

PARKWOOD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thurs 1st June**

PJ day—out of school uniform - gold corn donation.

- **Friday 2nd June**

PPD Day—students not required to attend school

- **Monday 5th June**

Cross Country F-2

- **Mon 5th– Wed 7th June**

Grade 5 Camp

- **Friday 9th June**

Assembly

- **Mon 12th June**

Kings birthday public holiday

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parkwood families and friends,

In the last two weeks, our attention was captured by the devastating incidents endured by the students and staff of Exford Primary School who were involved in a road accident, including their bus and a truck. A number of students have endured life-changing injuries as a result, and our thoughts have been with them and their families at this difficult time. I have been in touch with the Team at

Exford Primary School and offered our communities full support at this most challenging of times.

To help support Exford, last week, we had some of our ES and teachers release staff for the day to allow them the time to work through this difficult time. I am very proud of our staff who immediately put their hand up to help in any way. I thank them, and no doubt the Exford community will do the same. Our school will continue to support Exford with more ES and teacher releases over the next few weeks.

I will be releasing Lisa Campo, the school Principal, to give her some much-needed support and time to work through this difficult time.

This tragic event has allowed us to reflect on our school risk management and safety practices when transporting students, which includes buses to excursions. We will continue to make student safety and wellbeing our priority and search for ways to strengthen our practices.

To help support the families, all money raised at this week's SRC Pyjama Day will go to the Exford school community.

Annual Report to the Community

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Annual Report to the Community. The Annual Report provides principals and school councils with an opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and explaining the impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes.

The purpose of this session was to inform as well as to capture questions or feedback from our councilors. The Annual Report has been approved and attested by our School Council President Jocelyn Brabin and unanimously supported by all School Councilors.

The Annual Report will soon be available on our school website.

Reconciliation Week

What is Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is a time for Australia to unite together and contribute to Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

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During this period there are National and local events where community can join together to listen, learn and unlearn.

When is Reconciliation Week held?

The national celebration for Reconciliation Week is held from the 27th May – the 3rd June each year. These dates are significant with the 27th of May being the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and the 3rd of June being acknowledged as Mabo Day.

There are also some communities that choose to celebrate Reconciliation, projects and initiatives at other times throughout the year.

Where can I go to support and be involved?

There is a calendar of events at <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/> where you can find information about events taking place in your state and local area.

Additionally, if you are thinking about hosting an event yourself and would like to open it up to the broader community you can register this on the website for others to discover.

You can also find further information regarding events via your local Aboriginal Lands Council, AECG, Local Council Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and the Koori Mail.

Early Arrivals

At Parkwood Green PS we care about your child's safety. Students should not be arriving to school prior to 8:45am and left at the gates or in the park. Teachers are not required on duty until 8:45 am therefore 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

We now start to see the arrival of very cold weather. Please ensure your children are dressed in warm, school approved uniform. Our uniform policy 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.

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Student Illness

There have been many students coming to school with cold and flu like symptoms. We ask that parents and guardians keep children home if they have these symptoms. Cold, flu, gastro and COVID symptoms are easily spread in a classroom environment. If your child tells you they are feeling unwell, please keep them at home. Children with these symptoms are sent to the office as teachers are following Department guidelines on trying to avoid spreading illnesses throughout the school. Parents/ Guardians will be contacted to pick up their child when they are unwell.

Child Safe

Parkwood Green Primary School is committed to the 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.

This Friday 2nd June is a Student Free Professional Practice Day

Professional practice days provide teachers with release from their scheduled duties (all duties which would have been otherwise scheduled, including teaching) to focus on the improved delivery of high-quality teaching and learning.

The Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2022 provides teachers with three professional practice days in 2022, two professional practice days in 2023 and one professional practice day in 2024 and beyond.

This term's school council approved Professional Practice Day is this **Friday 2nd June.**

No students are required to come to school on the day.

Please note: Big Childcare will NOT be operating on this day.

Have a great week everyone,














Bobby Kotevski
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Lunch Time Clubs

It has been great seeing so many students attend Lunch Time Clubs. The below lunch time clubs have incorporated student voice and updates to the timetable may be made throughout the year depending on student needs and interests. Currently our K-Pop/BTS Club has been one of our most popular clubs, followed by iPad Club which runs a couple of times a week. We are looking to add an additional club in the coming weeks. See below timetable and photos of K-Pop/BTS Club.

Lunch Time Clubs 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess		Chess Club (Laura) Room 37 	Mindfulness Club (Kathy G) Room 19 	Craft Club (Felicity) Room 37 	
		Yoga Club (Yr 6 students) Room 36 			
Lunch	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 



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Breakfast Club

It has been great to see so many of our students attending Breakfast Club each week. Breakfast Club runs every Monday and Friday from 8:35-9am in the Kitchen (behind the Foundation/1 playground). Students can enjoy a meal with their peers before the school day starts. A special thanks to our Student Wellbeing Leaders who also attend when they can to help support teacher's and ES in running the club each week.



Health Centre

Dear Families

As we head into Winter we are seeing more symptoms in the classrooms. Just a friendly reminder that if your child is sick we strongly recommend they remain home until symptoms have cleared.

The school has been notified of several positive cases over the last couple of weeks and although there is no enforced isolation period, we strongly encourage students and staff to remain home until symptoms have cleared.

If you require RAT tests or masks please see the front office.

Thank-you

Health Centre

Foundation World Dance Incursion

On Tuesday Foundation students had a World dance Incursion. They got to learn about different cultural dances, as well as wear an array of costumes from around the world. All students learnt dance moves from different countries and continents such as Africa, India, South America and Spain. We all listened to music and moved our bodies to the music. We had a great time!

Georgia FTR- We got to dance with the dress ups on.

Mostafa FTR- I liked the costumes

Emilia FSP – I liked the flamenco dancing the best

Addison FMP- I liked the elephant dance moves and the instruments that clap



HOYTS MOVIE TICKETS

We have teamed up with Hoyts to bring our families great movie ticket packs to purchase.

Adult Packs 5 adult movie vouchers \$65, Child Packs 5 movie vouchers \$55, Bargain Pack 5 movie vouchers valid for general admission Mon-Thurs only \$55

Cash Payment only—Please return order form and cash to the Office by Friday 9th June.

Tickets will be distributed to families on Tuesday 20 th June 2023 (during 3 way conference). Order forms available from the Office

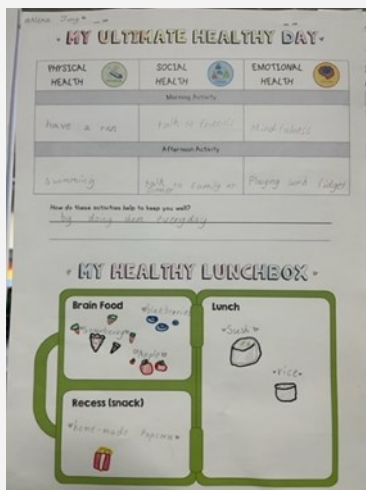
KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

Grade 4 Kitchen News

Students have enjoyed their 'Healthy Living' Inquiry topic in their Kitchen sessions this year, which began with learning about healthy ingredients and 'eating the rainbow' to ensure a variety of vitamins and minerals essential for their growth and development. Students reviewed the Australian Food Pyramid/s and so learnt about the 5 Food Groups and how to include these ingredients and products into their everyday. As part of this inquiry topic students also learnt about their physical, social and emotional health/wellbeing during classroom and other specialist sessions.

In the Kitchen this learning focussed on student lunchboxes and they made their own sandwich, and a variety of snacks. To celebrate the end of this topic students chose recipes to make for a 'class lunchbox'.

Recipes included mexican quesadillas, vegetable fritters, pesto calzone, green frittata's, fruit salads and smoothies. What a celebration it was! I hope their lunchboxes continue to be VERY healthy.



<https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/guidelines/australian-guide-healthy-eating>

<https://healthylunchbox.com.au/builder/>

<https://nutritionaustralia.org/fact-sheets/eat-a-rainbow/>

GARDEN NEWS

This term the Grade 4's have been working on Seasonal plants, seeds, chickens, planting, healthy lunchboxes (what can we grow to put in your lunchbox) in the garden.

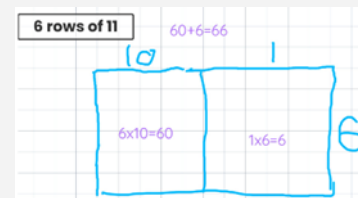
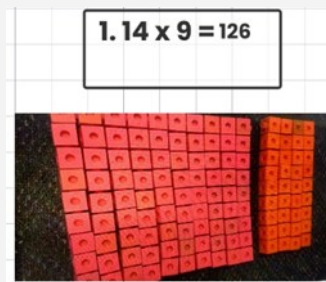
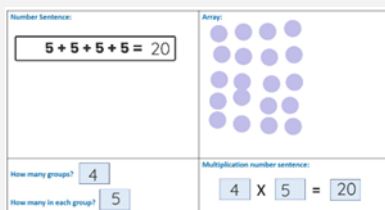
GRADE 5 NEWS

The Grade 5s have had a busy Term 2, but are focussed and ready for camp that is coming up in Week 7 (5th-7th June).

We have been reading a variety of non-fiction texts with a focus on identifying important and interesting information, looking at the different non-fiction text features and understanding the difference between fact and opinion.

In Writing we have been using what we have learnt in Reading about non-fiction texts to write an informative piece on a topic of our choice, ensuring that a variety of non-fiction text features are being used.

In Mathematics, students have been working on developing their Multiplicative Thinking skills through solving multiplication and division problems using a variety of strategies.



Our Inquiry focus has been 'How Australia Became a Nation' and students have been working on a project to share the knowledge they have acquired about the First Fleet and Federation.

Many students have also been enjoying the swimming program which concluded on Monday 29th May.



Administration Reminders

- CSEF applications are still available until 23rd June. If you have a current Health Care card and have not applied for the funding yet please do so before 23rd June.

Prep uniform package. If you hold a current health care card and have a child in Foundation you are entitled to some uniform for your child. Please contact the Office for application.

Attendance—we have lots of unexplained absences, could you please check your child's attendance record and update

