20th Anniversary:

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed last Friday at our special 20 Year Anniversary Assembly. Welcoming back Mr Gavin Bransgrove (Principal from 1998 – 2013) and Mrs Kay Edwards (Assistant Principal for 15 years) and hearing from Nick Hotchin, a student at Parkhill at the time of the move to our current site, was a wonderful way to reflect on our history!

Events such as these are a wonderful time to stop for a moment and reflect on where we have come from and the wonderful achievements that have occurred over the first 20 years of our school. Often we’re so caught up in our current work that we fail to look back and enjoy the achievements of the past.

It was also, however, a time to look ahead and I include here segments from my rather rushed presentation, as a way of announcing two very significant developments that will shape the future of Parkhill PS.

“At Parkhill we embrace many cultures from all around the world – 21 different cultures in fact. We are indeed a world school. As a result, we require a curriculum that embraces our multicultural heritage and prepares our students to be part of our world. I am pleased to announce that under Mrs Brady’s leadership, we are investigating the International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program as the vehicle in which we will do this through. After ticking a few more boxes we anticipate immersing our community in this internationally renowned curriculum in the coming months.

Masterplan:

Whilst embracing a world class curriculum is a major development in the future of our school, we need to complement this with world class facilities.

It is with this in mind that we are developing our Masterplan to provide buildings and facilities that current and future generations of Parkhill students will benefit from. It’s always an interesting tension between planning for the future whilst respecting and holding true to the values of the past.

When planning, we are conscience that there are many things that we want to retain:

We want to retain our courtyard where our community gathers, in fact we want to provide additional facilities to retain this feel.

The tree located in the Art room courtyard will become the centre piece of our rebuild. Trees are symbolic of Parkhill and we need to retain as many as possible.

We are working towards retaining the mosaics around the walkways of our school to help retain
the ‘feel’ of our school.
We want to retain our playground to my right and the area that leads down to our garden. (We did look at moving the garden but we couldn’t find a crane big enough to move the Kay Edwards sign so we had to abandon that thought!) The garden is a key feature of our school and it is something we need to retain.

Our grounds, the green grass are the envy of many schools and we want to retain our natural environment. As I say to our new families: ‘We are a bit country in the middle of suburbia.’

So in looking to the future, we are excited about becoming an International Baccalaureate World School and complementing this with world class buildings. However, when planning for the future, we have an eye very firmly on our past, where the work of Roger Beech and Ann Cotter, Gavin Bransgrove and Kay Edwards, together with their respective staff, continues to form the basis upon which our school is built. They have provided for us strong foundations which we continue to build upon.

Shortly, we will displaying plans in our foyer and through the Newsletter of our Masterplan along with a commentary informing our community of important aspects of our plans. Along with this, early in 2016, Mrs Brady and myself will be holding forums for our community informing them of our exciting new curriculum developments and what the International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program will mean for your child. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming years!

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank the PFA for their support in helping with the staff morning tea and the 20 Year Assembly along with the wonderful key ring memento each child received and to Kerrie King who made the wonderful birthday cake that we are still enjoying today! (You can find more of Kerrie’s work at www.charactercakekits.com.au, if you need that special cake for an event!)

Happy birthday, Parkhill!

Rodney McKinlay
Principal
FUN FOOD AND CAROLS
Thursday 3rd December
5-8pm Parkhill Primary

Your family is invited to Parkhill Primary School’s end of year celebration!

A community event for the whole family.

* BBQ, Greek food and cold drinks.
* Craft and local trader stalls.
* Animal Petting zoo.
* The student and parent’s choir singing Christmas Carols.
* Fun and games for everybody, including a visit from the big man in red with a treat for every child!
Reminder that all months of the year with an “R” are the months that students must wear HATS.

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.

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
- Chest Infections

Thank you to those who continue to support us in keeping children at home during times of illness or when they are feeling unwell. This really helps to minimise the spread of infection.

5 Weeks until the end of the school year.

Care
Honesty
Unity
Respect
Persistence

A big thank you to our PFA for their wonderful morning & afternoon teas they provide. Thank you to all for your efforts!

Canteen News
Next week canteen is only open on Tuesday 16 November & Friday 20 November.
The final day for canteen orders for this year is Friday 11 December.
Apologies for any inconvenience.

Flexischool Canteen
Online Ordering
- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Remove paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Easy online registration
- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - Visa or Mastercard Preferred
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

Calendar of events

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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. Places for icy pole duty can be now be accessed via VolunteerSpot.

Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/P8YfBN
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.
   Easy!
   Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Anny and she will sign you up manually.

Thank You:
Thanks go to all the helpers for 20th anniversary afternoon tea, especially Kerrie, Robyn and Linda who helped set up the staffroom and donated a plate.
We hope everyone has seen the fantastic celebratory key-rings that each child received on Monday.
We would like to thank Lisa J who did a great job sourcing and ordering these with a very tight timeline.
A big thank you as well to Kerrie K who made a wonderful cake to celebrate the event.

FUN, FOOD & CAROLS - Thursday 3rd December:
Unbelievably the year is nearly over. We have started planning your Annual Fun Food and Carols.
The preparations are well underway. Look out for the flyers around school.
Already we have had a few stalls booked so if you are thinking of having one please contact Anny ASAP.
We are looking for any crafts, cards, cakes or hand made goodies.
If you are not sure if your product is suitable just ask Anny. - annymation2@bigpond.com - 0425 802 136
We have been asking for Coordinators for the last couple of weeks and have received NO interest…
We are looking for people to:
- Oversee the stall holders - telling them where to set up, making sure they are happy during the event and making sure they have packed up.
- Meet and greet the animal farm - very easy job!
- Drinks - Help to purchase and set the drink stall up on the night.
- Raffle - Someone to get the raffle books ready and into the tubs a couple of weeks before FFC.
- Fairy floss or snow cone machine - Ok this is a bigger job but a lot of fun…It is best not to have too many people on this item as you need to be shown how to use the equipment… but it's a great job to share with someone you know, especially if you have a older child who would like to help.
- Help the big man in red - This job entails meeting him, showing him where to change and generally making sure he is safe. He sometimes needs a little help with crowd control!

The PFA committee will help organise food, equipment, entertainment and the logistics of the evening but we desperately need people to offer to take on one of the coordinator positions.
It would be fantastic to see some new parents take on these roles - remember you can always work with a friend.

Next week the roster for volunteers (VolunteerSpot) will be in the newsletter so if you can’t take on a coordinator role please help out for an hour during the night.

WALKATHON: There was a fantastic effort in the Super-thon. Over $5400 has come back in. Thank you to everyone who helped to make that possible and have handed their donations back in to the office. Winners of the class party and individual fundraisers will be announced at assembly.
STALL HOLDERS WANTED FOR PARKHILL PRIMARY’S FUN FOOD & CAROLS

Thursday 3rd December
Parkhill Drive, Ashwood
5pm – 7.30pm

We are seeking applications from potential stallholders.

Cost of stalls:
- For stalls selling non-food & drink related items - $20

- For stalls selling food & drinks- $30 (Please note that this event is a fundraising event for the school & we request that stallholders refrain from selling juice packs, bottled water, lemonade & orange soft drinks, as these are sold by the school’s fundraising committee.)

If you are interested in being a stallholder, or know of someone who would like to hold a stall, please contact Anny at annymation2@bigpond.com