



The **PURPOSE** of Plenty Parklands Primary School is -  
to educate children as lifelong learners to shape a better Australia.

## Principal's Message

### Calendar of Events

Term 2 Week 1	
Friday 21/4	• Year 5 campers return at 3pm
Week 2	
Monday 24/4	• Curriculum Day—no school for students
Tuesday 25/4	• Anzac Day - Public Holiday
Wednesday 26/4	• Dental van examinations
Thursday 27/4	• Dental van examinations
Friday 28/4	• Dental van examinations
Week 3	
Monday 1/5	• Dental van treatments all week
Tuesday 2/5	• Year 6 Canberra tour begins
Wednesday 3/5	• Year 2 excursion to Melbourne Zoo • Year 6 non campers to Melbourne Parliament house
Friday 5/5	• Year 6 students return from Canberra
Week 4	
Monday 8/5	• 4-32 3 way conferences 4.00 to 5.30pm
Tuesday 9/5	• NAPLAN • 4-32 3 way conferences 4.00 to 8.00pm • Parent volunteer training 6 to 6.30pm • School Council meeting
Wednesday 10/5	• Mother's Day stall • Parent volunteer training 9.15 to 9.45am

Welcome back to a lovely, sunny start to term 2. I have heard some great holiday stories, with some sounding as if I would love to have been there too. Speaking of holidays, we wish Mrs Sue Chinnappa, our Support Program leader, a fabulous time as she is taking long service leave for six weeks. While she is away, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Jenny Hornidge return to PPPS to take the program. How great to have such an experienced teacher work with our kids again.

We are hearing great reports from our year 5 campers, and from the year 5 students who are here at school working with Mr Steve Janevski.

Reminder that our work as a community has resulted in our **revised purpose and vision statements and our revised values**.

**As these are at the core of everything we do at PPPS, it is essential that you know and support these.**

#### Our **PURPOSE**:

Plenty Parklands Primary School is a place of learning.  
We educate children as lifelong learners to thrive in our rapidly changing and increasingly connected world.

#### Our **VISION** is

Our students, staff and community learn and are cared for in an environment that reflects our school values and Quality Principles.  
Our students are creative and discerning thinkers with the skills, knowledge and personal attributes to contribute as global citizens.  
Our school promotes and fosters individual and team excellence.  
Value is added to each child's life through our interdependent partnership between parents, staff, students and the community.

#### Our **VALUES** are

**A FAIR GO FOR ALL** – I live by Australia's tradition of democracy and freedom. I live in harmony and am open minded to diversity.  
**HONESTY** – I tell the truth, even when it is difficult.  
**RESPECT** – I treat others as I would like to be treated, with kindness and courtesy.  
**TRUST** – I am responsible and do the right thing.  
**CARE** – I am kind to others and am considerate of their feelings.  
**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT** – I put in my best effort, individually and as a team member, by being persistent, resilient and responsible for my learning and behavior.

Principal's message continued .....

### 2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolment packs for 2018 are now available for  
siblings of  
current students at PPPS.  
Packs are available for collection from the school

This is our chance to support the wonderful work *beyondblue* does to provide information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. One of our parents is organising a ladies night with proceeds going to *beyondblue*.



Choose Happy Ladies Night Leading up to Mother's day you deserve a night off and what a way to do it! Let's get together and connect for an awesome cause. Some of us may have been there. What I'm talking about is feeling blue and this is something that I experienced firsthand with post natal depression. I want to bring us together as mums and friends to break the silence and support beyondblue. Join us in this fundraiser on

**Saturday 29th April 8.00PM**

**Groove Train Westfield Plenty Valley \$27 pp**

**Dress is cocktail (prize for best dressed!)**

**Complimentary Sparkling and finger food**

Amazing raffle prizes including gift vouchers, gym membership, hamper, lollipops family pass plus more!!

There will also be Pop Up Stalls and a Zumba display by Leila.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/choose-happy-ladies-night-tickets-32835134772](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/choose-happy-ladies-night-tickets-32835134772) or contact Karina 0432585232.

Proceeds go to beyondblue.

Thanks to the parents and community members who take the time to contact me when they have a question, concern or something to celebrate. We can't help, or celebrate, if we don't know about it.

Speak to me or to Julie Nixon AP, any morning (other than Tuesday when we have an 8:00 am meeting) at the gate, phone us, email us or come into the office and have a chat.

Claire McInerney

Principal

## Volunteer Helpers at PPPS

Please note that if you attended a training session in the past, you do NOT need to attend another one. 'Once trained, we have you for life!'

**For new volunteers we are offering two briefings this term**

So that we can strengthen our interdependent partnership between Plenty Parklands school and the community we offer training sessions for parent and community members. Over the years our students have benefited from the work and dedication of hundreds of helpers. We are always ready and willing to welcome even more. You may be a new member of our community and keen to offer your help while also getting to know other community members.

The sessions will outline your role and responsibilities with regard to Privacy, Work Cover, Harassment and Occupational Health and Safety legislation. In line with our values, particularly those of Care, Trust and Respect, you will understand that the safety and care of your children are the most important considerations when implementing a program such as volunteer helpers. Also **with legislation related to a range of issues it is imperative that ALL volunteers are briefed before they are able to help in any way at school. You need only attend one of the briefings.**

This training includes everyone who would like to start to help in any or all of the following areas; canteen, Parents Social and Fundraising sub committee (PSF), interschool sport, uniform shop, classroom helpers (in any area of the curriculum), excursions, special event days, fun day at the end of the year, fruit distribution, gardening, sports coaching, P.E. programs such as the Prep Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) and any transportation of students. In fact, anyone who helps at the school in any way. Please note that helpers on school camps have a special briefing prior to camp. The dates for term 1 are:

**Tuesday 9 May 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

**or**

**Wednesday 10 May 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.**

**Remember that you need to participate in a training session in order to help in any capacity at the school.** The briefing takes about 30 minutes and will be held in the conference room (library) or staff lounge (staff room).

After completion of this short briefing, you will be welcome to help at PPPS at any time in the future in a 'one off' or ongoing situation.

Please see this invitation as an opportunity to get to know other members of our school community while also providing the students of PPPS with invaluable support and assistance.

Don't worry; there are no hard questions to answer or problems to solve. You just need a willingness to help and we'll do the rest!! We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions.

## **PLEASE SEE PATH BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE**

**For information about Volunteer Training and to register your attendance for one of these sessions please go to the PPPS webpage.**

**Follow the path;**

**Forms and Notices, Volunteers, Volunteer Training for information and registration.**

# Somers Camp



On Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2017, 5 students from Plenty Parklands Primary went on the trip of a life time to Somers Camp. Somers Camp is a nine day camping experience for children from all over Victoria. 160 students from the Nillumbik and Whittlesea area went on our camp. The students selected from PPPS were



Kaeden (year 6), James (year 6), Jordan (year 6), Oscar (year 5) and Bailey (year 5). We experienced meeting new people, sleeping in a hut with 20 strangers, being part of a team, taking risks and having more responsibilities. Some of the activities that we did were Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Surfing, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, High Ropes, Archery, Art, Boating, Bike Ed, Environmental Studies, Low Ropes and many more.

We had a great time at Somers Camp and we have lots of great memories and made friendships that will last forever.



# Can you guess who is who in the year 6 team?

a)

-I love all sports, the more the better.

-Currently in the final stages of building a new house, can't wait!

-Can't get enough of funny movies and watching them with my family.

-A relaxing night for me includes spending time with two wonderful dogs

-In our home, we are preparing for and looking forward to a new addition to our family.

I am?



b)

- I love to travel. I have travelled to 11 different countries including Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, England, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Croatia, Hungary and France.

- I always start my morning by going to the gym. It wakes me up and gets me ready for the day ahead.

- I am always buying new clothes, shoes or handbags!

- One of my favourite things to do on the weekend is to take my dog for walks around the Yarra and then relax with a coffee and breakfast afterwards.

- I enjoy making and decorating things around my house.

I am?



c)

-You might find me on the golf course beating Mr Jessup on a Saturday afternoon

-I love supporting the red and black in the AFL

-I like to end most days with some sort of exercise (Running, gym, cycling)

-I am a huge fan of anything James Bond related.

I am?



d)

-A good book, enjoyed with a latte in the sunshine, is one of my favourite past times.

-I am a massive science fiction movie fan; Marvel, Star Wars, Star Trek, I love them all.

-I'm a keen volleyball enthusiast.

-I like to end my day by walking with my dogs and stretching out with a bit of yoga, though this can prove a bit of a challenge if the dogs are in a playful mood.

-I love to shop.

I am?



# ALL ABOUT ME IN PREP 14!

As part of our unit about Identity, students in Prep 14 shared their "Identity Boxes" to show things that were special to them.



We had to speak clearly and tell everyone why our things were special.  
We needed to speak with a loud voice.  
We tried our best to ask a question about their things.  
We sat on Mr Van's chair.

Plenty Parklands Primary School invites you to a parent forum with

**CHRIS DAICOS**

**STRENGTH BASED PARENTING**

**Monday 15 May 2017 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**A Positive, Respectful, and Inspiring Approach to Maximising  
the Potential in Every Child**

Research now informs us that parents can have a positive impact on their children's stress levels and play a significant role in helping to cultivate wellbeing and buffer against ill-being for their children (Middlebrooks & Audage, 2008). Strengths-based parenting is an approach where parents seek to identify and develop positive states, processes, and qualities in their children.

This workshop will introduce parents to a Strengths-Based Parenting framework based on current research. It will focus on how parents can immediately begin to identify and cultivate positive qualities, positive states and positive processes in their children (Waters, 2015).

This Strengths-Based Parenting Workshop focuses on identifying and understanding what your children are naturally good at and where they thrive — not on their weaknesses. It is a unique opportunity to learn and apply the latest evidence based strategies from positive psychology and neuro-science for yourself, your children and your unique family circumstances.

Research shows that children and teenagers who have strength-based parents:

- **Have** higher levels of life satisfaction
- **Have** a better understanding of their own strengths
- **Cope** with conflict in more pro-active ways
- **Use** their strengths to help them meet homework deadlines

**Have** lower levels of stress.

Discover how to bring out the best in yourself and your children by making the awareness and development of strengths a natural part of your family (Seligman, Ernst, Gillham, Reivich & Linkins, 2009).

As a trained social worker and teacher, Chris has extensive experience in working directly with children and adolescents and supporting staff. Chris has facilitated many successful professional development sessions for teachers and parents within the private and public sectors on a range of topics from staff and student welfare to organisational health issues. Chris is also actively involved in the tertiary sector, teaching students in Master of Social Work, Master of Teaching and the Master of Education (Student Wellbeing) courses. To see what people have said about Chris' workshops; visit [www.chrisdaicos.com.au](http://www.chrisdaicos.com.au)

**PLEASE SEE PATH BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE**

**For information about Chris Daicos forum and to register your  
attendance please go to the PPPS webpage.**

**Follow the path;**

**Forms and Notices, Chris Daicos**

## Assembly roster

### TERM 2

24/4	No assembly—Curriculum day	
1/5	Whole school assembly	4-32 performance
8/5	Years 3-6	3-18 performance
15/5	Years Prep-2	1-23 performance
22/5	No assembly—Report Writing day	
29/5	Years 3-6	5-6 + 5-5 performance
5/6	Years Prep-2	1-22 performance
12/6	No assembly—Queen's birthday	
19/6	Years 3-6	5-3 + 5-4 performance
26/6	Years Prep-2	1-21 performance
30/6	Whole school	End of term 1pm

### **LOST PROPERTY ROSTER**

Fri	21/4	Anna Lettia
Fri	28/4	Pamela Hatzipanagiotidis

### **FIRST AID LINEN ROSTER**

Fri	21/4	Anna Lettia
Fri	28/4	Pamela Hatzipanagiotidis



### **SUNSMART TERM 2**

**Reminder to wear your school hat in term 2 until the end of April.**

# Mother's Day Stall

**Wednesday 10th May 2017**

**All gifts only \$5.00**

**Please see full flyer on your Compass portal.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**If you would like to help on the Mother's Day Stall**

**To register your attendance please go to the PPPS webpage.**

**Follow the path;**

**Volunteers / Mother's Day volunteers**

**Thank you**





**Interschool Sport District Grand Finals Friday March 31st results:**

**Hot Shots:** Bushrangers– runners up..... Redbacks– runners up  
**Tee Ball:** Bushrangers– runners up.....Redbacks– premiers  
**Volleyball:** Boys Bushrangers– runners up.....Boys Redbacks– premiers

**Term 2 WINTER SPORT:** This will commence on Friday April 28th (week 2 of term 2). Permission forms have been sent home with all the year 5 and 6 students. Forms are due back Friday April 25th .

**PREMIERS ACTIVE APRIL CHALLENGE 2017**

The Premier's Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It is a **FUN** and **FREE** initiative encouraging your students and their families to get more active, more often throughout the month of April.

Registrations are now open! Families are encouraged to register and complete 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days.

To sign up visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)

In 2017, every Premier's Active April participant will receive;

- 10 FREE YMCA passes or access to a local government recreational facility, one FREE "Get Into Cardio" Tennis session, 20% off any annual membership with cycling Victoria, 15% off Sportsmart in store or online, a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEALIFE Melbourne Aquarium, one hour FREE tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve, entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australia Open Tennis Finals.

**Intraschool Sport Program: It is being run YMCA Epping Leisure (Miller St. Epping).** The Intraschool Sports program will run on the following Friday's: April 28th, May 12th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. If there are parents who are available to travel on the bus to and from the venue, please fill in the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Also you may contact Mr Scanu directly on [scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:scanu.sebastian.s@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Julie Gatt on [gatt.julie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gatt.julie.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) A phone call will be made to confirm the parents attendance on any given date.



**BAT TENNIS ORDERS (TERM 2)- HALF PRICE!!!! Previously \$14 now \$7.00**

If your child is interested in placing an order for a new bat tennis bat please carry out the following instructions;

Place your child's name, home group and the words bat tennis bat along with \$ 7.00 in an envelope and hand it to Mr Scanu or Mrs Cadee in the front office. We have a limited number of bats available so it will be first in best dressed! The deadline for all orders is the end of the second week of term 2, Friday April 28th.

**VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION- CODES OF BEHAVIOUR:**

The codes of behaviour are put in place so that the sports played are enjoyed by all and that there are no misunderstandings as to the roles that everyone has, who is involved in school sport.

**FOR PLAYERS:**

Be a good sport.  
Play for enjoyment.  
Work hard for your team as well as yourself.  
Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself. Play by the rules.  
Control your behaviour on and off the field.  
Learn to value honest effort.



**FOR THE TEACHERS AND COACHES:**

Set a good example for your players.  
Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills.  
Teach a wide range of team skills.  
Ensure that the sport is appropriate for the age group and the skill development of the players involved.  
Teach your players to be friendly towards officials and opponents.  
Give all interested students a chance to participate in training and in games.  
Remove from the field of play any of your players whose behaviour is not acceptable.  
Keep your own knowledge of coaching and the developments of the game up to date.  
Team officials prohibit smoking during matches, pre-match preparation and post-match periods whilst in contact with team members.



**FOR PARENTS:**

Encourage participation by your children  
Provide a model for good sportsmanship for your child to copy.  
Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sports administrators.  
Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.  
Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.  
Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.



**FOR SPECTATORS:**

Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.  
Remember children play for enjoyment.  
Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.  
Let game officials conduct the events without interference.  
Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.  
Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.



Sebastian Scanu PE and Sport Coordinator





## Get involved in the School Banking program

Plenty Parklands Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

### Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

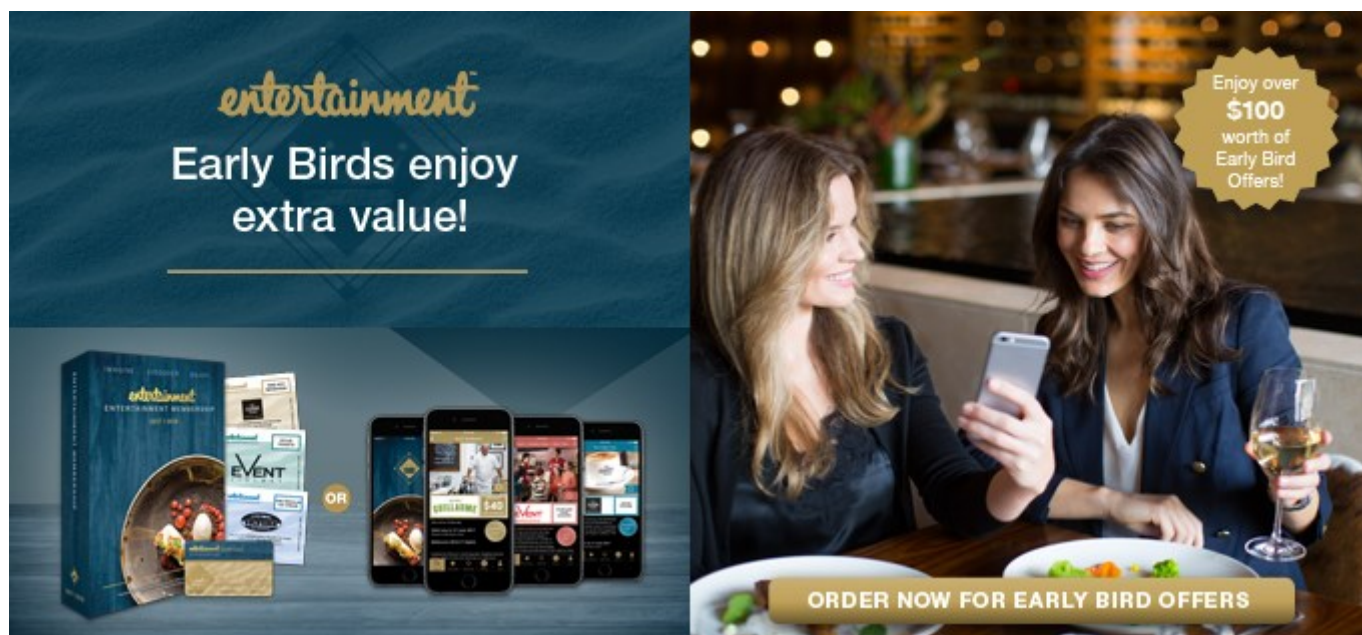
#### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Thursday**. Each week you need to hand in your bank deposit book to your teacher which will be placed in the blue bag then sent up to the office where parent volunteers process the deposits.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)



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ORDER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS

The advertisement features a dark blue background with the 'entertainment' logo in a gold, cursive font. Below the logo, the text 'Early Birds enjoy extra value!' is written in white. To the right, a photograph shows two women sitting at a table in a restaurant, looking at a smartphone. A gold starburst graphic in the top right corner of the photo says 'Enjoy over \$100 worth of Early Bird Offers!'. At the bottom of the photo, a gold banner reads 'ORDER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS'. On the left side of the advertisement, there is a stack of Entertainment Book covers and several smartphones displaying the Entertainment app interface. A small gold circle with the word 'OR' is placed between the book stack and the smartphones.

Plenty Parklands Primary School is pleased to be selling the **17|18 Entertainment™ Memberships** as a fundraiser in 2017 the Memberships are now available to **pre-order!**

You can choose between the traditional **Entertainment™ Book** or you can purchase the **Digital Membership**, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone, all for just \$65!

The Entertainment™ Memberships contain over 800 valuable up to 50% off and for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, attractions, hotels and retailers in Melbourne.  
Each Membership sold raises \$13 for Plenty Parklands Primary School to help us raise much needed funds.

Order your Book before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April and receive 6 bonus early bird offers you can use straight away!

Please show your support by visiting the link below and purchasing your Membership today:

**[www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/182g893](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/182g893)**

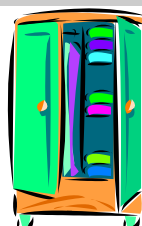
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Antonella Azzopardi on 9404 4311 or [azzopardi.antonella.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:azzopardi.antonella.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## LOST PROPERTY

To save money, name **ALL** your child's/children's clothing with **both given and family names**. If property is lost, first check your child's classroom (or specialist class they may have attended), then look in the Lost Property basket outside the courtyard entrance to the Administration Block and then the Lost Property cupboard in the disabled bathroom in the Administration block. This cupboard is accessible before 9.00am and after 3.30pm. A parent volunteer sorts through the items at the end of each week and those items that are named are returned via their teacher's pigeon hole.

**Any uncollected items of clothing will be donated to a charity at the end of the term.**





Planting the seeds for a positive start to school

Enquire now about our Free Trial Offer

- A fun and engaging learning program
- Focuses on literacy, numeracy and language
- Features the Little Learners Love Literacy program
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Small class sizes
- Run by a qualified and experienced teacher

All this is delivered in a fun structured program, made up of story time, crafts, songs, movement and group share time.

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

**TODDLER GROUP**  
2½-3 years old (parent & child)  
Learn alongside your child in this invaluable 45 minute session

**PRESCHOOLER GROUP**  
4-5 years old  
A 2 hour session that offers everything your child needs and more to become school ready

**ENROL TODAY**

Learning Buds is located at:  
Plenty Parklands Primary School  
48 Blossom Park Drive, Mill Park  
Contact Kate on 0408 292 975  
Visit us: [www.learningbuds.com.au](http://www.learningbuds.com.au)  
Email: [kate@learningbuds.com.au](mailto:kate@learningbuds.com.au)



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[www.campaaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

Opening Hours: 7.00-8.45am and 3.30-6.00pm

For bookings/cancellations call Kristine on 9404 4516

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the holidays. This term, we will continue with Camp Australia's Tcaf Buddy Bear leadership program, Tcaf is our Camp Australia non-profit organisation. This program provides opportunities for children to take on roles of responsibility and build self confidence. Leaders are presented with a Leadership wrist band and certificates to recognise their role. This enables younger children to feel safe and cared for whilst older children feel valued and respected.

*We will also be discussing the significance of Anzac day.*

For booking go to [www.campaaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au)

#### Save on Care

Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

#### Holiday Clubs

Don't forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: [www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

#### Healthy Snacks

Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children's tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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