During our School Review last year, our visiting principal from another Government school was astounded by the number of programs we run at Parkhill and how these resources and programs must really enhance the teaching program across the school. Science, Garden, Quicksmart, Readsmart, Parkhill TV, the list goes on! I made comment that our school works hard to spend all available funding prudently and that our cash reserves for a ‘rainy day’, are very modest. I explained that in short, all funding that the school receives, goes back out to support the learning and engagement of the students presently enrolled. I also mentioned of course that we have a very generous community who support an extremely hard working Parents Association; our fundraising ventures are very well supported.

With the mid-year period now upon us, our financial reports indicate a number of families have not yet finalised their School Contributions payment for this 2016 school year. The school relies on these contributions to ensure the students are well resourced in their lessons and that our teaching staff have all of the necessary teaching aids and materials beyond core essential items. Having purchased these supplies some time ago, we ask that all outstanding accounts are settled as soon as possible. Of course, where families are experiencing financial hardship, payment plans can easily be set up. Please contact me at school or email me on: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

NBA MELBOURNE UNITED BASKETBALL TEAM VISIT
Thanks to our School Council President Mr Greg Ditton, all our students were treated to a visit from Melbourne United this week. Following basketball clinics during their PE classes in the morning, our Year 5 and 6 students divided into 4 teams and each played a quarter against a full Melbourne United roster in the afternoon. Although close, Melbourne United ran out winners by 2 points after ‘Curnow’ shot a three pointer to send it into overtime! Keep an eye out in an upcoming Parkhill TV episode for the ‘shot of the decade’ by our own Daniel Curnow!
All students received a t-shirt, cap and show bag from the team bus!
A great opportunity for our very enthusiastic basketballers who I’m sure learnt a great deal and was great preparation for our upcoming basketball competition next term. All parents will have also noted (or been told by Greg) about our wonderful new basketball nets – a great legacy Greg!

SITUATIONS AT SCHOOL
From time to time, at school like at home, there will be situations where children may not see eye to eye, have a disagreement or even something physical may occur. When recounting the incident to you, your child may not give you all the details but just the bits they want you to hear. They will always tell the story from their perspective; an accidental push could turn into a deliberate shove.

Please note that the best way to deal with any situation that arises at school is by contacting your child’s teacher or the school to discuss the matter. The teacher will investigate the situation and get the full story by talking to those involved. If there is a problem they will help the child to find a solution using restorative justice practices. Parents are asked not to confront the
child or parent and certainly not to get on social media when you are feeling hot under the collar, or before you have the full facts.

In any community there can be disagreements and issues, however we need to work together to make sure that our problems continue to be small ones that can be dealt with, rather than escalating into big ones that can be hard to solve. Please be aware that taking matters into your own hands and approaching other parents or students can often lead to an escalation of the situation rather than assisting to find a solution. If you have concerns please don’t discuss them in front of your child as children do not have very well developed social filters and can often blurt out overheard information in inappropriate situations. Again this may not help. All children will make errors at some time and they deserve the chance to make amends, take a consequence and move forward.

**IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY OR LATE:**

When students miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Whilst it seems simple, the most important thing you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day and gets there on time. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well established. School absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools and some of it is parent condoned. On average students are missing 12 -15 days per school year, which over the school life of a child adds up to nearly a year lost!

Similarly, if you are often late, a few minutes each day adds up. When children arrive late and take time to settle valuable learning time is lost.

*As a parent:*

- Commit to sending children to school every day.
- Make sure children arrive at school on time.
- Inform the school when your child is absent, providing medical certificates if needed.
- Consider catching up on missed work.
- Children who are unwell need to be resting in bed.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Rod McKinlay

Principal
**WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED NOW**

We have had many requests from families for second hand uniform.

Do you have any Parkhill uniform items that your child has grown out of and you no longer need?

Donations can be left at the office.

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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.

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**2016 Calendar of Curriculum events**

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**Birthdays June**

- Luca E
- Daniel Z
- Ashleigh B
- Benjamin F
- Matthew L
- Mikayla J
- Oscar P
- Taylor F
- Harry B
- Angela W
- Ashlan T
- Tom P
- Ava M
- Harmony O
- Tom H
- Elizabeth T
- Evan L
- Leah P
- Jack D
- Marvin E
- Madi H
- Nicholas O
- Eli H
- James L
- Wijaya K
- Indra K
- Bethany C
- Rafael J
- Jeffrey C
Parkhill PFA Newsletter 9 June 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.

| Thursday 9th June | PFA Meeting |
| Thursday 23rd June | School Disco |

School Disco – Parent Volunteers Required!
With the School Disco fast approaching we are still in need of a number of parent volunteers/ helpers on the actual evening – specifically we need people who are able to help with the set up prior to the event. This year we are using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up to volunteer at the Parkhill Primary School Disco as follows:
Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: [http://vols.pt/uajNBd](http://vols.pt/uajNBd)
1. Enter your email address – you will not need to register an account on Volunteer Spot.
Sign up! Choose your spot and VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and some reminders closer to the event.
Please note that VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please email h_dimo@yahoo.com and our Disco Coordinator Helen can sign you up manually.
If you haven’t yet gone onto VolunteerSpot and signed up – please do so ASAP!

PFA Meeting
Our next PFA meeting will be held tonight - Thursday June 9th at 7:30pm. These meetings 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.

Heatable Soft Toys Promotion
Thank you to everyone who supported our Heatable Soft Toys promotion. The response was fantastic. If you didn’t collect your order on Tuesday it has been left at the office and should be coming home via your child. If you still wanted to place an order it isn’t too late. Order forms are still available at the office – if you place an order this week it will be available for collection on Friday afternoon.

Entertainment Book Promotion
We will be concluding our Entertainment book promotion shortly so please make the time to snap up one of these amazing books to save you and your family a significant amount over the coming year.
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 for your family to save some money whilst also raising money for the school.

Going Shopping?
Please remember to mention Parkhill Primary when going shopping at Camberwell Electrics, Amart Sports and Bakers Delight. As a result of the loyalty we show to them, they generously supply us with cash, vouchers or gifts that go towards our fundraising efforts.
Melbourne United Basketball team visit Parkhill Primary School.
A fun day had by the whole school.
**This weeks recipe from the garden program**

**Vegetable soup**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 L of chicken stock
- Vermicelli noodles
- 1 leek
- 1 onion
- 1 head of broccoli
- 6 sticks celery
- 4 big carrots (8 small carrots)
- 1 squash
- Salt and pepper

**Method:**
Place your stock and cut vegetables except for the broccoli into a large pot bring it to the boil then simmer for 25 minutes.
Place your small cut broccoli and vermicelli noodles into your soup and cook for another 10 minutes. At the same time remove the squash, mash it in a bowl and return it to the soup. Season the soup with salt and pepper.

Katrina Watson
Garden teacher

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**Games Club at Parkhill**

Games Club is run every day from 1:10pm til 2:00pm. It’s always great to see the excitement on the children’s faces as they walk into the library ready for Games Club. Children from Foundation to Year 6 get to socialise and create important relationships with their peers. They spend their time playing board games, drawing, reading, playing with Duplo, there’s also a dolls play area, train sets, puzzles and much, much more.

Whether the kids have come for down time and choose to read a book or come to spend time with friends or even to make new friends there’s always something for them to do and enjoy.
We all enjoy seeing the kids happy and enjoying themselves and look forward to Games Club as much as the children do.

Imogen, Lina, Giovanna, Corrine and Tim.
These holidays are going to be epic! We’re treating kids with a huge array of awesome activities to help keep them warm and entertained! Team Holiday is a multi-award winning holiday program service operating at your school these holidays! We’ll be providing full day holiday programs for kids aged 5-12 each and every day of the school holiday break from 8am-6pm! All children from any school are welcome.

All programs are fully rebatable for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates, which means you only pay half, if not less!

Staff are fully qualified, Working With Children Checked and are either teachers or studying in the field…not to mention great fun!

For more information, please visit www.teamholiday.com.au or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.

2. Attached flyer
See attached the flyer to accompany the above text for your newsletter. We’ll provide hard copies to the school soon.

5. App Push-Notification Blurb:
Here is a push notification blurb to send out:

“Holiday Program at Parkhill Primary School these holidays! Check out www.teamholiday.com.au. Or call 95320366. Let the fun begin!”
Make, Bake & Swap

Let’s put some fun into making lunchboxes!

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
Chris 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.

PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rock & Roll Disco

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU A NAMED WATER BOTTLE

THURSDAY
23rd JUNE
2016

First Session: Foundation, 1 & 2. Time 5pm - 6:15pm sharp
Second Session: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Time 6:30pm - 8pm sharp

STRICTLY NO GLOW STICKS ALLOWED

COST: $5 PER STUDENT AT THE DOOR

MR ROD MCKINLAY
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

HELEN DIMOPOULOS
ON BEHALF OF PFA

9am to 3pm

AFL VICTORIA

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

5-8 YEARS
Footy Fun Day

9-12 YEARS
Skills Battle

Come join us!

SESSION DETAILS

AFL VICTORIA’S HOLIDAY PROGRAM IS BACK BIGGER AND BETTER FOR THE TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THE PROGRAM IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-12 AND RUNS FROM 9:00AM-3:00PM.

EACH OF OUR VENUES ACROSS THE STATE ARE EXPECTED TO FILL FAST.

VENUES INCLUDE:
BOX HILL, ESSENDON FC, FOOTSCRAY, MOORABBIN AND MANY MORE!!

REGISTER NOW AT
WWW.AFLVICHOLIDAYPROGRAMS.COM.AU

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT FACEBOOK.COM/AFLVICHOLIDAYPROGRAMS AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
AFLVIC_HOLPROG TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS, COMPETITIONS AND PHOTOS.