

PARKWOOD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thursday 6th April**  
Last Day Of Term 1: 2:30pm Dismissal
- **Monday 24th April**  
Curriculum Day—no students to attend
- **Tuesday 25th April**  
Anzac DAY— Public holiday
- **Wednesday 26th April**  
Term 2 commences  
ANZAC Day Ceremony
- **Friday 28th April**  
Grade 1 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- **Monday 1st May—12th May**  
Grade 3 swimming
- **Friday 5th May**  
District Cross Country

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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. And finally, thank you to all the students who are a pleasure to teach and make Parkwood Green PS the wonderful school that it is.

## **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 next term. I thank you for your understanding in this very important safety matter.

## **School Council Update**

At our first school council meeting on Monday 27th March, the new school council have co-opted Phuoc-Tai Huynh to the 12 month parent casual vacancy. Therefore, I declare Phuoc-Tai elected to the Parkwood Green Primary School Council for 2023.

A big thank you to our other candidates who participated in the election process. We are grateful for your nomination and enthusiasm to be a part of our School Council and look forward to your continued input as a community member.

## **The 2023 School Council is as follows:**

Jocelyn Brabin (Parent) School Council President  
Gulsem Islay (Parent) Vice President  
Tracey Ridsdale (Parent) Treasurer  
Phuoc- Tai Huynh (Parent)  
Jelena Gajic (Parent)  
Nicole Tyrell (Parent)  
Luan Walker (Parent)  
Paul McDougall (Parent)  
Bobby Kotevski (DET)  
Natalie Edwards (DET)  
Elyse Edwards (DET)

## **End of Term 1 Dismissal Time and Term 2 start**

Please note that school will be dismissed at **2.30pm on Thursday 6th April for the end of Term 1**. 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.

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

**Term 2 commences on Wednesday 26th April.** Monday 24th April is a Curriculum Day where teachers will be undertaking Professional Learning focused on Writing lead by our Oz Lit Literacy Consultant Larissa (Riss) Leung. **Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC day, and this is a public holiday. Students are not required to attend school on both these days.**

**First day back for all students is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April.**

### **Congratulations to our Regional swimming team**

A big congratulations to our regional swimming team: Bowen, Yustus, Zander and Remy, who brought home a 2nd medal in the 11 boys freestyle relay.

Our individual swimmers put in an amazing effort with a 4th for Remy in the butterfly and 7th for Yustus in the backstroke.

A fantastic day was had cheering our PWG team members on. Thanks to all the parents and staff who came along to support the team.

### **Parent/Family Contact Details**

If you are moving to a new house or changing your phone number over the holidays, please ensure your contact details are up to date by notifying the office. This enables us to contact you if necessary.

I wish all Parkwood Green students and their families a safe and happy Easter. This is a great time to slow down, reconnect and enjoy the final moments of warm weather before winter hits.

Take care and stay safe.

Cheers

**Bobby Kotevski**

### **Outdoor Learning Space**

On Tuesday Mrs Cornwill took us outside to read in the outdoor learning space to complete independent reading. It was warm and sunny while we were reading. 6EC was enjoying the outside time while we were quietly sitting and reading. It would be good to go outside more often to participate in the outdoor learning space, it is very peaceful and quiet and it felt very calming. From Kayla and Lara



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Hi families and friends,

We have successfully made it through another big term! It has been very pleasing to see how well all students have engaged in their learning both in the classroom and specialist classes throughout this term. Everyone should be proud of their efforts and well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who completed NAPLAN. We've also had lots to celebrate with student achievements at Athletics days and within our swimming program. Our Year 2 students had an amazing time during our Cultural Dance incursion, it was great to dance together whilst learning about lots of different cultures. Last week our Foundation students had their very first excursion! With gum boots and smiles all round, they had a wonderful day creating fun memories.



## Breakfast Club

It has been fantastic to see more and more students joining our Breakfast Club each week! Every Monday and Friday breakfast club is open from 8:35am-8:50am providing breakfast and healthy food such as toast, cereal and fruit for all students. Fruit is also available for students to add to their lunch boxes. Come join us, everyone is welcome!

## Lunch Clubs














Did you know at Parkwood Green we run many lunchtime clubs for students? Students of all year levels are welcome to attend. Please see our current schedule for lunch clubs, we offer opportunities for students to engage in a range of interests as well as develop new skills and friendships.

- Yoga
- Science
- Chess
- Mindfulness
- Crafting
- iPad time
- Sporting games
- Manga
- K-pop BTS
- Calm Club

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Please let your child's class teacher know if there are particular clubs you may have discussed with your child and we can support and encourage them to attend.

Lunch Time Clubs 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Recess</b>		Chess Club (Laura) Room 37 	Mindfulness Club (Kathy G) Room 19 	Craft Club (Felicity) Room 37 	
		Yoga Club (Yr 6 students) Room 36 			
<b>Lunch</b>	Calm Club- Room 27 	iPad Club Room 33 	Calm Club- Room 27 	iPad Club Room 33 	Calm Club- Room 27 
	Sports Club- outside/ gym Yeliz and Chantelle 	Science Club/Waste Warriors (Sharelle) Room 36- TBC 	Manga Club (Hugo) Room T4 		K-Pop/ BTS Club (Lesya) Learning Centre 

## Students Attitudes to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction. Next term all Year 4 to 6 students will be invited to participate in our yearly survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The

Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of our school. More information will be communicated to families early next term.

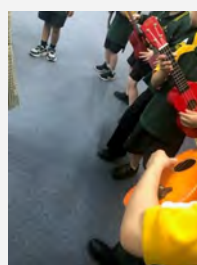
I hope all families have a well-deserved and safe Easter Break and we will see you next term.

Kathy Pham

Assistant Principal

## Performing Arts

Welcome to Performing Arts in 2023. Students have enjoyed combining the art of music, dance and drama through games and group work. Students are enjoying the variety of instruments that can be used in performing arts. They explore how they can be used to keep a steady beat to making rhythms and melodies that accompany music and dance.

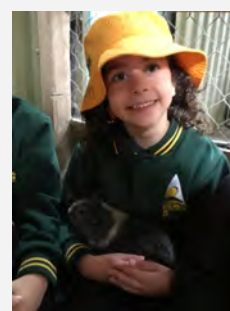


## Animal Land Children's Farm

On Thursday 30th March the Foundation students headed off on the very first excursion to Animal Land Childrens Farm.

The excitements started when they saw that they had a double decker bus! We arrived at the farm, had some morning tea and then began some activities. The students met Ally the cow and had the opportunity to experience milking a cow, riding a pony and held some Guinea pigs and rabbits. They had a tractor ride and fed some animals.

The students were put to work where they had to shovel the pony poo into a wheelbarrow! They had an amazing time. If you haven't logged on to Seesaw yet, speak to the classroom teachers as photos of the students were uploaded for you to view.



## Grade 2 Cultural Dance Incursion and Pizza Making

Our Grade 2 students have had a very busy end to Term 1 exploring celebrations, dance, and traditional food from a range of cultures.

During the Cultural Dance Incursion our students were taught a range of dances from South Africa, India, South America and Spain. They loved hearing the different music and dressing up in some traditional clothing as well!

We started Week 11 in the best way possible, making and eating pizza! Our Grade 2's got to experience a Kitchen Garden class and follow a recipe to make their own pizza inspired by what have learnt about Italy. We used pita bread, tomato paste, Italian Herbs, mushroom, capsicum and cheese.

Here is what some of our students had to say about our exciting end to the term:

"I can't choose my favourite thing, they were both so good! The pizza was yummy and the dancing was so fun!"- Vykin 2CN

"My favourite part was that we got to dress up and I loved the Indian dancing."- Jaime 2LL

"I loved spreading the sauce on my pizza and putting a lot of cheese on top!"- Eloise 2LL

"I loved dancing with a partner and dressing up in the sparkly jacket."- James 2CN



## National Simultaneous Storytime 2023 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

This year, PGPS will participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime by reading 'The Speedy Sloth' by Australian author Rebecca Young (Button Boy) and illustrated by Heath McKenzie (Do Not Open This Book series). The book – with a theme of celebrating all winners, especially those who don't come first – is about Spike, a sloth excited to run in the Great Race, even though other sloths say it can't be done.

To celebrate this fantastic yearly event, we are selling copies of 'The Speedy Sloth' for students who would like their own copy of the book to read along with their teachers on the day.

Pre-order your copy now at the front office for \$15. Books will be delivered to students on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.



**Cross Country**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Year 3-6 students took part in Cross Country. We were so impressed to see students' stamina and resilience throughout the race. The enthusiasm was noticeable, and the positive sportsmanship is what makes Parkwood Green students amazing.

A big thank you to those parents who came along and supported our students.

**Below are the days results:****8 Year Old Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Milana 3KG
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gru 3TV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ayshe 3KG
- 4<sup>th</sup> Danielle 3SC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Maryam 3SC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sienna. W 3SC
- 7<sup>th</sup> Charlotte 3SC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sage 3TV
- 9<sup>th</sup> Amani 3TV

**9/10 Year Old Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kayla 4VB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eden 4CK
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ariana 5JG
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dahlia 4HC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Catherine 5JG
- 6<sup>th</sup> Peyton 4CH
- 7<sup>th</sup> Glenda 5CL
- 8<sup>th</sup> Stella 4CH
- 9<sup>th</sup> Iris 4CK

**11 Year Old Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zoey 5AC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Antonia 5NC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sienna 5KL
- 4<sup>th</sup> Charlotte 6LA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lara 6HT
- 6<sup>th</sup> Maja 5AC
- 7<sup>th</sup> Emma 5JG
- 8<sup>th</sup> Yossan 5JG
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mia 5NC

**8 Year Old Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Archer 3MP
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arush 3TV

**9/10 Year Old Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alonso 5AC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mason 3KG
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mavi 4HC
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jayden 4CK
- 5<sup>th</sup> Rafael 4HC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Lachlan 3KG
- 7<sup>th</sup> Kimi 3KG
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nick 4VB
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nathan 4VB

**11 Year Old Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jett 5KL
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathon 5AC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ali 5CL
- 4<sup>th</sup> Aidan 5AC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seth 5AC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nabhya 5CL
- 7<sup>th</sup> Yustus 5NC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Malik 5CL
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mason 5CL

**12/13 Year Old Girls:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lara 6EC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Selina 6EC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kalina 6EE
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kayla 6EC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Amelia 6EC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alexis 6HT
- 7<sup>th</sup> Olivia 6EC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Eliza 6DK
- 9<sup>th</sup> Alaysia 6DK

**12/13 Year Old Boys:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Milan 6DK
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben. S 6EE
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jaden 6DK
- 4<sup>th</sup> Junior 6LA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jake 6LA
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rocco 6DK
- 7<sup>th</sup> Xavier 6HT
- 8<sup>th</sup> Beau 6HT
- 9<sup>th</sup> Adem 6HT



Our top 7 competitors will take part in the District Cross Country held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We wish these students the very best for their event.

## Regional Swimming

Congratulations to our Regional Swimming Team; Bowen, Yustus, Zander and Remy, who brought home a 2<sup>nd</sup> medal in the 11 boys freestyle relay. Our individual swimmers put in an amazing effort with a 4<sup>th</sup> for Remy in the butterfly and 7<sup>th</sup> for Yustus in the backstroke. A fantastic day was had cheering our PWG team members on. Thanks to all the parents who cheered the team on from the side.



## State Schools Relief 2023 Prep CSEF Uniform Package

Who is SSR? State Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

CSEF was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more, or to apply for assistance, please refer to the Department of Education and Training website.

SSR provides a uniform package each year to all Prep families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

2023 Prep Uniform Package for CSEF recipients Prep students for 2023 that are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher. What's in the package?

The 2023 package contains the following items:

- 1 x Rugby Top or Hooded / Windcheater or Jacket (Bomber/Polar Fleece) or Long Sleeve Polo
- 1 x Track Pants or Trousers or Pants
- 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Ups or T-Bars or Sneakers Skate or Sneakers Velcro)

Please note the following:

- a) PE items are not included as part of this package
- b) Shoes must be requested in UK sizes

Please contact the Office if you are eligible and would like to order the Prep Uniform package.

## RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY, BREAD TAGS FOR WHEEL CHAIRS



**RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY**

**Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 7th July.**

**Tip for collecting:**  
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**  
Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

**LET'S GET COLLECTING!**

\*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonder.australia @wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!

**Wonder**  
Roll of Goodness



**BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.

We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.

**What can I do?**  
It's easy ..... save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.

Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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**No cardboard please!**

**current cardboard colours**

**cardboard bends**

**plastic breaks**

We collect **only** plastic bread tags, **not** cardboard tags or N95 mask clips.

# Administration Reminders

## School Hats

School hats are not compulsory for Term 2 and 3 but it is recommended that they still be worn on sunny days.

## Lost Property

Could parents please check the lost property in the Office foyer, we have a lot of unclaimed uniform at present.

## Update Student/Family details

Please ensure that you notify the Office of any changes to your contact/address details . We have a few instances lately where we have attempted to contact parents but phones have been disconnected

