



District Swimming Carnival

Parkwood Green Primary School attended the Caroline Springs District Swimming Carnival on **Friday 26th February**. Our school finished in **1st** place overall, bringing the District Swimming Shield back to Parkwood Green for the 5th time. All of our students in grades 3 to 6 gave it their best in every event they competed in.

Congratulations to the following students for advancing to the Division Swimming Championships to be held at **Oak Park on the 17th of March**.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Zoey W – 9/10yr girls breaststroke

Remy H – 9/10yr boys breaststroke and butterfly

Tommy H – 9/10yr boys 50m backstroke

Brodie B – 11yr boys 50m butterfly

Mikaela K – 12/13yr girls 50m breaststroke

Kaitlyn Tran – 9/10yr girls breaststroke

Selena R – 9/10yr girls 50m backstroke

Connor B - 11yr boys 50m backstroke

Stella W – 11yr girls 50m butterfly

Alexandrea T – 12/13yr girls 50 butterfly

RELAY EVENTS

Open girls Medley team: Makaila G, Hedy C, Stella W, Alexandrea T

Parkwood Green Primary School wishes you all the best of luck at the next level of competition!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Mon 8th Mar** - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tue 9th Mar-Fri 19th Mar** - Grade 4 Swimming
- **Tues 9th Mar** - School Photo's F-4
- **Thur 11th Mar** - School Photo's 5-6, & Group Photo's
- **Fri 12th Mar** - Year 3 Athletics

Dear parents and friends of Parkwood Green,

I can't believe we are already half way through Term 1. The weeks seem to be flying by so quickly.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student is absent puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind. If your child must miss school speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please let the classroom teacher know or meet with our Student Wellbeing Officer Kathy Pham, so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the close of nominations on Friday 19th February, I received four nominations for the four vacant positions in the parent category.

Therefore, in the parent category, I declare Brian Jacobs, Lena Cooper, Julie Harman and Lesley Anderson elected to the Parkwood Green Primary School Council for 2021 and 2022. Congratulations!

Parent members on School Council are as follows:

Stewart Ridsdale
Tracey Ridsdale
Vidya Subramanian
Jocelyn Brabin (Parent) School Council President
Brian Jacobs
Lena Cooper
Lesley Anderson
Julie Harman

The first meeting of the new School Council will be Monday 29th March 2021. First item will be to elect office bearers for 2021.

Professional Practice Days (PPD)

This term our hard working teachers will begin to take their first Professional Practice Days as part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017 (VSGA 2017).

This agreement outlines that from the commencement of last year, each teacher is entitled to one day per term where they are released from their scheduled duties, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. The work undertaken on these days must be consistent with DET and school priorities and include areas such as: planning, preparation, assessment of student learning, collaboration, curriculum development, relevant professional learning and peer observation, feedback and reflection. Please be assured that these PPD's are being carefully structured to minimise any disruptions to our current programs and your child's class.

CENSUS DAY

At the end of February each year, the Department of Education & Training (DET) undertakes a CENSUS of all school enrolments across Victoria. This CENSUS is crucial for schools as it is directly linked to the level of funding that schools then receive for the 2021 academic year. This funding is driven by a formula that apportions an allocation for each child based on which level of schooling that they are undertaking. As a result of our school's 2021 CENSUS, we have confirmed an enrolment of 793 students across 32 classrooms.

UNIFORM

School uniform promotes a sense of identity, pride, cohesion and good order in a school. It allows students to feel equal and enhances individual student safety and group security, as well as enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community. The School Council Policy of Parkwood Green PS states that uniform is compulsory for the students of Parkwood Green. It is important that parents are vigilant in ensuring students appearance reflects the expectations of the school community. We would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that a high standard of uniform is maintained.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY KIDS

Getting a good night's sleep helps your child stay settled, healthy, happy and ready for school the next day. Children are usually tired after school and should look forward to bedtime from about 7:30pm. Your child needs about 10 to 11 hours of sleep each night to ensure learning is maximized at school.

A bedtime routine is very important for your child as it helps them wind down at the end of the day and settles them prior to going to sleep. Getting ready for bed at the same time each day is important. The predictability of going to bed at the same time each night helps children develop a positive sleep routine and feel secure. Allowing children to stay up late, even on weekends, is not recommended as it disrupts this routine. Assist your child to wind down about an hour before bedtime by turning off the television and computer games, and encouraging quiet activities. Reading to or with your child is a great activity to incorporate into their bedtime routine.

DISTRICT SWIMMING

Again a huge congratulations to our 2021 Swim Team, who last week returned the District Swimming Shield back to Parkwood Green! Champions for 2021! A super effort by all our students and staff. Well done and good luck in the next stage.

CHILD SAFE

Parkwood Green Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Parkwood Green Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Every person involved in Parkwood Green Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all that they do and every decision they make.

Follow my journey beyond the curriculum and beyond the classroom walls on Instagram!

An educational journey is one that is best shared together. I have created an Instagram page to share all the wonderful things I do, see and learn as the proud Principal of Parkwood Green Primary School.

Follow me on Instagram at: *theparkwoodprin*

Yours sincerely,
Bobby Kotevski
Principal



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Congratulations to our new and re-elected School Council members. These parents will be your new members for 2021:

Vidya Subramanian
Stewart Ridsdale
Tracey Ridsdale
Jocelyn Brabin
Brian Jacobs
Lesley Anderson
Lena Cooper
Julie Harman

We would like to thank Jo-Anne Rihs for her contribution to School Council over the past 9 years.

Parents or carers are welcome to join any of our sub-committees, where the school community has an opportunity to share their ideas for school improvements or learn more about the operation of our school. Our sub-committees meet twice each term, and they include Fundraising, Education, Finance and Grounds. Please contact the office for further information or email Jocelyn.Brabin2@education.vic.gov.au

Jocelyn Brabin
School Council President



YEAR LEVEL NEWS

GRADE 3 NEWS

What a busy fortnight we have had in Grade 3. Our Kitchen and Garden program is in full swing with our students participating in a range of activities such as the planting of snow pea seedlings, and vegetables such as beetroot and broccoli. Some of our students also had the job of watering our beautiful garden beds. In Kitchen this week, students tried a delicious ginger and lemon cordial. This year in Kitchen, our students will be given the chance to try a range of new and exciting foods and we are all so excited!

We are almost at the end of our Swimming program for 2021. As you can see from the photos, our students have enjoyed learning new skills, whilst staying healthy and happy. A big thankyou to Paul Sadler and their amazing staff.

This week, our students received their homework for the upcoming fortnight. This is a great chance to practice the skills and strategies taught in the classroom, whilst our families can gain an insight into our learning journey for the year. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Finally, a big thankyou to all our families who attended their meet and greet sessions this week. The opportunity to build these positive and strong relationships with our families is so important. We look forward to continue building these relationships moving forward.





Rhubarb, Apple and Ginger Cordial

Source – Matt Wilkinson 'Simply Dressed Salads'

Harvest – rhubarb, ginger, lemon

Vocab Words – citric acid, blitz, impurities, sterilized

Skills – cut, grate, juice, boil, simmer, blend, dilute

Equipment:

- Metric measuring cups and spoons
- Measuring scales
- Chopping boards and grips
- Compost bowls
- Knives
- Microplane
- Juicer
- Large saucepan
- Wooden spoon
- Blender
- Metal spoon
- Jars, for sterilizing
- Serving Items – cups

Ingredients:

- 400g **rhubarb**, cut into 2 cm pieces
- 50g fresh **ginger**, peeled and grated
- 1 **lemon**, juiced
- 700g **sugar**
- 1 litre **apple juice**
- 20g **citric acid**

What to do:

1. Prepare all ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
2. In a large saucepan, combine the rhubarb, ginger and lemon juice, and 200ml water.
3. Leave to cook over a low heat for about 10-12 minutes, until the rhubarb has started to break down.
4. Cool and then blitz in a blender.
5. Return the mixture to a clean pot and add the remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.
6. Scoop away any impurities from the top using a spoon.
7. Pour hot cordial into sterilised jars and seal or allow to cool. Dilute to taste, and serve.

Notes: Keep in a cool dark place for up to 6 months. Once opened, store in the fridge and use within 6 weeks. Citric Acid is available from the baking section in supermarkets.



SHARKS

Hillside Football Club



**BELONG TO
SOMETHING BIGGER**

COME AND JOIN THE HILLSIDE SHARKS FOR SEASON 2021

The Hillside Sharks Football Club are seeking Junior players, boys and girls of all ages for Auskick, under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's.

With excellent programs at all ages, this is your chance to get involved and *belong to something bigger!*

Junior training is starting now, come and have a kick and meet the team.



LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

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