Thankyou
We would like to start the newsletter by thanking all of the parents who help around the school in a multitude of ways. Over the past term the level of parent help has been outstanding. This has included: reading in the classroom, working bees, attending excursions & camps, transporting students to sporting events, PFA, helping on Mother’s Day stalls, School Council, singing at assemblies as part of the parent choir and general maintenance work around the school. Thank you to each and every one of you for all the time and effort that you put in. You all help to make this a better school and above all you clearly say to your children that their education matters.

Having said all of this, we all know that for some parents it doesn’t matter how interested you are, you just don’t have the time due to work commitments, to help out. That’s ok too, because you support the school and your child in other ways such as asking them about what they are doing and listening to their response, listening to their reading or reading the newsletter so that you can connect with the school, reflect with your child and engage in their learning.

School Uniform
Thank you also to all our parents who are making a great effort in ensuring that our students are wearing the correct school uniform. One parent, who shall remain nameless, used me to confirm with their daughter that navy blue tights were only to be worn with the winter dress! Very happy for others to use me in that way as well!

For some families new to the school, I draw your attention to our website and in particular, the Information tab at the top of the front page. Here you will find our Uniform policy and brochure that outlines our uniform requirements. Alternatively you can pick up a brochure from our front office.

With the cold weather coming on, I have noted a slight increase in the number of students wearing different coloured skivvies, navy tights with summer dresses and a wide variety of bennies. Our goal is to keep our students warm and our uniform is designed accordingly. We ask you to continue to support us by ensuring that:

- Sky blue skivvies are worn under the polo shirt.
- Navy tights are worn with a winter dress. (not a summer dress)
- School coloured beanie.
- School logoed bomber jacket or windcheater.

Thanks again for all your support in keeping our students looking great!

2017 School Fair Postponed!
In light of our impending rebuild in 2017, School Council have postponed our Fair to 2018 when
we will look to hold it in conjunction with the opening of our new buildings. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Anny Murray and her Fair Committee who were already well underway in their preparations. However, with construction commencing around the time of the Fair it is a wise decision to postpone until 2018. What a wonderful community day we will have with the opening of the new buildings in mid-2018!

**Athletics Team**

Congratulations to our Athletics team who competed so well in the District Athletics Competition on Monday. With over 20 students winning through to the next level, our third place finish was quite an achievement. Congratulations to all our Year 3 to 6 students who represented us so well!

**The Victorian Curriculum**

In 2017 all Victorian Government schools will be expected to implement the new Victorian Curriculum. It’s been developed from the National Curriculum, but has been modified to better meet the State-wide expectations for the knowledge and skills that students should learn during the first eleven years of schooling before progressing on to the VCE. The VC has 8 learning areas and 4 capabilities as you can see on the right. The capabilities that we are focused on in Victoria are slightly different from those of the National Curriculum.

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 sets out a single, coherent and comprehensive set of content descriptions and associated achievement standards to enable teachers to plan, monitor, assess and report on the learning achievement of every student. The Victorian Curriculum F–10 incorporates and reflects much of the Australian Curriculum F–10, but differs in some important respects, most notably the representation of the curriculum as a continuum of learning and the structural design. Standards have been developed for each level and schools are expected to report on these as outlined in the curriculum framework. For example, in prep/foundation teachers must report on Maths, English, Arts, Health & Physical Education and Interpersonal & Social Capabilities. As students’ progress through their primary years the number of learning areas reported on increases. E.g. Science is first formally reported on by the end of Year 2, however, with our extensive Science program that will commence in Foundation at Parkhill. We have commenced working on implementing the VC and our planning teams are working with the Mathematics and English scope and sequence. We are not anticipating that the change to this new curriculum framework will be difficult as we have already been working with similar frameworks for many years and it will compliment the International Baccalaureate Curriculum Framework.

**Real Life Learning in Maths**

Maths is part of our everyday life. Everyone needs a basic understanding of mathematical concepts and you probably use many of them without realizing you are actually doing Maths! Children need to be aware that Maths is not only the lesson/activity in school time. Maths is everywhere!

Here are a few ideas to have your child thinking:

**Travel timetables**
These are useful things to start practicing if your child is travelling by bus to high school next year:

- Can you identify your starting point on the timetable?
- What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route? What is the difference?
- How long does it take to travel the entire route?
- How many stops are there on this route?
- What is the difference in the time travelled when not making all stops?
- What is the cost? Is it good value compared to other travel options?

**Money**

Encouraging children to think about money, saving money and considering how they spend money are important skills for all children to develop.

- Encourage your child to work out how much change you will get after buying something.
- Investigate costs for family trips together. For example, a visit to a theme park may include transport costs, entry ticket costs and food costs.
- Discuss saving money for presents or something your child may want to buy.
- Work out how long it will take to save this much if they get a small amount of money each week.
- Negotiate increases in pocket money as percentages. For example, a 5% increase would be how much money per week?
- Encourage your child to save a percentage of their pocket money or birthday money, and work out how much this would be. For example, how much money would you have if you saved 40% each week?
- Calculate together how much a mobile phone costs per month. How much is spent on messages and how much on phone calls?
- For younger children, tip your wallet out and talk about the different notes and coins.
- Have your child write out their lunch order and find the right money to put inside the bag.
- Let your child buy the milk or something similar next time you go shopping.

**Chaplain’s Corner**

My middle child started soccer this year. He loves it and I love it too. I love watching him play, learn and succeed, but struggling, losing and learning valuable life lessons are all part of it too. Being a “Soccer Mum” has taught me a few lessons as well. The season began with a day long tournament against other clubs during the school holidays. Most of the teams were better than ours but the kids all learned a lot and developed as a team that day. The evening before my boy and I headed down to the local soccer nets for some practice, but I have to admit I didn’t really go hard on him, gave him too many kicks that were easy to stop. But the next day I was (painfully!) reminded of the importance of not giving our kids the easy way out. I saw another parent training their kid in the goals and he was making the kicks difficult to stop, giving him real training, that would develop his skills and help him adequately meet the opposition. On the field it became even more obvious that tougher training pays off.

The thing is, it can be tempting to go easy on our kids to see them smile in the short term but other people aren’t going to go easy on them later on. Whilst we might start by going easy on them to give them a bit of confidence that they can do it, we can’t stay there. Be it goal keeping in soccer, cleaning the dishes or maths equations as they master a skill the level of difficulty and our expectations need to increase, so that one day, our children can successfully meet the challenges of adult life.

Suzanne Carmody
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

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Canteen Orders—Reminder

Please remember to cancel any regular orders you may have set for Flexi School or Classroom Cuisine lunch orders for the upcoming holiday period.
Science

Little Scientist, Big Science review

“Haha! that tickles!” said Mozhda as the stick insect crawled up her arm. On Wednesday 18 May we did our 3rd session at John Monash Science School for the Little Scientist, Big Science program. We participated in biology related activities. They were: AR (augmented reality) and observing different types of stick insects. We named two of the stick insects Twiggy and Yoda. Our favourite part was holding the stick insects. A report about our session will be airing on PHTV soon!

Mozhda, Jack and Ashleigh

Ricotta and feta parcels

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 400g ricotta
- 500g rainbow chard or spinach
- ½ cup grated cheese
- ½ cup feta
- Black pepper

Pastry

- 4 sheets puff pastry, defrosted
- 2 egg, lightly beaten (egg wash)

Method:

Preheat oven to 180C/350F.
Spray 2 standard muffin / cupcake tins with oil.

Filling

Place egg in a bowl and lightly whisk. Add remaining Filling ingredients and mix to combine

Pastry

Cut each pastry into 9 equal pieces. (You might not need all pieces)
Mould pieces of pastry into the muffin tins.
Divide the filling between each, then bring the four corners into the centre and press down to stick together. Don’t overfill otherwise you won’t be able to seal the pastries or they will burst open when baking (which regularly happens with mine).
Brush with egg wash, then bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until deep golden brown.
Allow to rest for 5 minutes before removing.
Serve warm
Thank you very much to the families who attended the Term 2 Working Bee.

**Sunday 22nd May 2016** was a lovely warm afternoon with a loyal group who helped with specific jobs. It was especially nice to welcome two very new families to the mix.

Tasks that were completed included: Shovelling & distributing new tan bark to playground areas, pruning orchard fruit trees, tidying up vegie garden areas, cleaning RB Hall carpet, brushing down walls of RB Hall, repairs to soccer pitch.

**Roger D**

**Rod Mc**

**Nam T**

**Lisa H**

**Megan & Brad W**

**Owen E**

**Terri L & Richard W**

**Caroline & Jon**

**Garry S**

**Anna S**

**Tim O**

**Sumi S**

**Elsie Mc**

**Anna C**

**Minh T (2S)**

**Joshua & Ollie**

**Emmy & Asha**

**Xavier & Gemma**

**Elsa & Nina W**

**Luke & Amy**

**Kira**

**Thomas K**

**Nico & Sophia**

**Jethro, Jimmy & Jack D**

**Anabel & Daniel W**

**Noah & Luke**

All

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Rosie Pryor and her wonderful team from the Chadstone Baptist Church supplied a delicious sweet & savoury spread for our indulgence. Thank you so much Rosie!

Look out for Term 3 working bee ….

Kindest regards,

Lisa Hore

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**Athletics Fun at Parkhill**
# Parkhill PFA Newsletter 26 May 2016

**President:** Vanessa Cowley  
**Vice President:** Donna Edwards  
**Treasurer:** Sumi Sundram  
**Secretary:** Wendy Douglas  
**General Members:** Katrina Battle, Joanne Dodds, Lisa Jacobsen, April Minniece and Anny Murray.

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### Heatable Soft Toys Promotion

Last week your eldest child at Parkhill should have brought home a catalogue for some amazing Heatable Soft Toys. As the weather is getting colder now is the perfect time to place an order for one of these incredibly cute and practical toys for your kids – or even yourself! These animals, dolls, bears and footwear are filled with natural grains and scented with lavender. Simply place them in a microwave for up to 2 minutes and they will 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. Our promotion closes on Friday June 3rd so get your orders in soon! Replacement order forms are available at the office as well.

![Heatable Soft Toy Image](image)

### Entertainment Book Promotion

If you haven’t yet purchased an Entertainment Book – now is the time to do it! Last year’s books expire at the end of this month so make sure you get one ASAP! The Entertainment Book can represent amazing value for money. Did you know that you can buy gift cards for Woolworths, Caltex, Dan Murphy’s and Masters with a 5% discount? 5% doesn’t sound like much but if you spend $250 a week on groceries, you would save $650 over the course of a year! At a cost of $65, the books are well and truly worth it!

To order one please use the following link: [www.entbook.com.au/9r34937](http://www.entbook.com.au/9r34937) and remember that you can choose to purchase either the traditional hard copy book or get the app that can be downloaded on your phone. Parkhill gets some money back from every book/app purchased. 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](mailto: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 5pm-6:15pm. Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 6:30-8pm.
We’re fundraising with Entertainment™

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  - $50 value
  - $53 value
  - $56 value

- 360+ Casual Dining Offers!
  - $40 value
  - $41 value
  - $45 value
  - $49 value
  - $50 value

- 200+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!
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  - 25% off
  - 2 for 1
  - 2 for 1

- 2,000+ Retail and Travel Offers!
  - Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

We receive 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership sold. Purchase yours today!

Parent Walking Group (it’s back!!!)  
Come and join a group of us Parkhill parents for a brisk walk every Friday morning leaving from the school at approx 9:05am.

April Minniece

Administration Information

Payments Reminder  
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.

- 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.

PFA Fundraiser

You can now order your copy of the Entertainment Book online via the following details:

www.entbook.com.au/9r34937

Parkhill Parent Community Board

A reminder we have a community board situated on the side of our quadrangle. Information is updated as available.
Football Star Academy run soccer coaching clinics each Thursday during Term 2 at Parkhill Primary School 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.

Spaces are limited, 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

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 Academy, please visit [www.footballstaracademy.com.au](http://www.footballstaracademy.com.au)
**Rock 'n' Roll Disco**

**THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2016**

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU A NAMED WATER BOTTLE

COST: $5 PER STUDENT AT THE DOOR

MR ROD MCKINLAY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

HELEN DIMOPOULOS ON BEHALF OF P&F

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**Make, Bake & Swap**

Let’s put some fun into making lunchbox’s!

Tired of the same lunchbox everyday?
Searching for healthy & yummy lunchbox ideas?

Make, Bake & Swap to the rescue!

We’ll make together, bake together, swap and no doubt laugh a lot.

Places are limited

Register your interest by texting ‘Make Bake & Swap’ including your email address to Chrissy 0407 197 864.

When & where: Tuesday OR Wednesday’s @ the school canteen.
The time and frequency of the make, bake & swap will be determined via an online poll, which will be sent to participants after registration.

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**Ashwood High School's Interact Club**

in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Waverley and the Rotaract Club of Monash,

are proud to present their first...

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

To raise funds for the not-for-profit organisation Days For Girls

**Price:**

$10

Thursday 16 June, 2016 7pm-9pm (for 7:30pm start)

Tickets available for purchase from Ashwood High School’s general office. Or RSVP to Shelley Haughey on haughey.shelley.h@gmail.com or secure your spot and you can pay on the night. Purchase a table of 10 or a couple of tickets. Every little bit helps.

ALL WELCOME

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**Parkhill Primary School Twilight Fair**

POSTPONED

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**Days For Girls**

We are already 6 months into the 2017 fair!

We are looking for another fantastic event. It’s a little hard to make a lot of fun and a great way to make some new lasting friendships, all while raising funds for 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.