TWILIGHT SPORTS: Tuesday 15th March 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start!

Twilight Sports are a Parkhill tradition where all students from Foundation to Year 6 dress in their House colours and compete in a variety of tabloid sport type events. Events range from tyre relays to tunnel ball to fun sprinting races (including a parent’s race!)

All parents are invited to come along on the 15th March at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Bring along your picnic rug, chairs and your picnic dinner and sit on the grassy hill to watch your young chargers participate in a variety of events. All events are multi age and the emphasis is on low key fun activity!

Please note that our Athletics team is selected during a more formal Athletics Carnival held at Bill Sewarts Athletic Track later in the year.

Twilight Sports are a great way to kick the year off with a fun community event that involves the whole family!

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15th!

FOUNDATION FOR PARENTS:
Parents of Foundation (Prep) students may be interested in the following website which provides Tips for Parents of children starting school.


CAR PARKING:
Just a reminder about the car parking in and around the surrounding areas of the school. Our school car park is open in the morning and has a drop off bay in front of the flag poles outside the hall. Please note parents are not able to drop off or pick up students in the staff car park behind the Science Kitchen.

Thanks for your assistance.

40 ZONES
School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users - children.

Speed limits will be reduced to either 40km/h or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8.00am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

For information on school speed zones visit the VicRoads website. While you’re there, check out their fun and informative road safety apps.
ACCIDENT INSURANCE:
The Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. The Department of Education and Training states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK:
The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Principals are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please, try and avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned when items do go missing.

As per our mobile phone policy, students are to leave mobile phones either with their class teachers or at the office, prior to classes commencing and collect them at the end of the day.

SUN SMART:
During Term One and with any month with an ‘R’ in it, please remember that hats are compulsory at all times when outside at school. As a Sunsmart school we strictly enforce the use of hats.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it’s cool or cloudy.

1. **Slip on covering clothing.** If you can see skin, UV can reach it.
2. **Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.** Apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
3. **Slap on a sun protective hat.** The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Our school hats comply with Sun Smart regulations.
4. **Seek shade.** Shady spaces help block some of the sun’s UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade.
5. **Slide on sunglasses.** If practical, help protect your child’s eyes with sunglasses.

For further information go to: www.sunsmart.com.au

Students who don’t have a Sun Smart hat will be directed to play in a designated shade area.

HOT WEATHER:
On days of extreme heat students will remain in their classrooms with all staff sharing the supervision of grades. This will only apply to days of extreme and excessive heat and will operate similarly to the wet day timetable.

At this time early in the school year it is a good idea to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. This is especially important for our systems in case we need to contact you in case of an emergency.
If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. Please make sure you notify the Office of any changes to your family circumstances or your Emergency Contact details. Obviously in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this as it is the parent/guardians responsibility to cover all associated costs. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare.

Parent Contributions 2016:

Charges to parents for the supply of Essential Education Items including student supplies and excursions as well as Voluntary Payments for School Resources (Grounds maintenance and ICT resources) and Buildings were sent home last year. The school purchases all student supplies in good faith for the new school year in one bulk order. This is done to minimise costs for everyone. Thank you to the many families who have already made their payments. This is much appreciated.

Please note that all parents are required to pay for Essential Education Items. The alternative for parents is to source exactly the same items independently and purchase them. Parents are reminded to contact the office early in the new school year to make an appointment with me if a payment plan is required to support the payment of charges. All meetings are strictly confidential.

School Council:

In the coming week’s information regarding School Council nominations will be sent out to our community. If you are thinking of taking on a role within our school and using your expertise to ensure the continued development of our school, please consider standing for election to our School Council. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information regarding our School Council.

I leave you with some thoughts you may want to share with those close to you!

Have a great weekend.

Rod McKinlay
Principal
I'm excited to be adding more Parkhill time to my calendar in the form of Garden Teacher. Having studied plant biotechnology I know a little about the subject but I'm looking forward to learning more by getting stuck in (the mud) and getting my hands dirty. The sessions are always hands on and aim to enlighten the kids as to where our food comes from and what we can do with it! With a huge zucchini crop at the moment I'm sure you'll be seeing updates about some lovely zucchini inspired meals that the Year 3 and 4 students will cook up.

A huge thanks must go to Rosie Pryor, Jane Pingo, Linda Curnow and our resident handyman Roger for their amazing dedication to the Kay Edwards Garden and Chookatorium! All 6 chooks survived the heat and our produce continues to thrive thanks to their consistent watering and animal husbandry over the summer.

Science is looking very biological this term with a few new creatures coming to visit the Science Kitchen with the aim of teaching the kids about animal classification, life cycles, adaptations and much, much more. It should be a fascinating, challenging and fun year ahead!

Katrina Watson
Science and Garden Teacher

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you can do it! you've got this!

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**SEEKING PARENT CLASS REPS:**

We are seeking volunteer parent class reps for 2016. Class Reps play a pivotal role in the school community – by acting as a liaison between teachers and parents to organise and coordinate parent assistance in the classroom, on excursions, etc and assisting in the building of relationships amongst families, class and school groups by organising social events.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role or would like more information about what the role involves you can ask your teacher or email the office at parkhill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will put you in contact with the Class Reps.

Regards,

Mazz

**Administration:**

**Please remember to update the following:**

- ‘Tick’ the correct Year on Tiqbiz for your child/ren’s 2016 classes.
- Change your child/ren’s Year on Flexi Schools & Classroom Cuisine.
- Essential Education Item payment option must be confirmed with the office by Friday 29 January.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name _____________________________ School REF ID _____________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname_____________________________________

First name___________________________________

Address_____________________________________

Town/suburb_______________________________ State__________ Postcode__________

Contact number______________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant _____________________________ Date _____ / _____ / _____
Program Update

Hello Families and welcome to OSHClub 2016. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and took some time to enjoy the summer weather.

OSHCLUB TEAM

I would firstly like to introduce the team at OSHClub. The Coordinator is Bec who joined the team in Term 3 last year however has been with OSHClub for the past 3 years. I am completing my Bachelor of Primary Education and have worked with children for the past 10 years either as a carer or sports coach and absolutely love it. I enjoy being outside and enjoy playing Hockey, Touch Football and going for a bike ride.

The permanent assistant is Mastoora, who has Studied Certificate III in Children’s services. I am married and have two boys who both attended Parkhill Primary School. I’ve been working at OSHClub for 2 years and really enjoy meeting the families and working with the children.

We also have Tess and Lachlan who come and help us when needed. They are both studying Primary degrees as well.

THE WEEKS ADVENTURES

This week we have jumped straight into it making bag tags so we can identify our bags, crazy pencil toppers and even deconstructed an old computer (Apologies to families who received parts from that old computer and will probably be sitting in your childs room collecting dust.).

For afternoon tea we had fun building yummy salad tarco’s and creating gourmet baked potatoes.

PARENT INFORMATION

If you would like your child to attend please visit our website www.oshclub.com.au to access our online enrolment and booking system, it is free to do. If your child is a bit hesitant they are welcome to pop their head in either before school or afternoon and have a look at the service.

PREP FAMILIES

Welcome to all our prep families, we hope your child has settled into their first few days of school and are enjoying it. We already have a few preps attending the service and they are loving it. We do take extra care with the preps in the first term walking them to and from class and making sure there are activities available to engage make them feel welcome.

REMINDER: During term 1 and Term 4 it is compulsory for children to wear a hat while playing outside. If your child keeps their school hat in their classroom please put a spare hat in their bag for use during after school care. We also provide sunscreen.

OSHC program phone: 0422 008 915
Coordinator: Rebecca French
Assistants: Mastoora Samad
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

BSC: 07:00-08:45. Cereal and toast is always available for the children in the morning.
ASC: 15:30-18:00 The children are given afternoon tea. Consisting of seasonal fresh fruit and vegetables. Also a light snack, such as rice cakes and dips, pasta, sandwiches,

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. It is a good idea for all families to enrol just in case the need arises for your children to attend - it is Free to enrol and only takes a short time!!

Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.
For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Please ensure all enrolment details are up to date, in particular contact details and any medical/ allergy advice.

Term 1 and 4: No hat/ No outdoor play. Please ensure your children have a hat. It is not required to be a school hat. If they attend regularly, these can be kept on site. We provide sunscreen. If your child has any sunscreen allergies, this will need to be provided from home.

Any questions please feel free to pop in and have a chat to Bec or Mastoora.

Kind Regards,
Bec and Mastoora
Welcome to the new families to the school. We hope it has been an easy transition for both you and your little ones.

Our first PFA meeting will be held next Thursday at 2.30pm in the meeting room (beside Mr McKinlay’s office).

Please feel free to come along - it’s a great way to meet new parents and get involved with school activities.

This term is very short and the only fundraiser we will be holding will be the Easter raffle. Twilight Sports is a fun event held at the beginning of the year. It is held on the oval and families are encouraged to bring a picnic and the children to dress in their house colours. See the information supplied in the Principal section of this newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of the PFA shall be held during the month of March prior to the school AGM unless the majority of members present at a General Meeting vote, after proper notice of motion, to change the date. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- To confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM
- Presentation of the President’s Annual Report
- Election of office bearers
- Any other business notified to members
- Presentation of an audited financial report for the previous twelve months detailing income and expenditure
- All positions shall be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting and shall be open to any financial member of PFA. Office bearers will be elected to office for a period of 12 months or until the next Annual General Meeting
- The date of the AGM will be confirmed at the next general meeting on Thursday 11th February at 2.30pm.

Remember to say “Parkhill Primary School” before you pay at Bakers Delight Ashburton, Chadstone, Oakleigh and Oakleigh Links to have 5% of the sale go towards our school!

ICY POLE ROSTER: In Term 1 the Icy Pole Roster is done by the Year 6 parents as all funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Graduation.

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If you subsequently cannot do the day you have nominated please organise your own swap or there will be no icy pole sales on that day. There are 12 people needed over the Term.
OUR HEALTHIEST OPTIONS FOR YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

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Offer valid until 15th February 2016. Subject to availability. Offer per person, per day. Not redeemable for cash or with any other offer. Must surrender voucher upon redemption.

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Bakers Delight Ashburton
178 High St, Ashburton
T 03 9865 2553

Bakers Delight Chadstone
Chadstone Shopping Centre
T 03 9558 7339

Bakers Delight Oakleigh
Centro Oakleigh
T 03 9568 5553

Bakers Delight Oakleigh
The Links
T 03 9568 7564
LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAYS
ORDER ONLINE UP UNTIL 8.30am ON THE DAY THE LUNCH IS REQUIRED!
A Two Course Lunch is $7.95 and a Three Course Lunch is $9.65

**Sample Menu**

**LUNCH ITEM ONE**
- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF)
- Brown Rice & Mixed Bean Salad (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Sushi - Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi – Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)
- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll
- Supreme Pizza Roll
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll
- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
- Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
- Spinach & Feta Pita Pizza
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Ham and Cheese Roll
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Simple Salad Roll
- Vegemite Sandwich
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Beetroot and Salad Roll
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- Rice Paper Rolls - Teriyaki Chicken (2)
- Rice Paper Rolls - Vegetarian (2)

**LUNCH ITEM TWO**
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments
- Freshly chopped Strawberries with Red Grapes
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Cranberry Freedom Foods Bar (GF)
- Choc Chip Cookie
- Whole Banana with Chocolate Dipping Sauce
- Iced Chocolate Cake
- White Choc & Sultana Cookie
- Hedgehog Slice
- Fruit Bun
- Cup Cake
- Blueberry Muffin
- Apple & Cinnamon Cake
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Evia Yoghurt with Raspberry Coulis
- Evia Yoghurt with Blueberry Coulis
- Evia Yoghurt with Mango Coulis
- Tzatziki dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers
- Gluten Free – Munchy Apple & Cinnamon Clusters

**LUNCH ITEM THREE**
- Extra Juicy Apple Juice
- Extra Juicy Orange Juice
- Nippy’s Chocolate Milk
- Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted
- Cobs Popcorn, Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Whole Banana with Chocolate Dipping Sauce
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Cranberry Freedom Foods Bar (GF)
- Blueberry Muffin
- Fruit Bun
- Apple & Cinnamon Cake
- Choc Chip Cookie
- Cup Cake
- Iced Chocolate Cake
- Hedgehog Slice
- Lamington
- White Choc & Sultana Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
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- Avocado dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers
- Gluten Free – Munchy Apple & Cinnamon Clusters
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PURE FUN

EVERY SESSION INCLUDES:
• Dance Technique
• Fitness Games
• End of Session Performance
• Fun With Friends
• New Music Mixes
• Relay Races
• So Much More

Location: Parkhill Primary School Performing Arts Room
Date: Monday 8th February 2016 – Monday 21st March 2016
No Class Labor Day
Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
Grades: Prep – Grade 6 (Girls & Boys Welcome)
Price: 6 weeks for $60 (cash only)

For more information: Please call Fran Ditton 0417 323 273 or email fditton@icloud.com
SOCCER COACHING PROGRAM
COME & TRY FOR FREE!

Football Star Academy run soccer coaching clinics each Thursday at Parkhill Primary School during the school term at the following times:

7.30am – 8.30am: 7 – 12 year olds

4pm – 5pm: 5 – 8 year olds

5pm – 6pm: 9 – 12 year olds

Each student at Parkhill Primary School is able to try one session of the soccer coaching clinics for free to see if they enjoy it and would like to continue it for the term.

Spaces are limited so please contact Tim Rickman at Football Star Academy and provide the following information to secure a spot:

- Child’s Name & Surname
- Child’s Date Of Birth
- Parent’s Name
- Parent’s Email Address
- Parent’s Phone Number
- Parent’s Home Address

Tim can be reached via:

Email - vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com.au
Phone - 0417 953349.
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Get down early so you don’t miss any of the T20 action!

Sunday 7 February 2016 - first ball @ 12pm
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Mount Waverley VIC

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