5.3 MILLION FUNDING APPROVED FOR PARKHILL!

As announced earlier this week, funding has been approved in the State Budget to the tune of 5.3 million! This means that we will be able to rebuild 11 classrooms and our Art room and replace them with purpose-built, flexible learning spaces. Ms Brady and I will be holding information sessions in the coming weeks to inform our community about our building plans and vision, as well as articulating how our new buildings will work hand in hand with our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter for session dates and times, alternatively please feel free to email me on mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any queries concerning our future developments. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts Mr Graham Watt, who has supported Parkhill for many years and in particular the Education Minister, Hon James Merlino who has provided these funds for our school. It is very much appreciated and gratefully accepted!

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2017

Enrolments at Parkhill Primary School for Foundation 2017 are now open. Parents are requested to complete the enrolment form and return to the school office as early as possible to assist with planning for 2017. If you know of family or friends who may be interested in hearing more about a Parkhill education for their children, please don’t hesitate to give them my contact details: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or 0439 39 45 41. Thank you for your assistance with this.

EDUCATION WEEK: 16 – 20 MAY:

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.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The next round of the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted in May 2016. The NAPLAN tests will involve all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories across Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday May 11, Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12. I
encourage all parents to keep these dates free of appointments for their children.

**KidsMatter: Social Media**

Primary-age children are connected, mobile and social. We see the evidence of this every day with our own eyes – children appear to be going online younger and younger, with the rapid uptake of tablets and other touch screen devices.

**What do primary-aged children do online?**

Even at this young age children are avid social media users. Forty-five per cent of eight to 11 year olds use social networking sites. For the 8 to 11 year olds the top four sites are YouTube, Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin and Facebook, with the most popular activities being playing games, private messaging, posting comments and posting their own status updates. In other words, they ‘like’, they post, and they share just the same as their older counterparts.

Social media can be a useful tool to keep in contact with friends and family. However, we need to be mindful of what information is shared and with whom.

**Some tips for parents include:**

- Talk to your child about staying safe as soon as they start becoming active in the online world, and keep the discussion open as they grow up, to make the dialogue part of everyday parenting life.
- Monitor children’s time online, particularly younger children.
- Set house rules – what’s okay to do and what’s not, how much time is ‘online’ time an
- What kind of personal information is okay to make public.
- Consider using filters or other technological tools to help limit exposure to potentially harmful or distressing material.
- Find out what children are up to; create your own accounts and play with the services they are using so that you become familiar with the privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.
- Model the kind of positive online behaviour you would like them to use.

**To stay safe online, children need to consider the following:**

- Check the age restrictions; most social media sites are for 13 yrs plus.
- Make sure your profile is set to private on all social networking sites.
- Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust.
- Don’t upload personal information such as your address and birthday.
- Learn to block offensive users.
- Delete any unused accounts.
- Always sign out when you have finished.
- Avoid using public/shared computers.
- Talk with a trusted adult if you have any concerns.


Finally, last week saw the achievement of 20 years’ service to Parkhill from one of our most valuable community members. As “Head of First Impressions”, Ruth Hotchin has been looking after Parkhill students for just on 20 years. Welcoming students and parents each morning with a cheery hello and asking after past family members, Ruth is a highly valued member of our community and often the first person Parkhill families connect with each morning, hence her ‘title’! Well done and thank you Ruth on behalf of all our community for the way you have cared and looked after the safety of our students on the crossing for the last 20 years!

Have a great weekend!

Rod McKinlay
Principal
**Calendar of Curriculum events**

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**Administration Information**

- **Leadership Photos** - Reminder Student Leadership Photos on display in the office should you wish to order.
- **Family Payment Receipts** are available to pick up from the office.
- **Sick Bay** - Sick bay visits are notified to parents in the case of serious injury or illness. If a first aid note is sent home please remember to check with your children the reason of the visit.

Thank you to our wonderful Library Volunteers who help to keep the Library looking clean and tidy.

**Note for your diaries. Flexi School canteen orders closed on:**

- Friday 10 June
- Tuesday 2 August
- Wednesday 10 August

**Solar Vehicle Challenge**

Information for Solar Challenge participants only.

Our **planned project sessions for Term 2** are as follows:

- Wednesday 13 April, 2:45-3:30
- Monday 18 April, 3:30-4:30
- Friday 22 April, 3:30-4:30
- Wednesday 4 May, 2:45-3:30
- Friday 13 May, 3:30-4:30
- Monday 16 May, 3:30-4:30
- Wednesday 18 May, 2:45-3:30
- Friday 27 May, 3:30-4:30
- Monday 30 May, 3:30-4:30
- Wednesday 1 June, 2:45-3:30
- Friday 10 June, 3:30-4:30
- Wednesday 15 June, 2:45-3:30
- Monday 20 June, 3:30-4:30

**Birthdays**

**APRIL**

- Anthony P
- 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
WESTERN SWAMP TORTOISE

THE WESTERN SWAMP TORTOISE IS ENDANGERED FROM FOXES AND PEOPLE DESTROYING THEIR HABITATS TO GET CLAY. THEY LAY UP TO 6 EGGS MAX, 3 EGGS AT LEAST. THEY ARE INSECTIVOURS WHICH MEANS THEY LIKE TO EAT MEAT LIKE SMALL INSECTS. THEIR POPULATION IS GREATER THEN 250 BUT IN THE 1960’S THE MATURE INDIVIDUAL WAS ROUND ABOUT 15 TO 25. THEY LIVE UP TO 100 IF THEY ARE LUCKY. IN 1962 ELLEN BROOK DECLARED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PROTECT THE TORTOISES WITH A NATURE RESERVE CALLED TWIN SWAMP. IN 1987, PERTH ZOO TRIED TO GET 157 TORTOISES FOR THEIR ZOO TO PROTECT WITH 7 MALE 10 FEMALES AND 140 HATCHLINGS. THEIR SCIENTIFIC NAME IS THE PSEUDEMYDURA UMBRINA, THEY LIVE NEAR PERTH AND ARE ON THE WESTERN COAST OF AUSTRALIA. THE WESTERN SWAMP TORTOISE IS BROWN WITH A SHORT NECK AND CAN GROW UP TO 150MM, IT IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A 50 CENT COIN WITH A SQUARISH SHELL AND A BROAD LOWER SHELL. BY KEIFER AND OLIVER ! PLEASE DON’T BUY CLAY FROM WEST COAST AUSTRALIA!

KEIFER & OLIVER

Julian’s Rainbow Chard Stir Fry

**Ingredients:**
- Spring onions
- 2 cloves of garlic
- Oil
- 6 stems of Rainbow chard
- 2 capsicums
- Handful of beans
- 1 can of baby corn
- 2 large carrots
- ½ packet bean shoots
- 2 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon ketsup manis soy sauce
- 1 packet egg noodles

**Method**
- Chop up all the vegetables into small squares
- Heat a wok and add the oil then garlic and spring onions
- Then add the carrot, corn, beans and capsicum – stir fry for 2 minutes before adding the rainbow chard stir fry all vegetables for another 2 minute
- Add sauces and mix well
- Finally add the bean shoots and stir fry
- Cover egg noodles in hot water and leave until cooked
- Place cooked egg noodles in wok and stir through
- Enjoy
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Credit Card number: ______/________/_______/_______ Expiry date: ______/____ CVV*: ______

*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card

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20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our fundraising
Mother's Day Stall – volunteers required.
Our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday May 6th and we are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. If you are available to help out please contact Wendy Douglas via email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0420 657 007. A huge thanks to everyone that came along to the wrapping bee – we couldn’t have done it without all the extra helping hands!

Mother's Day Prize
Mother's Day isn’t too far away and we are still receiving donations for our annual Mother’s Day Prize. Donations can be dropped off in the basket at the office. Tickets went out last week with your eldest child. If you would like to purchase more tickets, they are available at the office. 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 – Save the date!
We can now confirm that the school disco will be held on Thursday June 23rd – please lock it into your diaries. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Wendy Douglas via email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0420 657 007.

Entertainment Book
You can now order your copy of the Entertainment Book online via the following details: www.entbook.com.au/9r34937

The books cost $65 and Parkhill gets some money from every book purchased. There are so many savings and discounts within the book this year – please take the time to check it out online. This is a great way to save some money whilst also raising money for the school.

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.
Chaplain’s Corner

Working in a Primary School stories are very important, children love them and they can be a great way to teach not just reading and writing but lots of other life lessons too.

Family stories are important too, whether they are stories about cultural celebrations or their significance or family legends passed down from generation to generation they are important. They are the wisdom of one generation strengthening and inspiring the next.

My old man ran his own business for years, my husband does the same and in the beginning I was the accounts person. Now as anyone running their own business can attest it is not for the faint hearted, especially in the early years when things are growing and developing and you are wondering where the next pay cheque is going to come from! One of Dad’s stories made a lasting impact on me and helped me through that time, it still helps today. He loves to explain how back in the depths of the 1990s recession when interest rates were up around 18% he broke his last hammer. He thought to himself that’s it, we’re done there is no money to buy another hammer and then... some money came in, someone that owed them something finally came through and they kept going. I love this story because of that “and then” moment, something happened, something changed, something turned up. It reminds me that sometimes you just have to hang in there that little bit longer, you have to persevere, tough it out, you don’t know what’s around the corner be that in business or in other situations in life. This story, this piece of family history, strengthens me, but I can only draw strength from it because I know it, because Dad shared it with me.

We all have customs and traditions and stories, it is a great idea to make a deliberate effort to share with our children not only our customs but why we do the things we do, why celebrations are important to us; the things that happened in the past that made us who we are, that tell a story of where we came from, perhaps that moment where we learned to overcome adversity. These anecdotes, recounts and rich traditions then help our children to stay connected with family, with community and become part of their identity and values system as they grow up. If they can see that we made it, that their grandparents survived, they can be encouraged that they are able to do the same.

Have fun sharing your stories with your children!

Suzanne Carmody
Girls’ Movie Night

Friday 6 May, 2016

Only $12

Mother’s Day Movie
Starring: Julia Roberts & Jennifer Aniston

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND THE GIRLS’ MOTHER’S DAY MOVIE NIGHT IS ON AGAIN FOR ALL PARKHILL MUMS AND FRIENDS

Where: Waverley Cinemas, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley.

Time: Movie session time is 9pm. Feel free to arrive from 8.30pm onwards for drinks in the foyer.

This popular event is for all the special Parkhill mums, their girlfriends, grandmas, aunts etc to come along and enjoy. It’s a really relaxing fun night out, great value and lots of laughs guaranteed!

Movie, treat bag and a bottled water are included in the $12 entry price. Champagne ($6.00), wine by the glass ($3.50) and beer ($5.00) are available for purchase.

Numbers are limited so book and pay early to secure your place.

Payment is required by 9am Wednesday 4th May at the absolute latest.

Please feel free to contact Gabriele if you have any questions.

Gabriele Moffitt
0400 191 208

Mr Rod McKinlay
School Principal

Please return to Gabriele Moffitt via the office by 9am Wednesday 4 May 2016.

I / we will be attending the Parkhill Girls’ Movie night at Waverley Cinemas on Friday 9th May 2014. Cost is $12 per person cash only.

Your name: ___________________________ Amount enclosed $________________ (payment required by 9am Wed 4 May)

Other guests’ name/s: ___________________________ ___________________________
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TWILIGHT FAIR

Saturday 4th March 2017
2pm - 8pm.

The months have been flying by and its 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