



AFL incursion

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Grade 1's and 2's participated in an AFL incursion. The students were taught various skills through games.

The Grade 1 and 2 students enjoyed getting outside for a run and a kick of the football!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tue 9th Mar-Fri 19th Mar - Grade 4 Swimming
- Fri 19th Mar - Harmony Day
- Thur 25th Mar - Yr 3-6 Cross Country
- Thur 1st Apr - Last Day Of Term 1: **2.30pm Finish**
- Mon 19th Apr - First Day Term 2

Dear Parents and friends of Parkwood Green,

The National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 tests, for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Should your child be unable to participate in the assessment, please see your child's teacher. We encourage all our students to strive to achieve their personal best in preparation and during these tests.

Our NAPLAN schedule for 2021 is...

Tuesday 11th May	Wednesday 12th May	Thursday 13th May	Friday 14th May
Grade 3 - Writing	Grade 5 - Writing	Grade 3 - Reading	Grade 5 - Writing

Monday 17th May	Tuesday 18th May	Wednesday 19th May	Thursday 20th May	Friday 21st May
Grade 3 – Maths	Grade 5 - Maths	Grade 3 – Language Conventions	Grade 5 – Language Conven- tions	Catch up

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

If your child is involved in the testing, it is important they are supported in the following ways;

- Ensuring they are well rested and have had a good night's sleep
- Ensuring they eat healthy meals and snacks
- Ensuring they engage in some exercise like walking or riding their bikes
- By re-assuring your child to remain positive, calm and do to their personal best

Later in the year, parents will receive their child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will outline their child's skills in the areas assessed. The report will show how their child performed in relation to the national student performance.

Parents need to be aware that although NAPLAN provides an insight into your child's academic performance it is based on performance on one day and during one assessment. For a more complete assessment of their child's progress and abilities, as always we encourage parents to speak with their child's teacher.

EARLY ARRIVALS

We care about your child's safety. Students should not be arriving to school prior to 8:45am and left in the school yard unattended. Teachers are not required on duty until 8:45am thus; we do not have anyone on duty until 8:45am.

Parents are requested to book children into Big Childcare before school care or make other arrangements if care is needed before or after school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

UNIFORM

As the term comes to an end, we start to see the arrival of some cooler weather. Please ensure your children are dressed in warm, school approved uniform. The School Council Policy of Parkwood Green PS states that uniform is compulsory for all students.

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.

HARMONY WEEK

This week is Harmony Week, where we celebrate how our differences enrich our lives.

On Friday 19th March, we encourage students and staff to dress in traditional dress or orange, the colour that signifies social communication, peace and harmony.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to have parents on site or share food, therefore students will not be able to bring traditional dishes to share amongst the class.

At assembly on Friday 19th we will have a representative from each year level to talk a little about the traditional dress they have worn. Happy Harmony week everyone!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the close of voting on Wednesday 3rd March, nominations for the one vacant position in the DET Category closed and were counted.

In the DET Category, I declare Elyse Edwards elected to the Parkwood Green Primary School Council for 2021 and 2022. Congratulations Elyse. I would like to thank Julie for her valuable contribution to School Council over many years. Thanks Julie. The first meeting of the new School Council will be Monday 29th March 2021. First item will be to elect office bearers for 2021.

The new school council is as follows:

- Vidya Subramanian (Parent)
- Stewart Ridsdale (Parent)
- Tracey Ridsdale (Parent)
- Jocelyn Brabin (Parent)
- Brian Jacobs (Parent)
- Lesley Anderson (Parent)
- Lena Cooper (Parent)
- Julie Harman (Parent)
- Bobby Kotevski (DET)
- Natalie Edwards (DET)
- Elyse Edwards (DET)

FOUNDATION ENROLMENT 2022

We are beginning to take Foundation enrolments for 2022 so that we may begin to plan the Foundation transition program. If you have any children who will be attending Parkwood Green in 2022, please call or visit the school to arrange a tour and receive enrolment information as soon as possible.

A ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE & TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

Where's your head at?

It's easy to become complacent about safety, especially on a familiar route such as on your way to or from school. Taking risks and not being mindful on the roads can have serious consequences. It's important to have your head in the moment and make safe decisions when crossing the road.

Before you cross the road:

- Look before you cross. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you
- Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you – wait until all vehicles have stopped before you step off the kerb
- Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses and large vehicles
- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb, and while you are crossing the road

When crossing the road:

- Always use pedestrian crossings
- Wait for the walk signal.
- At traffic lights, don't enter the road if vehicles are moving through the crossing or if the red don't walk signal shows.

And just another very important reminder to drive and park safely around our school. I understand and acknowledge that parking is limited, but double parking, parking in a no standing zones, parking across driveways or hurling abuse at each other isn't acceptable. It's illegal and dangerous. A massive thank you to all the parents who are doing the right thing, showing patience, consideration and being great role models for our children and our school community. Traffic issues have vastly improved, thank you!

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.

Have a great week.
Bobby Kotevski
Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

March Scholastic Book Fair (Students only)
Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th

Our Book Fair will run differently this year with the current COVID guidelines in place.

* Students will preview books during their library session next week. Each student will complete a wish list they can then take home. Students with an iPad will also take a picture of the book/s they are interested in.

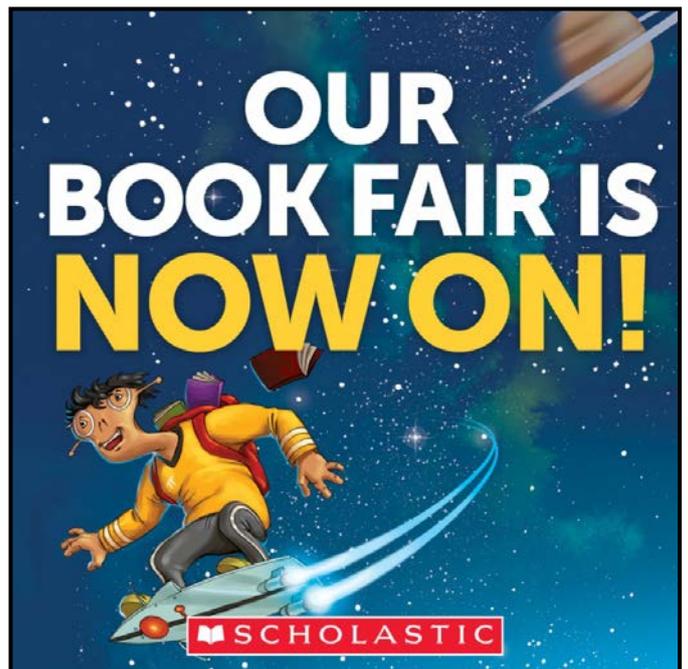
* Parents/Guardians decide what they would like to purchase, pays by Credit Card online and notes receipt number on the wish list. **All orders must be paid online via the Book Fair website www.scholastic.com.au/payment** - then click 'book fair'

* Student returns to school with completed wish list (including receipt number) to collect book/s. A reorder will be placed if stock has sold out. **Final books must be collected by Monday 22nd of March.**

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

Thank you for supporting our 2021 March Book Fair.

Tamara Jacobs
Library



EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize is a Crown Voucher!

We are excited to announce our first fundraising event for 2021!!! Funds raised from our events go directly into projects around the school that benefit all our students. In recent years we have successfully raised funds that have contributed to the planting of mature trees, seating in the courtyard and around the basketball court, and the creation of the Indigenous garden.

-1ST Prize: Overnight accommodation at Crown Promenade including valet parking, buffet breakfast for 2, and sparkling wine on the day of arrival – valued at approx \$300

-2ND Prize: Hamper of goodies valued at \$200

-3RD Prize: Hamper of goodies valued at \$150

TICKETS \$1 EACH

The eldest child from each family will receive 10 tickets from their classroom teacher to bring home at end of this week. **Please write your name and contact number clearly on each ticket.**

All sold and unsold tickets, along with correct money, to be returned no later than **4pm Monday 29th March**. Please ensure correct money is returned as no change will be given.

Extra tickets will be available from the office.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 31st March 2021. Winners will be notified on Wednesday 31st March by a phone call.

Families will be provided with a link to watch the draw closer to the date

We thank you in advance for your participation in our first fundraising event for this year and wish you the best of luck!



DIVISION SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to all of our Division Swimmers on a brilliant individual and team effort yesterday!

Well done to those students who have now progressed to the Western Metro Region Swimming finals on Tuesday the 30th of March.

Alexandra T - 50m Butterfly - 12/13yr girls

Stella W - 50m Butterfly - 11yr old girls

Connor B - 50m Backstroke - 11yr old boys

Tommy H - 50m Backstroke - 9/10yr old boys

Brodie B - 50m Butterfly - 11yr old boys

Stella W, Alexandra T, Hedy C & Makaila G - 4x50m Medley Relay

Congratulations!



PARKWOOD GREEN CROSS COUNTRY

Next Thursday the 25th of March is the grade 3-6 Cross Country carnival. This will be held on school grounds. It starts around 9:15am and has an estimated finish time of 1pm.

Distances:

2km for all 9/10yr old boys and girls

3km for 11yr olds and 12/13yr olds.

All Sports and House Captains will be required to assist the running of the day as per their leadership roles.

Please make sure students wear appropriate footwear and are in their sports uniform. Also, please make sure they have their drink bottles on this day and that sunscreen is applied prior to the time schedule.

If you are unsure of anything, or would like to know anything further, please don't hesitate to ask.

Please see the Compass post for more details

Kind regards,
PE Department

LUNCH ORDER REMINDERS

Just a reminder that all online lunch orders for the current day need to be placed by 8:45am.

Any orders placed after that, will not be ready until the following day and therefore your child may be without lunch.

YEAR LEVEL NEWS

GRADE 4 NEWS

The Grade 4s have been extremely busy over the past few weeks. Not only have they been busy learning about Narratives in Reading and Writing, and focusing on Additive Thinking and Time in Mathematics, but they have participated in a variety of activities as well...

Athletics Day

On Tuesday 2nd March, the Grade 4 students participated in a variety of Athletics events at the Atherstone Athletics Track in Melton. Students participated in events such as high jump, hurdles, the 100m sprint and discus to name a few. Everyone enjoyed a game of war as a celebration of the hard work they put in throughout the day.

Kitchen

We have been learning all about hygiene, seasonal planting and how we can apply the school values in the kitchen. Last week, students were able to demonstrate their knife skills using the bridge hold, claw hold and the flat hold. As a result, we were able to enjoy some potato and sweet potato chips with rosemary. They were delicious!

Swimming

Over the past two weeks, the Grade 4 students have been participating in the school swimming program. They have been working on improving their swimming at various levels.

We have enjoyed the fun-filled term with all our students, getting to know them and seeing their strengths in areas outside of the classroom. We are looking forward to Cross Country still to come next week.



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Bruschetta: Tomato, Basil & Onion

Source – taste.com.au

Harvest – tomato, red onion, basil, garlic

Vocab Words – drizzle, to taste, develop, portions

Skills – diced, finely chop, finely torn, peel garlic, cut onion, dry fry/toast

Equipment:

- Metric measuring cups and spoons
- Knives
- Chopping boards and grips
- Compost bowls
- Medium sized bowl
- Large serving spoon
- Serving Items – platters

Ingredients:

- 6-8 **tomatoes**, diced
- 1 **red onion**, finely chopped
- 4 stems of **basil** leaves, finely torn
- Drizzle of **olive oil**
- **Salt** and **Pepper**, to taste
- $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 loaf crunchy **bread**, sliced
- 1-2 **garlic** cloves, cut in half

What to do:

1. Wash all garden ingredients and prepare all ingredients based on instructions in the 'Ingredients' list.
2. Place the tomatoes, onion and basil in a medium bowl with a drizzle of oil and some salt and pepper.
3. Allow this mixture to sit for 10-20 minutes for the flavours to develop.
4. Toast slices of bread (in a toaster, on a BBQ grill or in a frying pan with no oil).
5. Rub one side of the toast with one half of the garlic clove and repeat for all slices of toast.
6. Top with mixture, cut into smaller portions and serve immediately.

Notes: There are many variations for Bruschetta – omit the onion, vary the herbs – though tomato and basil is a traditional and wonderful combination of flavours. Perhaps add in 2 tablespoons of **capers**, drained and rinsed.

After class at The Grove

Thursday 25th March
2.30pm until 5.00pm

The Grove (outside the Bank of Melbourne entrance)

Woodgrove, Victoria Police and Melton City Council invites all students, teens and families to enjoy live buskers, big offers, giveaways and positive energy. Protective

Services Officers, council and sports clubs will also be about to help you be part of community sports and activities. So come along and get into the community spirit.



MELTON CITY COUNCIL



VICTORIA POLICE



Woodgrove

From your friends at Woodgrove

Students and teens are always welcome at Woodgrove. In fact, there are free food and offers, instant prizes and major giveaways to make you feel even more at home.

Grab a feed

Fuel the days fun with these free meals and Bounce Back Offers.

Bakers Delight

Ham & Cheese Danish
Mini Finger Bun

Grill'd

Small HFC Chicken Bites Natural
Sea Salt and Honey Soy Flavour
Bounce Back Offer - Grill'd Free
chip voucher

See individual retailer websites for
ingredients information.

La Porchetta

Slices of pizza (includes
Margherita and Hawaiian)
Bounce Back Offer - La
Porchetta 20% Off Food
Vouchers

Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse

Small Sausage Roll

Instant giveaways

Hundreds of instant win gift cards and vouchers are up for grabs - but while stocks last. Speak to a staff member to enter.

50 x \$10 Gift Cards

Woodgrove Gift Cards

12 x \$30 Gift Cards

Woodgrove Gift Cards

200 x Coffee Cards

Complimentary Coffee Cards

1 x Buy 1 Get 1 Free

Burger Voucher from Grill'd

50% Off Food Voucher

At La Porchetta

Let's connect for your chance to win

As our way of saying thanks for coming along, we're also giving you a one-in-three chance to win big. Simply provide your email for a chance to win the below.

1 x \$150 Woodgrove Gift Card

1 x \$100 Woodgrove Gift Card

1 x \$50 Woodgrove Gift Card

Form will be used to sign up to our email database.



Caroline Springs Football & Netball Club



JOIN THE LAKERS IN 2021

Fielding teams in the following age groups

U9's, U10's, U12's, U14's & U16's

Girls U10's, U12's, U14's & U16's

18.5's Boys & Girls, Senior Men & Women,

Training to start February 2021

Auskick available for beginners

Netball.....

Fielding both junior and senior Netball teams

(Age groups to be confirmed)

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12's, 14's and 16's
teams.*



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5:30PM

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