Welcome to Week 6, Term 1!

It has been yet another wonderful week in Grade 4. We are very excited about working together, synergising and teaching each other.

Well done to the District Swimming Team. They all did an amazing job!
This week in Grade 4:

**Literacy:** This week students will continue Guided Reading rotations, progressing onto Reciprocal Reading and comprehension over the coming weeks. This week we also will explore types of verbs.

**Writing** In Writing the students will continue to explore writing in the Persuasive Style. This week they will use persuasive devices such as Rhetorical Questions as we plan, draft, produce and edit work.

**Mathematics** This week will see students discover shapes and their properties. They will begin to explore compound shapes and the area of shapes.

Other reminders/ notices

**Run 4 The Kids:** Training on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you to all the students, parents and friends that joined us for our training on Wednesday. It was very pleasing to see so many people start their day with some exercise. We are looking forward to your company again next Wednesday morning at the school oval at 8.10 am.

If anyone wants to enter Run for the Kids:

Username: Parktone Primary School
Password: Parktone

We would love to see as many participants as possible.

**Anne Ziogos and Peter McGettigan.**

**Sustainability Garden**

Bunnings visited us last week and started our new Sustainability Garden by building 4 vegetable boxes. We are so thankful and excited to have this beautiful addition to our school.

Science Fact from Ms Ziogos

Here is an answer to the old nagging question which came first the chicken or the egg?

Scientists finally concluded that the chicken came first, not the egg, because the protein which makes egg shells is only produced by hens.
Compass School Manager

Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you that Parktone Primary School will soon be using Compass School Manager as a powerful tool for tracking student progress and keeping parents connected via our Parent Portal.

Using our Parent Portal you will be able to -

• View up-to-date school attendance information
• Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
• Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
• Access information regarding upcoming events and news
• E-mail your child’s teachers
• Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences

In the near future you will also be able to -

• Access your child’s Student Semester Reports
• Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
• Pay school fees, camps and excursions

Once Compass is up and running in the school we will host a parent information evening to run through the basics of how to get the most out of the parent portal and to further explain how we are using compass to enhance student learning.

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