



5/6 News

Term 4 - 2015

October 2015

It's hard to believe but Term 4 is already here, it only seems like yesterday we were welcoming back our class of 5/6 students for the start of the school year. We have had a jam packed 2015 with many highlights and that is certainly going to continue for the rest of the year with many exciting events coming up.

This Friday we have the school SUPER-A-THON which is sure to be full of many superhuman performances and costumes. Our Summer Interschool Sport competition is underway and will be running over the next 6 weeks.

After the success of our Global Healthy Me Inquiry Market & Expo last term, we have great ambitions for our Inquiry unit this term which will focus on Life in Australia in the 1900's. The year will of course culminate with our Grade 6 students much anticipated Graduation and celebrating this achievement at the annual Big Day Out where they will be joined by Grade 5 students.

We look forward to a fantastic term and best wishes to our Grade 6 students in their final term at Parkhill.

Your teachers of Level 5/6,

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Diary

Important upcoming dates:

Friday 23 October	Super - a - thon
Monday 2 November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 11 November	Inquiry Excursion
Mon 16 - Fri 20 November	Book Fair
Wednesday 16 December	Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 17 December	Grade 5/6 Big Day Out
Friday 19 December	Last day of the year

Parkhill TV (PHTV)

It has been an outstanding year of PHTV with the students producing amazing episodes each and every week.

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

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

We look forward to many more amazing episodes this year.

Term 4 Sport

Summer Sport

Best of luck to all our students as they compete each Friday morning over the next 6 weeks. The sports for our summer season are Cricket, T-ball, Rounders, Danish Rounders and Softball. We started our Summer Sport last Friday with all of our teams performing very well. Keep it up teams!

School Athletics

Congratulations to our students for an outstanding Athletics Carnival last week. It was great to see the whole Parkhill community involved in the carnival. A special thankyou to all our wonderful parents who were able to assist on the day. A very special congratulations must go to Amrith Suaris and Courtney Tulia who represented the Waverly Monash District at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Thursday 15 October.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE – TERM 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	PE*	Performing Arts Library (5/6S, 5/6G)	Science	Fitness* PHTV	5/6 Sport*
Week B	PE*	Performing Arts Library (5/6M)	PHTV	Fitness* Art	5/6 Sport*

Key: * Running shoes required

Inquiry – Looking Back, Thinking Forward!

This term the children are asking questions, finding out and sorting out their knowledge, skills and understanding about life in Australia in the early 1900's.

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

- The equality and inequality of groups within society.
- The development of Australia as a nation during Federation.
- Significant local and global events contributed to the development of Australia's identity.

As the children 'find out' more about the lines of inquiry they are encouraged to ask questions to drive further inquiry. We will soon start to think about possible actions!

On Wednesday 11 November, students will be embarking on a journey back in time when we visit the Immigration Museum in the city. More information will be sent home soon regarding the excursion.



Grade 6 Graduation

Graduation is a big feature of this term, being a celebration of the transition into high school and the many years of success in primary school.

This year we are planning on running the Graduation preparations a little differently to previous years, with the students themselves taking a more prominent role. This will fit in with their Inquiry curriculum, allowing them to express their learning through action.

Parents are still invited to participate in the production of the event, but we ask that you assist only on the day. Tasks including table decoration and hall decoration would be most appreciated, as well as packing the graduation bags prior to the event.

If you are interested in helping with these tasks, please let your child's class teacher know and we will get in contact with you closer to the event.

HOMWORK

This term we are adding an element to our Socratic Seminars by running debates in class each week on our chosen topics. It has been great to see the confidence of the students grow over the year as well as the quality of the discussion becoming more detailed as students come to each well prepared with ideas and questions ready to contribute.

Each student should also by now have been researching their Aussie Hero and be starting to draft up a speech which will be presented in a few weeks' time in class. Each Aussie Hero has been chosen due their significant influence on Australian culture during the early 1900's.

Each student should be continuing to read at home each night as well as completing assigned Mathematics tasks.

