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IMPORTANT DATES

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

October

29th-31st Y3-4 Camp - Portsea

November

3rd Curriculum Day - no students
4th Melbourne Cup Day - no students
10th- 12th Y5-6 Camp - Mill Valley Ranch
11th Ready Set Prep (2026)
Parent Information Session 5.00pm
18th Ready Set Prep (2026) - STEM 9am-11am
24th- Dec 5th Whole School Swimming
25th Ready Set Prep (2026) Energy Busters 9am-11am

December

1st-5th Whole School Swimming - continues
2nd Ready Set Prep (2026) Literacy for Life 9am-11am
9th Statewide Transition Day - Y6
9th Ready Set Prep (2026) - Statewide Transition 9am-11am
9th Ready Set Prep (2026) Meet the Team 5.00pm
18th Curriculum Day - no students



SEE PAGE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
FOR TERM DATES.

Principal's Report

Hello Everyone



Congratulations to the FISAF Team!

Last weekend I travelled to the Gold Coast to support the Parkmore Powers sport aerobics team at the FISAF National Championships. The event finalised a year of hard work and lots of practice that culminated in these talented students participating at the national level. The team performed extremely well, and I am delighted to announce that they won a bronze medal against very stiff competition. Well done to each member of the team; Sariel L, Harper C, Scarlett T, Tavia H and Annika K. I am so proud of all that you have achieved and the excellent sportsmanship that you displayed to the other competitors. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Virginia Stacey who stepped in to coach the team during their final preparations for the competition, and to all the families who helped to support the girls on the day.



Next
Assembly

Wednesday September 10 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

Trivia Night

Thank you to the excellent organisation of the PEG group of parents, the Trivia Night was a big success. From all accounts there was no cheating and the winning team won fairly and squarely...though the final points tally was, I understand, very close! The fact that no-one wanted to go home was a testament to a great evening.



Father's Day

I would like to extend a thank you to Michelle and her team of volunteers who ran the very successful Father's Day stall earlier this week. I'd also like to wish all our father's and those special people who have a 'father' role in our lives, a very special day on Sunday. I am sure that you will all be celebrated for the special role you play in all our lives.

Book Fair

The school foyer was a hive of activity during Book Week with the Scholastic Book Fair being held. There were many books on sale to suit every reader. The proceeds from the Book Fair sales will go towards purchasing more books for the school library.

Book Week Parade

It is lovely to see the joy of reading that is celebrated every year and the expanse of novels that children obviously choose to immerse in as is demonstrated by the array of different book characters paraded at our annual Book Week Parade. There are always lots of Disney characters, Harry Potter Characters, Witches, and characters from many other popular children's novels.



Principal's Report - continued

Student Free Days in Term 4

Please note the following *student free days during Term 4, for your calendar*:

- Monday 3 November – Student Free Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 4 November – Cup Day Public Holiday
- Friday 19 December – Student Free Curriculum Day

Just a reminder that we have a scheduled public holiday on Tuesday 4 November, being Cup Day. The previous day, Monday 3 November will be a school council approved Curriculum Day. Students are not required to attend on both days. Students will return to school on Wednesday 5 November.

The final day of the school year, Friday 19 December, is a school council approved Curriculum Day to enable teachers and staff to meet and plan for the 2026 school year. Students do not attend school on this day. Therefore, the school year will finish with a final Graduation Assembly on Thursday 18 December, and the school day will conclude at the earlier finishing time of 1.30pm.

Parent Opinion Survey

Please remember to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. The link was sent to you recently via Compass. We take the results of the survey very seriously. 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. Mislaidd the link, please contact the office.

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 1 September 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. Any student who does not have the approved Parkmore Primary School sunhat, will need to shelter undercover during recess playtimes.



Principal's Report - continued

End of Term

The end of term is fast approaching and is now less than three weeks away. This is a reminder that the **final day of Term 3 is Friday 17 September. School concludes at the earlier time of 2.30pm.** Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. TheirCare will offer their services to coincide with the earlier finish time. Please contact them for further information.

We look forward to returning on **Monday 6 October** at the usual school starting time of 8.50 am.

Now we start the countdown to the end of term... Have a great fortnight 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 ✨

This week the 5/6s will be heading off to Summer Sport! They will be competing in basketball and cricket. We wish them all the best and we can't wait for the results!

Also, next week is the NETBALL COMPETITION! The 4 teams will be headed against each other in eliminated rounds to see who will make it to the final! Good luck to all the teams competing in the competition.

🤔 JOKE OF THE WEEK! 😂

Q. WHAT DO ASTRONAUTS USE TO KEEP THEIR PANTS UP IN SPACE?

A. AN ASTEROID BELT!

The Premiers Reading challenge has come to an end, and 4/5 S may have won it. We'll have to wait and see for Cash's final announcement, for the winners of the Premiers Reading challenge, and a glorious, hot, pizza lunch! 🍕🍕🍕

On Wednesday the 17th of September we have our 5/6 Market Day! (The date is right, it was postponed. 😊) The 5/6s have been working very hard on their stalls and are looking forward to this event. On the day, we advise that you bring \$20 so that you can have the best time and come home with lots of goodies.

On Thursday the 4th of September, we had the mosaic artist Merryl come to our school to create a mosaic with the senior students. We had so much fun! The mosaic is of a bee on flowers, inspired by our very own bee garden. It looks awesome already!

Have a great weekend

Kind regards,

Sophia and Emily - your School Captains

Student of the week

Luna Q
3 / 4 S

Joseph M
3 / 4 S

Miles C
P / 1 B

Dianna Q
4 / 5 S

Deneth R
5 / 6 L

Harvi M
1 / 2 M

WELL DONE

WEEK AUGUST 27 2025

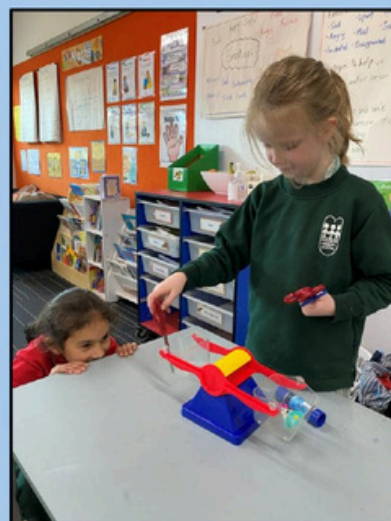
Class Report

1/2 M

1/2M Newsletter

Mass

Students in 1/2M have been learning about mass in Maths this week, using vocabulary such as lighter, heavier, and balanced when comparing the mass of different objects around the classroom.



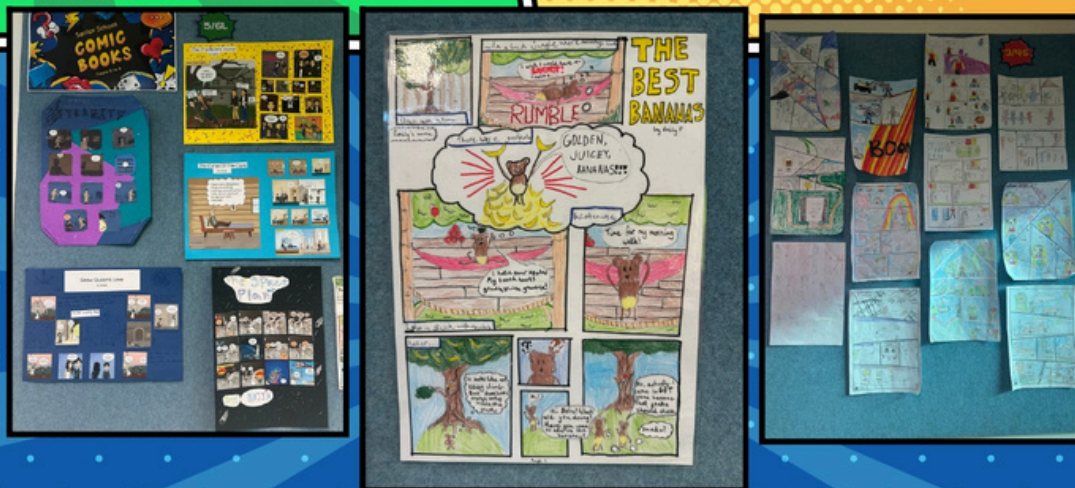
Senior school Report

BAM!

SENIOR SCHOOL

WOW!

This term in Literacy, our Senior School students have been exploring the exciting world of comic storytelling. Drawing inspiration from mentor texts such as *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan, and *Wings of Fire*, students analysed how professional authors and illustrators bring stories to life through words and images.



As part of their learning, students examined comic features including speech bubbles, panels, and sound effects, while also studying comic layouts to see how pacing, perspective, and framing impact the flow of a story. They also unpacked the power of imagery and emotion, learning how subtle details in illustrations can communicate character feelings, tension, and atmosphere without words. Armed with these insights, students designed and created their very own comic book strips, showcasing their creativity and storytelling skills. Their finished works highlight not only strong literacy development but also imagination, humour, and thoughtful engagement with visual language.

School events

Junior Expo

Please join us for our end of term Expo in the Junior area as the students from F-2 present the bridges they have created for Design and Technology.

THE SAME DAY AS THE 5/6 MARKET DAY STALL

Where: Junior area

When: Wednesday 17th September

Market day stall begins at 11.30am

The Expo begins at 12.30 to 1.30pm

School events



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PARKMORE **2025** MARKET

Help support our Year 6 Graduation & Big Day Out!



WHEN & WHERE



WEDNESDAY
THE 17TH OF
SEPTEMBER



11:30AM



PARKMORE
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

HOT FOOD | COMPETITIONS | HAUNTED HOUSE | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWEETS

P.E. News

PE NEWS with Mrs Raymond



Upcoming Events

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

TERM 4

- Whole School Swimming Week 1 - 24/11 - 28/11
- Whole School Swimming Week 2 - 1/12 - 5/12



PE HAPPENINGS...

Lucas, our SEDA placement student, has been getting students involved in basketball skills during his time at Parkmore. Lucas led our Prep/1, 1/2, 3/4 and 4/5 students in some games of 'Names' and 'Numbers' on Monday.

Summer Sport for 5 and 6 students is going ahead on Friday 5th September and Friday 12th September. Please ensure that participating students where appropriate footwear and bring their hats!

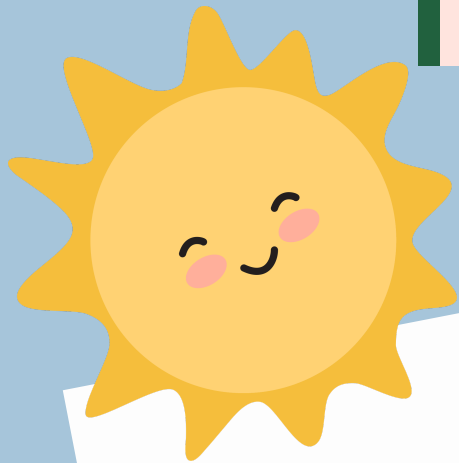


Did You Know...?

Golf was banned in England in 1457 because it was considered a distraction from the serious pursuit of archery...



Wellbeing



HATS ARE BACK!

**1ST
SEPTEMBER**



**We LOVE
hats!**

**Hats
rock!**

Wellbeing

Breakfast Club

Every Monday morning

8:30 to 8:45

in The Hub



Birthdays.....



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



Community



BOOKING INFORMATION

- Please view creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au for conditions of purchase
- Payment must be made at time of booking for all sessions.
- Please arrive on time for all sessions, as they commence with a demonstration by the tutor.
- Refunds will only be considered if cancelled more than seven days prior to commencement of a class.
- An administration fee of \$15 per booking applies to refunds.
- Materials are included for all sessions.
- Please bring a smock for all clay and art classes.
- Closed toe shoes are required for all classes and remove hand jewellery etc rings & bracelets.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

ALL DAY ART DAY PROGRAMS

Art Day - Star Wars Tuesday 23 September

Get creative in a galaxy far, far away! Sculpt clay, R2-D2, design a Wookiee, Princess Leia or Dark Vader, posters and make a cosmic galaxy collage!

The Floor is Lava Tuesday 30 September

A day of blazing imagination! Kids play 'Floor is Lava' games, then create lava-inspired art. Making a clay "Lava Lava" Minecraft chicken and make a volcano splat paint artwork.

The Creative Circus Thursday 2 October

Step right up for super fun art day! Join the circus fun with diabolo & hula hoops, then get crafty with colourful, big-top inspired art activities!

Please bring a snack, lunch, water bottle, hat, sunscreen and a smock

Youth Oils - Still Life Painting

Explore still life in oils over 2 creative days! Learn painting fundamentals as you play with light, form & colour to create your own finished piece.

Build skills in colour mixing, brushwork & technique while creating a stunning still life. Guided step by step, you'll gain confidence and creativity in a fun, supportive environment.



Please scan QR code for full program and workshop information

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@ [creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au](https://www.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au)



Box Hill Community Arts Centre

School Holiday Program, 22 September - 3 October 2025

Box Hill Community Arts Centre

Location: 470 Station Street, Box Hill, 3128

Email: bhcac@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Hours: Monday to Friday 9-5pm

Phone: 03 9895 8888



Art Day - The Floor is Lava Tuesday 30 September, 9.30am - 3.30pm



🔥 Get ready for a day of blazing imagination! 🎨
Kids will jump into the fun with classic 'Floor is Lava' games, then channel their creativity into lava-inspired art projects. 🌋

- 🎶 What's in store for the day?
 - 🕺 Kids get active with dance and floor is lava games 🎵
 - 🖌️ Create a clay "Lava Lava" Minecraft chicken 🐔
 - 🎨 Splat paint your very own volcano artwork 🌋
- Each child enjoys three hands-on art sessions.

Our popular art day programs feature three unique workshops, each running for 1.5 hours and guided by our talented tutors.

Kids will explore, create, and bring their artistic ideas to life in a fun and supportive environment—while making new friends along the way!
*BYO snack, lunch, hat, sunscreen, and smock/apron.

Cost: \$91 - For children aged 6-12
Bookings: <https://www.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au/whats-on/galaxy-makers-star-wars-art-day>
Location: 470 Station Street Box Hill, 3128
Phone 9895 8888



Box Hill Community Arts Centre

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Spring School Holiday Program 23 September – 4 October 2025

Strathdon House is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy nature, and this spring, we've put together a great lineup of classes and events focused on eco-crafts, nature and healthy cooking for kids. Plus, we've got some fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

Kids can take part in all day art day, messy art, slime making, nature walks, gardening, clay, craft, and more! There's something for every age to spark curiosity and creativity. Scan the QR code for full program and to enrol online.

📍 449-465 Springvale Rd, Forest Hill
📞 Bookings essential: www.creativewhitehorse.vic.gov.au



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Workshop Information

Garden Detectives - Spring into nature!
Discover edible plants, get hands-on in the garden, and explore nature with a fun scavenger hunt through orchard rows and veggie beds this spring!

Kindy Messy Art Play
Splatter paint, squish textures, and explore colour in this hands-on art adventure! It's messy, creative fun for preschoolers. Children to attend with a carer.

Kids Craft - Eco Pop-up cards
Join our fun kids' craft workshop and learn to make colourful pop-up cards! Cut, fold, and create magical surprises with every card!

**All Day Art Day
Springtime!
Cook, Craft, Grow
Friday 3 October 2025**

Celebrate Spring at Strathdon House with a nature-filled Art Day. Explore the blooming gardens, make pizza's with healthy seasonal toppings and creative crafts.

Please bring a snack, lunch, water bottle, hat, sunscreen & a smock
For 6 - 12 years

Mini Master Cooks - Fruit Cookies
Make & decorate healthy fruit cookies, then bake and enjoy! Bring a container to take extras home and share with your family.

Mini Master Cooks - Ramen Bowl
Create your own ramen bowl with tasty toppings & sauce! BYO apron and container to take home your tasty meal.

Monster Pots with Emma Grace
Kids make their own 'stickers' out of recycled vinyl to decorate tin cans as monsters & magical creatures and learn about growing succulents. Supported by Whitehorse City Council's Waste Reduction and Recycling team.

Mini Nature Explores - Local Trees
Join us for a delightful morning at Strathdon House Precinct, specially designed for families with young children! Discover the beauty of local trees on a gentle, guided nature walk led by Whitehorse City Council's Urban Greening Officer. Along the way, little ones will collect natural treasures—leaves, twigs, flowers, and more—to use in a hands-on, nature-inspired art activity.

Kids Slime Time
Get gloriously gooey with slime! Explore fun techniques and make squishy, colourful slime. Kids dive into wild, colourful fun—aprons needed!

Family Clay - Planter Pot for the garden
Celebrate spring in our family clay workshop! Have fun together and learn hand-build techniques to create flowerpots for the garden.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

	Time	Age	Cost
Tuesday 23 September			
Garden Detectives - Spring into nature!	10.30am - 12pm	6 - 10 years	\$25
Wednesday 24 September			
Messy Art Play - Kindy	10am - 11am	2 - 5 years	\$15
Thursday 25 September			
Kids Craft - Eco Pop-up Cards	10am - 11am	8 - 12 years	\$21
Mini Cooks 6 - 8 years ~ Fruit Cookies	11am - 12.30pm	6 - 8 years	\$49
Mini Cooks 9 - 12 years ~ Ramen Bowl	1:30pm - 3pm	9 - 12 years	\$49
Monday 29 September			
Monster Pots with Emma Grace	11am - 12.30pm	7 - 12 years	\$10
Tuesday 30 September			
Mini Nature Explores - Local Trees	10.30am - 11.30am	2 - 5 years	\$15*
Wednesday 1 October			
Kids Slime Time	10am - 11am	6 - 12 years	\$20
Friday 3 October			
Art Day - Springtime: Cook, Craft, Grow!	9.30am - 3.30pm	6 - 12 years	\$91
Saturday 4 October			
Family Clay - Planter Pot for the garden	10.30am - 12.30pm	Family	\$50**

*\$15 price includes 1 child and 1 adult, extra participant \$7

**Price includes an adult and a child. Extra participant \$25



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For more information about classes, please scan QR code or visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/classes-events-strathdon



Strathdon House & Orchard Precinct
School Holiday Program, 23 September - 4 October 2025

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WHITEHORSE
CITY COUNCIL

Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex
Deep Creek Road, Mitcham
(Melway 49 D7)

HERITAGE FAMILY DAY 2025

Sunday 14 September 11am to 4pm

Bring the family, your picnic basket and join us at Schwerkolt Cottage for a fun-filled day with lots of free activities for the children.

Enjoy:

Animals of Oz
Giant Bubbles
Animal Farm
Brumbies Bush Band
Square Dancing
Picnic Games & Races
Working Blacksmith

Wood Turners
Old Hand Tools Display
Basket Makers
Spinners & Weavers
Lace Makers
Chinese Brush Painting
Lapidary Display

... plus guided tours of the Cottage

Museum Display:

Thomas Cook: A Century of Craftsmanship
featuring film props from *The Man from Snowy River II*.

Food available:

Sausage Sizzle by Lions & Rotary
Devonshire Tea & Cake Stall by Whitehorse Historical Society
Coffee Cart by Vivere



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HOYTS

\$13*

Tickets Every Tuesday

**CHEAP
TUESDAY**

*Valid from 4/3/25 for movie sessions on a Tuesday until withdrawn, excluding HOYTS LUX and special event tickets. Online booking fee and surcharges apply. No further discounts apply. Loyalty tier discounts not applicable. Standard HOYTS Terms & Conditions apply.