



Parkwood Green Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

### 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

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On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Parkwood Green Primary School held its own Remembrance Day ceremony. Our school captains Jack Iacobaccio and Brooke Laurie with the assistance of our vice captain Luke Fisher ran the ceremony on behalf of the school. Our captains talked about what Remembrance Day is about and why we as Australians and people across the world, should pay tribute to those who have fought and died in wars in the past through to the present. Wreaths were made by various grades across the school which were placed at the foot of the flag pole as a sign of respect and remembrance of those who fought and died in the various wars, in particular World War 1. The ceremony concluded with the playing of The Last Post, The Rouse and the National Anthem. Congratulations and thanks goes to our school captains for presenting the ceremony with excellence and pride. Thanks also to the whole school community for attending and participating in the ceremony on the day. The wreaths and poppies that were made by the various grades can be viewed in the office area for those wanting to have a look.



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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 3:45pm. 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

Friday 18th November - Prep Transition 10am – 11am  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Smencil Orders due  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Prep Cross Country  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Gr 2 Cross Country  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Grade 1 Cross Country  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Grade 5 Billy Cart Derby  
Friday 25th November - Prep Transition 10am – 11am  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov– Grade 3 Responsible Pet Ownership  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Gr 2 Scienceworks Excursion  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec– Prep Spring & Summer Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Last Day of school 2:30 finish

## EARLY BIRDS READING PROGRAM

The Early Birds Reading program is running Tuesday to Friday mornings in Ms Penman and Miss Arnell's rooms. Thank you to all the Early Birds who are attending. There are a number of children who have received letters to attend who we have not seen regularly. Any extra reading time our Early Birds can have will be beneficial.

If you are a trained mentor in grade 5 or 6 and haven't been for a while, we would love to see you there. If you are in grade 5 or 6 and are interested in becoming a mentor, please see Ms Penman (Art room 2) or Miss Arnell (room 15). Mentors do not have to come every day. Even if you can only attend once or twice a week, you will still be helping our younger readers learn to be better readers. If your child is in grade prep-3 and is interested in improving their reading, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

The program runs from 8.30 – 8.45am. It runs in Ms Penman's room on Tuesday and Friday and Miss Arnell's room on Wednesday and Thursday.

## WORKING BEE

**Monday January 30th 4.00pm – 8.00pm**

"Many hands make light work" and this is why we are planning a working bee. There will be plenty of sweeping, weeding, cleaning, trimming, painting, digging and all sorts of other tasks waiting for some eager hands.

Please place this date in your calendar, come along, even just for an hour, to help out with the grounds and buildings jobs to be done to freshen up the school for a new year.

Bring the kids along, meet some new faces and share a BBQ with us.

If you are able to help we'd love to see you there.

On behalf of School Council

## UNIFORM SALE

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 2.45pm until 3.15pm.

This will be held outside the Library.

Items to be sold include clean second-hand clothes (various sizes) and also some new discontinued items (only large sizes available).

All second-hand clothing items - \$5.00

Discontinued Items - \$10.00

ALL ITEMS WILL BE SOLD AS CASH ONLY

## THE PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November The Age will publish the Honour Roll for students who completed The Premiers Reading Challenge. Don't forget to purchase your copy if your child participated in the challenge.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Don't forget, children do not attend school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Teacher's will be writing reports and planning on this day.



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### Are your child's motor skills up to scratch?

We are conducting a research study examining why some children have difficulty developing motor skills at an age-appropriate level.

We are looking for **children aged 8-12**, who may not be developing motor skills as quickly as other children their age, to participate in our research study.

### What does participation involve?

■ Parents/ guardians will be asked to complete some questionnaires about their child's motor development and developmental history.

■ Children will complete a motor skill assessment and some tasks where they are required to imagine movements.

■ Eligible children will undergo a MRI (magnetic resonance image) scan whilst imagining movements, to allow us to look at brain activity during these tasks.

■ After the assessment, we will provide you with a written report outlining your child's performance on the motor skill assessment compared to other children their age.

If you would like more information about the study or would like to participate, please contact

**Dr Jacqueline Williams** on 9919 4025

or email [jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.au](mailto:jacqueline.williams@vu.edu.au)

## CHAMPIONS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

In 2012, Parkwood Green will be hosting FSA (Football Star Academy) to run an after school soccer clinic, which concentrates on the development of technical skills. We are encouraging parents to visit the website for further information and a brochure will be sent home over the coming weeks.

**Parents will need to enrol online directly with FSA.**

FSA has established a solid and successful soccer coaching program

- All coaches with FSA have Football Federation Australia Licenses and Working with Children Check.
- Our coaches build on the child's enthusiasm for the game by making sessions fun while teaching and challenging these young players.
- FSA creates a fun learning environment that enables young players to develop at their own rate.
- We start with the fundamentals in technical ability and work with young players to achieve mastery of the ball.

**For all boys and girls from prep to Grade 6**

**Clinic commences Week 2 of Term 1 (day to be confirmed)**

**Weekly Clinic (7 weeks in Term 1)**

**1 hour skills class for only \$22 per session**

**Limited spots! Don't miss out!**

**Book Now! [www.footballstaracademy.com.au](http://www.footballstaracademy.com.au) or call 1300 FSA(372) 300 Today!**

## INTRODUCING THOMAS HAMMIL

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Hammil & his wife Alannah gave birth to a little boy, Thomas. He was born at 8:26am and weighed in at 3.46kgs. Mum & bub are home and doing great. Congratulations from all at Parkwood Green.



## PSW CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS OPENING TIMES

Please be aware of the following closure dates for our Retail outlets. Our PSW Retail Stores will be closed between the following dates for Christmas:

From **Wednesday 21 December 2011 – Monday 2 January 2012 (Inclusive)**

Re-Opening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

## GRADE 4 WESTERN TREATMENT PLANT EXCURSION

As part of their Integrated Studies unit, the Grade 4 students attended the Western Treatment Plant this week. Many laughs were had and jokes said in the lead up to the excursion, however the Grade 4 students ended up finding it to be an interesting learning experience and learnt lots of new things. Here are some of the things students have learnt from the excursion:

"If you drop stuff on the ground it goes into the storm water pipes". – Adam Stephens, 4TC

"The sewage needs to be cleaned before it can be used as recycled water on the grass". - Billey Tsouflidis 4AL

"I learnt how the water process and how travels from the sky, through the land and then to the ocean". - Isabella Anderson 4CG

Thanks to all those who organised and attended the excursion.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Fundraising Committee is getting organised for our Christmas raffle.

We are seeking non-perishable grocery items for our Xmas Hamper, also any families that own a business and would like to donate a service or product. Items can be dropped off at the school office by 9.00am Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks in advance

Fundraising Committee





# Stars of the Week!

- PJB** William Adams
- PSK** Alanah Woodman, Zachary Rudd & Keira Salih
- PMC** Declan Fisher
- PKU** Tanner Farrugia
- PAE** Niirvek Shah & Jemma Kim
- PTL** Ilija Ognenovski & Jesse Dowson
- PRC** Jacob Prantalos & Hailey Aidonidi
- PAP** William Byrne & Inol Kumbalata
- PTR** Ariki Rongo & Analiese Amaru
- PKM** Ilhan Bozok & Cain Lawless
- PBK** Odessa Agatanovic & Stephanie Dojcinovska
- 1FM** Ariana Monterosso & Zowy Tsangaris
- 1LA** Jessica Freckleton & Ashton Turner
- 1TK** Ebony Mangion
- 1BR** Sienna Psaltis & Logan Hearne
- 1BZ** Nikayla Brownbill & Joshua Hughes
- 1NW** Bianca Kalevski & Charlotte Baskaran
- 1ST** Anastasia Cocolaras & Raghav Chegu
- 1BC** Mikayla Crisp & Jemima Phillips
- 1KY** Theodore Miliopoulos & Zafi Saif
- 1SI** Sachitha Dinessh
- 1BA** Zachary Aleksic & Akansha Bangara
- 2CA** Nathan Branagan & Julian Costanzo
- 2LS** Jessica Lillie & Olivia Sealey
- 2KC** Ronaldo Chang & William Stone
- 2CM** Jack Pennacchia & Maddison Zammit
- 2JI** Wade Lawless
- 2NR** Roheena HAMIDI & Bailey HANN
- 2CZ** Livinia Bullion & Cameron McDonald
- 2VS** Caitlin Hillier & Samuel Bruce
- 2YL** Abigail Thomas & An Duong

- 2AH** Caleb Thomas & Lucy Davey
- 3CW**
- 3NT** Mackenzie Murray & Mitchell Hughes
- 3HD** Emma Curcic & James Luele
- 3SM** Zoe Zammit & Aidan Dawson
- 3RM** Tarrin Greenhorn & Delcid Barrientos
- 3LS**
- 3TJ** Siddharth Bramenendran
- 3RP** TeManawa Staples-Rei
- 4AL** Haley Thomas & Matthew Schembri
- 4TC**
- 4BH** Nicola Stirling & Cooper Kirkman
- 4CG** Christian Alvarez & Aydin Gunceler
- 4ST** Reannan Vella & Elyssa Hancock
- 4DM**
- 5SK** Deran Kuyucuogullari & Rhani Baskaran
- 5CT** Isabella Pacheco & Lachlan Pettigrove
- 5ML** Sarah Johnson
- 5KJ** Kenny Pham & Alannah Fastuca
- 5SB** Callam Nogas
- 5 MB** Ebony & Brittney
- 6DK.** Owen Stephens & Soto Jacovou
- 6BK**
- 6DG** Noah Cavanagh & Stacey Hatzivasiliou
- 6KD** James Alkimos & Kayley Miksa
- 6KM** Chloe Troiano & Jake Greenhorn
- PE**
- ICT 2VS**
- MUSIC 4BH**
- ART 4AL**

## PREP BREAKFAST

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November all the Preps came to school bright and early in their pyjamas. They had a wonderful breakfast which included lots of toast and cereal. After their Prep Breakfast, they brushed their teeth and got dressed into their school uniform. It was a really fun day and all the Preps were very excited about seeing all their friends and teachers in their pyjamas! A big thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to help out on the day.



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