Calendar

**Term 1**

**Uniform Shop**

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**Dates to Remember**

- Kindergarten Excursion – Duck Pond: 25th March
- K-2 Easter Hat Parade: 26th March
- Easter Scripture Service: 27th March
- K-2 Perfection Assembly: 28th March
- Winter PSSA Trials (Day 1): 28th March
- 3 – 6 Perfection Assembly: 2nd April
- PSSA Trials (Day 2): 5th April
- P&C Multi Day: 10th April
- Cross Country Carnival: 3rd May

Please check the school website for additional dates.

**NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

This term seems to be flying by at such a fast pace. I hope your family are well and gearing up for the upcoming Easter break.

**School Upgrades**

- New double gate entrance to back of school to be installed this week. This will provide alternate emergency access and exit if there was an emergency on Glenwood Park Drive.
- Toilet blocks (boys and girls) upgraded near Kindergarten classrooms (still under way). Both toilet blocks will be re-lined, re-tiled and then repainted.
- Grinding to level concrete pathway near Kindergarten rooms (completed).
- Cementing of pathway – curving the corner near Kindergarten classrooms (completed) to avoid walking into garden beds.

We are looking to begin repainting classrooms as more funding becomes available.

**Parking Issues**

We have been having ongoing parking and general traffic problems in and around the school. This is a concern, especially when we have so many children accessing the school from Glenwood Park Drive.

Apart from before and after school care parents who access the staff car park early each day and later in the afternoon, there is **absolutely no parking in the staff car park** unless you work here. A teacher’s car was damaged last week when a parent decided to do a three-point-turn in the staff car park, reversing into the teacher’s car. Glenwood Park Drive is a hectic thoroughfare at the best of times without creating more havoc and possible safety issues for children.

The ‘Kiss and Drop’ Zone is the approved area for all parents and carers wishing to drive their child to school. The school signs have changed for the ‘Kiss and Drop’ Zone as it is now no stopping and no parking. This means that you cannot leave your car unattended.
**New parking signs**

**Term 2 School Development Days (SDD)**
Children return to school Wednesday 1st May after the school vacation. The Monday and Tuesday are School Development Days (SDD) which will focus on National Curriculum for Literacy and Numeracy.

**NAPLAN - Week 3 Term 2**
(13th - 17th May)
All Year 3 and Year 5 children will sit Literacy and Numeracy testing during this week. As a lead up to the tests, children will be practising with time limits to get used to managing their time and also the test format. Best wishes to all children involved.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter

Ross Sutherland

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**WELCOME TO OUR P&C FOR 2013**

Mr Jason Clinch
P&C President

Mr Brian Chandler
P&C Vice President

Mr Krishna Nair
P&C Vice President

Mrs Donna King
P&C Treasurer

Mrs Karen Taylor
P&C Secretary

Mrs Kim Smith and Mrs Munazza Hina
P&C Fundraising Coordinator and assistant

Mrs Natalie Walker & Mrs Jenny Chin
Uniform Shop Coordinator and assistant
NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Meet the Teacher

659 Sausages
38 loaves of bread
44 Staff members
Wonderful parents
Great weather

What a night!

Thank you to everyone in our community who came along.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.
2012 P&C Thank You Morning Tea

Thank you to our staff for providing the executive members of the 2012 P&C with a beautiful morning tea last week.

PALS (Playground Activity Leaders) Begins

PALS is a playground program that was established in 2012. The main idea of the program is to provide students with opportunities to play games in a structured environment.

The program currently runs 3 days per week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch. The circuits are supervised each day by a teacher but they are run and organised by the Year 5 PALS.

An enormous thank you must go out to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Eyre and Mr Roche who spent a huge amount of time organising the circuits and the Year 5 PALS.

Congratulations and thank you to the following Year 5 students who are willingly giving up their lunch time to assist with this program. Vidisha Chouhan, Sahiba Shah, Jemma Bingley, Zac Adams, Shivani Raman, Shreya Malhatra, Eadie Mazzucchelli, Holly Beggs, Brianna Lacey, Brittany Rothery, Victoria Swansborough, Eliza Lett, Kanak Sharma, Jasmeen Sandhu, Laura Chatterton, Holly


Freeman Cake Stall

A special thanks to the mums who gave up their time to help at the Freeman cake stall on Wednesday. It was a huge success.

On behalf of the staff at Parklea Public School we wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter and we look forward to seeing all of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents at our Easter Hat parade next week. Best Wishes Anne Denham and Fiona Gracie
EASTER SERVICE
On Wednesday 27th March at 12pm we will be holding a whole school Easter service hosted by our wonderful Protestant and Catholic Scripture teachers.

This service is for all students from Kindergarten to year 6 (including Non-Scripture) except those who are currently attending Islamic, Hindu and Sikh Scripture classes and Jehovah Witness.

We invite all interested parents and carers to join us for this service. Should you not wish for your child to attend this service you will need to notify your child’s teacher in writing by Tuesday 26th March.

Thank you
Scripture Coordinators

cross country carnival
We would to advise parents of a misprint in the Cross Country permission note that was sent home. The date for the Cross Country Carnival is Friday 3rd May.

Thank you
Sports coordinators

environmental education at parklea ps
Information: Student Leadership and Groups

Once again students have put themselves forward to learn about and care for our local environment. Nine students from Year 5 have become our Environmental Leaders who are responsible for Yr 3 & 4 student Green Thumb members in their Management Group which have three domains: Land Management, Waste Management and Resource Management.

Within the domains are Sustainability Groups that Environmental Leaders role is to work with their Green Thumbs to develop Action Plans in place to reach their group’s goal, once they have investigated the issues. The Action Plans link in with our school Environmental Management Plan.

Next committee meeting May 9th in the Library. Parents are welcome to join us.

Best wishes
Lynne Millson-Fitzgerald (Mrs Fitz)
Parklea PS Sustainability Educator
A sea of orange! That's what our school looked like on Thursday when we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a national event where all Australians are encouraged to celebrate our cultural diversity. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect.

This year's Harmony Day theme was 'Many Stories - One Australia'. Two of our parents kindly came and spoke to students in 3E and 4M about their life in another country before they came to Australia.

Mrs Pasfield (mum of Elise in Year 3) told the students about when she lived in Paris, France and of the differences between living in France and Australia. Mr Lombardi (father of Sophia in Year 4) was born in Ireland and moved to London, England when he was 12. He later moved to Australia after visiting here on a holiday. The students were very interested to hear about his school days. Thank you to both parents for helping us celebrate Harmony Day.

Mrs Pasfield talking to 3E about life in France

Students were asked to bring in a gold coin donation. As this year is the United Nation's International Year of Water Cooperation, we decided to donate monies raised to Oxfam. The $625.55 raised will provide a water harvesting system to supply clean water for 200 families in drought-stricken South Africa. In addition, we have enough to donate medicines to one village in Laos to treat common illnesses and prevent disease.

In class, all students participated in Harmony Day activities, including making Harmony Balloons and listening to stories from around the world.
Clean Up Schools Day 2013

Holly and Shreya show Kindy the Chopping Bucket

Kindy students with their Clean Up

Ebony and Taylor showing Kindy the big compost bin

Sofia, Eadie and Brianna talk about the class Waste Monitor's job

This is a rubbish bin. It will soon have a red lid just like yours at home
Upcoming News:
- Environmental Leaders workshop week 11
- Earth Hour @ Parklea March 28....Stop the Energy Vampires
- Green Thumbs groups begin term 2

Year 3 on the hunt for rubbish

Year 6 don their gloves as they participate in the Clean Up Schools day and learn how the Environmental Leader's make compost

Year 6 Waste Monitors cleaning the class compost
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AND
RECEIVE ONE WEEK OF FREE
GROUP TRAINING
Hi everyone

Just a few reminders and some updates on the canteen:

- Don't forget the lunch order box on the counter in the morning, change if needed is taped to bag.
- Bring your paper bag to the canteen if you have iceblock orders
- So students don't have to wait, we encourage everyone to order their recess, especially hot food.
- We ask that parents help us to encourage the children to order their lunch, especially hot food, as we only have a limited amount of spare available.

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY ONLY**

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- Don't forget our pay in advance card system especially good for the littlies. It also means mum and dad can stipulate what maybe be bought and how much is to be spent.
- If your child is going on an excursion, we have lunch packs that can be ready for them on the day. All you have to do is pick one up from your canteen lady or go on line and print one off.

Coming soon to your canteen

**Eftpos**

Thanks for your support
Julie, Yvonne, Kerry & Michelle