



## Year 5 Swimming



The year 5's began their swimming program this week on Monday 15th November.

It is great to see some students back in the pool after such a long time and the grade 5's are definitely soaking up this opportunity!

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Fri 19th Nov:** Book Club Issue 7 Due
  - **Fri 26th Nov:** 2022 Foundation Transition Session 1
  - **Fri 3rd Dec:** 2022 Foundation Transition Session 2
  - **Wed 8th Dec:** F-2 Christmas Concert
  - **Thur 9th Dec:** 3-6 Christmas Concert
  - **Thur 16th Dec:** Last Day Of Term 4.
- 3.20pm Dismissal.**

Dear parents, carers, students and friends of Parkwood Green.

With our recent return to onsite learning for all students the term is now disappearing at a great rate of knots. The rhythm and routine that we all created over an extended period of remote learning is now being adjusted and refined as we work towards building our new normal in a COVID safe environment. It has been such a joy to have students back at school, learning onsite. The sounds of children's laughter, voices ringing out and the exuberance of playing has been a delight to behold.

As we continue to work towards building our new normal, don't forget that it took us all time to adjust to remote learning and lockdown requirements and it will take a similar amount of time to create and embed our new normal. If we consider our school as an ecosystem, we know that it is going to take time to recreate the balance, just as it does for our ecosystems after natural disasters such as fire and flood. As students and staff work together to co-create what the return to onsite schooling means, we as a school will focus on 3 key areas for the remainder of Term 4:

The return of students to school is great for our school community, families and our staff. Unfortunately, since the return we have had a number of Covid cases causing four classes to quarantine for 14 Days. For the duration of their confinement the 2 classes revert back to remote learning. I would like to thank all the families who have provided masks for their children especially those in Years 3-6 as they are mandatory. As a staff, we are following all the rules announced by the Victorian Chief Health Officer around mask wearing to keep everyone at school safe and well. Students wearing masks help to minimise COVID-19 transmission risk.

When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of Covid-19 that could happen from common activities in school.

## ATTENDANCE & ENGAGEMENT

Our teachers and Team Leaders will be keeping a close eye on the attendance rates of all students and following up with those that may have missed some school since we have returned onsite. We know regular school attendance helps build routine for our students, supports their learning and equally as important, allows them to further develop and practice those invaluable human and interpersonal skills that they require for success both through and beyond school.

Our teachers are focusing on building students learning stamina, through a range of learning tasks and activities that allow students to build their knowledge, demonstrate their understanding and open their curiosity.

## STUDENT WELLBEING AND SOCIAL CONNECTION

Our students have resumed onsite learning in a really positive manner in these first weeks back. As students become more comfortable with being back at school and the term progresses they will start to get tired and start to test those around them. In efforts to combat this usual experience of returning to a cooperative, collaborative and social setting, our teachers are building in learning experiences that foster connection between students, for example small group tasks, pair activities and the regular sharing of learning with others. We also lean heavily on our school values of Respect, Empathy, Resilience and Responsibility to help guide our students in their interactions with others and their own personal conduct.

Remember that we have a fantastic wrap around service for our students and their wellbeing. This starts with our classroom teachers and Team Leaders and includes our Wellbeing Team. If your son or daughter is struggling this term, please seek assistance where needed and we can explore the range of supports available for your son or daughter.

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS TO RE-EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF LEARNING AND A SENSE OF PURPOSE

We all know students connect to learning better when they can see purpose in their work and experience joy in the process. Student voice and agency can really support us to identify the needs of students and then build this into the learning we deliver. Our teachers are using a number of tools, activities and experiences to allow our students to see real life connections and purpose to their learning. Teachers are also seeking feedback from students on the learning they are experiencing, in order to explore ways in which we can better meet the needs of our learners.

We all know and recognise that we have had students learning remotely for a significant proportion of the year, so as we finish off the school year, let's make every day count and finish strong.

## PARENT / FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure your contact details are up to date at all times. If you change your mobile phone number or move to another address, please let the office know as soon as possible.

## SUN SMART TERM 4

Our school is a Sun Smart School, and all students are required to wear a school hat in Term 4 to help protect them from the sun. Sunscreen is also available in every classroom for children to apply before they go outside.

Hats are required to be worn when outside. Please make sure your child brings their hat to school or they will be asked to sit in a shaded area.

## 2022 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

Foundation enrolments for next year are now being taken. Children must celebrate their fifth birthday by 30th April 2022 to be eligible for school. Parents are required to supply the following information when enrolling:

- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- Immunisation certificate
- Proof of residence

Warm regards,  
**Bobby Kotevski - Principal**



## BOOK FAIR IS COMING

November 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

With some restrictions still in place we will be holding an **online** Book Fair this month. Students will preview the books during their library session and bring home a wish list. Orders will be placed online and books collected by students. More information will be sent home during week 8.

Parkwood Green receives a commission from the total amount of books sold during the Book Fair. These funds will be used for purchasing new library books throughout the year to benefit students of all reading levels.

SCHOLASTIC  Book Fairs



## SAVE THE DATE!

Parkwood Green Primary School will be holding their annual Christmas Concert over two nights this year.

The students will perform on the following evenings:

8th December 2021: Foundation to Grade 2

9th December 2021: Grade 3 to Grade 6

More information will be coming out soon. Stay tuned!



# YEAR LEVEL NEWS

## GRADE 3 NEWS

What a fantastic start to Term 4 in our Grade 3 Learning Communities. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed being back onsite, seeing their friends and teachers, and engaging in their learning.

We have so many exciting things to look forward to as we approach the end of the year. Next week, our students will begin their rehearsals for the Christmas concert. The concert for our Grades 3-6 students will be on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December – The students are so excited!

In Inquiry, we have been learning about Australia, its cities, towns and famous landmarks. Students have used their investigations and research to begin drafting an informative writing piece about their chosen topic. We cannot wait to see what the published pieces will look like. This term, we have also begun daily check ins and wellbeing breaks with our students to support their social and emotional learning and help them to regulate their emotions after recess and lunch. This has been a huge success and our students have enjoyed participating.

We look forward to what the rest of Term 4 will bring!



**REMEMBER TO:**  
Look after **YOURSELF** and **ONE ANOTHER**