



MAKE A WISH

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On Monday morning, three representatives from the Make a Wish foundation presented one of our students, Lauren Chamberlain, with her wish at assembly. Lauren and her family will be heading off to Disneyland in the next couple of weeks to fulfill Lauren's dream.

The Make a Wish foundation grants wishes to children who have a serious medical condition to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

We hope Lauren and her family have a wonderful time on their trip and wish Lauren the best of luck with her recovery.

Don't forget to say hi to Mickey for us!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 1st March – District Swimming Carnival

Monday 7th March – School Council (7:00pm)

Monday 14th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th March- Buzy Kids 2LS, 2KC and 2CZ

Wednesday 16th Mar- Buzy Kids 2NR, 2CA, 2CM & 2JI

Thursday 17th March- Buzy Kids 2AH, 2YL & 2VS

Friday 18th March – School Photos day (Individuals)

Friday 25th March – School Photos day (Families)

Monday 28th March – School Council AGM (6:30pm)

Sunday 3rd April - PWGPS Family Fun Fiesta

Friday 8th April - Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 27th April – First Day of Term 2

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Following the recent call for nominations for school council vacancies, I am pleased to announce that membership of the 2011 School Council is as follows:-

Eric Sealey

Danielle Copeman

Tanya Sealey

Fiona Hyett

Giovanna Hammond

Sharelle Brownbill

Janine Purcell

Rui Neta

Carly Marriner

There was no need to call an election because the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies. Congratulations to all of the new members of School Council, and many thanks for offering to take on this additional responsibility on behalf of the children.

This newly constituted School Council will meet for the first time at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 28 March (6:30pm start).

The current School Council will meet for the last time on Monday 7th March at 7:00pm.

FAMILY PAYMENTS

As advised in the previous newsletter, the cut off for the Term 1 quarterly instalment of the family payment finishes today. Families still wishing to pay the annual instalment of \$125.00 per child, may do so until Friday the 8th April (last day of Term 1). However, quarterly payments can no longer be accepted and applicable families will be required to pay for excursions, incursions and other activities as they occur.

COMPASSION

Introducing Apple Rhazel Abraham and Ayan Halder



Parkwood Green Primary School has been sponsoring Apple and Ayan through the Compassion charity since 2008.

Apple is a beautiful 12 year old girl living in the Philippines with her father, mother and siblings. She has three sisters and one brother. Apple's parent's low income means that the family struggle to buy basic necessities. Through our sponsorship, Apple and her family are able to receive assistance which enables Apple to go to school and have a chance at success.

Ayan is a lovely 9 year old boy living in India with his family. Ayan is attending the equivalent of level 3 in primary school. Ayan enjoys recreational activities such as ping pong, soccer, playing with toy cars and drawing; he is an excellent drawer and has sent many wonderful drawings to our school. Ayans' mother maintains the home while his father takes on occasional work as a labourer. Because work is scarce the family struggles to survive. Our sponsorship enables Ayan to receive assistance so that he can be well fed, educated and help break the family out of its cycle of poverty.

The children at Parkwood Green are encouraged to write letters to our sponsored children as well as learn about the lives of other children across the world. This year teachers will be discussing with the children the benefits of helping others in need and to think about other children who may not have all the advantages that we living in Australia take for granted.

Both Apple and Ayan love to receive letters or pictures from the children at Parkwood Green. If your child would like to send a letter or picture please forward it on to the school office. The office ladies will be glad to send your letter to our sponsored children.

HOCKINGSTUART COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Kaylee Sauza who was the winning entry in the Hocking Stuart colouring competition, Kaylee's beautiful smile shows just how excited she was to win the bike. Well done Kaylee and thank you to Hocking Stuart for all their support towards our upcoming Family Fun Fiesta."



COMMONWEALTH BANK STUDENT BANKING IS BACK IN 2011

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also get great benefits for our school.

There is an exciting new Rewards Program with great merchandise up for grabs. Children can redeem their tokens for amazing gifts such as Money Boxes, wallets, watches and much more.

Every new account opened through our School earns our School \$5 and we also receive 5% commission with every deposit directly from the Commonwealth Bank.

Pick up a school banking application pack from the school office.

If your Child/Children already have a Dollarmite/Youthsaver account all you need to do is start sending their banking on the School Banking day (Monday).

Every child who opens a new account in 2011 will receive a free Platypus money box.

Example below of some of the cool rewards your child/children receive for regular banking:



TUNING INTO KIDS

"Tuning into kids: Emotionally Intelligent Parenting" is a program that helps parents to build strong relationships with their children, and enables them to communicate even in difficult times.

DATES: Tuesdays on March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5

TIMES: 12.30pm-2.30pm

VENUE: Springside Children's and Community Centre, 50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs

Free childcare is provided at the Springside Centre.

Mr CLIVE SMITH RETIRES

After a long and distinguished career in education, Mr. Smith has announced his retirement.

Having studied at Melbourne Teachers College, Mr Smith commenced his career in 1959. Since his graduation Mr Smith has held numerous postings including an extensive teaching career in inner city and western suburbs schools including Kensington, Ascot Vale West, Braybrook, Glenroy and Sunshine.

Mr Smith worked as the principal of Sunshine Primary School for a period of time and later held the position of Head of Junior School at Overnewton College.

He was awarded an International Teaching Fellowship to teach in Vancouver in Canada and later came to work in outer western and northern schools including Parkwood Green PS. Mr Smith has recently worked for the Regional Office where he has been employed in a promotion position providing support to aboriginal children and their families across the region.

Mr Smith was an esteemed sportsman in his younger days and played Under 19's and Reserves football for the Essendon Football Club (Go Bombers!). He also excelled in tennis, squash, cricket and soccer.

Of course we know Mr Smith best from his time at Parkwood Green where he worked as a literacy leader and reading recovery tutor. During his time at our school Mr Smith made a significant impact teaching young children to read and trained many parents in his very popular Parent Helpers courses. Mr Smith compiled our school song 'I'm a Promise', instigated our school choir, introduced our PALZ program, and provided support and guidance to younger teachers.

Always popular with the children, Mr Smith will be long remembered for teaching the children the term 'Bon Jour' which regularly chorused around the yard when Mr Smith was at assembly or conducting yard duty. We wish Mr Smith the very best in his well earned retirement and hopefully his much loved caravan will be seen travelling far and wide across the country. Parents or children wishing to stay in contact with Mr Smith can do so at cdsmith4@bigpond.com





Stars of the Week!

PJB Christopher Vasilopolous & Rachel Lillie

PSK Alanah Woodman & Hollie Bennetts

PMC Benjamin Silenge & Charlotte Miles

PKU Joshua Borg & Chloe Leimonitis

PAE Ethan Cedillo

PTL Mercedes Gorevski & Zac Isa

PRC Adem Mehmet & Olivia Trajkovski

PAP Tegan Mondello & Kaelan Marriner

PTR Ariki Rongo & Taylah Pacheco

PKM Amanda McIlwaine & Caleb Tomek

PBK Luke Labas & Tayah James

1FM Ryland Denner & Jacinta Denys

1LA Sebastian Arredondo and Sarah Law

1TK Dante Pisani & Liljana Fedcesen

1BR Emily Hughes & Ryan Woods

1BZ Sarah Bennett & Angus Sutherland

1NW James Thlimenos and Lerissa Karaminis

1ST Naomi Nolan & Lily Zevallos

1BC Hayley Gething & James Taliambes

1KY Theodore Miliopoulos and Borjana Djuric

1SI Jacob Dyke & Erin Perkovic

1BA Kaila Setka & Zachary Aleksic

2CA Jackson Scaife & Seline Mehmet

2LS Andrew Kakantonakis and Breanna Daley

2KC Bethany Elzo and Faye Nikakis

2CM Alannah Wood and Liam Mcleod

2JI Mia Coombes & Anastasia Apostolovska

2NR Roheena Hamidi & Bailey Hann

2CZ Bleona Abazi & Theodore Kim

2VS Mia Madigan & Jesse Baker

2YL Kealey Courts & Konnor Brabin

2AH Elizabeth Markovski & Jacob Woodman

3CW Jordan Saragozza & Aleesha Brownbill

3NT Pushkar Sholapurkar & Mikoby Danque

3HD Tristan Rodriguez & Mia Sloan

3SM Andrew Gianetta & Shayla Bajramovic

3RM Amber Bonavia & Irena Loh

3LS Tiannah Brne & George Kastouras

3TJ Lauren Bennett & Fahmi Adem

3RP Mika Mostert & Dunya Kumbalata

4AL Billey Tsoufidis & Marcus Calabretta.

4TC Tony Amaru & Adam Stephens

4BH Nicola Stirling & Tia Sesto

4CG Nikki Moutafis & Isabella Anderson

4ST Basil Ivanina & Alexandria Bruce

4DM Kiana Richardson & Aaron Fisher

5SK Jaidyn Hann and Kristiana Markovski

5CT Vanessa Nguyen & Brock Bull- Roberts

5ML Robert Pachi & D'Arcy Wilson

5KJ Julie Lay & Andrew Forbes

5SB Tereik Schembri and Rochelle Monge

5MB Georgia Mason-Stewart & Salih Elsiz

6DK Jacob Dutton & Anna- Lisa Barbaro.

6BK Shelby Delgadillo & Matthew Aquilina

6DG Brand Lee & Emma Gazelle

6KD Gabriel Abdelmessih & Laura Thomas

6KM Brandon Devlin and Jessica Alexander

PE PKM and **PTR**

ICT 6KM, PTR, 2YL

MUSIC 3NT & 1BR, 4TC & 2YL

ART 5MB & 3CW, 2CM & 4TC



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Parkwood Green Primary School is participating in Clean up Australia Day.

This event will be taking place on Friday 4th March around the school grounds.

Last year's Clean Up involved more than 470,000 students across 2,100 schools Australia wide. Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean Up Australia.

Together, we CAN make a difference!

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