International Baccalaureate (IB) – Primary Years Program (PYP)

Many parents who were unable to attend our information sessions earlier this year, have many questions regarding the IB and in particular the PYP program. Ms Brady and myself intend to organize further sessions in Term 3 which will outline the IB program and highlight how our new purpose built, state of the art learning environment will complement the IB to create a very powerful learning community here at Parkhill.

In the meantime I have uploaded to our website a detailed overview of the IB with direct links to key pages on the International Baccalaureate (IB) – Primary Years Program (PYP) website to provide you with: an overview of the PYP; the purpose of the PYP and what this internationally renowned curriculum will mean for our students. You can access this site at http://parkhillps.vic.edu.au/ and don’t forget to contact either Ms Brady or myself at any time if you have queries regarding the IB or our masterplan.

Student Safety: A couple of reminders;

If students arrive prior to 8.45am, it is essential that they are supervised by a parent or guardian. Staff are on duty each morning from 8.45am and with classrooms open from 8.50am, we are able to provide a good level of supervision in the lead up to learning starting at 9.00am.

Additionally, if there are still students in the school grounds at 3.45pm they are brought to the office so that we can make arrangements for them or they must be supervised by parents.

Student Reports: Reports will be sent home on Monday 20 June

With reports coming home next week it is a timely reminder, if needed, to update your family circumstances. It is a vital department requirement for families who may now have children living in Alternate Family situations to advise the office of any family changes.

Forms are available at the office to advise of any changes.

Over the past week I have enjoyed reading all of the students’ reports and reflecting on the many talented students we have at Parkhill PS. Apart from the academic results represented it was so pleasing to see the very high numbers of students who have achieved an excellent rating in both their behaviour and effort. As a staff we consider ourselves fortunate to have enthusiastic and engaged students – a very real reflection of how learning is valued at home and school. Thank you to all of our parents who give their time and support of the learning that is happening at school – it makes a difference!

As life long learners there will always be new challenges to attempt and new goals to aspire to – please read your child’s report with a view to praising what is positive. Children need specific praise about the things they do well, so let them know what it is you have valued from reading their report – it may encourage them to keep doing it! Receiving reports and discussing the information provides an opportune time to build your child’s self esteem – we encourage our students to take risks and “have a go” as it is by doing so that we learn and become independent learners.
What is most important is your initial reaction to your child’s report – children will be anxious as to whether you will be proud of their efforts and achievements or disappointed. I suggest that you resist the urge to open your report as you walk home and find a quiet moment to read through it with your child. Ask your child how they think they have worked over the past semester – children are surprisingly honest about their own learning.

When you read your child’s report please remember to ‘celebrate the C’ as this is the expected level of achievement. The following summary is useful to read over in preparation for reading your child’s report.

**Summary of the DET A-E ratings:**

**A** indicates achievement that is **well above the standard expected (more than 12 months)** for your child’s year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands and is able to successfully work with knowledge and skills that are significantly more complex than would normally be expected.

**B** indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected (more than 6 Months)** for your child’s year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands more complex ideas and has a broader range of skills than would normally be expected.

**C** indicates achievement that is **at the standard expected** for your child’s year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child’s learning is on track and that they understand and can apply the range of knowledge and skills expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

**D** indicates achievement that is **below the standard expected (more than 6 months behind)** for your child’s year level at the time of reporting. It means there are some skills and knowledge that your child has yet to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

**E** indicates achievement that is **well below the standard expected (more than 12 months behind)** for your child’s year level at the time of reporting. It means there are significant areas of knowledge and skills your child needs to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

I have included an interesting youtube link with Michael Grose (Parent Educator) in relation to reading and responding to your child’s school report.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQt5aTlTpc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQt5aTlTpc)

The key points for reflection include:

- Are your expectations for your child realistic and in line with their ability?
- Children learn at different rates – they may stay at the same level for a period of time
- It is important to protect your child’s self esteem
- Focus on your child’s strengths – both academic and social traits
- Celebrate effort – all you can ask is that your child tries his/her very best

After reports have been read and discussed, perhaps consider a celebration family dinner or a special outing to acknowledge the efforts of your child.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Rod McKinlay
Principal
## 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

#### July
- Mitchell H
- Minh T
- Suliman A
- Nikola A
- Kira S
- Qing Z
- Joman M
- Tessa R
- Flynn B
- Abligail Y
- Theodore M
- James D
- Dylan W
- Alex C
- William L
- Anna S
- Isaac M
- Ivan Z
- Lachlan S
- Archie N
- Samuel T
- Titchiang K
- Jessica A
- Kalara M
- Jethro D
- Bella P
- Freddy X

### Administration

#### First Aid
Can you help?
We are looking at the option of a wheelchair for our first aid room.
Please contact the office if you may be aware of one available.

### 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.

### 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.

### Student of the Week

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Lately in Performing Arts
What have we been up to in Performing Arts? Here’s the inside scoop!

The long and complex process of writing class protest songs is almost over for our 5s and 6s, who have cooked up four very different songs addressing the issues they feel most strongly about. ‘Things That Need To Change’, ‘Give the World a Break’, ‘People Feeling Insecure’ and ‘Bullying’s Not Okay’ are catchy, heartfelt, and draw on the protest songs we analysed way back at the beginning of the year. Ask your child when they will be performing their song to inspire our school community!

Our brilliant 4s have finally cracked the mystery of recorder playing, and as a group we are getting a fabulous sound. It’s testament to their persistence with a very unforgiving instrument! Feel free to congratulate any Year 4s you see around Parkhill – they deserve your praise. Our 3s have similarly been slogging it out, bringing the pentatonic scale to life on the tuned percussion, learning new melodies and improvising their own.

Both the 2s and 1s have been creating their own compositions using un-tuned percussion, in very different ways. The Year 1s have used the beautiful names of birds as prompts, whilst the 2s – fresh from a folk dance unit – have created fantastic ‘thingamajigs’ in sound.

And finally, our Foundation students – getting more grown-up every day – continue to explore the fundamental aspects of pitch, beat and rhythm through a host of songs and games.

Roll on Term 3, where we bring together all our musical skills for our much-anticipated musical, ‘Hey Fid!’ Stay tuned!

Carly Gough
Performing Arts teacher

Australia’s History Showcase
Year 6 Inquiry Presentations

Parkhill Community,
You are invited to see our fantastic history presentations for our Inquiry into ‘Australia in the early 1900s.’ We’ve worked hard to communicate our learning in different ways so hopefully you find something to your liking!

WHEN: Wednesday 22 June, 2:00pm to 3:00pm
WHERE: Roger Beech Hall
WHO: All classes, teachers and the Parkhill community
WHY: To see what we’ve been learning and to rate our success

Hope to see you there!
**Year 3 Woolworths Experience**

On Thursday 9 June the Year 3’s rugged up and walked to Woolworths Ashwood as part of their Inquiry learning. They were given a wonderful tour, behind the scenes of how a supermarket operates. The students thoroughly enjoyed visiting each department and meeting the managers for a detailed outline of their responsibilities and job and they even did some taste testing!! They then broke up into small groups and with a parent helper searched the isles for their shopping list items. Over the loud speaker they were delighted to hear a lovely announcement which welcomed all the ‘Parkhill Shoppers’.

Isle number 4 was for Parkhill students only as they individually unpacked their groceries and paid for their items. To our surprise Woolworths gave each student their own recycle carry bag, Woolworth’s key ring, bottle of water, apple, banana, mandarin and a donut!

Our W.A.L.T: (We are learning to…) was to find, purchase, prepare and cook a meal for the family, with a budget of $10!

On arrival back to Parkhill, the teachers were very pleased to receive this email from Woolworths…..

‘Thanks for letting the students come and visit the store today we hope that they all had a great time and learnt some interesting things about the supermarket and how it operates. All of the student’s behaviour was outstanding and it is a credit to the teachers and parents that came and helped out today.’

Over this long weekend the students have used their ingredients and cooked their family a meal. The last part of their task was to write a reflection about their $10 meal challenge!

Dyon Hunt  
Year 3 / 4 Co-Ordinator

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**Flexischool Canteen—**

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**Online Ordering**
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**Easy online registration**
- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
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- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - Visa or Mastercard Preferred

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**Classroom Cuisine.com.au**

Reminder canteen orders from Classroom Cuisine are **cold lunches**.

Below you will find a link to the website which explains the process of ordering and also their current menu options.


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

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**Parkhill Parent Community Board**

A reminder we have a community board situated on the side of our quadrangle.
School Disco is next week!

It is nearly time for our School Disco and we want to take this opportunity to communicate some key messages. Your understanding of these guidelines and your patience on the night will be greatly appreciated by our team of volunteers and should help things to run smoothly.

1. This event is designed for the kids and as a result, parents do not attend the disco. Parents are of course invited to attend the Parents Retreat downstairs in the Science room. A cold coin donation is requested for entry. Please be aware that under no circumstance will children be allowed at the Parents Retreat.

2. On the evening, children will be dropped off at the main doors to the hall. They will make their payment of $5 at the door and their attendance will then be marked off.

   Pick up will be via the side door (beside the playground) - please do not try to collect your children via the front door. Upon entering the hall via the side door, parents will find children sitting on the floor with their respective class. Parents should then approach the volunteer assigned to their child’s class, sign the child out and then depart.

We are also still in need of a couple of volunteers – if you are free on the evening please sign up using VolunteerSpot via:

http://vols.pt/uaJNBd

or please email h_dimo@yahoo.com and our Disco Coordinator Helen can sign you up manually.

Ladies Night

The PFA is excited to announce that we will be having a ladies night on July 30th here at the school. Please save the date now for what will be a great evening with the girls. More details to come in the next newsletter!

Heatable Soft Toys Promotion

Thank you to everyone who supported our Heatable Soft Toys promotion. We are so grateful for the support everyone has shown the school via this promotion. We are happy to report that as of earlier this week we had raised $695. Order forms are still available at the office if you would still like to get one of these adorable and practical toys.

PFA Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July at 2:30pm in the meeting room near the office. All are welcome.

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.
Holiday Program – Bookings Now Open

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](http://www.teamholiday.com.au) or call our friendly staff on 03 9532 0366.


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NEW INITIATIVE FOR JEWISH LEARNING
PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016

As you might have heard Religious Instruction known as SRI in the State schools in the present format of a half hour during the school day will no longer go ahead. This is the new policy commencing 2016 enacted by the present Victorian Government.

We at UJEB have made alternate plans for 2016 for your child at your school.

**TIME SLOT** FOR SRI in your school;

**THURSDAY LUNCHTIME** 1.10-1.40

Sessions will have an enriched new curriculum delivered by accredited instructors.

Please contact your school office and/ or UJEB at re@ujeb.org.au to register.

**Wishing you a successful year ahead in 2016.**

*Riva Cohen*
Little Literacy Learners Program

is a specialised, supported practice time for children in early primary school who require additional practice to develop their foundational literacy and handwriting skills.

Our experienced therapists will support your child to build on their knowledge of letters and sounds, sight words, sound blending, letter formation and pencil grip in a small group environment.

When: Week 1: 28/6, 29/6, 30/6,
    Week 2: 5/7, 6/7, 7/7
Time: 2 – 3:30pm

Where: Kids Connect Therapy, 45 Vannamee Drive, ASHWOOD 3147

A written progress summary will be provided following the completion of a three program sessions. This will be useful for you to provide to your child’s classroom teacher in 2016.

Please contact us to book your child’s place and to discuss the program on 9607 1114.

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 HELEN DIMOPOULOS
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ON BEHALF OF PFA

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
Chtrissy 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.

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

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9am to 3pm