Parkhill Turns 20!

Our 20 Year Celebration Assembly will commence at 2.30pm in the Hall tomorrow, Friday 6 November. Each child will receive a commemorative key ring, donated by the PFA, as a memento of this most significant event in the life of our school.

World Teacher Day Australia

Today, through the PFA annual staff morning tea, we celebrated World Teacher Day. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the wonderful teachers we have at Parkhill P.S. Our staff dedicate an incredible amount of time and energy to make the education of our students the very best it can be. We have a very committed, approachable teaching team who are passionate about their work and most importantly, provide high quality, challenging and engaging learning experiences which motivate your children to learn.

Happy Teachers' Day to all Parkhill staff.

Have a great weekend!
Rod McKinlay

Chaplain’s Corner

2015 has been quite a stressful one for lots of people close to me. For one reason and , year has seemed to have had the talent for dishing out the crazy at a high and grindingly consistent level.

How to make it through? The advice that I keep hearing is this; make sure you look after yourself, make sure you take some time for yourself.

Some wise words we can all probably benefit from especially with the end of the year drawing close. So this weekend and indeed in the coming weeks can I encourage you to STOP! Take some time for you, find something you enjoy, the family enjoys and just immerse yourself in it. It doesn’t have to be for a long time but I find it helps to be deliberate about it. Some friends I know even schedule an appointment with themselves or their loved ones in their diary or electronic gizmo so if something else comes up they can gracefully decline by saying “sorry I’m already booked”, it helps them maintain boundaries. Sometimes the stressful situations that we find ourselves in can’t be changed, however how we respond to it can be, but that takes internal resources that we build up and replenish by taking a break.

Enjoy the weekend and please, do look after yourself!

Suzanne Carmody
Chaplain
Solar Challenge

One busy weekend in early October, the Solar Challenge teams trekked over to Scienceworks to pit their cars against other students in the state. The teams - that’s PH Apollo and Spocket (or Sprocket as it came to be known) - worked tirelessly over two whole terms to construct their solar cars. They were suitably proud, they had done their best.

Weather was patchy and frankly unkind at times, but it eventuated that there was enough sunlight to get the model cars around the figure 8 track. Saturday was our trials, and we had a couple of spin outs from the track, but we managed to score our position time for our first races on Sunday. Sunday was knockouts. You lose, you’re out!

Sunday 8:30am and we entered Scienceworks with determination. Cars were scrutineered again, and the knockout comp began. Apollo were particularly on edge as we’d had to make a quick fix to their electricals the day before, but all was well. Both cars were unfortunately knocked out, but went better in the Plate event. There was a particularly exciting race when both teams went head to head. I have sworn to secrecy the results of that race. I guess you had to be there.

Thank you to the teams: Apollo - Marvin, Jack, Connor, Marcus; and Sp(r)ocket - Oliver, Iverson, Martin, Mitchell; they showed their Parkhill Pride and everyone, including myself, were extremely proud of them. Thanks also to the support given by the parents. It does make for a long weekend, but we wouldn’t have made it anywhere without them!

Well done Solar Challengers!

Michelle Smith
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**Student Banking and Payments:**

Reminder student bank books can be brought to school on Mondays. Please note as most payments to school are by EFTPOS or BPay and not cash, the bank books will be processed on the next bank visit. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Reminder that all months of the year with an “R” are the months that students must wear HATS.

**SUMMER CLOTHING NEEDED NOW**

We have had many requests from families for second hand uniform.

Donations can be left at the office.

Do you have any Parkhill uniform items that your child has grown out of and you no longer need?

**Sick Bay First Aid Information:**

**Note:** Sick bay visits are notified to parents in the case of serious injury or illness. If a first aid note is sent home please remember to check with your children the reason for the visit.

*We have had reports this week of cases of the following medical issues:*

- Gastro
**President:** Anny Murray (Miakoda & Jennon Grs 4 & 3)  annymation2@bigpond.com  
**Vice President:** Vanessa Cowley  vanessa_cowley@yahoo.co.uk  
**Treasurer:** Lisa Jacobson (Zac and Josh Grs 6 & 2)  lisaj@landirections.com.au

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**WALKATHON:** We have had a great response to the Super-thon. Thank you to everyone who have handed their donations back in to the office. **All forms are now due back.** Please help support your school with our main fundraiser and return your forms with payment as soon as possible. We always have a smaller response from the older grades- let's try to change that this year! Please try to find your forms and ask the children to hand them in. We have a great class party for the class that raises the highest amount and fantastic prizes for individuals as well.

**ICY POLE ROSTER**

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The PFA is organising the Icy Pole sales this term. If you are able to help out it would be greatly appreciated. 3.15pm-3.45pm is the timeframe.

**20 year Anniversary of Parkhill: Friday 6 November.** There will be a special assembly to celebrate 20 years of Parkhill Primary School. A big thank you to all who have offered their services for an afternoon tea for invited guests. The PFA have sponsored a little gift for all students to commemorate this special event. Everyone is welcome to attend the special assembly on Friday to celebrate 20 years of Parkhill Primary School.

**Staff Thank You Morning Tea**

Thanks go to Megan, April, Gabriele, Sumi, Donna, Stella, Tash, Kylie, Sara, Kerrie, Emma, Emily, Adrienne and Joanne for helping to set up, yard up, food up and pack up so that the teachers were able to enjoy their morning tea on Thursday.

**FUN, FOOD & CAROLS - Thursday 3 December.** FFC is just around the corner! If you would like to book a stand please contact Anny Murray ASAP. We are looking for: Cupcakes, Jewellery, Hand-made cards and gifts, Christmas items, Food stalls, Toys etc. If you have any questions please contact Anny for an information sheet. The stalls will be allocated on a first come basis- so get in early!

**We are also looking for coordinators for the night.** The areas that we have are:
- Food - Anny Murray
- Stalls -
- Drinks - Fairy Floss or Snow cone stand-
- Entertainment - Some-one to oversee the animal farm, and the Visitor from the North Pole. (Not a large job)

Again- contact Anny to make a contribution to the success of the night.
What: Making **Fruit Kebabs** & Learning fruit’s names in **MANDARIN**

When: Tuesday 10 Nov 2015
1pm-2pm
(Lunch Time)

Where: **LOTE ROOM**

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***NOVEMBER 7, 2015***

SATURDAY 10-4PM

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