Asian Cultural Day

Congratulations to Ms Tu for her wonderful organization of our Asian Cultural Day earlier this week. Walking through the classes all students were engaged in creative, fun activities that brought to life the smells and unique customs of Asia with many students dressing up in traditional Asian costumes. Thank you to our teachers who also participated and ran the activities.

Open Day & Night

Wednesday was indeed a wonderful celebration of children’s inquiry work, with many family and friends enjoying a stroll through each of our rooms watching the children at work. Many comments included: “Gee, it’s different to when I went to school” or “Why didn’t we have this technology!”

Many tours were conducted throughout the day which reminds me to prompt all our current families to get your enrolment form to the office asap if there is a sibling joining us next year! Don’t put it off any longer!

School Council

School Council tonight will discuss the Masterplan and where we are at with our developments. We are currently confirming colours, materials – both internal and external, fabrics, storage, cupboards and layout of the classrooms etc and we hope to have some pictures to share with our community in the near future.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter for information sessions which will outline our plans for the buildings, timelines and how we will manage the site during construction next year. It’s not going to be that bad!!

I do understand that in these early stages that people can, and have become confused, as not all details have been finalised or communicated. Can I ask that if you have any queries that you contact me directly at mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will give you up to date information and details as they currently are, keeping in mind in these early stages details can and will change. Please don’t listen to your friends as that’s how confusion and misinformation can be spread! With this in mind, some initial responses to questions raised:

- Construction of the Year 5 and 6 center should commence in Term 4 2016.
- The remainder of the buildings will commence at the beginning of 2017 and although unconfirmed at this point, we estimate the construction period to be somewhere between 12 to 15 months.

School Council will also be briefed on the progress we are making with the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and how our new buildings will work with the IB and the underlying inquiry based teaching philosophy, to form a very powerful learning environment.

Can kids handle the news?

Recently I received an email from a Principal colleague which spiked my interest. Can kids handle the news? You can access the article through this link:


The article interested me for several reasons. These included; the power, influence and potential impact of media in our children’s lives, the speed with which our children access both local and global news and the opportunities
which exist as 21st century students to contribute to the news. I was also reminded of our KidsMatter work with students, staff and parents including the importance of teaching positive wellbeing strategies and daily dialogue with our children.

Images from the news, including social media are very accessible. In today’s day and age it is clear that we cannot shelter our children from everything that happens in our world. Perhaps even more than ever it is vital to ensure that we listen to our children, talk with and guide them to put news events into context and perspective especially where children show concern.

*It's about allaying those fears, explaining to them, 'Yes, this did happen, and yes, people did die, but the likelihood is that you're going to be OK'.*

On a positive note, the article also includes a link to Crinkling News, the only national newspaper for young Australians; [http://www.crinklingnews.com.au/](http://www.crinklingnews.com.au/). Students can actually write a review or a letter and have it published through Crinkling News.

Hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Rod McKinlay
Principal

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**Online Lunch Orders—How it works**

Lunches are ordered online from our menu and delivered directly to school labelled with your child’s name, class and order details. You can order one day or as many days as you wish over the period of the menu.

You choose either a TWO Course or THREE Course Lunch. There are 30 options within each Course Menu each day.

A TWO Course Lunch costs $7.95 and a THREE Course Lunch costs $9.65 irrespective of the menu choices you make.

Meals are delivered direct to the school from our kitchen in Environment Health Office approved plastic tubs with ice blocks to store the food at an appropriate temperature whilst in transit. Tubs will be delivered to a central point allocated by each school which will be out of direct sunlight. Tubs will be retrieved and delivered to rooms by Class Leaders.

**Payment**

Payment is made at the time you place your order through a secure banking gateway receiving both Visa and MasterCard. Our system will generate an email to you confirming your order and payment.

*Note: No Orders are available on Tuesdays.*
2016 Calendar of Curriculum events

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**PARKHILL goes PYP...**

As many of you are already aware we were recently granted our Candidate status as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program School!!

But what does this mean??

Over the next few months we will hold further information sessions for parents and members of our community to come along to, gain information, ask questions and learn more about the PYP.

In a nutshell the PYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom.

I would encourage you to visit the IB PYP website!

http://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/

Feel free to contact me directly if you would like to talk about the program, or watch out for the upcoming information sessions.

Elaine Brady
Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator

**Administration**

To assist with checking of events or excursions we ask you to please send monies and forms together to the office at the time you are making payment. Also, when making cash payments to the school for fees, excursions, fundraising and the like please use Australian Coinage only. The bank will no longer take foreign coins.
The LOTE corner

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Asian Culture Day at Parkhill. The students experienced different Asian cultures by doing a range of interesting activities: some challenging and some full of fun. Here are examples of some activities the children participated in for Asian Culture Day.

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<td>Chinese Willow pattern drawings, origin of fireworks, tan grams and Beijing opera masks.</td>
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<td>Origami crane, top 2 card game, Chinese calligraphy painting, 12 zodiac signs matching game, Japanese bean bag (otedame).</td>
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<td>Performing Arts/Arts</td>
<td>Japanese songs and dances/Chinese lantern with special message written in Chinese.</td>
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Children from all year levels came to school with their own traditional clothes.

At Parkhill, we embrace different cultures from all over the world.
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Heatable Soft Toys Promotion
As the weather is now getting colder we are excited to offer Parkhill families an opportunity to purchase some high quality heatable animals, dolls, bears and footwear. Filled with natural grains and scented lavender, they just need to be placed in a microwave for up to 2 minutes to provide hours of warmth and comfort. These highly practical and adorable products are fully tested to comply with Australian Safety Standards and they are a safe alternative to hot water bottles.

Order forms and product catalogues are being sent home with your eldest child this week and we also have a display in the glass cabinet in the office foyer. Come by and check it out – let your kids choose their favourite!

Entertainment Book Promotion
We are still selling Entertainment Books! If you don’t think you would remember to bring paper vouchers/coupons with you to restaurants and events then maybe consider checking out the online app version that you can also purchase. All you need is your phone! The app costs the same as the book – only $65. To order one please use the following link: www.entbook.com.au/9r34937

Parkhill gets some money back from every book/app purchased. There are so many savings and discounts included this year – please take the time to consider it. This is a great way to save some money whilst also raising money for the school.

PFA Meeting
Our next PFA meeting will be held on Thursday June 9th at 7:30pm. These meeting are open to all parents at the school and we would love to meet you and hear your thoughts and ideas and see where you might be able to help. For more details please contact Wendy Douglas via email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or phone 0420 657 007.

School Disco
Please save the date for the School Disco – Thursday 23rd June. Our theme this year is Rock and Roll! $5 per student, payable at the door. Grade Foundation, 1 and 2 from 6pm-7:15pm. Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 7:30-9pm.
YEAR 1 & 2 ZOO EXCURSION

This term the Year 1 and 2 students are inquiring into “How the World Works” by investigating animals and the different environments they live in. Last Wednesday the students went to the zoo to observe animals and learn about their features and habitats.
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Parkhill Parent Community Board

A reminder we have a community board situated on the side of our quadrangle. Information is updated as available.

Parkhill Primary School

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.