Parkwood Green Primary School
NEWSLETTER

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F-2 Students Return To On-site Learning

On Tuesday the 26th of May our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students returned to on-site learning.

The phased return to school for F-2 students has been a very smooth process. Students are now back into routine and are working hard in their classrooms to complete their new work tasks alongside their classmates.

We have seen many smiles around the school as students have been reunited with their friends and teachers.

We look forward to welcoming our Grade 3-6 students back to school on Tuesday the 9th of June.

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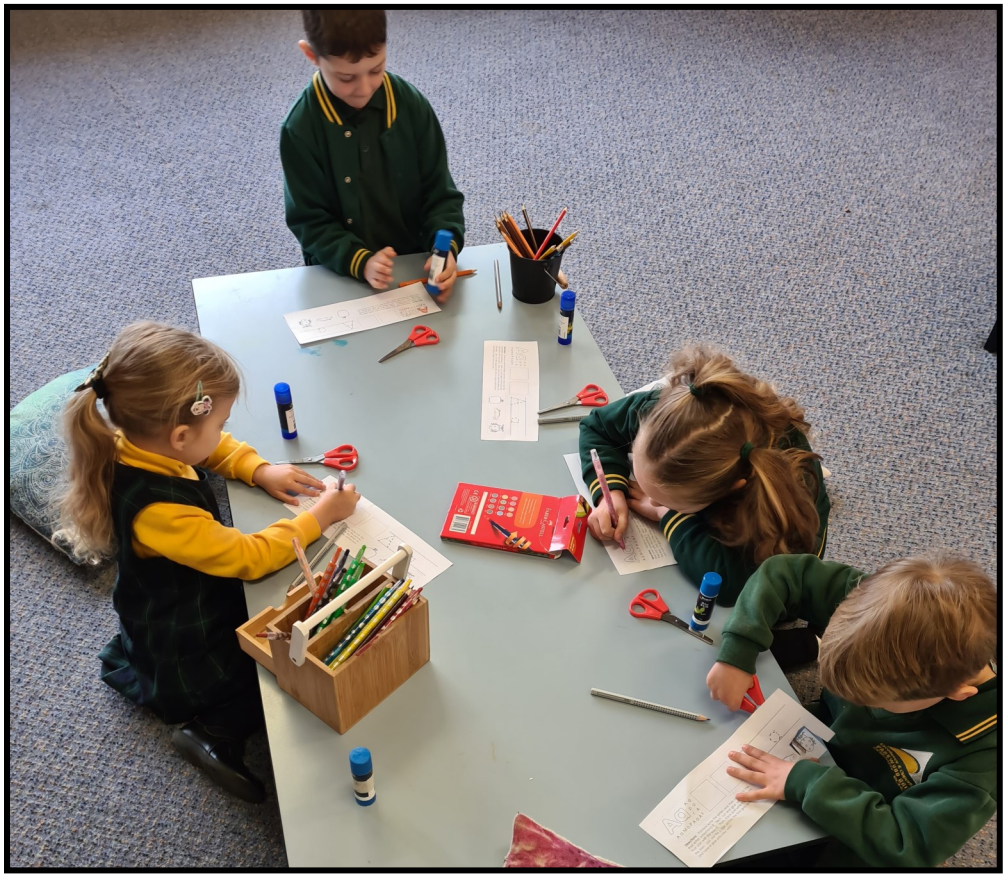


IMPORTANT: Parents are reminded that yard duty teachers do not commence duty until 8.45am each morning and finish at 3.35pm. Please ensure that your children do not arrive earlier than 8.45am in the mornings and are collected prior to 3.35pm at the end of each school day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Mon 8th June -** Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tues 9th June -** Year 3-6 Students Return
- **Friday 26th June** - Last Day of Term 2

From the Principal

Well it seems like forever since our last newsletter and in fact it is now over 10 weeks! Of course during that time we have been communicating with you on a regular basis through Compass, keeping you updated on our remote learning plans and now our return to school plans. Throughout that time the support that our school community has provided to us has been enormous. The positive feedback on the program we put in place, the work and attitude that teachers, parents and children have shown has been outstanding and I could not be prouder of our community.

In the next few days we will send out another parent survey to find out about your experiences during remote learning, what you want us to keep, change or get rid of to improve learning at our school and what you think should be our next steps.

By the time you read this I will have sent out our return to school plan for our Year 3 – 6 students. (I have also copied the plan below) This plans compliments the F-2 return. This plan will continue at least until the end of term and most likely at the start of term 3 also.

I have had a number of questions today about why and how the school production is going ahead in the current environment of covid-19 and social distancing. I just wanted to clarify that the production is a part of the school's performing art curriculum and that teachers have planned their term 3 curriculum to include this.

2020 PRODUCTION

We believe it is highly unlikely that the production will take place at the theatre in front of an audience, as it has already been stated by the Government that live theatre will be one of the last areas where restrictions will be lifted. If this is still the case next term the live performance will be cancelled. The student performance however will still take place but not in front of an audience. It will be recorded and a copy provided to all families. I hope this helps clarify how and why we are still moving ahead with the production.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

Student mid year reports will be available online from 3.00pm on Friday 19th June. These reports will be slightly different to previous years. They will not have dots in all areas of the curriculum, just the major areas of numeracy and literacy.

They will have an overview of the work students have undertaken this year and a statement about how they worked whilst working remotely.

Because students have been working remotely teachers have not been able to conduct many of the usual assessments they do to give them the most accurate picture of each child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum. So where it seems a child has not made as much progress as expected it may be that the teacher does not have enough information to confidently place that child at the next level. Whilst we would encourage you to talk to you teacher about this in many cases the end of year report will more accurately reflect their progress as teachers will by then have been able to fully assess your child's progress.

3-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL

We are now planning for the return of Grades 3-6 students on Tuesday 9th June. The Grade F-2 dismissal will continue the same as it is now.

To ensure a smooth process the Grades 3-6 students will enter and leave the school through either of the two gates at the back of the school. They will have a staggered start and finish time as follows:

Start Times	**Finish Times**
Year 6 8.45am	2.45pm
Year 5 8.55am	2.55pm
Year 4 9.05am	3.05pm
Year 3 9.15am	3.15pm

Students with a younger sibling in F-2 starting at an earlier time are able to enter through the front of the school with them and go straight to their classroom.

AFTER SCHOOL

Grades 3-6 students will leave the school using the two back gates and will not have a designated area to meet parents.

Grades 3-6 students with a sibling in F-2 will meet them in the courtyard at the time the younger sibling is due to be dismissed.

Grades 3-6 students with a sibling also in Grades 3-6 will be dismissed from their class at the same time as the first sibling is dismissed.

I would encourage parents to use the back Kiss and Drop to pick up their child, or to organise a meeting location outside the school grounds.

KISS AND DROP

Students from F-2 heading to Kiss and Drop will be collected by a staff member at the allocated dismissal time and walked out to Kiss and Drop. (They must use the front Kiss and Drop unless they are being picked up by an older sibling). Children from Grades 3-6 must use the Kiss and Drop at the rear of the school unless they have picked up a sibling from F-2.

We look forward to seeing all our Grade 3-6 children next week.

Stay safe,

Kind regards David Allibon

Acting Principal

CSEF FUNDING

If you are a Health Care Card owner and have not filled out a Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application Form yet this year please ensure that you fill it out and return it to the General Office by Friday the 19th of June. You can find this form on our school website under the 'information' tab and selecting 'forms' from the drop down list.

What is CSEF?

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student. For parents with a Health Care Card the school receives $125 for each child.

CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

FOUNDATION CSEF UNIFORM FUNDING

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the 2020 Prep Uniform Package students must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient whose parent/carer has a valid health care card.

What's in the package?

The 2020 Foundation package contains the following items:

- 1 x Rugby Top or Hooded / Windcheater or Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo
- 1 x Tracksuit Pants or Trousers or Pants
- 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Up or T-Bar or Runner/Sneaker)

Please see the Office if you are eligible for this package, complete the order form and we will place the order on your behalf.

Cost to parents

Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a co-contribution towards the cost of the uniform items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy (this will appear on the voucher).

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

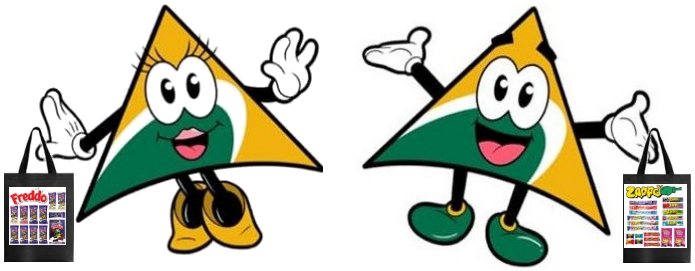
Whilst we are not holding school assemblies and our Second Hand Uniform stall is not running, if you require any uniform please contact the front office on 9449 3600 and state what clothing item you are looking for and the size of the item you require. The office will then take your name and number, have a look in the second hand uniform for you and call you back to confirm if we have got the item.

All second-hand clothing items - $5.00

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AS CASH ONLY

SHOWBAGS

Keep an eye out for more information on a Showbag drive coming soon!



UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

There are quite a number of unexplained absences at the moment, most of which are for days where students had not participated in remote learning throughout the term.

We ask that families spend some time to check the Compass Parent Portal and add in notes/approvals for any unexplained absence days showing on the system.

If you have any queries about the dates that are showing up as unexplained absences in the Compass Parent Portal or if you believe that your child participated in Remote Learning on any of the listed dates please email Madison Jackson on madison.jackson@education.vic.gov.au and she will have a look into the dates for you.

If you have forgotten your Compass login details please call the General Office on 9449 3600 and one of the office staff will re-set your password for you.

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We are pleased to announce our 2020 WHOLE SCHOOL Production of 'Pinocchio'. The production team will be holding auditions for the main speaking roles of the show at the end of June. Students in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be able to audition for these roles. Foundation and Year 1 students will have a class item to perform in and will NOT need to audition.

More specific details:

BOOKING AN AUDITION:

Bookings for auditions are essential and will be held during school hours. It is important to discuss with your child if they would like to audition first before booking for them and only make a booking once.

Please book an audition via the booking link - https://compasstix.com/e/l6ji9x00ln

- Enter details of the STUDENT wishing to audition (not the parent details).
- You can only make one booking at a time, if you have multiple children wishing to audition please make another booking with their details.
- Please answer all of the questions on the booking form accurately.
- If your child also wishes to perform a song or dance routine on the day, please ensure they are prepared and rehearsed.
- It is up to the student to know the time and date of their audition and arrive 5 minutes prior.
- We will not be calling students to their audition; this is why it is necessary for them to know their time and date. We suggest communicating with your child's teacher, just in case your child forgets!
- If your child wishes to be a part of the backstage crew or the organising of the show (helping with costumes, painting props), student still need to sign up for an audition and tell us WHY they would like to be a part of the process.

THE SCRIPT:

- The script is easily accessible on the booking website.
- Students are expected to MEMORISE both characters lines on the script.
- It is preferred that students learn the lines well enough to not need the script on the day of the audition.
- When rehearsing, it would be great for your child to try and get into character when acting out the lines.

It is important to recognise that auditioning for our whole school production is a wonderful experience and not every child will be cast as a main role (although we wish they could be), there just aren't enough roles! However, this year is different because although your child may or may not get a main speaking role, they will be involved in their class item as this is a whole school show. There will also be opportunities to be a part of the Dance Troupe item.

We look forward to seeing your child at their audition!

If you have any questions, please email Jacqui at jacqueline.hermina@education.vic.gov.au