

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>,  
2024

## Principal's Message

### Office Hours

### Key Activities

- **Monday**  
PE  
P/1 Library
- **Tuesday**  
Parade  
2/3 Library
- **Wednesday**  
Waste Warriors  
4-6 Library
- **Fridays**  
Music  
LOTE (4-6)

### Key Dates

- Parke Cross Country: 18<sup>th</sup> March
- P & C AGM: 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Small Schools Cross Country: Mungar SS
- NAPLAN: 13<sup>th</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> March
- School Camp: May 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>

### Current Attendance

Attendance rate

**88.3%**



**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

### P & C Easter Raffle

As part of our 2024 school fundraising, we are raffling some Easter Holiday Hampers to be drawn at the end of the term. Raffle tickets have been sent home for your family to purchase &/or sell. Please donate non-perishable Easter item for our Easter hampers (Easter craft, biscuits, chocolate etc). Thank you.

### Speed limits: Teddington/Four Mile Road

Just a reminder to everyone that the speed limit in and around Parke State School is 40km per hour. Please follow the road signage at all times. The safety of our students and their families is our number 1 priority.

### NAPLAN dates for testing: 2024

Due to unforeseen circumstances over the NAPLAN writing task, the years 3 & 5 students completed the writing task ahead of schedule. They all coped well with the change and everyone completed the task. Students who missed the writing task can catch up over the next few days. Well done students! Thank you Parke Staff for your support.

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Year 3 Reading (45 mins) Year 3 Conventions of Language (45 mins)	Year 3 Numeracy (45 minutes)
Year 5 Reading (50 mins) Year 5 Conventions of Language (45 mins)	Year 5 Numeracy (50 minutes)

### What can I do to support my child?

*Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.*

### School Camp

As we require a minimum 20 campers to attend, I will be extending the invitation to the grade threes. I will send home an expression of interest form. School camp will cost approximately \$235. Forms will be sent home shortly.

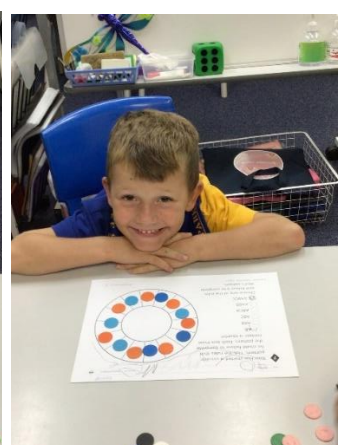
Warmest Regards,

Rebecca Macmillan  
Principal

## **Prep One News**

It has been a busy fortnight for the Prep/One class. The students have started assessment tasks in English, Maths and Science. In English the children are looking at Narratives with the Preps retelling stories in sequence and the Year Ones writing about the components of Narratives and choosing which text is the better narrative. Our Maths lessons have been focussing on patterns. We have been making patterns with various materials as well as continuing and labelling patterns. They even had the challenge of making continuous patterns in circle formations.

The students brought home their bean plants last week. We observed the growth of these plants for a month and recorded this on their bean plant diaries during our Science lessons. Hopefully the plants will continue to grow in a garden bed at home. Throughout the month the children were responsible for watering and putting their plant outside. They learnt that plants need sun, water, soil and carbon dioxide.



Patterns are fun!!! Students in the Prep/1 class working hard in Maths.

## **2/3 Class: Miss Mills**

The Two/Three students have been working very hard in a range of areas. In Maths both year levels are moving on from number and operations and beginning to look at chance and data. This unit involves collecting information, creating charts and graphs as well as conducting investigations. In English the students have been continuing to learn about how different characters are portrayed in narratives and analysing the different appearances, qualities, thoughts and actions of similar characters in picture books. Each Friday the class have been completing a writing stimulus where they have been putting into practice what they have learnt about narratives and characters. We are finalising learning in English, Science and HASS so that assessments can commence over the next couple of weeks. It is very important that all students attend school during this time, as there are always missed learning opportunities. Every day missed is another opportunity lost. Have a great fortnight!



### **Years 4-6 class update**

This fortnight we have been busy working on our plans to write our short stories in English. We have been doing LOTS of work on these in preparation for our English assessment. Homework tasks have been set over the last few weeks to assist the students in building their knowledge around short stories.

In Maths, the year 4-6 just complete their first assessment task- fractions. Everyone done a great job! We have now moved on to another area of learning. The year 4/5's are working on symmetry and the year sixes are tackling Cartesian Planes. Homework tasks will reflect the work that we are doing in class and build on the students knowledge. Please don't hesitate to contact either Mrs. Hutley or myself to discuss anything further.

### **Students of the Week: 7 & 8**



### **Parke Waste Warriors**



### **Cross Country**

A reminder that the Parke Cross Country races will be held next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 9am. The 500m course has been set up around the school grounds. The students will have this week to run the actual course. Each age group will run the distance outlined below.

Birth Years	Distance	Number of Laps of 500m Course
2019 2018 2017	500m	1 lap
2016 2015	1km	2 laps
2014	2kms	4 laps
2013 2012	3kms	6 laps

The cross country competition is about participation. Each of the houses need all of their team members to come along and have a go next Monday. Even if long distance running is not your child's strength, the accomplishment of finishing their race and cheering on their team members is a valuable experience. Cross Country Certificates will be handed out at parade on Tuesday. Students born in 2012, 2013 and 2014 may continue on to the Small Schools Cross Country Trials at Mungar State School on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. **They run under the qualifying times below.** Information for students who qualify, will be given out following the Parke Cross County.

**Qualifying Times are:**

<b>2012 &amp; 2013 students running 3kms</b>	<b>- 18mins</b>
<b>2014 students running 2kms</b>	<b>- 12mins</b>