They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

ANZAC DAY:
We will be conducting a whole school ANZAC DAY assembly tomorrow, April 22nd from 2.45pm. Our SRC children will be leading this very important assembly as we recognise and learn about the importance of ANZAC DAY. We encourage community members to attend this special assembly. Any children or community members that would like to lay a wreath or flowers at the base of our flagpole are invited to do so during this service.

TEACHING OUR KIDS ABOUT ANZAC DAY:
There are many ways that parents can get their children involved in the ANZAC Day experience and enable them to gain an understanding of the important place ANZAC holds in Australia's history. Firstly, historical knowledge is important and there are many good, child friendly accounts of the ANZAC story, and the ANZAC characteristics that resonate with Australians. Many of these books are available at local libraries; they are also available through the Department of Veterans' Affairs free of charge. These books make it clear that ANZAC Day is not an event glorifying war, but exactly the opposite. It is a time of reflection and remembrance.

Endurance, resourcefulness, courage, teamwork, loyalty and mateship are key attributes. These are virtues to be encouraged and emulated at any time and are a part of our national story we can focus on around ANZAC Day.

There is also of course the experience of taking your children to a Dawn Service March or other commemorative activity on ANZAC Day. All this will be more meaningful and educational if some of the previous reading and discussion has occurred. In any event, the questions that come from watching a march, studying a war memorial or experiencing the emotional stillness of the minute's silence and bugle call are opportunities to talk about the impact of war on Australia and the significance of the ANZAC Story.

INCIDENT AT LABURNUM Primary School:
As you are probably aware there was a serious incident nearby at Laburnum Primary School, where a man entered school grounds and acted inappropriately towards two students.

We are taking this incident very seriously, and have been working with the Department to ensure the safety of our students.
We have taken this opportunity to remind students of how to respond if they are approached by someone they don't know or who makes them feel uncomfortable.

Student safety is always a top priority at our school, and like all Victorian schools we follow a number of important established guidelines on student safety.

I would also encourage parents and carers to speak with their children about safety around unknown adults.

Some practical tips may include telling them:

- To walk directly to and from school.
- Not to walk alone.
- To leave the area if anything makes them feel uncomfortable.
- To avoid talking to strangers.
- Not to get into cars with people they do not know.
- Tell a trusted adult such as a teacher or parent immediately.

If you have any concerns for your child please do not hesitate to contact the school, as further support is available.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Congratulations to Thomas Kinnane who was recently presented with a Cricket trophy from the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA) for being the 2015/2016 Best Player in the “U12B Smith” section.

Thomas plays for the Ashwood Cricket Club, alongside other Parkhill PS students. Congratulations Thomas, a great effort!

TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL:


Starting secondary school is one of the biggest steps in your child's life. As there are a variety of options for your child's secondary education; choose a school to suit your child's needs. You may want to make a list of things that are important to you and your child or visit the schools you are interested in; they welcome enquiries and will organise a time to visit.

Making your choice

An important step is to involve your child in deciding which secondary school they will go to. The following questions may assist you as you consider which secondary school will best benefit your child.

- Will the school cater for your child's needs and interests?
- How does the school support children with additional needs?
- How important is it that your child knows other children at the school?
- Does your family have a connection to a particular school?
- Do you have older children already attending a secondary school? If so, will your child benefit from going to the same school as their brother or sister?
- How far do you want your child to travel each day?
- Are any schools close to home and/or your work suitable for your child?
- What extra curricula activities does the school offer?
- Does the school offer scholarships?
- Is the school welcoming? – You'll know this as soon as you walk in the door.
• Do you agree with, or at least like, the way the school approaches teaching their students?
• Does the school’s policy on homework and discipline reflect your own values and expectations?
• What is the school’s approach to dealing with bullying?
• What educational programs are offered?
• Does the school specialize in any particular area?

**Community Announcement from DET - Smoking Bans:**

Please note the following regarding smoking and schools. These bans are as a result to amendments to the Tobacco Act. Bans apply to the grounds and entrances of all schools.

• From 13 April 2015, smoking was banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the **Tobacco Act 1987.**

• A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens **will be introduced at the same time.** While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

• It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable ‘No smoking’ signs at all entrances to the school premises.

• Please contact the Tobacco Control Section in the DHHS if you have any questions regarding the new smoking bans, via phone (03) 9096 0469, or via email tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au.

**OPEN DAY/NIGHT: Wednesday 18 May: 9am – 11am and 6.30pm – 8pm**

Please note that our Open Night will be held on Wednesday 18 May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Keep an eye out for information fliers in our Newsletter in coming weeks. In the meantime, I encourage you to put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy a fun night of learning activities for the whole family here at school. Feel free to invite any family or friends who may be interested hearing more about a Parkhill education for their children.

Regards,
Rod Mckinlay
Principal

**Reminder that all months of the year with an “R” in the name are the months that students must wear HATS.**

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday 3.00pm—4.00pm & Thursday 8.30am—10.00am
2016 Calendar of Curriculum events

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Thank you to Georgina & Andrew Gaff, Sophie Kost, Lisa Hore and Con Kakaras for taking time last weekend to paint a Treasure Island near our Foundation playground.

Thank you also to Ben from Agent Bricks who has been very generous with donations for our Lego Program. Donations of Picnic Rugs are needed for our students to use during the Lego Program.

Note for your diaries. Flexi School canteen orders closed on: Friday 10 June, Tuesday 2 August, Wednesday 10 August

Garden
Request for second hand rain coats and gumboots that would fit a 9-10 year old child (gender neutral preferred). These donations will be used during garden class to allow some groups to work on the garden and care for the chooks during damp weather. Also egg cartons are needed for the collection of our chook eggs.

Please leave your donation in the labelled box under the table in the office foyer.

Thanks, Katrina (Garden teacher)

Solar Vehicle Challenge
Information for Solar Challenge participates only.

Our planned project sessions for Term 2 are as follows:

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Birthdays
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Will M
Ronia M
Thomas K
Elizabeth N
Jayda G
Matthew K
Isabella S
Hutheya B
John L
Hannah M
Patrice V
Cameron R
Eva P
Sascha P
Declan C
Charlotte H
Jasper W
Mercades G
Olivia R
Jordyn W
Matthew W
Ryan F
Xavier T
Ruby H
Amelia G
Leo K
Miakoda M
**Mother’s Day Stall – volunteers required!**
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday May 6 and we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day and with our Wrapping Bee on April 27. If you are available to help out please contact Wendy Douglas via email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0420 657 007.

**Mother’s Day Prize Donations**
Mother’s Day isn’t too far away and we are now receiving donations for our annual Mother’s Day Prize.

Donations can be dropped off in the basket at the office. Tickets should have come home this week so watch out for them in your eldest child’s school bag. Tickets are due back at the office by the end of this month.

**Mum’s Movie Night**
Save the date for our Mum’s Movie Night – Friday 6th May. We will be watching the movie 'Mother’s Day' and tickets will cost $12. More details to follow but for now please save the date for what will be a great night out with other Parkhill mums.

**School Disco**
Preparations for the School Disco are now underway. If you would like to volunteer with organizing the event or volunteer to help out on the night, please contact Wendy Douglas via email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0420 657 007.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn – Supplies have arrived!**
Last year many of you participated in the annual Earn & Learn promotion through Woolworths by collecting stickers and dropping them off at the office. Thanks to your efforts we had three large boxes full of supplies delivered last week. Thanks so much everyone!

**Going shopping?**
When you are hitting the shops please remember to mention Parkhill Primary when you are shopping at Camberwell Electrics, Amart Sports and Bakers Delight. As a result of the loyalty we show to them, they all generously supply us with cash, vouchers or gifts that go towards our fundraising efforts.

**Entertainment Guides**
We are excited to announce that we will be selling Entertainment Guides from next week onwards. They will be $65 each and represent great value for money with coupons for restaurants and shops all over Melbourne. We will have details available next week on how to order them so stay tuned! Please contact Katrina Battle with any questions via sandkguce@gmail.com or on 0407 575 700.
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TWILIGHT FAIR

Saturday 4th March 2017
2pm - 8pm.

The months have been flying by and it’s already time to start preparing for our 2017 fair! We are looking for people who would like to join the committee and help us deliver another fantastic event. It’s a little hard work, a lot of laughs and a great way to make some new lasting friendships, all while value adding to our children’s school experience..

Like to be involved?
Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Please email Anny Murray at annymation2@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.
**SOCCER COACHING PROGRAM**

**TRY A SESSION FOR FREE!**

Football Star Academy run soccer coaching clinics each Thursday at Parkhill Primary School during Term 2 2016 at the following times:

3.40pm – 4.40pm: 5 – 8 year olds

4.40pm – 5.40pm: 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.

If you would like to find out more information about Football Star