Welcome back to Term 4 2016

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 21st October**
  - Year 1 Incursion

- **Friday 21st – Saturday 22nd October**
  - Year 2 Sleepover

- **Tuesday 25th October**
  - Athletics Day

- **Wednesday 26th October**
  - Year 1 Rippon Lea Excursion

- **Monday 31st October**
  - Curriculum Day

- **Tuesday 1st November**
  - Melbourne Cup Holiday

- **Thursday 3rd November**
  - Year 2 Rippon Lea Excursion

- **Monday 14th November**
  - Year 2 Mrs Sargood’s Incursion

- **Wednesday 16th November**
  - Year 2 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Term 4 is a busy and exciting time at Parkhill, our Year 1 & 2 classes have lots of exciting upcoming events to look forward to. Our Year 2 classes have had a busy start to the term, moving into their new classrooms as the first stage of our school rebuild begins. You can now find the Year 2 classes in the green portable in the car park.

Our exciting ‘Tuning in’ activities have been taking place in our Inquiry lessons. Students have looked at items from the past and asked lots of questions. We look forward to discovering lots of new information about how things have changed over time as our Inquiry progresses.
Term 4 Curriculum – What are we Learning?

**Inquiry Learning**
This term Year 1 & 2 students will be learning about history. We will be inquiring into items from the past and what they were used for, as well as what daily life was like. Take a look at the display boards in our classrooms to see our statements of understanding and lines of inquiry.

**Reading**
In Term 4 our ‘Café Menu’ reading focuses are comprehension and expanding vocabulary. Check out the ‘Café’ board in your class to see what strategies we have been working on. This week we have been working on inferring. Students have been practicing using clues from the text and their prior knowledge to make inferences. Readers should still be coming home every night. Please continue to encourage and assist your child to read and record the books they read in their reading diaries.

**Writing**
This term students will be learning to write persuasive texts and poetry. We will be using the ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’ to enrich our teaching of these text types. We will cover the steps ‘Sizzling Starts’ and ‘Exciting Endings’.

**Show & Tell**
Students have been given a list of topics for each week’s Show and Tell this term. It is expected that all students will have a short presentation prepared each week. Please encourage your child to practise at home to help with their preparation. Students can draw pictures, bring photos or create a PowerPoint slideshow to support their presentation.

**Maths**
The Maths topics we will be covering this term are place value, length, area & perimeter, addition, subtraction, volume & capacity, multiplication & division, transformations & symmetry and mass.

**Specialists**
Our specialist timetable for Term 4 has changed slightly. Due to the start of the rebuild, Library sessions will not run this term. (*Art sessions run fortnightly)

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**Homework**
Students in Year 1 and 2 should practise reading aloud every night for 15 minutes to an adult. Please record the books your child reads each night in their reading diary. Year 1 and Year 2 students should practise their Magic word lists. Year 2 students should also practise spelling their weekly spelling words each night in preparation for spelling tests each Friday.