

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Monday 25th April:**
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 26th April:**
First Day of Term 2
- **Friday 29th April:**
Mothers Day Stall Money Due
- **Monday 2nd May:**
Curriculum Day: Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 13th May:**
Year 1 Swimming
- **Monday 13th June:**
Queens Birthday Public Holiday

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear parents, carers and friends of Parkwood Green,

It's hard to believe that we have already completed Term 1 and our amazing Foundation students have finished their first term of school. Congratulations! I would like to use this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the students of Parkwood Green PS. Thank you also to all of our parents, carers and grandparents for your support in the home- school partnership. Finally, thank you to all of the students who are a pleasure to teach and make Parkwood Green PS the wonderful school that it is.

Harmony Day

A few weeks back, we had a wonderful day celebrating Harmony Day. Students participated in various cultural activities throughout the day. Harmony Day is a wonderful community celebration of all people from different cultures that unite and enrich our country, Australia. By participating in Harmony Day activities, students learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Thank you to all members of our community who helped create a wonderful day for the students.

COVIDSAFE Measures for Term 2

Students and staff who tested positive and completed their 7-day isolation period are not required to participate in the RAT screening for 8 weeks after their release from isolation. In addition, if a staff or student have recovered from COVID-19, they aren't required to get tested or isolate/quarantine if re-exposed to a case within 8 weeks of ending their isolation period. This period was previously 30 days. After 8 weeks, they must follow the relevant advice depending on the type of contact you are.

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the rapid antigen test (RAT) screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. All students will receive their RAT test kits for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 by Friday 8 April. I thank everyone for their continued support in following these measures to ensure we keep our school community as safe as possible.

School Parking

We understand that time is precious, parking availability can be limited, and we all want to get to our destination as quickly as possible. But placing our children, parents, staff and other members of the public at risk is very concerning. We have witnessed and had reports of parents breaking road rules, making illegal u-turns, illegally parking in disabled car spaces, and parking across neighbour's driveways. I urge all drivers to please be cautious, slow down, and only park in spaces you are permitted to park in. The local police have informed me that they will make regular patrols in marked and unmarked cars. I thank you for your understanding in this very important safety matter.

Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun

We certainly sent home some very colourful looking students on Monday afternoon after they had participated in the Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun. The weather cleared up, the colours were flying, and all the children and staff had an absolute ball! It was a fabulous event and the smiles on the children's faces said it all. They had a wonderful time walking or running around the course moving through the obstacles and aiming to get as much coloured powder as they could on themselves.

Thanks to all staff and the students for setting up the course and to all our parents and grandparents that came along to watch the spectacle. **A huge thank you to our Fundraising Committee for organising the event - we can't wait for next year!**

A giant, heartfelt, massive thankyou to everyone who supported the day by generously donating.

Iris from 3MP raised the most out of all of the Parkwood Green students. Iris raised \$1,910.00! Well done Iris! 3MP were our Highest Fundraising class group who raised a total of \$2,270.00.

From this fundraiser 307 Trees have been planted and 454 Coral have been planted. What an amazing collective effort by all involved.

The event proved to be a wonderful day and our fundraising team will announce how much money we raised in total once all the money has been collected. Money raised will go towards the construction of our outdoor learning spaces.



End of Term 1

Term 2 begins on **Tuesday 26th of April** and please don't forget that Term 1 will finish this Friday at **2:30pm**. Please ensure that you have made suitable arrangements for the early finish time. If you cannot pick them up at 2:30pm, you can book them into Big Childcare.

I wish all Parkwood Green students and their families a safe and happy Easter.

Take care and stay safe!

Cheers,

Bobby Kotevski

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hi students and families,

I would like to congratulate all our students, families and teachers on a very successful first term of school. All your support, understanding and dedication has not gone unnoticed and we appreciate what each individual brings to our Parkwood Green school community.

It was amazing to see all our students, families and staff join in on all the fun at The Colour Explosion Run on Monday. It was the first time I have ever been slimed and it definitely was an experience to remember! Thanks to all the families who donated and contributed to the success of the day. We look forward to many more school events!

Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate Amanda Donoghue on her successful ongoing appointment at Riverbend Primary School commencing in Term 2. I wish to thank Amanda for all her hard work and commitment to our students and wish her all the very best at her new school. We have advertised a position and will go through the recruitment process over the next few weeks. Families will be notified of the successful applicant once an appointment has been made.

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Stefania Lipoma who was the successful applicant for our grade 4 class and has settled in fantastically into our community so far. We are also fortunate to have our grade 3 position filled by Christina Mastroianni and Bec Phillips, who will be sharing the role and have been part of our school community for over 10 years.

Julie Andrews will be continuing her role as Acting Principal at Broadmeadows Valley PS for the remainder of Term 2. We wish Julie all the best for the term.

Kat Markovski will be returning next term which is great news for Kat and our school community. She will take on the tutoring role working 3 days a week and we look forward to having her back.

Playing Games at Home

Did you know that playing games at home with your family is a really fun and easy way to support your children in practising maths?

Maths games can make a huge difference for children who may not enjoy maths, lack confidence or find it tricky. There are all kinds of maths games that can help children learn and practise maths skills such as counting, matching numbers to values, adding, subtracting, multiplying or use of money. Especially heading into the holidays, it's a great way to keep children engaged and practising important maths skills.

Here are some ideas of games you can play:

- Monopoly
- Snakes and Ladders
- Connect 4
- Uno
- Dominoes
- Card games such as Snap, Go Fish
- Yahtzee

Have fun with it!

I hope all Parkwood Green students and families enjoy a well-deserved break and a lovely Easter.

Kathy Pham

Somers Camp

Last Tuesday, 11 Year 5 & 6 Parkwood Green students headed off on a 9 day camp to Somers School Camp. Everyone was excited but a bit nervous at the same time. We stayed in separate huts with students from other schools. All the girls from PGPS were in Hut 3 and all the PGPS boys were in Hut 6. We made friends with others on the camp really quickly. Some of the activities were challenging such as the Challenge swing, High ropes course, Rock climbing and Abseiling. Everyone gave everything a go and tried their best to complete tricky activities. We were excited to arrive but now we are sad to leave, but we are looking forward to coming home and seeing our friends and family.

Eliza, Anastasia & Hope.



New Readers!

With the money raised through fundraising last year, we have purchased over 500 new readers, as well as a range of poetry and rhyme books for both teachers and students to use in the classroom.

Thank you to all the families who supported the fundraising which allowed us to purchase these wonderful resources for our school.

Tamara Jacobs (Library) and Amy Crawford (Literacy Leader)



Administration Reminders

Applications for the 2022 Prep CSEF Uniform Package are open.

Information sheets for schools & families, plus the order form can be found on our stateschoolsrelief.org.au/resources and downloaded as required.

In order for a student to be eligible to receive the 2022 Prep Uniform Package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient.

Please note the following;

- Vouchers issued will have an expiry and must be redeemed before the expiration date
- Once vouchers have been issued, we are unable to exchange items for "change of mind"
- Applications for this package will **close at the end of Term 3, 2022**

To find out more, visit the [Department of Education & Training website](#).



PE NEWS



Jump Rope for Heart kicks off in Term 2!

Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for over 36 years. It's a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$104 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work. It's important you **register your child online**, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link here to get started: www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout Term 2 in PE lessons/during lunch breaks, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Week in Term 2 of Week 2, this will mark the commencement of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!