4 - Melbourne Cup Day

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)

School Captains Report

✨ School Captains Report ✨

Hello everyone :D,

On Friday the 22nd of August, we had our Book Week dress up day! Everyone had fantastic costumes, but only 5 students won a voucher to spend at the book fair. Those students are : Milana in P/1B, Sebastian in 1/2M, Gigi in 3/4S, Hayden in 4/5S and Mikayla in 5/6L.

In the office we had a wonderful selection of books you could choose from, those 5 amazing students got a \$10 book voucher so they could choose whatever book they wanted!

JOKE OF THE WEEK!

Q. Why did the bicycle fall over?

A. Because it was two tired

On Tuesday the 19th of August, 29 fabulous students all went to District athletics. We all tried our best, even if we didn't win. However, 2 lucky students received ribbons! Well done to Sophia from 5/6 L and Felix 4/5 S who both got third. 🏆 You represented Parkmore well!

Remember Sophie and Toby are on the lookout for wrapper free lunch boxes, so please make sure you have no soft plastic to protect our fishy friends! 🐟 Remember that the winning class gets a pizza lunch! 🍕🍕

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

Student of the week

Diana Q
3 / 4 S

Sophie M
4 / 5 S

Himaya R
P / 1 B

WELL DONE

WEEK AUGUST 13 2025

Class Report

3/4s

Term 3 in Year 3/4!

This week, our Year 3/4 students put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test by designing and building their very own Rube Goldberg machines. After analysing examples of these fascinating inventions, students planned out their own designs to complete a simple goal in the most imaginative way possible.



We used a wide range of materials such as rulers, dominoes, magnets and wheels, and carefully experimented with cause and effect to make sure each step worked together. The classroom was filled with excitement as students refined their machines, showing teamwork and plenty of trial and error before finally seeing their ideas come to life.



Class Report

P/1M

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION



Foundation students took part in a two session Fire Safety incursion and were visited by members of the Vermont South Fire Department. Students discussed a fire safety plan with their families at home, learned how to 'Stop, drop, cover and roll' and, on the final day, explored the Fire Truck and sprayed the firehose. It was a wonderful experience for all!



Jaws of Life

P.E. News

PE NEWS with Mrs Raymond



Upcoming Events

- Summer Sports 29/8 & 12/9 (Year 5 and 6 students)



District Athletics

On Monday, 29 students from Years 3-6 went with Mr. Luu and myself to District Athletics at Bill Sewart Athletics Track. We were blessed with incredible weather!

Our students demonstrated the school values of Resilience, Respect and Excellence, giving all of their events a go and trying their best. They were amazing representatives for our school!

A special congratulations to Ollie who came 3rd in 9/10 Boys Discus, Felix who came 3rd in 11 yr Boys Discus and Sophia who came 3rd in 12/13 yr girls 100m sprint.

A huge well done to all of our District Athletics students! We are so proud of you!



Did You Know...?

The origins of athletics can be traced back to ancient civilizations in Egypt, Greece and China.



Visual Arts News

Whitehorse Council Grant

We are pleased to announce that we have received a substantial grant to create a Mosaic!

Beginning Thursdays in September, Years 3-6 students will learn skills to create a garden mosaic in Visual Arts. A visiting mosaic artist, Ms Merryl Sascher, will work with Ms Forde and the students to create a 1.1m (diameter) round mosaic of a garden. We look forward to learning skills from an expert and this place brightening our quad.



Book week

Book Week Parade

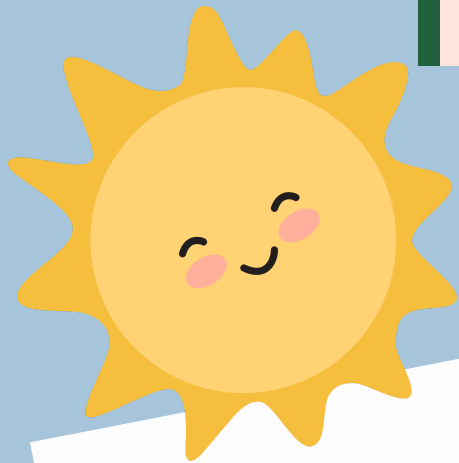
What a fabulous gathering of characters we had at the parade today!
Thank you to all the efforts from staff & students and our bouncy MC Mrs Forde (Tiger)



Book Fair

The book fair continues
Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th
3:30-4:00
card payments only

Wellbeing



HATS ARE BACK!

**1ST
SEPTEMBER**



Wellbeing

Breakfast Club

Every Monday morning

8:30 to 8:45

in The Hub



Birthdays.....



August Birthdays

28th Amber Z

September Birthdays

1st Dan S

2nd Hayden E

5th Fraser B

5th Leon L

7th Hannah D

9th Milana Z

9th Sion Y

20th Isaac K

22nd Liam P

24th Jason L

