



The Parkmore Pulse

Important Dates

DECEMBER

- 4TH-15TH SWIMMING PROGRAM
- 6TH SCHOOL COUNCIL
- 8TH ASSEMBLY
- 8TH F-2 MOVIE NIGHT
- 8TH-9TH YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER
- 9TH BIG CHILDCARE FAMILY FUN
MORNING 10AM - 12PM
- 11TH YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
- 12TH YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
- 13TH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH BBQ
- 18TH WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION - ACMI
- 19TH YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
2.30-3.30PM
- 20TH YEAR 6 CELEBRATION DAY
- 20TH VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
- 21ST CHRISTMAS CONCERT 5.30-7PM
- 22ND LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2017 1.30PM

CURRICULUM DAYS

TERM DATES

- 2017
- 9 OCTOBER - 22 DECEMBER
- 2018
- 1 FEBRUARY - 29 MARCH
- 16 APRIL - 29 JUNE
- 16 JULY - 21 SEPTEMBER
- 8 OCTOBER - 21 DECEMBER

LAST DAY of school arrangements

- Assembly: 12.45pm
- Pick up: 1.30pm

From the Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences

This is a reminder to book in your parent teacher conference times. Go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and enter the code 8shtf.

Please note when you book a specialist teacher (Performing Arts, LOTE, PE or Art) this interview will run in conjunction with the conference with your child's home group teacher. There is no requirement to make 2 separate interviews. If you are experiencing any difficulties with making a booking please contact your child's teacher directly.



Meet the Teacher Session

On Wednesday 20 December all children returning to Parkmore will meet their home group teacher for 2018. This session will run from 2.45 to 3.25. Class lists will be finalised the week prior. If your child will be absent on this day you can contact the school following this date and time to receive confirmation of their 2018 home group.

Volunteers Morning Tea

We will host a morning tea at 11am on Wednesday 20 December to convey our gratitude to all our wonderful volunteers. Volunteers will receive an invitation in the coming week and in the meantime I hope you can keep this date and time free.

Big Childcare Family Fun Day

A reminder that Big Childcare's Family Fun Day will be held at Parkmore on Saturday December 9 from 10am to 12pm. This event, to promote Big Childcare's school holiday program beginning at our school is free and fun.

Principal's Comments

Student Absences

We have recently reviewed our daily student absences process. If the school has not received notification of student absence by 9.30am parents will be contacted. You can notify the school of your child's absence through Flexibuzz; by emailing the school at parkmore.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phoning the office on 98785556. Please note Class Dojo is not the appropriate communication method as administration does not have access to individual teacher messages.

Christmas Concert

You may have noticed the beautiful posters (designed by Mr B.) went up this week, promoting our annual Christmas concert on Thursday December 21 at 5.30p.m. All children are excitedly rehearsing their songs and we hope you can join us for this very festive event. Bring a picnic and rug. Sausage sizzle and raffle tickets also available for purchase.



TV Display in Foyer

Our TV display is back in action in the office foyer. We have on display an amazing collection of photos from the moonlight cinema event. A big thank you to parent Mark Batt for taking these photos and organising the display.

Staffing Update

Next week Foundation/1 teacher, Chelsey Hewitt begins family leave. I know the whole school community wishes her well in the lead up to Chelsey having her baby. We will miss Ms Hewitt and her brilliant contribution to the school as well as leadership of our Reporting and Assessment portfolio.

Michelle Bamford has been appointed to Parkmore to replace Chelsey's family leave. Michelle is currently a teacher at Livingston P.S. We look forward to Michelle joining our school community.

In partnership,

Saraid Doherty

PRINCIPAL

FEELING
GRATITUDE
AND NOT
EXPRESSING IT
IS LIKE
**WRAPPING A
PRESENT**
AND NOT
GIVING IT.
~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~

School Captains Report

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Report 12

Camp
Coolamatong



Two weeks ago the 5/6s visited Camp Coolamatong! It was a great experience, we learnt a lot at Coolamatong about Respect and Kindness. We participated in tubing, sailing, canoeing, bush cooking, adventure race to name a few of the fun activities! We shared so many fun memories and laughs. We spent many of the nights watching the sun set and skimming rocks on the water. The wildlife at camp was amazing, you could just be sitting down eating dinner and a kangaroo would hop by. We all had an amazing time we would like to thank Mrs Walsh and Ms Ruderfourth for taking time out of their week and volunteering to come on camp with us, we had an amazing time!



CLASS
of
2017

We are coming to the end of this year and it is getting really busy! Graduation is creeping up on us and we are in the middle of planning it. We are reflecting on our time at Parkmore and all the friends we've made. We have had such a positive time!

Home Group

5/6 A



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Camp Coolamatong



Last week, students from years 5 and 6 spent a week at Camp Coolamatong on the Banksia Peninsula. We were blessed with 5 days of sunny, warm weather which was perfect for our adventure activities.



Our camp had a focus on personal growth and included personal challenges, group discussions about respect and leadership, and self-reflection. Students stayed in tebins which were canvas cabins with a wooden floor. They had no doors or glass windows so they were certainly 'one with nature.'



We were involved in

canoeing,
sailing,
tubing,
kayaking,
geocaching,



cycling and camp cooking at the

campsite. The favourites were certainly tubing and sailing. Tubing involved being pulled along behind a speedboat on rubber tubes. It was an adrenaline filled ride that we all revelled in. When sailing, the students were taught to sail a boat and tacked across the inlet.



Home Group

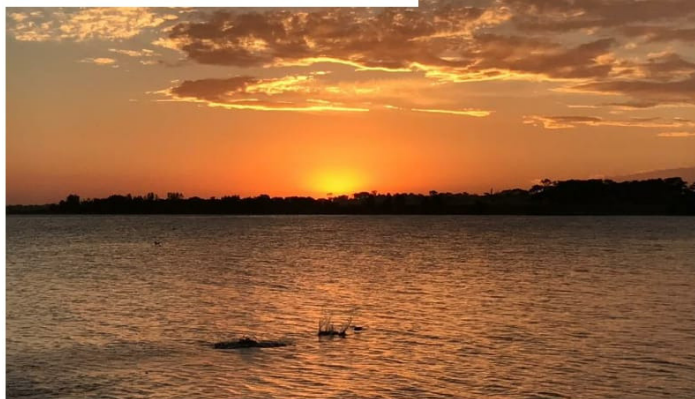
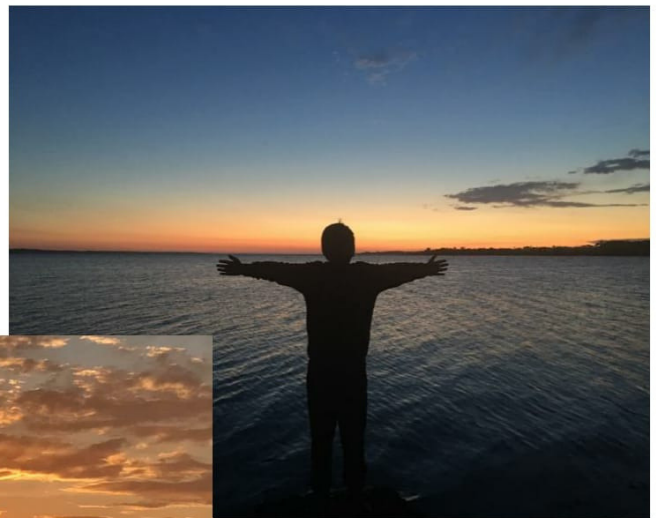
5/6 A



On the Thursday we took an hour long launch trip to 90 Mile Beach where we played games and had lunch. During our trip we had a pod of 16 dolphins frolic around the boat and entertain us. After our time at 90 Mile Beach we travelled to Raymond Island for a koala walk. We were fortunate to see 36 koalas, echidnas, pelicans, kookaburras and many other sea birds.



We had a great time at Camp Coolamatong, the staff, facilities and activities will be a favourite.



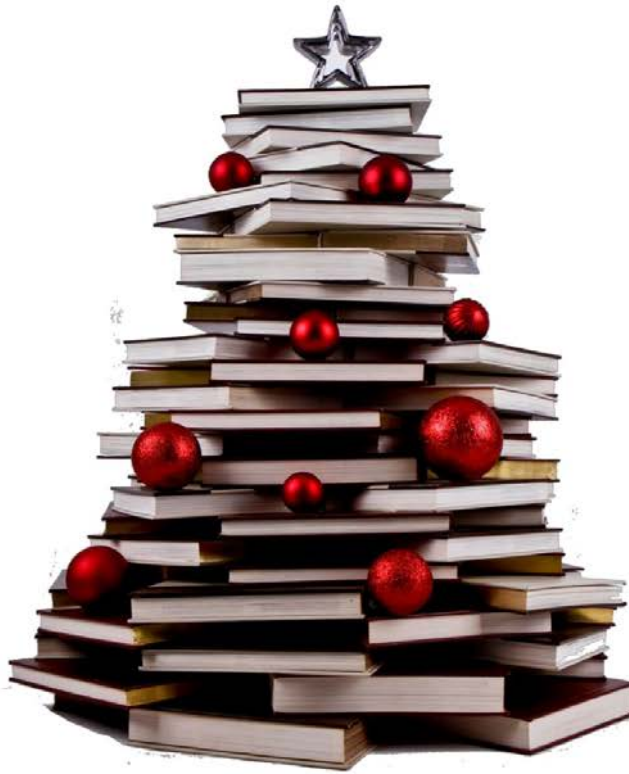
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Thanks to all our great helpers!

Library



Thank you for another wonderful year in the library. There have been lots of reading, borrowing, game playing and activities that have taken place.

Our last Christmas craft will take place this Tuesday lunch time, so come and join us.

Please return **ALL** library books by Friday 1 December and remember the library will be closed for stocktake from Friday 8 December

Birthdays & Student of the Week

December Birthdays

- 2 Kaelan S
- 4 Nicoletta K
- 5 Nathan H
- 7 Gemma F
- 19 Zander C
- 22 Hien T
- 22 Audrey T
- 22 Isabella W
- 27 Joshua K
- 28 Harvie B
- 29 Isabella H
- 30 Wendy L



Student of the Week

- F/1 A - Audrey T for **Perspective**
- F/1 B - Aleey S for **Kindness**
- F/1 B - Vallen Z for **Curiosity**
- 2 A - George J for **Leadership**
- 3/4 A - Alex F for **Humour**
- 3/4 B - Alisha M for **Self Regulation**
- 5/6 A - Jamie K for **Self Regulation**
- 5/6 B - Gemma F for **Kindness**
- Performing Arts - Tiana G for **Leadership**
- L.O.T.E - Tabitha D for **Bravery**
- Visual Arts - Faith C for **Creativity**
- Physical Education - Jamie M for **Perseverance**

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Community Noticeboard



A Big HELLO TO YOU ALL!

We are very excited to provide Holiday Care at your wonderful school.

Starting on Monday 8 January 2018, we will be running numerous excursions including a visit to Werribee Zoo, Science Works, Adventure Park and a visit to the movies.

Our incursion days are themed and activities are dependent on the interests of the children. We do lots of cooking, arts & craft and group games. We will be holding in-house days like a Hawaiian Day, Mexican Fiesta Day and Ice Cream Factory Day, just to name a few...

All primary aged children are welcome and do not have to attend Parkmore Primary School to come along and join in the fun.

For the chance to experience the amazing activities we have planned, we only need a completed enrolment and school holiday booking form. The fastest and most efficient process for enrolment is online, through the Big Childcare website at <http://bigchildcare.com/howto/> where you can just follow the prompts.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with the enrolment portal we have hard copies of the enrolment forms available at the school office, which need to be completed and handed into the school office, along with the school holiday booking form. Alternatively, parents can scan and return back the forms to us at parkmore@bigchildcare.com

Feel free to invite all your families and friends to come and be part of the fun!

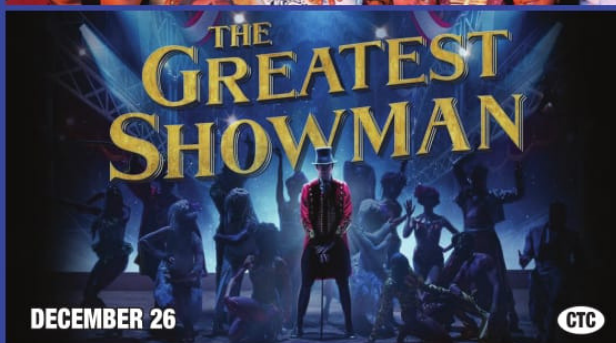
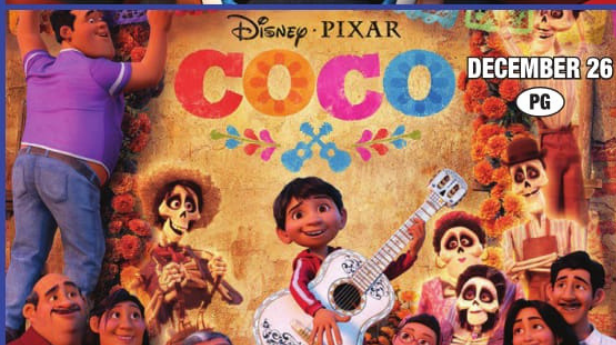


For any enquiries related to the Holiday Care Program at your school, you are welcome to call the centre mobile on 0435 757 429 or call our friendly Head Office team on 03 8682 9400

Community Noticeboard

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