School Council Elections

I’m pleased to report the results of our School Council elections for 2016. Nominations closed on Thursday 18 February at 4.00pm and with two parents and a community member nominating for three spots, I can declare the following members duly elected:

Anny Murray – parent member
David Weisinger – parent member
Roger Du Buisson – community member

I am also thrilled to welcome Miss Chloe Mansbridge to School Council as a DET staff representative. Miss Mansbridge replaces Mr Shane Grinter.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mr Tim Lee and Mr Malcolm Pryor for their years of service to our community through the School Council. Both Mr Lee and Mr Pryor decided not to stand for re-election, however, Mr Lee will continue his work on the Master Plan Committee.

2016 School Council

As a result of the nominations process, I am pleased to announce our councillors for 2016:

Parent Member Nomination/s (2 year tenure)
Mr Greg Ditton – President
Mr Garry Scott – Treasurer
Mrs Anny Murray
Mr David Weisinger
Mrs Rachel Tit
Mrs April Minniece
Mrs Vanessa Cowley
Mrs Jane Pingo

Staff Member category:
Ms Elaine Brady – Secretary
Miss Chloe Mansbridge
Mrs Dyon Hunt
Ms Michelle Smith
Mr Rod McKinlay – Executive Officer

Community Member position/s
Mr Roger DuBuisson
Mrs Linda Curnow – Vice President
As we received the exact number of nominations for School Council as there were vacancies, an election does not need to be held. I thank the community members above for their goodwill and offering of their time and look forward to working with them all to make our great school even better. The first meeting of our newly formed Council will be on Thursday 17th March at 7.00pm. During this meeting, office bearers will be selected for the year and committees formed.

**KidsMatter: Successful schools start with healthy minds!**

As announced last year, we at Parkhill have embraced KidsMatter Primary.  

KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children.

KidsMatter Primary provides the methods, tools and support to help schools’ work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids.

KidsMatter Primary is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. It can be tailored to schools’ local needs.

Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a two-to three-year cyclical process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes:

- social and emotional learning (including evidence-based social and emotional learning programs)
- working authentically with parents, carers and families
- support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

When schools take on KidsMatter, they build on the work that they are already doing in these areas.

Last year parents and staff completed surveys to help us understand our environment better. The KidsMatter Committee is currently sifting through the feedback and planning where we go to from here to further support our students and our community. To find out more, go to: [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary)

**Dog Policy**

Yes we have a Dog Policy!! Dogs are a very important part of our community and bring a nice feel to our school. In order to ensure that we can continue to bring dogs into our school grounds we established a Dog Policy to ensure everyone's needs are supported.

In essence, we ask that dogs are not taken near or under the walk ways and that they remain near the seats next to the car park, well away from students entering and exiting the classrooms.

Please note that, as Principal, I reserve the right to ask owners of potentially dangerous dogs to leave the school grounds.

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HOW TO APPLY

A CSEF application form was sent home previously with the newsletter and is included here as well. Forms can also be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or copies are available from the school office.

MORE INFORMATION

Application forms for the CSEF MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 29 February 2016. Upon successful validation of your application, payments will be received into the school from March 2016 and will be held in credit against the name of each eligible child. The credit will be used to offset the cost of excursions, camps and sporting activities that the eligible child will participate in.

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations are encouraged to make decisions as to who applies for the CSEF. Schools should not be put into the position of arbitrating in decisions such as this.

If the parents cannot decide between themselves who should apply, they should be encouraged to resolve the dispute through the Family Court, or contact the Department’s CSEF Helpdesk for more information on 1800 060 970.

Further information on the CSEF can be obtained from http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx

Rod McKinlay
Principal

Administration

Reminder: Parents with children who may have medical issues are asked to advise the office immediately of any updates required.

Action Plans Forms are available at:


Mazz Higlett
Administration
President: Anny Murray (Miakoda & Jennon Yr 5 & 4) annymation2@bigpond.com
Vice President: Vanessa Cowley (Madison & Harley) vanessa_cowley@yahoo.co.uk
Treasurer: Lisa Jacobson (Josh GYr 3 ) lisaj@landirections.com.au
Secretary: Joanne Dodds (Kira Yr 5) scottiedodds@aol.com

Calendar of events

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| Thursday March 11, 7.30pm | PFA Annual General Meeting --Meeting Room. All welcome.  
                          | This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting. |
| Thursday 24th March | Easter Raffle - Drawn at Assembly                                      |

Easter is rapidly approaching! In order to make our annual Easter raffle a success we rely on the generous donations of the school community. We are looking for Easter related items and confectionary which will then be made up into raffle prizes. There is a box in the foyer of the school in which donations can be left. Thank you.

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!
The school’s code is 5565.

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
- Presentation of an audited financial report for the previous twelve months detailing income and expenditure

If you would like to have input into the PFA activities - this is your chance!

Search for us using the name “Parkhill Primary School Community Page”. Then click the “join group” icon. A group administrator will confirm your association with the school and approve your request.

Co-ordinators Wanted!
The PFA is seeking co-ordinators for the PFA events in the first half of this year- the Mother’s Day Stall & Student Disco.
‘How to’ books are available which should cover all your questions and tell you exactly what you need to do.
Contact a member of the PFA executive if you are interested in one of these satisfying roles!
Lego Club 2016

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

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**2015 Calendar of Curriculum events**

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**Birthdays January**

Olivia G  
Glorios A  
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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  
Zachariah C  
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

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Thank you!

We have had many parents once again doing wonderful things at Parkhill. Special thanks to:

- Rosie Pryor, Owen & Donna Edwards for their gardening work.
- Tim O’Meara for his electrical work.
- Donna Edwards for her time in sourcing materials & building the fence around our orchard. This has been a 2 year process for Donna & is very much appreciated.

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**PILATES**

*1st Class for $61*

Pilates is popular with all ages and abilities and can help with general fitness, a stronger, toned, more flexible body, improved posture, injury prevention, increased energy and enhanced wellbeing!

Come and find out what Pilates can do for you at our friendly classes!

**Mon. 9.30am, Weds. 6pm, Thurs. 9.30am and Sat. 9.15am**
**The Uniting Church Hall, 482 High Street Rd, Mount Waverley.**

**Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm**
**Parkhill Primary School Hall, Parkhill Drive, Ashwood.**

Cost: $13.00 per class for block bookings or $17.50 casual.

Please contact Karen to reserve your place:
email: karen@karenspilates.com Tel: 9807 6429

[www.karenspilates.com](http://www.karenspilates.com)
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TERM I Working Bee

Sunday 20 March 2016
10.00am - 1.30pm
* BBQ lunch supplied

Focus:
Prep/Foundation area
... Meet new families - "working" play date!

Many garden tools supplied, bring the Kids!
BYO - garden gloves & secateurs, karchers & blowers., plant donations welcomed.
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MORE INFORMATION
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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname ____________________________
First name __________________________
Address ______________________________

Town/suburb ___________________________ State _________ Postcode__________
Contact number ____________________________ Centrelink per ________

- - - - - - OR

☐ 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 ______
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