Parent Opinion Survey: Due in tomorrow!
A random selection of you will have received a letter and the annual parent opinion survey last week. I would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to fill it out and return it to school with your child tomorrow. All responses remain completely confidential.

Payment Receipts:
Parents should have received an envelope from their child containing a number of receipts last week. A few years ago the decision was made to keep receipts on file at the office and it became the parents’ responsibility to come and collect their receipts. We have found that parents have not been coming in to collect their receipts and the receipts have been piling up, in some cases over a number of years! For the benefit of parents, and to make it easier for them, we reviewed this process recently and decided to send all receipts home to families. As a result, receipts will no longer be held at the office and all receipts will now be distributed to parents via your child through the office tub. Please make sure you check your child’s bag if you are expecting a receipt.

Communication:
A reminder that if you have any queries regarding our school or are wondering why a process has changed please don’t hesitate to contact either myself, Ms Brady or the office to clarify the situation. Often when you hear the reasoning behind the changes then understanding becomes apparent.

Working Together:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and grandparents who come to school to help and support in a variety of ways. This may occur through helping in classrooms, attending excursions, helping at working bees and with our hard working PFA. It is very satisfying to hear positive feedback from parents and families about their time volunteering at school in the classroom.

We are always looking to promote greater parent engagement in learning at school. Being involved gives you a greater sense of what is happening in the school and your child will see that you value their school time. There are many ways in which parents can assist in classrooms, and all that is required is a Working with Children Check. The application is simple to complete online, is free for volunteers and once the application has been made, most applicants can begin volunteering immediately.
University of NSW Science Competition:
This year we have added Science to our list of UNSW testing competitions. We had 45 students participate with 18 Participation, 7 Merit, 12 Credit, 7 Distinction and 1 High Distinction certificates being awarded. Congratulations to all students who took a risk and had a go!

The following students achieved a Distinction:
Year 3: Matthew Kost, James Macleish, Isabella Sek, Isabella Yap,
Year 4: Jethro Dvorak
Year 6: Wijaya Kusumah-Kasim, Qing Zhu

The following student achieved a High Distinction:
Year 6: Indra Kusumah-Kasim

Masterplan and International Baccalaureate: Parent Information Sessions:
Please note the following dates and times and then shoot me an email confirming your attendance at one of the sessions:

**Thursday 18 August:**
Session 1: 9.00am
Session 2: 2.30pm
Session 3: 6.30pm

**Tuesday 13 September:**
Session 1: 9.00am
Session 2: 2.30pm
Session 3: 6.30pm

We encourage all parents to come along to one of our sessions to gain an understanding of how our new buildings will be developed in line with our International Baccalaureate: Primary Years Program curriculum. Each session will go for approximately 45 minutes and will be held in the Library.

To attend one of the sessions please email me at: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au to confirm your place.

3 Way Conferences:
Please make a note of the dates for our 3 Way Conferences and jump online to book a time!

Have a great weekend!
Rod McKinlay

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We are looking for an Aerial Photographer to take pictures for our Parkhill Primary School 20th Anniversary. If you are able to help or know of someone who may be interested please contact the Principal via email at: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au
Parkhill Primary School
“United through learning; we nurture success”

Masterplan & International Baccalaureate
A warm welcome is extended to our community to come along to an information session to hear about our wonderful new buildings and internationally acclaimed International Baccalaureate curriculum.

Parent Information Sessions
Thursday 18th Aug
Tuesday 13th Sept

Held in the Library
Session 1 - 9:00am
Session 2 - 2:30pm
Session 3 - 6:30pm
(45min sessions)

To attend one of the sessions please email our Principal, Rod McKinlay, at: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 9807 2239 to confirm your place.

Parkhill Drive, Ashwood VIC 3147
Ph: 9807 2239   Web: www.parkhillps.vic.edu.au
Science

Last weekend Qing, Ian, Leo, Leah and Luca represented Parkhill Primary School at the Melbourne Regional Robocup Competition. I was very proud of their persistence and resilience as they problem solved their way through the challenges that come with robotics. The girls programmed their robot to dance to the song, ‘Uptown Funk’. They also designed and created funky t-shirts to wear. The boys programmed two robots to be soccer players. One was an attacker, the other a goalie. The boys started off a little bumpy but made it into the quarter finals! This weekend Charlotte H, Mikayla and Greer will compete in the Melbourne Regional Robocup Rescue challenge. Good luck girls, have fun and keep persisting!

A big thanks to all the parents and Greg Hellard, our Scientist in School’s volunteer, who supported our Robocup competitors on the day and in the lead up to the events. The big Victorian State Robocup competition is on Tuesday 16th August.

Katrina Watson – Robocup mentor

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A new musical play for Parkhill Primary School

**Hey FID!**

by

Curtis Bayliss

A new musical play for Parkhill Primary School performers & puppets.

David Veryclever, a Barkhill Primary School student, is accidentally shrunk to the size of an insect.

Meanwhile, Fid, a girl aphid leaf insect, suddenly grows to the size of a small human. What will happen as they and their new communities cope with the change that lasts a day? HEY FID!!!
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in the swimming program held at the Huntingtower School over the previous weeks. It has been excellent seeing the students having fun whilst also learning very important water safety and survival skills.

To celebrate the end of the program the students from Foundation - Year 6 will participate in a Swimming Carnival. Every student will get a chance to compete and show off the skills they have learnt throughout the program.

WHERE:  Huntingtower Sports & Aquatic Centre, Huntingtower School, 77 Waimarie Dr, Mt Waverley.

WHEN:     Friday 5th August
         Year 3 to Year 6 - 9:30am - 12.00pm   Buses depart school at 9:00am and return at 12:30pm.
         Foundation to Year 2 - 1:00pm - 3.00pm.   Buses depart school at 12:30 and return by 3:30pm.

WHO:    All students from Foundation - Year 6 who have participated in the swimming program.

COST:   Nil (Covered in the payment made for your child’s swimming program).

NEEDS:  Students should come prepared to swim as they have done throughout the program.

One piece bathers - Girls who wear one piece bathers will be given the opportunity to change at school.

Two piece bathers - Boys, and girls wearing two piece costumes should wear their bathers under their school uniforms.

They must bring goggles, a towel and a change of underwear. Please ensure these items are in a separate water proof bag that can be taken to the pool.

Drink Bottle to be carried throughout the morning.  Asthma puffers should be carried if needed.

Parents are encouraged to attend but must organise their own travel arrangements.

Elaine Brady                        Rod McKinlay
Assistant Principal                Principal
& Swimming Co-Ordinator
Remember to say "Parkhill Primary School" before you pay at Bakers Delight Ashburton, Chadstone, Oakleigh and Oakleigh Links to have 5% of the sale go towards our school!

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED NOW

We have a short supply of winter clothing available in our First aid room at present and we have had many requests from families for second hand uniform.

Donations welcome and can be left at the office.

Thanks in advance

CAKE RAFFLE IS BACK!!!

Every year our Year 6 group raise money to fund their graduation.

On Friday 29th July the first cake raffle will be held at assembly!

Friday morning you can purchase raffle tickets and the draw is held at assembly.

Don’t forget your money!!

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| Wednesday September 14 & Thursday September 15 | Parkhill Concert - for more information, keep an eye on the newsletter over coming weeks!

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Birthdays July

- Mitchell H
- Minh T
- Suliman A
- Nikola A
- Kira S
- Qing Z
- Joman M
- Tessa R
- Flynn B
- Abigail 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
To find out more about this important initiative and how you can support our fundraising efforts, please contact the Principal, Rod McKinlay on (03) 9807 2239.
LADIES NIGHT BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!
SATURDAY JULY 30TH
AT 7.30PM

Join us for a night of cocktail making, a fashion parade, hair styling, great stalls and much more.

$10.00 donation at the door includes a glass of champagne and nibbles. BYO drinks

Bring your gold coins to join in the raffles and games held throughout the evening!

All proceeds raised will go towards our ‘How Cool Can We Make the School’ fundraising target.
Ladies Night – Saturday July 30th – RSVP now!

Ladies! If you haven’t yet RSVP’d to our Ladies Night, please do so ASAP. Our first 50 spaces that came with show bags have been snapped up but you are still able to come along and attend what promises to be a really fun night with so many of the amazing women from our Parkhill community. Simply go to http://evite.me/vwGyc36GSB to register your attendance so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. Registering to attend is as simple as entering your name, email address and how many people you are bringing.

With a Silver Maple fashion parade (featuring some of our wonderful teachers), raffles and prizes throughout the evening, a glass of champagne upon arrival, nibbles and snacks provided, BYO drinks, hair styling (for a small donation), express manicures, make up tutorials, cocktail/mocktail making (and sampling), the list goes on and on... All of this for a $10 donation at the door. Do not miss this amazing night out and bring your friends too! All proceeds will support our ‘How Cool Can We Make The School?’ fundraising.

Trivia Night – Silent Auction Donations Requested

We are currently looking for items to be donated for a silent auction to be held at our Trivia Night on Friday September 9th. If you are in a position to donate something or know someone who might be able to please contact PFA Secretary Wendy Douglas via parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or on 0420657 007

Tickets for the Trivia Night will go on sale in early August, stay tuned and watch this space for updates and further information.

Always wanted a Thermomix?

You have a chance to win one for only $30! Normally retailing for over $2,000 the PFA are having a limited ticket raffle for one of these amazing kitchen appliances. Strictly only 250 tickets to be sold with all proceeds going towards our ‘How Cool Can We Make The School?’ fundraising. Tickets will go on sale at the Ladies Night this Saturday with any remaining tickets available for sale from the office next week.

Come and see the Thermomix in action at our Ladies Night. Chrissy (a Parkhill mum) will be whipping up some delicious cocktails and mocktails for the ladies to sample.
The Good Guys Doing Good Week Nominations are now open!

Doing Good Week is our way of rewarding those who make a difference in the community, and supporting those who need it most.

This is where you come in!

This year, you can nominate your school, or another community organisation you know, that truly makes a difference or needs our help, and they could be selected to receive a donation in our upcoming Doing Good Week (5-11 September)!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Good Guys Doing Good initiatives see more than $1million donated back to more than 100 local charities through The Good Guys Local Giving Program, more than $500,000 through in-kind giving each year to more than 1,000 local community groups and families each year.

Doing Good and making a difference in our local communities is very important to us, so celebrating and supporting those who make a difference, or need our help, is something we take great pride in.

You can make your nomination at www.facebook.com/TheGoodGuysAU

Nominations close on Sunday 28 August 2016 so get your nominations in quick!

Kindest regards,
The Good Guys Doing Good Team!