



Parkland Pride

The Newsletter of Parkland School
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OFFICE MESSAGES

Confirmed Term Dates for 2026

-please note the additional (Ministry of Education) Teacher Only Day on the 18th May and therefore the change in the last day for 2026

Term 1: Monday 2nd February - Thursday 2nd April

Waitangi Day Friday 6th February

Good Friday 3rd April

Term 2: Monday 20th April - Friday 3rd July

ANZAC Day observed Monday 27th April

MOE Teacher Only Days - Monday 18th May (Maths) and Friday 29th May (Literacy)

King's Birthday Monday 1st June

Term 3: Monday 20th July- Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October - Tuesday 15th December

Teacher Only Day Friday 23rd October

Labour Day Monday 26th October

Do you have Plan B at pick-up time?

If your child usually waits for you at their classroom after school, do you have a plan if you are not there to meet them? We suggest that you speak with your child and set up a plan so that in the unlikely event you are held up, they know what to do. The options for child to wait are at the Drop-Off Zone (in the carpark) which is staffed each day until 3:10pm, or the red wall outside the office. Please remember that getting messages to your child late in the day (especially once the bell has gone) can be problematic.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - EVERY DAY COUNTS

The Government's target is for students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

So far for Term 1 our attendance rate is 95!

Can we keep it up?

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age.

As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

Upcoming Dates:

Term 1

Also check out the Parent Calendar on our website.

6th March - PTA Sausage Sizzle Lunch

12th March - Junior Sharing in the Hall hosted by Room 10

18th March - 'Plant to Plate' here

20th March - Little Heart Day and Lots of Socks - we are having a joint day show our support, and raise awareness for Heart Kids NZ

and NZ Down Syndrome Association. Wear something red or heart themed with your uniform, and finish it off with a colourful pair of socks! We will share instructions for how to donate, via our Facebook page.



From the Principal's Desk...

Nga matua ma nga kaiiaki,
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are once again back to your usual programming with the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding while we got a few things sorted behind the scenes!

We have had a busy start to the year with classes settling into the groove of school once again, and we have welcomed many new faces. Our student leaders have stepped up into their new roles with ease, and we have been impressed at their high levels of dedication and enthusiasm.

Once again this year we have Road Patrollers, our Carpark Safety Team, a Flag Monitor, Swing Monitors, Librarians, Wiki's, House Leaders, Sports Ambassadors and Prefects. All of these students volunteer their time to support others, and we are so grateful to be developing the leadership skills of these stunning young people!

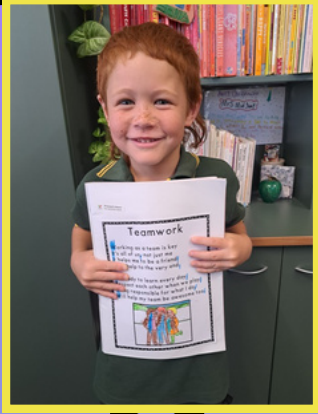
We have noticed increasing numbers of students arriving early to school in the morning, and so we want to remind you what to do if you arrive before the 8:30am bell. Please wait in the court area outside the front of the school by Rooms 2,3 and 4. Children are allowed into the classroom after the 8.30am bell when teachers are ready and in their rooms. Please don't wait in any other area of the school before this bell - the children are expected to be waiting in the court area at the front of the school only. Thank you for your support with this. Have a fab week!



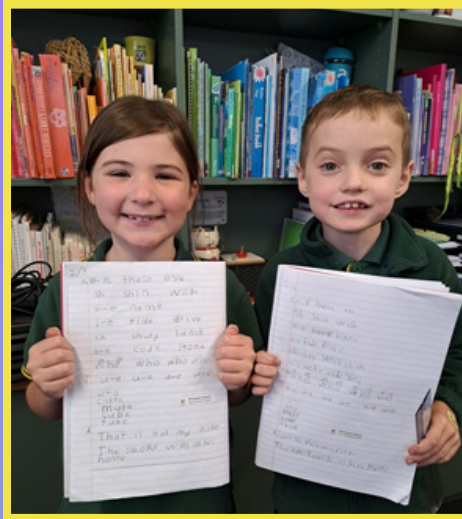
Smiles,
Sonia Mudgway Principal

If your child is involved in something cool outside of school, let us know!

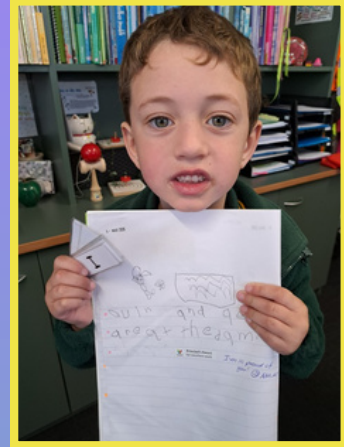
STUDENT STARS



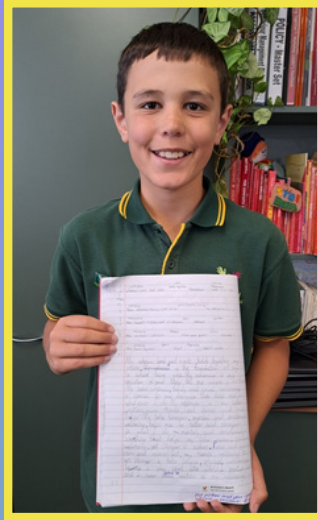
Well done, Daeshawn for your awesome poetry bookwork!
Ka Rowe!



Ka pai to mahi, Skylar & Braxton! You did a great job with your Code work.



Ka pai to mahi, Jaxon! You did a great job with your independent writing.



Parker did an exceptional job with his writing about Te Whare Tapa Wha. Ka Rowe! Awesome work!

WELCOME

Special welcome to these children and their whanau who started on the first day this year..
Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Papa Whenua. Welcome to Parkland School. We hope you enjoy your time here.

Jamie Rm1

Angus Rm9



Benson Rm9



Hugo Rm10



Kaleb Rm10



Parker F Rm9



Fletcher Rm10



Ymani R13



Emmerson Rm5



Thomas H Rm13



Cassie Rm5



Maddison P Rm11



Reyaansh Rm4



Roma R14



Reena Rm14



Emmary Rm9



Reeth Rm9



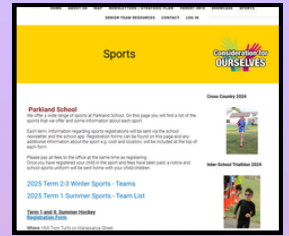
Oakly Rm10



Odelia Rm9



Dawn Rm10



Inter School Triathlon

On Wednesday afternoon a group of keen Year 5 and 6 students competed in the Inter School Triathlon at Skoglund Park. They raced hard and everyone of them should be very proud of their efforts. A special mention to Elliot Hanly who placed third in the Year 6 boys race.

Thank you must also go to all of the Parkland School students who took part in the I Tri'd the Tri series on Monday night at Skoglund Park. Due to such a high number of students participating in this event from our school, we won a \$150 voucher from Kelly's Sports.



Wellbeing Wall

Keep looking up...there may be a RAINBOW waiting for you...

RIPPA HAVE A GO

YEAR 0 - YEAR 2

Registration Open **13TH FEBRUARY**

AGE GROUPS 3 - 7 YEARS OLD INTERESTED IN HAVING A GO

TIME 10:00 - 10:45

COST **FREE**

4x 10 MINUTE STATIONS

HAVE A GO 4 WEEKS
7TH MARCH
14TH MARCH
21TH MARCH
28TH MARCH

VENUE **BILL BROWN PARK**

SCAN ME

OR VISIT KIA TOA FACEBOOK PAGE

Library Corner

Room 5 have their monsters in the Library!



Do you know your animal families?

Check out our display and test your knowledge!



A murder of crows

A tower of giraffes

A fluffle of bunnies

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

aPlus operate from our hall before and after school. Enrol online at www.aplus.kiwi.nz. If you have any questions please phone 0800 423 400 or email: admin@aplus.kiwi.nz

You can also click on the logo here to go straight to their website.



OUR SCHOOL BOARD:

Our next meeting is 26th March at 7pm in the staffroom.

For our **Policies and Procedures** please go to SchoolDocs:

Username: parkland p/w: rise (or use the link on our website)

Policies currently under review are:

- Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy
- Sun Protection
- Digital Technology and Online Safety
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

PTA

EVERY FRIDAY for the rest of Term 1 is **SAUSAGE SIZZLE Lunch Day**

Please order before school (between 8:30-8:50am) at the table outside the office - **CASH only please.**

Prices are: sausage/bread \$2, large cookie \$2, small cookie \$1.

Check the PTA Easter Raffle below...



The Term One Raffle in the Office is ready to go. Only 100 tickets are available at \$2 each. Get in before you miss out!

Kindly donated by

Youm.
Your Mortgage Advisers

Parkland Puzzler

Qu: What is one of the organisations we are showing our support for on Friday 20th March?



Parkland Puzzler

Write the answer, along with your name and room number, on a piece of paper and post it into the mailbox outside Mrs Mudgway's office.