



Grade 4 Swimming

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On Monday 20th February to Monday 6th March the Grade 4 students completed their 10 day swimming program for 2017.

Well done to all students who participated in this fantastic learning opportunity and achieved new goals in keeping safe around water.

Also a big thank you to any parents and staff members who came to support our children!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 10th Mar - Year 3 Athletics

Mon 13th Mar - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tue 14th Mar - Year 5 Athletics

Wed 15th Mar - Year 6 Athletics

Thu 16th Mar - Western Ranges Divisional Swimming

Fri 17th Mar - Family Photo's

Mon 20th Mar-Mon 24th Mar - Harmony Week

Fri 31st March - Last Day Of Term 1: **2.30pm Dismissal**

DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARER'S IN THE PGPS COMMUNITY,

Term 1 is a short term this year (8 weeks) and we are already at week 4. The students are now into the learning prescribed by the Victorian Curriculum, and have their first Progressive Report. More about how to read these, what they mean and how you can help your child improve further in the Newsletter.

TRAFFIC AROUND OUR SCHOOL:

Thank-you to parents who read the Newsletter last week and are now following the procedures we have in place for safety at drop off and collection time. The new Crossing Supervisor (Frank) is skilled, well regarded in this position, and very strong on doing the 'right' job to ensure safety. So, here are a few hints to make Frank's job easier and yours safer:

- Wait for the whistle before crossing,
- Walk between the lines to the other side of the road
- Walk to the opposite footpath before turning left or right
- Have a greeting for Frank as you cross because he will have one for you

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCY:

We have **one** position that is open for a parent member on our School Council. Being on School Council is a wonderful opportunity to see the school's operation from a different level. The meeting requirements are manageable (one Council Meeting per month mostly 11 over the year) with membership on one of our Sub-Committees. The only other requirements apart from interest and enthusiasm is a Working with Children's Check. All adults who work in schools must have a Working with Children's check. If you could help us out in this way please call the school on 9449 3600 and ask for Effie Longros. The term of office for this position is one (1) year.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM COMES TO PARKWOOD GREEN PS:

How wonderful it is to be able to confirm for you that we are able to commence this wonderful parent involvement system at our school. Our first gathering will be on Friday morning at a 'Welcome Morning Coffee' The Parent Rep system is being trailed in the Junior School first with opportunities to develop and spread to all sub-schools in the future.

Congratulations to those parents who have said they would like to be involved and take a risk in developing this concept from the ground level.

LATENESS AND EARLY DISMISSAL PROCESSES FOR NEXT TERM:

As we are always reviewing our processes for improvement, we are looking to tighten up our processes around LATENESS and EARLY EXITS of students. These processes come from a base of understanding that sometimes your child will be late or need to go home early.

Concerning lateness, children have until 9.05am to be in class. This is when the roll is marked and if your child is not present, an SMS message will be sent to you. After some early hiccups with SMS we are now finding this process is informing both you and us. Again, this is about the safety of your child.

From Term 2 if your child is **late three times** it will be recorded on our system as a **half-day unexplained absence**.

For **early dismissals**: if your child has to be dismissed from school early for an appointment then again after **three early dismissals** this will be recorded as a half Day unexplained absence.

Being at school every day, for the full day and in class on time can only enhance their learning and skill them for life outside of school. I look forward to your ongoing support in this new process.

STUDENT CONNECTION TO PEERS:

We are going to be seeking student opinions over the next weeks on their connection to their peers. In the primary years, the research shows that children are generally strongly connected to their peers. What we see here are great children willing to do well and 'look out for one another' which generally suggests this is the case, but let's really unpack this. What is your guess?

Well that's about it from me. Until we have a chance to speak together in the next few weeks, enjoy this wonderful weather.

From your Principal

Kerri Simpson

2018 Prospective Families Information Sessions

Session 1

Date: Tuesday 21st March

Time: 6:30pm

Sessions 2 & 3

Date: Wednesday 22nd March

Time: 9am or 10am

RSVP: Thursday 16th March

Email: parkwood.green.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

PH: 9449 3600

Childcare is available

SCHOOL BANKING

Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure in the future with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2017, School Banking is getting children excited about the future with a brand new look for the Dollarmites. As **Future Savers**, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are **8 new reward items for 2017** from the Future Savers range:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

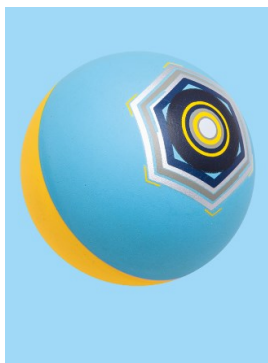
This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available:

Cyber Handball



Colour Change Markers



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS EVERY MONDAY

School Banking Team

This school is on its way to becoming

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PARKWOOD GREEN PARENT LINK

2:30pm – 3.20pm on Fridays in Room 28.

All parents of students with additional needs are welcome to come along to talk, share and learn from each other. We will be having guest speakers throughout the year and opportunities to find out more information about services available to your child and family.

Contact Melanie Hayward if you have any questions about Parent Link.



Parent Link

UNIFORM SALE

The school will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Monday, 27th March, 2017 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



Stars of the Week!

1AK - Zach
1LK - Dante
1BC - Lillian
1GS - Bella
1SH - Jason
2TA - Jacob
2KK - Arian
2HC - Crystal
2AB - Thomas
2AH - Nayumi
2IB - Shadi
3PS - Ethan & Makayla
3SC - Neisha-Lee & Yumin
3LW - Taylah
3KW - Liam
4CT - Madeleine
4SB - Amethyst & Hovin
4PA - Thomas & Allegra

4ST - Vasish & Stephanie
4JB - Michael & Silvana
5EE - Chloe & Ethan
5SD - Benjamin & Ananya
5KL - Indianna
5KH - Tylah
6GR - Beau & Olivia
6MF - Jacob & Sienna
6VB - Kaelan & Rachael
6BC - Chloe & Sirine
6LS - Sienna & Ruby
6BD - Noah
Performing Arts - 1AK & 2TA
Library - 4JB
Visual Arts - 1KL & 5BK
Science - 2AH & 5BN
PE - FTL, 3SC & 6BC

GARDEN SALAD

Equipment:

- Metric measuring cups and spoons
- Chopping boards and grips
- Compost bowls
- Knives
- Large bowl
- Jar or small bowl for the dressing
- Serving Items – 6 x salad bowls and salad servers or tongs

Ingredients:

- Lettuce, roughly chopped
- Spinach leaves, roughly chopped
- Cucumber, sliced or diced
- Spring onions, sliced finely
- Beans, sliced finely
- Tomatoes, diced or roughly chopped

Dressing:

- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup olive oil
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon honey

What to do: Wash all garden ingredients and prepare all ingredients based on instructions in the 'Ingredients' list. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and toss to combine. Add dressing and toss again. Serve.

Dressing: Combine all ingredients in a bowl (or jar) and whisk (or shake) to combine. Pour over salad and toss to combine.

Notes: A garden salad can be a combination of any ingredients you have available.

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