With Term 3 over half way through, and MADD week just around the corner we are go go go in the 5/6 block!

Children are fully engaged in their Inquiry learning, this term exploring health and global opportunity through a ‘Global Healthy Me’ unit.

Our excursion to MCG and VIS was awesome!

Please make time to visit the website and check out PHTV.

Your teachers of Grade 5/6,

Shane Grinter (Editor), Michelle Smith & Karin Moorhouse

**Parkhill TV (PHTV)**

Don’t forget to log onto the Parkhill website each week to view Parkhill TV.

http://parkhillps.vic.edu.au/

The students have been working hard in class to produce some amazing episodes.

PHTV is a great way of seeing what is happening around the school and keeping up to date with upcoming events.

You might even see your child playing host!

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### Diary

**Important upcoming dates:**

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### Term 3 Sport

**Interschool Winter Sport**

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Interschool Winter Sport Round Robin on the 14th August. All our training and teamwork paid off as Parkhill won overall on the day, completing our set of Sports Round Robin titles for the year after winning the Summer Round Robin in Term 1. A big thank you to Fran Ditton & Wal Dickie for assisting with training and coaching our teams on the day.

**Divisional Competitions**

Congratulations to both the T-ball team and boys Soccer teams who competed in the Divisional finals this term. Both teams earned the right to represent the Division after great performances in earlier tournaments. A special mention to the Boys Soccer team who won the Soccer Round Robin title after a last minute goal in their overtime Grand Final victory.

**Basketball Round Robin**

On the 11th of September, selected students will participate in the Interschool Basketball Round Robin competition at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium. Leading up to the tournament the teams will conduct before school trainings once a week. The Girls team will train each week on Tuesday Mornings at 8am and the Boys will train each week on Thursday mornings at 8am. Good luck to both teams on the day.

**Summer Sport**

Next term we will begin our interschool summer sports program. The sports for our summer season are Cricket, T-ball, Rounders, Danish Rounders and Softball. Students have been assigned a summer sport and training will begin over the coming weeks. Good luck to all the teams.
**SPECIALIST TIMETABLE – TERM 3**

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Key: * Running shoes required

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**Inquiry – Global Healthy Me!**

This term the children are asking questions, finding out and sorting out their knowledge, skills and understanding about global health related issues.

Their learning is focused around the following lines of inquiry which guide their questions and research,

- Where we live impacts on our lifestyle
- There are interrelated multiple dimensions that impact our wellbeing
- Financial and natural resources are distributed unequally across the world

As the children ‘find out’ more about the lines of inquiry they are encouraged to ask questions to drive further inquiry. They have already begun to suggest possible actions!

‘Sorting out’ what we have learned leads to further questions, but also to ideas around possible actions that can be taken.

For example, through our recent health survey we noted that in general the Parkhill Community is healthy. This lead to discussion about why this could be – opportunity, knowledge/education, financial status etc. – this in turn prompted discussion about people in the world who do not have the same opportunities and how might the results differ for them. You can imagine the possible ‘action’ ideas that were generated!!

Within the next few weeks the children will be working in their action groups...watch this space!!!

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**Three-Way Conferences**

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the families who were able to participate in our Three-Way conferences this term.

It is a wonderful opportunity for children to share with you their learning, and in particular their goals. The children’s learning goals are an important part of their educational journey. Through goal setting children are encouraged to identify their strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies to help them make improvements.

We believe the Three-Way Conferences are also a chance to generate extra confidence for students who may be struggling in certain areas. It is an opportunity to illustrate to the student that both teachers and parents are there to support and help them to achieve their personal goals.

It was lovely to share your ‘Pat-on-the-Back’ comments!

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**HOMEWORK**

Our ongoing commitment to Socratic Seminars is really paying off. It is lovely to see the students fully engaged in such meaningful discussion, coming well prepared with ideas and questions to contribute.

We continue to encourage the children to read regularly, and ensure they are fully prepared to participate in the Socratic seminar on a Monday.

We appreciate your support, and understand that Homework is often a tricky element of family life!

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**Grade 6 Graduation**

The excitement is building…

Where has the time gone? Your little ones are nearing the end of their primary school years! Graduation is just around the corner – further information will be available in Term 4.