



Reaching Higher

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MPPS Calendar of Events

AUGUST

August 8	Grade 5/6 District Basketball Gala Day
August 9	Red Nose Day – Free Dress with a gold coin donation
August 10	Trivia Night
August 16	Curriculum Day – Staff ICT Training
August 21 – 23	Middle School Camp Angahook
August 26 – 29	Scholastic Book Fair & Book Week Activities
August 28	District Athletics

SEPTEMBER

September 3	Grade 3/4 Chinese Museum Excursion
September 6	Footy Day
September 10	Foundation – Grade 2 CERES Excursion
September 18	Multicultural Day – including Grandparents Afternoon
September 19	Grade 5/6 Healesville Excursion

TERM 4:

October 7 – 11	Senior School Camp
October 24	Art Show
November 17	Kingston Colour Run
November 22	Curriculum Day – Reporting and Assessment

Welcome to Cameron's Corner



Red Nose Day Tomorrow – Free dress with a gold coin donation



Don't forget tomorrow is Red Nose day at our school where students can wear free dress with a gold coin donation to this very special cause. Items can still be purchased from Mrs Lough's office and worn proudly.

Trivia Night

This Saturday is our famous Trivia Night. If you have grabbed a table there is still room left. I would also ask that if you haven't paid for your tickets if you could do that asap it would be much appreciated.

Curriculum Day next Friday.

Next Friday our staff will be working through a number of activities to enhance their knowledge and application of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) for their students. Topics include Matific (an online numeracy tool), STEM kits and Spheros, iDoceo, Literacy Planet and Google Apps for Education. This promises to be a great day of learning for our staff.

Compass

If you haven't yet discovered your family Compass Portal please set up your account and have a look around. Initially you will be able to see news and events as well as submit absences but over the course of the next few months we will be adding new functions to your portal. From here you will be able to book parent Teacher Interviews and see your child's school reports, which will be delivered digitally from December this year. Use the link below and the password supplied to you in your personalised letter and if you have any problems please let us know.



Mentonepark-vic.compass.education

ENROL NOW!!!!!!!

If you have a child starting school next year, or know someone who will be, please come to reception and get an enrolment form. Whilst demand is increasing we are unable to confirm our class structures until we can confidently say we have the enrolments.

Transition sessions are vital and with a number of opportunities coming up this term and next we do encourage all families to get the forms back to us asap. As well as knowing your place is secured for 2020, you will also receive a free future student t shirt and a 50th anniversary cook book as our gift to you.

Outstanding Student Leaders

On Tuesday I proudly accompanied our school captains Ben and Kate to Parliament House to join approximately 30 schools to discuss the topic of "Should athletes and other celebrities use their popularity to influence social and political issues". After researching the topic they both presented to the audience from the floor of the Legislative Assembly. They then participated in committee meetings with other small groups of students and listened to guest speakers on the topic. Without bias, their speech was the highlight of the morning and I have included it below.



Their Speech

Hi my name is Kate and this is Ben and we are the school captains for Mentone Park Primary School. We feel very privileged to be able to attend the convention today. The topic we are discussing today is very complex and one where both sides of the debate have a valid position in the eyes of the public

At first thought we believe athletes and celebrities should use their popularity to influence social and political issues because they are entitled to their own opinion, just like everyone else. Where they have a level of understanding or education around a topic they may use their position to educate a large audience. A celebrity with an understanding of an issue has a platform where they can influence change, and in many cases raise significant

funds to support research to find cures for diseases. An example of this might be Michael J Fox who uses his celebrity status to raise awareness and funds in order to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

Actress Emma Watson also uses her platform to raise awareness for women's rights.

The Irwin family have been campaigners for environmental conservation and the protection of endangered animals

On the other hand they shouldn't use their popularity in areas they have no skills in. Where a celebrity uses a personal opinion that benefits them to ask others to agree with them it may take away an individual's personal choice. How many people would drink Coke or eat pizza just because Patrick Dangerfield says so. Young children would believe it to be healthy just because he says so. His influence would be wrong but the impact would be great.

At the end of the day, young children, and some not so young children, are influenced by the media and the people within it. The role of a celebrity comes with great benefits but also great responsibility due to the way information can be shared via social media.

Ultimately we need to use our thoughts and feelings to make decisions that are comfortable and right according to our own moral compass. Whilst we take into

account the thoughts of celebrities the most important source of information can generally be found much closer to home with our teachers, family and parents. After all they have our best interests at heart.

Thank you.



Exciting Changes to our school uniform.

50% off all short and long sleeve t shirts at PSW

From today PSW Cheltenham will be selling all short and long sleeve t-shirts at 50% off for the remainder of this year. This is because from the 23rd of September (Day 1 of the school holidays) our new school polo will be introduced as part of our regular uniform. Over the next 18 months we will transition from the classic plain red short and long sleeve polo to the new style currently worn by our Grade 6 students. Check out these aspiring models below and drop into the office to see the samples.

With contrasting colours on the collar, black side panelling and a fully stitched logo this new style already has the tick of approval from our Grade 6 students. It will be available in both short and long sleeve options.

This transition will occur over the next 18 months so brothers and sisters can still share the current style and of course if you snap up a bargain at PSW you will have all of next year and early 2021 to wear it.



Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'C. Agars'.

Cameron Agars
Principal



**BYO FOOD
& DRINKS**

\$25PP



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

MPPS TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

Saturday August 10 |

6.45 - 10:30 for Trivia (Dancing until Midnight).

MPPS School Hall

Dress in Black & White

Book via trybooking, get your team captain to put your name down on the table lists near the school office & get ready to battle it out. Book individually & we'll find you a table or book a table of 6 - 12pp. Don't forget to bring cash for the Raffle & Games.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=513088>



GRADE 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISER AT SUPERZU PLAYCENTRE AND CAFE

All monies from entry will be donated
to the Grade 6 Graduation night.

\$10 entry 9.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 16th August

362-364 Boundary Rd, Dingley.



Working With Children Check Reminder

All parents/guardians, visitors & volunteers to the school **MUST** sign in & out of the school and display their WWCC in a lanyard, which is available at the school office.

The Department of Education requires any person involved in an activity where children may be present to have a current WWCC or have supplied proof that they have applied for a WWCC with the Department of Justice. All schools are required to comply with the Working with Children Act 2005.

Volunteers are expected to carry the WWCC card on their person at all times when working or volunteering at the school or during school related activities.

There is no fee for this check. Apply now by visiting: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au



Mentone Park Primary School offers Private and Group Instrumental Music lessons during school hours.

Lessons are conducted by local music school Poco Music. Instrumental lessons are offered in Piano, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drum kit, Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Singing. Lessons are taught by fully qualified teachers in a fun environment.

At Poco Music we believe every child deserves the right to start out life with a quality music education.

Lessons offered are private 30 min classes catering to the students' individual needs.

Group lessons of 2 students is offered for all instruments, excluding piano and drums.

Lessons are taught in a fun environment focusing on learning how to read music notation, working through method books and learning fun contemporary songs that engage students.

We also prepare students for AMEB and ANZCA music exam grading.

Once Students are competent with playing a few chords and notes Rock Bands will commence and rehearse weekly at lunchtimes and afterschool.

***COST of lessons: \$38.00 Private 30 min lesson
\$28.00 Private 20 min lesson
\$25.00 per child 30 min group lesson***

If you would like to enroll your child for lessons please fill out our enrolment form online at www.pocomusic.com.au

For more enquiries please email us at: admin@pocomusic.com.au or call our office on [9584 7341](tel:95847341)

Please be sure to like our Facebook page for more information on Lessons and Bands.
<https://www.facebook.com/PocoMusicTuition/>

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Like the STARS ?**

**PARKDALE UNITED
Cricket Club
Are Recruiting
GIRLS and BOYS
For The Coming Season**

Mixed - U14, U12 & Rookies
For Boys and Girls, 7 to 13 years old
U12 & Rookies played Saturday morning.
U14 played Friday evening

All Girls - 13 and Under
For Girls, 7 to 14 years old
Played Wednesday evening

Masters Blast
For Boys and Girls, 6 to 9 years old
Played Saturday morning

Junior Registration
Friday 16th Aug between 5:00 and 7:00pm
Jack Grut Reserve Governor Road, Mordialloc
Enquires: Graeme Stewart (m) 0421 407 643
Email: juniors@parkdaleunited.com
<http://www.parkdaleunited.com>

Speechcomlinx presents a: **SECRET AGENT SOCIETY Information Night.**

Come along to find out more about The Secret Agent Society (SAS) Computer Game Pack and Small Group Program which help kids 8 to 12 years of age crack the code of emotions and friendships.

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2019;...



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SOCIETY** SOLVING the MYSTERY
of SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS™

Information Session

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