

# newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2016 school year – and what a year it promises to be!

In particular, welcome to all our new Foundation students and families who I know were very excited this morning when they entered their classroom for the first time as ‘real’ school children! I extend a warm welcome to you.

To our new students who have joined us in other Year Levels – I welcome you to our school and trust that you will soon feel a part of our community.

And finally, welcome back to Mrs Victoria Bruges-Cannon from family leave, Mrs Sasha Guy who returns two days per week and has also been on family leave, and welcome to Ms Catherine Slaughter (Year 2) and Mr Chris Goldstraw (Year 6) who have joined our teaching staff this year. Welcome to Parkhill Primary School to you all.

I trust you have enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable break with your family and friends and, like me, are now ready to tackle the year ahead. Our teachers have been working for a couple of weeks now preparing and organising their rooms and curriculum in preparation for the year ahead.

## **Parent Information Evening: Wednesday 3 February:**

Our staff are looking forward to seeing you all at our **Parent Information Evening next Wednesday 3 February commencing at 6pm. Please note the following times for each class level:**

**6.00pm – 6.30pm: Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2**

**6.35pm – 7.05pm: Year 3 and Year 4**

**7.10pm – 7.40pm: Year 5 and Year 6**

**Sessions will be held in the following classrooms:**

Prep in Mrs Tuck’s Classroom; Year 1 in Mrs Knight’s classroom & Year 2 in Ms Schlack’s classroom

Year 3 in Mrs Hunt’s classroom; Year 4 in Ms Bower’s classroom, Year 5 in Mrs Handby’s classroom and Year 6 in Miss Smith’s classroom.

I commend this evening to all our families and strongly recommend you attend to meet and hear from your child’s class teacher. Simply attend your child’s classroom at the allotted time and receive your copy of your class Information Booklet that outlines the curriculum and classroom routines specific to your Year Level.

## **Canteen Services:**

Our canteen services are Metro Canteen & Classroom Cuisine. Last year you will have received information outlining our new online systems for ordering lunches.

Metro Canteen operates out of the Ashwood College Café. Please order online and if you have any queries please contact Metro Canteens directly on 1300 361 769 or at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Lunch orders can also be ordered over the counter at the Café at Ashwood College.

For Classroom Cuisine, please order online at <https://www.classroomcuisine.com.au/> Orders are delivered to us directly.

Orders will be commencing on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

**Absences:**

A reminder that it is vital that all families contact our Office by 9.15am to let us know when your child is away so that we can ensure our records are accurate and that we know where your child is at all times. If your child is away and you haven't contacted the office by phone, a handwritten and signed note is required upon returning to school for our records. Please note that Tiqbiz can also be used to inform us of absences.

**School Pick Up:**

To avoid potential anxiety and stress, as well as calls to the police! please ensure that if friends or partners are picking up your child after school that everyone is aware of the details. It would also help if you let your class teacher know what the arrangements are so that we avoid unnecessary confusion.

**School Council:**

In the coming weeks 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. I've attached some information regarding the role of School Councillors to this Newsletter for your information and please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information regarding our School Council.

**Curriculum Days in 2016:****Term 1**

Week 1: Wednesday 27 January – **Vision for 2016** – Staff Planning Day.

**Term 2 (Please note the first two days of Term 2 are student free days)**

Week 1: Monday 11 April and Tuesday 12 April: International Baccalaureate Staff Training days.

**Term 4**

Monday 31 October – **Curriculum Report Writing Day**

**After School Chinese classes:**

Mandarin Chinese classes will commence next week on Wednesday 3 February at 3.45pm in the Library annex. If you are interested in hearing more about these classes or if you would like to trial a class session before signing up for a term, simply contact Winnie on 0433 205 631 or pick up a flier from our Reception.

**Newsletter:**

In 2016 we will continue to provide a Newsletter each week. We are interested in hearing from our community about the type of information that you would like to see in each edition.

**Parent Helpers:**

Parents are encouraged to assist in the classrooms. There are many ways that parents can help; such as working with small groups, listening to students read, making resources, attending excursions/camps, etc. Some parents assist on a regular basis, others volunteer to help once a term. Please see your class teacher if you would like to assist.

All parent helpers are required to complete a '**Working with Children Check**'. All parents who volunteer to assist with excursions, swimming, overnight camps, or work in the classrooms will need to have a check completed prior to working with our students.

***Confidentiality is paramount when working in the classroom and parents must not discuss individual students outside the classroom.***

**Assemblies:**

Assemblies will continue to be held on Fridays at 2.45pm; commencing tomorrow. Next Friday 5 February will be our Badge Assembly where we will present our 2016 Leaders Badges to our Year 6 students. I invite all our parents to attend this special Assembly.

**2016 Leadership Positions:**

<b>SCHOOL CAPTAIN</b> Qing Zhu	<b>SCHOOL CAPTAIN</b> Elaina Macleish
<b>DEPUTY SCHOOL CAPTAIN</b> Marvin Elliott	<b>DEPUTY SCHOOL CAPTAIN</b> Greer Van Rooyen
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS:</b> <b>GOULBURN</b> Aurelia Thian-De Wind Marcus Ditton	<b>HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS</b> <b>GOULBURN</b> Lily Patterson Ian MacGibbon - Parker
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS</b> <b>LATROBE</b> Elsa Walsh Yousef Samad	<b>HOUSE VICE-CAPTAINS</b> <b>LATROBE</b> Nina Walsh James Reid
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS</b> <b>MURRAY</b> Charlotte Norton Jacob Pargeter	<b>HOUSE VICE-CAPTAINS</b> <b>MURRAY</b> Daniel Butler Theodore Milonas
<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS</b> <b>YARRA</b> Elizabeth Tziasfas John Vayenas	<b>HOUSE VICE-CAPTAINS</b> <b>YARRA</b> Chloe McKnight Jake Murphy
<b>ARTS CAPTAINS</b> Simran Sandhu Gabbie Li	<b>SPORTS CAPTAINS</b> Charlotte Hall Mitchell Wain
<b>SRC PRESIDENTS</b> Darcy Morrin Finn Carroll	<b>SPORTS VICE - CAPTAIN</b> Norma-Jean Schmutz James Lee
<b>YEAR 6 LEADERS</b> Hutheyfa Birik Bowen Chen Daniel Curnow Mikayla Jevric Jamie Krivitsky Wijaya Kusumah-Kasim William Leeuwenburg Leo Li Keifer Lo Novia Ma Zein Mesleh Harry Norris Lucas Patterson Cameron Reeve Jesse Shirley Auson Tseng Loni Vea Matthew Watson-Dickie	<b>TECH TEAM</b> Indra Kusumah-Kasim Luka Perovic Jai Postma Oliver Broadbent Oliver Holgate

## School Values & Student Code of Conduct:

Parkhill Primary School has an established set of common values and a 'Student Code of Conduct' that is applicable to all students and apply in the classroom and playground. Teachers will elaborate on these values and Code of Conduct at the Parent Information Evening next Wednesday.

Our Values are:

- *Care*
- *Unity*
- *Respect*
- *Honesty*
- *Persistence*

### **New in 2016: International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program (PYP)**

To join our staff and students new to Parkhill this year, we also have a major new curriculum initiative that will continue to set Parkhill apart. Under the leadership of Ms Elaine Brady, we will be starting our implementation of this world renowned program. Please note that the first two days of Term 2 will be staff PYP training days. Please keep an eye out for dates for our Parent PYP Information Sessions and put them in your diary! More on this in due course throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for creating an ordered and cooperative learning environment for your child to learn within. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school every day except when they are sick - **Every Day Counts!**
- Arrives at school no later than 8.50am. **Punctuality** is vital to ensure a successful day at school!
- Wears the correct school uniform to create a sense of order and pride in our school. Logoed shirts are also important for safety reasons on school excursions!

If we get these things right from the very start of the year it will go a long way to ensuring a successful year! At home, your support of your child in the following areas will also go a long way to supporting the work of teachers in the classroom. Please endeavour to ensure your daughter/son:

- 1) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.

### **Let's Learn Together – (see attached form for Years 1-6)**

Working together to meet your child's individual needs is an integral part of our culture here at Parkhill. Please complete and return the attached 'Let's Learn Together' form as soon as possible – the information you give to your child's teacher is valued – after all you know them best! Please return the form to your class teacher as soon as possible. Please note parents who have children in Foundation Level will complete a similar form at their allocated Foundation Early Assessment Procedure appointment time.

In wishing you all a successful year ahead, I look forward to seeing you before or after school in the play ground or at our Information Evening next Wednesday. My door is always open for you to come in and have a chat or you can contact me via email on [mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you would like to share your thoughts with me on the year ahead, whilst I share with you my thoughts on why 2016 is the year of the Tiger!

Rod McKinlay  
Principal

## **SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND STAFF – 2016:**

**Principal:** Mr Rod McKinlay

**Assistant Principal:** Ms Elaine Brady

### **Class Teachers:**

Mrs Jan Tuck*	<b>Prep T</b>	<b>*Prep Team Leader</b>
Miss Lucy Renshaw	Prep R	
Miss Chloe Mansbridge	1M	
Ms Jackie Knight*	1K	<b>*Yr 1 – 2 Team Leader</b>
Mrs Victoria Bruges-Cannon	1BC	
Miss Desiree Schlack*	<b>2S</b>	<b>*Yr 1 – 2 Team Leader</b>
Ms Catherine Slaughter	2C	
Miss Anne McGregor	3M	
Mrs. Dyon Hunt* (Mon – Thurs)	<b>3H</b>	<b>*Yr 3 -4 Team Leader</b>
Mrs Sasha Guy (Fri)	3H	
Miss Karla Bower	4B	
Mrs Karin Moorhouse	4M	
Mr Alex Davies	5D	
Ms Dora Handby	5H	
Miss Michelle Smith*	<b>6S</b>	<b>*Yr 5 – 6 Team Leader</b>
Mr Chris Goldstraw	6G	

### **Specialist Teaching Roles:**

Performing Arts	Mrs Carly Gough	
Visual Arts	Mrs Cathy Bateman*	<b>*Specialists' Team Leader</b>
Library	Mrs Cathy Bateman	
Physical Education:	Mr Dean Sciacca (Year 2 – 6)	
	Sasha Guy(Prep & Yr 1)	
Science	Miss Katrina Watson	
Community Garden:	Miss Katrina Watson	
Chinese LOTE:	Ms Shuoyin Tu	
Reading Recovery:	Ms Sarah Robertson	

### **Education Support:**

Office Manager:	Mrs Jo Ravida
Admin Assistants:	Mrs Mazz Higlett
Library Tech:	Mrs Karen Gibson
Chaplain:	Mrs Suzanne Carmody
Computer Technician:	Mr Peter Nguyen
Handyman:	Mr Roger Du Buisson

### **Education Support (Classroom):**

Mrs Corinne Coy, Mrs Karen Naylor, Mrs Lina Papalia, Mrs Ann Loxton  
Mrs Glenys Piattella, Mrs Janet Patton, Ms Imogen Smith,  
Mrs Giovanna Boccari, Mrs Kerry D'Arcy

### **School Support:**

Cleaner:	Mr Louie Soligo & Mr Werner Bantif
Canteen:	Metro Canteens & Classroom Cuisine
Out of School Hours Care:	Ms Rebecca French
Instrumental Music:	Mrs Erika Ujma, Mr Sebastien Jego, Ms Naomi Holman, Mr Ash Fahim
Band & Choir:	Mrs Rosie Pryor Mrs Suzanne Carmody

## *School Council 2016*

### ***What is a School Council and what does it do?***

All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### ***Who is on the School Council?***

There are three possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

**A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of School Council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

### ***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to stand for election as a member of the School Council

or

encourage another person to stand for election.

If you don't believe you can commit to School Council but would like to be involved in some of the sub-committees you are encouraged to attend these meetings.

### ***Do I need special experience to be on School Council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### ***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Nomination forms are available from the school office.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on School Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### ***Remember***

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the election, if it is required.

# Let's Learn Together!

Your child's learning is greatly enhanced when there is a close partnership between home and school. To help me, your child's class teacher, to get to know your child better, please complete the following form and return the form as soon as possible to your class teacher.

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

What are your child's strengths & interests?

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What do you think should be your child's learning goals in 2016?

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Tell me how your child learns best? For example, by making, reading, listening, imitating, acting, creating, playing, thinking, talking, drawing, writing, problem solving, using technology, individually, small groups, other.....

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Tell me about your child at home (eg. general health, place in the family, their interests and special activities – anything that helps me get to know your child better)

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Please add any further information you consider relevant.

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Do you have any questions regarding the Parent Information Booklet given out at the Parent Information Evening? Or about your child's year ahead?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. It is greatly appreciated.

**COMMENCING A TRIAL WITH PARKHILL PRIMARY -  
TERM 4, 2015!**

**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**



**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  
Extra Juicy Apple Juice  
Extra Juicy Orange Juice  
Nippy's Chocolate Milk  
Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted  
Cobs Popcorn Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted

**LUNCH ITEM THREE/  
SNACK**

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  
Evia Yoghurt with Raspberry Coulis  
Evia Yoghurt with Blueberry Coulis  
Evia Yoghurt with Mango Coulis  
Evia Yoghurt with NO Coulis  
Tzatziki dip with Rice Crackers  
Avocado dip with Rice Crackers  
Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers  
Gluten Free – Munchy Apple & Cinnamon Clusters

**Sample Menu**