



Parkwood Green Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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ANZAC DAY

On Thurs 25th April 2019 our 4 School Captains represented Parkwood Green Primary School at the Dawn Service to commemorate ANZAC Day in Caroline Springs. Alexia, Krish, Ohashee and Sam were involved in laying our wreaths on behalf of the school. They showed respect to those who fought for our country and were moved by the ceremony.



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IMPORTANT! Parents are reminded that yard duty teachers do not commence duty until 8:45am each morning, and finish duty at 3:35pm. Please ensure that your children do not arrive overly early in the mornings, and are collected promptly at the end of each school day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **YR1 Swimming—29 APR-10 MAY**
- **Junior School Assembly 6 MAY**
- **YR 4 Royal Botanic Gardens—7 MAY**
- **YR2 National Gallery Vic—8 MAY**
- **MOTHER'S DAY STALL—9 MAY**
- **YR2 Swimming—13—24 MAY**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome back to term 2! All the children have settled in well, and have been busy attending incursions to start their new units of inquiry, the swimming program and rehearsals for the State School Spectacular. As usual, the term calendar is busy. We have already celebrated ANZAC day. A special thank you to Jaime Gardner for taking our school captains to the dawn service in our local community to lay a wreath representing Parkwood Green Primary School. Another huge thank you to our parent community and school councilors who organized the recent landscaping project using the funds raised through school based events such as the colour fun run. The trees and benches have really transformed the space, even though the work has not quite been completed yet.

On **Monday 20th of May** at 6pm the Parkwood Green Primary School Annual General Meeting will be held. This is where the annual school report is delivered to the community. Parkwood Green will also be undertaking a school review in May. As part of this review, the school's policies and procedures are audited. As a result, there have been minor changes to some of the school policies. The new policies can be found on the school website at <http://www.parkwoodgreenps.vic.edu.au/>. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the Child Safe Policy on the school's website. 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.

May is also the time of year where students in years 3 and 5 will undertake the NAPLAN assessment. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of this test provide information for students, parents teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement. In 2018, NAPLAN began transitioning from a paper based test to an online assessment. Students at Parkwood Green Primary School will be completing the tests online this year. This means that from **14-24 May 2019**, students at our school will undertake all NAPLAN tests online in place of paper tests. Please note that year 3 students will continue to complete the writing test as a paper test. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests. Support can be arranged for students with disabilities. Exemptions may be granted for students with significant intellectual difficulties and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. The reports to parents showing student results will be sent home later in the year.

On Tuesday letters were sent home to parents of grade 6 students regarding the transition process from year 6 to year 7. Enrolling a child in year 7 is an important choice. To support your decision making, the Department has launched a new website to help you locate your local school, and give you transparency of choice in public schools across the Victorian public school system. Your child is guaranteed a place at their local designated neighbourhood school, however, you can choose to request enrolment at another school if you prefer. The school will use the placement policy to consider the application. You can locate your designated school at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au Completed applications for year 7 placements must be returned to school by **Friday 17th May 2019**.

From **20th – 24th May** year 6 students will be heading off to Canberra for camp. They have done a lot of work leading up to this about the Australian democratic processes, including having the Australian Electoral Commission education program come out to run an election. Great timing, with the pending federal election. I'm sure it will be a fantastic experience for all involved.

As David let you know in the previous newsletter, he is on long service leave for the first three weeks of this term. Time has flown (as it always does at the start of term) and David will be back shortly.

Julie Andrews,

Acting Principal.



REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Parkwood Green Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Logging books onto the Challenge Website:

Visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

1. Click **Students**
2. Click **Student log in**
3. Enter your **Username and Password** (The classroom teacher will supply these)
4. Click **Add books to my list**
5. Type in the book title – click **Search**
6. Select the book and click **Add to reading list.**

Continue searching for and adding titles.

STATE SCHOOL'S RELIEF—Prep CSEF Uniform Package 2019

To be eligible to receive the 2019 Prep Uniform Package the student must be a CSEF recipient i.e. the parents hold a current Centrelink Health Care or Pension Card.

The Uniform package contains:

- 1 x Bomber Jacket **or** Long Sleeve Polo
- 1 x Black Tracksuit Pants **or** Black Cargo Pants
- 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace-up **or** T-Bar **or** Runner/Sneaker) UK Sizes must be requested

Please note that PE uniform items are not included as part of this package.

Parent Vouchers will be sent via email to the School, and we will then distribute the Vouchers to Parents. All Vouchers have an expiry date and must be used by the end date. **Please note—expired vouchers will not be re-issued for this Uniform Package.**

Parents may need to make a co-contribution towards the cost of the uniform items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on PSW's uniform suppliers retail purchase price.

Eligible parents should come to the School Office and inform us of their Childs clothing and shoe size.

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UNIFORM SALE

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Monday, 13th May 2019 at 9.00am until 9.30am.

This will be held outside the Learning Centre. If it is raining it will be held in the Learning Centre.

Items to be sold include second-hand clothes (various sizes).

All second-hand clothing items - \$5.00

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AS CASH ONLY

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

TERM2 STUDENT PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE—

There are a number of Excursions scheduled this Term, so the Excursion component of the Family Payment should be paid so that your children are able to attend these Excursions.

ALSO—in order for your child to “take home” their iPad to complete homework, the ICT Fee is required to be paid.

If Paying by the Term, the breakdown of payment is:

**Student Contributions/ Excursions—
\$205 pa—\$51.25 per term**

**ICT Payments—\$100 pa & \$50 pa—
\$25 & \$12.50 per term**

**Kitchen Garden - Grades 3 & 4—
\$80 & \$40 pa—\$20 & \$10 per term**



Anzac Biscuits - Traditional

Source – Australian War Memorials

Harvest –

Vocab Words – dry ingredients, moist, firm, consistency

Skills – measure accurately, mix, make a well, melt butter, add bicarb soda



Equipment:

- Metric measuring cups and spoons
- Chopping board and grip
- Small knife
- Measuring scales
- Large mixing bowl and large spoon
- Medium mixing bowl and spoon
- 2 baking trays, lined with baking paper
- Small spoons to scoop mixture with
- Serving Items – platters

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rolled oats
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup plain flour
- 100g (½ cup) butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

What to do:

- Preheat the oven to 160°C and check that the baking trays are lined with baking paper.
- Prepare all ingredients based on instructions in the ‘Ingredients’ list.
- Combine the dry ingredients – oats, flour and sugar – in a large mixing bowl and create a well in the centre.
- In a bowl, mix the golden syrup, boiling water and bicarbonate of soda until they froth.
- Add the melted butter. (Alternatively melt the butter and golden syrup in a saucepan. Combine the boiling water and bicarb soda in a small bowl and then add to the saucepan, stirring to frothing.)
- Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and mix until a moist but firm consistency.
- Place teaspoonsful of the biscuit mixture onto your baking trays, allowing room to expand.
- Bake for 12-15 minutes, until browned, then remove and set aside to cool.

Notes: The first reference to ANZAC biscuits seems to be shortly after the First World War. Families and support groups baked these biscuits, full of energy from oats, and sent them to Australian service people at war. The biscuits are eggless, as eggs were scarce. They are dry and lightweight – perfect keeping qualities for an item that might take eight weeks to reach its hungry recipient.

**BOOK CLUB—
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