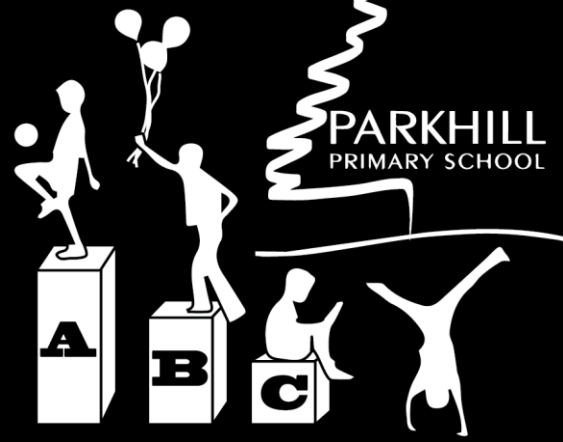




Grade 1 & 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to Term 4



Week 1: Grade 1 and 2 Shops

Term 4 is an incredibly busy term and there is lots happening in the Grade 1 and 2 area. We will be having a whole school Science Day and this year the Walk-a-Thon will be a Superhero theme. Students are asked to dress up as their favorite superhero or create their own. The highly anticipated Grade 2 sleepover is coming up shortly and of course we will have Fun Food and Carols and the End of Year Awards Ceremony later in the term. Term 4 also marks the 20th year of Parkhill Primary School and we will be having a special assembly to mark this occasion on Friday 6th November at 2:30 p.m.

Teachers will shortly begin planning grades for 2016. If your child will be leaving the school the office needs to be notified in writing. Please also inform the principal in writing if you have any additional information that will help us in determining a placement for your child. Letters must focus on the educational needs of your child.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 21 October

Science Day

Friday 23 October

Super-a-thon

Friday 23 – Saturday 24 October

Grade 2 Sleepover

Monday 2 November

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3 November

Melbourne Cup Day

Friday 6 November

Market Fresh Incursion

20 year anniversary assembly

Monday 16 – Friday 20 November

Book Fair

Monday 14 December

Winning house lunch

Awards Ceremony

Friday 18 December

End of Term 4

Term 4 Curriculum – What are we Learning?

Inquiry Learning – Healthy Choices, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Kids

This term Grade 1 and 2 students will be learning about:

- Different body systems – muscular, circulatory, and digestive.
- Food comes from a variety of sources and provides a variety of nutrients.
- Diet and exercise choices affect our health.

English

Reading: Readers are continuing to come home every night. Please continue to encourage and assist your child to read and record the books they read in their reading diaries.

Writing: This term, students will be learning to write expositions and poetry.

Show & Tell: Students have been given topics for each week's show and tell. These topics tie in with our Inquiry Learning unit. Encourage them to practise at home.

Maths

This term students will be learning about:

- Money, Place Value, 4 Processes (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division) Fractions and Problem Solving.
- Chance and Data (Statistics & Probability).
- Transformation, Symmetry and Tessellations, 2D and 3D Shapes, Mass and Time (Measurement & Geometry).

Specialists

Students will once again have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of specialist subjects which include: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, P.E, Science and L.O.T.E.

Library day is every Wednesday fortnight for Grade 1 and every Tuesday fortnight for Grade 2.

L.O.T.E (Chinese) is held on Mondays for Grade 2 and Tuesday for Grade 1.

Art is held fortnightly on Wednesdays for both Grade 1 and 2.

Performing Arts, Science and P.E continue to be held weekly. Science is held on Thursdays for both Grade 1 and 2. P.E is held on Tuesdays for Grade 2 and Thursdays for Grade 1. Performing Arts is held on Wednesdays for Grade 2 and Thursdays for Grade 1.

Homework

Students in Grade 1 and 2 should practise reading aloud every night for 15 minutes. Record the books your child reads each night in their reading diary. Grade 2 students should practise spelling words every night.

REMINDERS

Absences

Please notify the school if your child / children will be absent from school. All Absences must be explained. You can call the office, write a note or see your child's teacher to explain any absence. You can also use Tiqbiz to notify the school if your child / children will be absent.

Hats & Water

Students must wear a hat from September to the end of April. We kindly remind parents to provide children with a plastic bottle of water to have with them throughout the day.

Parent Helpers

We need parents to assist with groups and reading with students. If you would like to assist in your child's classroom please chat with your child's class teacher or class parent representative.

Lunch Orders

Metro Canteens will continue to run our canteen service out of the café at Ashwood College each day. Canteen orders need to be placed online from home, from a computer located in the library or over the counter at Ashwood College.

WELCOME

WELCOME BACK:

- Alex Zigmann – 1M

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS:

- Angela Wang - 1B
- Ben Maltezos – 2M