

Excellence
Resilience
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The Parkmore
Pulse



IMPORTANT DATES

March

- 8th Bunnings BBQ
- 10th Labour Day Holiday
- 11th Government Incurion Y3-6
- 12th NO Assembly
- 12th NAPLAN begins
- 13th NAPLAN
- 17th School Council 6pm
- 18th NAPLAN
- 20th NAPLAN
- 21st Harmony Day
 - Ride to school Day
- 25th House Cross Country
- 26th Assembly
- 26th Dream to Lead - SRC
- 26th Assembly
- 27th Fizz Kids Science P-Y2

April

- 2nd House Athletics Day - whole school
- 3rd Grandparents/Special Person Day
- 3rd FoodBank Colour Run
- 4th Last Day of Term 1 - dismissal 2.30pm

SEE PAGE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
FOR TERM DATES.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

Ready To Learn

A gentle reminder to all our families and guardians that our doors open at 8.45am when we commence the ready to learn period. During this time, students will organise themselves for the start of the first teaching and learning period guided by their teacher. All students should be in class before the music commences at 8.55am.

BEAP

Our Future Problem-Solving team are going from strength to strength. Following on from their visit to Monash University, the team have organised a 'Watering, Weeding and Monitoring Week' inviting all classes each week into the garden to help the garden and to monitor the visiting Native bees. The Blue banded bee is a fascinating little critter that is gaining a great deal of attention from our school community.

On Wednesday the 12th of March at 9.30am the team are hosting an official Bee Safe Garden opening, and I would like to warmly invite you all to come along, hear about the garden and meet our local visiting public figures.

The team are also trying to raise funds to cover the competition entry, flights and accommodation to support them to represent our school and Australia at the World Championships. If you can, please help them by donating to their GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/ebc772c8>



Next Assembly

Wednesday March 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

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those who attended our first Parent Teacher evening. This evening was set up with a specific focus to discuss and develop each student's individual learning goals and strategies for Literacy and Numeracy.

We've received some fabulous feedback from parents, student and staff about this evening and hope it will continue into the future.

If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to contact your child's classroom teacher through Compass to book an appointment.

Working Bee

Much appreciation goes out to the families who attended the working bee. Fighting the heat, it was fabulous to have so many dads, mums and students painting, raking leaves and trimming hedges and bushes. A huge Parkmore thanks to the amazing dads who not only trimmed our hedges but also removed a wasp nest! We really do have such a fabulous parent community.

School Council

Thank you to those parents who have completed a nomination form to be part of our fabulous School Council.

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 still have three parent positions available due to the graduation of our class of 2024.

Please fill in a form and drop it into the office.

Song Room

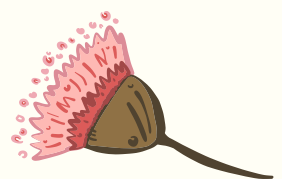
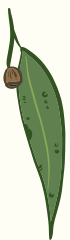
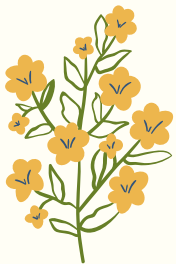
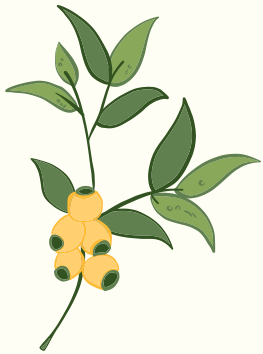
This week Ben began his Art practical classes with all our students and staff. Using our Literacy and Numeracy curriculum, Ben is supporting and enhancing our classroom-based programs in the Arts space. It was lovely to see all our children engaged in all the activities and learning theoretical content in a practical performing arts class.

Student Behaviour

It has come to my attention that there have been some discussions within the community regarding student behaviour. I want to reassure you all that any reported behaviour of concern is always addressed promptly and with the utmost seriousness.

If your child mentions any issues related to behaviour, please encourage them to report it immediately to a teacher or to me. Ensuring that these concerns are brought to our attention as soon as possible allows us to handle them effectively and maintain a positive and respectful environment for all students. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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, Weeding Watering Monitoring has been a huge success. With 3/4S tending to the Bee Garden this week, we are so proud to announce the Grand Opening of The Native Bee Safe Garden.

So please join us on the 12th of March at 9:30AM.

Last week we had a hockey incursion, with Belinda and Josh who were really kind and talented, and it was super fun. We learned so many tricks like: dribbling, passing and defending!
We also played a game of Red Light Green Light - but the hockey version!

Just a reminder that Wrapper Free Wednesday is back and Sophie and Toby are really keeping an eye out for wrapper free lunch boxes. So remember, please don't have plastic in your lunchboxes.

Now, we have this new part of the newsletter to make you laugh a little.
We call it 'Joke of the Week!'

Joke Of The Week!

This Week's theme is.... Teacher Jokes!

Q. Why was the teacher wearing sunglasses in the classroom?

A. Because the class was so bright!

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

Please remember that students are required to be in the classroom by 8:45AM.

Kind regards,
Sophia and Emily

Class Report

3/4S

3/4S Class Report

In week 5 and 6, we have done lots of fun activities and learnt loads along the way!

Numeracy:

In maths, we have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes. We have learnt how to find the edges, faces, and vertices, and have had lots of fun using their nets to create our own 3D objects.



Literacy:

In reading, we are learning how to ask questions while we read to deepen our comprehension of a text.

In writing, we are learning how to accurately use dialogue in our narratives to make our stories more interesting and develop our characters.



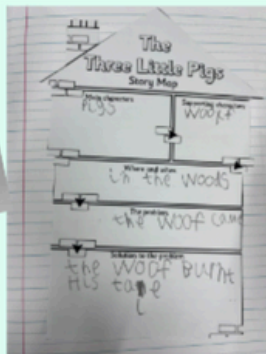
Literacy

P/1

Seven Steps to Writing Success!



Sequencing The Three Little Pigs by Nadia.



Setting: Pridelands

Villain: Scar

Hero: SpongeBob by Lucas



A great narrative starts with an idea!

The Juniors have explored how to sequence a story (beginning, middle and end) as well as what makes a great idea. We started with *The Seven Steps to Writing Success* and planned a basic story using pictures.

Every story has a Hero, a Villain and a Setting.



Setting: Castle
Villain: Scarlett
Hero: Spiderman
By Jay



Birthdays.....



March Birthdays

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



PE NEWS with Mrs Raebel



Term 1 Activities

House Cross Country-25th March
Whole School House Athletics
Carnival-2 nd April
FoodBank Food Fight- Last
Thursday of Term 1

District Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 19th February, 14
Parkmore students from grades 3-6
competed in the District
Competition. We had a great day
and came 7th overall.
Well done to all the students
involved.



House Cross Country

Tuesday 25th March

All students will compete in the House
Cross Country event.
Students are to wear their house colours
and comfortable shoes to run in.
Our event will begin at 11.30am and be
completed by 1pm.
Students in Prep-2 will be running a 700m
course around Davy Lane oval.
Students in years 3-6 will be competing in
2km and 3km events.
All parent helpers are greatly appreciated.
Please contact Mrs Raebel via Compass or
put your name down at the office.



Whole School Athletics

Wednesday 2nd April

All students will get a bus to Bill Sewart 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



Wellbeing



treehouse

Does your child worry about making a mistake or being embarrassed in front of others?

Does your child worry about fitting in with peers or experience friendship issues?

Does your child sometimes sit alone at lunchtimes/avoid interacting with classmates?

Treehouse is a therapeutic program for primary-school aged children, who need extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience.

In Treehouse, we use art, play-based and mindfulness activities to explore worries, feelings, supports and coping strategies.

Children will:

- ✓ Participate and share with others
 - ✓ Play games
 - ✓ Do art/craft-based activities
- ✓ Complete their own written and illustrated story book

Only one child from each school is accepted into the program, providing space and opportunity for children to safely explore strong feelings.

For more information or to register your interest, please email: youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au

This program is funded by the City of Whitehorse

Who: Grade 4 & 5 children

Where: Nunawading Community Hub
96-106 Springvale Road,
Nunawading

When: Term 2, 2025

Dates: (8 sessions in total)

Monday 28th April - *Get to know you*
Monday 5th May - *Strengths*
Monday 12th May - *Supportive people*
Monday 19th May - *Worries & feelings*
Monday 26th May - *Coping with worries*
Monday 2nd June - *Playing with Others*
(*Monday 9th June - **No Session**)
Monday 16th June - *Friendships*
Monday 23rd June - *Celebration*

***Please note – participants are to attend all 8 sessions.**

Time 4.15pm – 5.45pm

**Please note: Parent/carer involvement is scheduled at the end of each session from 5.30pm (Sibling-minding provided by facilitators)*

Facilitated by:

EACH Youth & Family Counselling
Team:

- Cath Arms (0499 585 223)
- Jodie Derrick (0460 343 809)

Cost FREE

(Please provide a water bottle for your child)