**SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS:**

My thanks to the many parents who have paid their subject contributions already. Your support enables us to continue to provide a quality of resources that greatly enhances children’s learning and is the envy of other schools.

Did you know that donations to our Building and Library Funds are tax deductible and every cent donated will benefit all students in the school? For further details please contact me at school.

**District Swimming:**

Congratulations to our District Swim Team who performed so well at the Interschool District Swimming Carnival earlier this week.

- Eva Peraic 5D
- Ryan Francis 5D
- Patrice Vayenas 5H
- Pandelis Antonopoulos 5H
- Tom Harris 5H
- Miakoda Murray 5H
- Nikita Rogers 6G
- Greer Van Rooyen 6S
- Charlotte Hall 6S
- Marcus Ditton 6S

We wish the following students well when they compete in the Divisional Swimming Carnival next week.

**Tom Harris** 11yr Boys Backstroke

**Marcus Ditton** 12/13 yr Boys backstroke

**12/13yr Mix Freestyle Relay Team** – Charlotte Hall, Nikita Rogers, Pandelis Antonopoulos & Tom Harris

**Charlotte Hall** 12/13 Girls Backstroke

**ACHIEVING SUCCESS AT SCHOOL:**

We would like you to have the best possible relationship with your child’s teacher in order for you to maximise your child’s learning at school. With 3 Way Conferences just completed, I have included some ideas (from Michael Grose) for you to consider in the coming weeks.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**

   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspira-
tions for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
Keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations and activities at home**
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate fully in class & school activities**
There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his/her learning then take an interest in his/her learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

*If you have any ideas as to how we can further include parents as part of our learning community, please share them with me.*

Have a great weekend!
Clean Up Australia Day

This year Clean Up Australia is on **Sunday 6 March**.

A Clean Up Site has been registered for the Ashwood reserves area. It would be great to have lots of helping hands to clean up the school grounds and surrounding reserves.


Type in “Ashwood reserves” and join our group.

Rubbish collection will be from **9am-12pm**. On the day please **sign in** at the front of **Roger Beech Hall at Parkhill Primary School**.

A rubbish collection site will be allocated to you along with a collection bag. **Please BYO gloves.**

See you there!
Katrina Watson – Science & Garden Teacher – Parkhill Primary School

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NEW INITIATIVE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

**PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016**

**Jewish SRI will be held on:**

- **THURSDAY LUNCHTIME** 1.10pm - 1.40 pm

**Sessions will have an enriched new curriculum delivered by accredited instructors.**

Please contact UJEB at [re@ujeb.org.au](mailto:re@ujeb.org.au) to register.

**Wishing you a successful year ahead in 2016.**

**Sarah Robinson**

SRI Coordinator
By popular demand here is the recipe from the Year 3 & 4 garden classes. Enjoy!

Zucchini Fritters

Ingredients
500g zucchini
1 bunch spring onion chopped
1 bunch mint chopped
½ packet of parmesan
good pinch sea salt
generous grind of black pepper
3 eggs
½ cup bread crumbs

Method:
Grate the zucchini and place into a colander.
Sprinkle with a just little sea salt and mix through.
Sit for 5 minutes.
Squeeze out all the moisture from the zucchini with your hands – I like to grab handfuls and squeeze out as much liquid as I can.
Place the zucchini into a large bowl.
Chop the herbs.
Add parsley, mint, eggs, parmesan and bread crumbs.
Mix well until combined.
At this stage it's good to test cook a fritter to make sure it holds together well. Add a touch more bread crumb or flour if needed.
Cook fritters in a pan over a medium heat in olive oil for 2 minutes each side or until cooked through.
Serve and Enjoy.
Makes 12 fritters.

Yogurt Topping
½ cup plain Greek yoghurt.
2 teaspoons honey.
2 teaspoons Moroccan spice.
Mix together and dollop on top of your fritters.

Katrina Watson – Science and Garden Teacher
Our Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday March 11th at 7.30pm in the meeting room (beside Mr McKinlay's office).

**Refreshments will be provided.**

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 member of PFA. Office bearers will be elected to office for a period of 12 months or until the next Annual General Meeting. It is desirable that office bearers hold the same position for a maximum of three consecutive terms, however in the event of a new office bearer being unavailable the previous office bearer may continue in that position.

Elections shall be conducted by the Principal or another independent person. All members who accept nomination must be present at the meeting or have indicated their intention in writing to the meeting. Only members attending the meeting shall be entitled to vote." -from Constitution of Parkhill Parents and Friends

A request for donations for the Easter raffle is being made. We are looking for items to be made up into raffle prizes. All Easter related items will be appreciated. There is a box in the foyer of the school in which donations can be left.

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**AMART SPORTS**

Our school participates in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, Parkhill Primary School can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as an in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

To join go to [Team Amart](http://www.amartsports.com.au/team-amart) and click on 'Join Now" , fill in all your personal details and at the bottom of the form it asks: "Which local club or school would you like to support?" -you can type Parkhill to select our school. You'll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the school will receive 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as an in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.
**2015 Calendar of Curriculum events**

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**Birthdays January**

- Olivia G
- Giorgios A
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- Nyaduoth K
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- William R
- James R
- Sarah R
- Joel R
- Evelyn F
- Joel M
- Penelope R
- Isaac B
- Daniel P
- Madison G
- Aaron D
- Alexis H
- Sophie O
- Greer V
- Ella J
- Simran S
- Philippa H
- Lloyd V
- Kayla L
- Sarita V
- Georgia K
- James M
- Oliver B
- Alexander B

**Birthdays February**

- Angus M
- Cormac M
- Thomas R
- Auson T
- Samuel L
- Hamish L
- Hayden M
- Fei G
- James W
- Max D
- Jesse S
- Ruby D
- Jamie A
- Lucas P
- Lily P
- Mitchell W
- Themis T
- Mozhda S
- Liam G
- Loni V
- Ashley W
- Rasiq H
- Spencer S
- Millie K
- Jamie K
- Victoria R
- Aurelia T
- Jack C
- Jonathon M
- Marcus D
- Chloe M

**Appointment of Parent Class Reps for 2016**

The Parent Class Representatives for 2016 are listed below. Thank you to everyone for volunteering to take on this important role in our school community – liaising with teachers and parents to coordinate classroom assistance, and organising social events and activities to support and bring the school community together.

Class Contact Lists will be distributed by the end of the week.

Kerrie McAliece Class Rep Coordinator

**Lego Club 2015**

Lego Club has commenced for 2016 with many students enjoying the time spent with their friends.

Should you be doing a cleanout of your Lego box at home, we appreciate your donations.

Kerry, Giovanna & Karen
TIMBERWOLVES BASKETBALL CLUB

2016 WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Timberwolves Basketball club has been competing successfully in the Waverley Basketball Association since 1989. It is a family based club catering for boys and girls from six years old through to Under 18s. The club is proud of the player development programs to support all young players to reach their individual and team goals.

Most games and training is conducted at Waverley Basketball Stadium (Batesford Rd, Chadstone) with teams for boys and girls from Under 8s through to Under 14s on Saturday and Under 16s and 18s on Sunday with girls Under 16s on Tuesday nights.

The club also conducts an ‘Aussie Hoops’ program to teach children basic skills before they progress to Under 8s. Training sessions and Aussie Hoops are held on Monday afternoons between 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

The WINTER Season commences at the start of Term 2 with the first training session on Monday April 10.

On line registration is now open at www.timberwolves.net.au and must be submitted no later than Monday 22nd February. Online registration with Direct Debit payment is the preferred method. Credit card, cheque and cash payments can be made in person at the Registration Night on Monday 22nd February from 4:30 – 6.00pm at the Waverley Basketball Stadium.

For further information contact the club on wolves@timberwolves.org.au

Mums & Dads Walking Group

Would you like to join a group of us mums (& dads) for a walk on Friday mornings leaving the school grounds at 9:10am. Toddlers in prams welcome!

This is a nice way for the new parents to meet a few more faces and vice versa.

If you would like to join us please meet at the front of the Hall as soon as the bell goes on Friday morning.

April Minniece. (Parent of Cameron & Ella)
Hello Families,
We hope everyone had a wonderful Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day. At OSHClub we celebrated these events by making Chinese lanterns or drums and making love bugs to express our appreciation to that special someone. We also put on our science gloves and made sultanas dance, as well as making foam sand which was very squishy.

Just a reminder that as it is Term 1 its time to ‘Slip Slop Slap!’ Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. It does not need to be a school hat. We have a “No Hat, No Outside Play” Policy. OSHClub provides sun cream however if your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform us at the program.

FREE
Our much loved bean bags x4 need a new home to make way for new furniture. If anyone would like a bean bag please come by and pick it up ASAP. They would be great for a pet bed or reuse the filling.

Please remember to book your child online through our website 24 hrs before the session to be attended. Sometimes this is not possible so please call our program phone 0422 008 915 and leave a message. We appreciate online bookings so we can adequately prepare food and activities.

Thanks,
Bec and Mastoora

Photo activities: Investigating into an old computer, Foam Sand, Making a Shelter & Water play.
Stepping Stones Triple P supports families with special needs

Supermarket meltdowns? Mealtime tantrums? Bedtime battles? When you’re the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability, sometimes life can be extra challenging. That’s why the Stepping Stones Triple P Project is currently offering parents in Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales free* parenting support. Stepping Stones Triple P gives you tips and strategies to manage the big and small problems of family life. It helps encourage behaviour you like, cope with stress and teach your child new skills.

*Access to free SSTP programs is being offered as part of a research project.

Level 2 Seminar - Positive parenting for children with a disability

When

Tue, 19 Apr 2016
19:00 - 20:30

Tue, 26 Apr

Tue, 3 May

Where

Ashwood School
Montpellier Rd
3147
Ashwood
Ashwood
Victoria

Provider

Jacqueline Getreu & Vanessa Kukieka, Ashwood School
98087444
getreu.jacquiline.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Like to exercise or need to walk your dog?

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) needs volunteers to deliver a small quantity of newsletters 5 times a year in the Ashwood/Burwood area.

We’re looking for:

- Two volunteers, one for the vicinity of Webb Street and the other for the vicinity of Rodway Court

and the only requirements are:

- That you live in the area bounded by High Street, Huntingdale and Highbury Roads and Gardiner’s Creek
- That you have a police check, which NHW will facilitate

Please contact Margaret Sanders (Area Manager) on 9807 3194 or Brian Wall (Secretary) on 9808 4764 if you can help or would like further information.

Rod McKinlay

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Ashwood Auskick

Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Rd, Mt Waverley
Saturday mornings, 9.30 - 11.00 am
Starts - Saturday 16 April 2016

visit the website below to find more information and the link to our club to register online

AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU

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OUR HEALTHIEST OPTIONS FOR YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Did you know?

Cape Seed Rolls are:
- High in IRON
- High in GOOD FATS
- High in FIBRE
- Keeps you FULLER for longer

TRY 2 CAPE SEED ROLLS FOR FREE!
when you buy a Hi-Fibre Lo-Gi White Block Loaf

Offer valid until 13th February 2016. Subject to availability. Offer per person, per day. Not transferable for cash or with any other offer. Must surrender voucher upon redemption.

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PARENTS

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills of Australian Football.

Through weekly coaching sessions with our passionate coaches and coordinators, your child will be part of a great team, learning new skills and playing non-contact AFL games.

Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.

CREATE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

TO REGISTER FOR NAB AFL AUSKICK, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS ONLINE:
- 1. Visit aflauskick.com.au
- 2. Enter your postcode in the centre locator
- 3. Select the centre you would like to attend
- 4. Complete the registration process

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Rabens Delight Southwick
12345, 6789
T 02 1234 5678

Rabens Delight Oakleigh
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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

☐ 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).

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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 __ / __ / ____________