DROP OFF IN WINTER:

Often in the winter months I have the privilege of supervising the Drop Off Zone in the mornings. When raining, our Drop Off Zone has the potential to be a catastrophe!

I offer a few tips and reminders to parents as a way of ensuring our drop off zone moves as smoothly and as quickly as possible:

- Children sit in the seat next to the flag poles so they are not walking in front or behind cars and it is quicker to exit on this side of the vehicle.
- Children have their bags on their lap before the car stops.
- Bags are kept in the car and not in the boot.
- Kisses and hugs etc to be completed prior to entering the gates.
- Drivers to stay in the car. (For Foundation students we understand that this is not always possible!)
- Hold practice sessions and time your child exiting the car!

Please be mindful that if you take too long dropping off, the knock on effect is a build-up of traffic on Parkhill Avenue, frustrated drivers and a flood of complaints to the Principal!! So far this year we haven’t had any which is very pleasing!

**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:
Reminder our Three-way Conferences are on Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 August. Below are the links for your use.

Three-Way Conferences Year 4|5|6 & Specialists
Three-Way Conferences Foundation to Year 3

How to raise a child to be a giver:
Children can learn from an early age the importance and value of helping others. This sense of generosity can be nurtured in children from a young age and parents can play a big role in impacting on this trait of giving rather than taking.

Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing, developing a community ethos in children can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents' greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. Expect kids to help
With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. Think ‘gang’
It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. Don’t let them get away with meanness
Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. Develop a sense of other
Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5. Encourage giving
During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal the next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.
The skills that children need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. However, the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven’t changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I’m sure they’d say they’d hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. (Michael Grose - parent educator)

2017 Foundation Interviews:
Please click on the link below to book in a time for our Principal/Foundation 2017 Interviews. It is always a highlight for me to welcome our newest Parkhill students at this time!

Foundation enrolments for 2017 are rolling in and there are still a number of spots available in our Foundation classes for 2017, so if you know of family or friends who would be interested in hearing more about a Parkhill education for their child, please don’t hesitate to give them my contact details: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9807 2239.

Rod McKinlay
Principal

Silver Maple Boutique – Thank you!
A specific thank you to Silver Maple Boutique who not only provided us with an amazing fashion parade at our Ladies Night, they also donated a $100 gift voucher for our silent auction. Silver Maple is located at 216 High Street Ashburton, although they are also opening a new store on Burke Road Camberwell this month. If you liked what you saw at the Ladies Night then make sure you go visit them in store this month and use the discount coupon that was in your show bag!

Working with Children Check reminder (WWCC)
Below you will find a link to the WWCC website where you will be able to register and check on your application or current card status. Remember it is your legal obligation within 21 days to advise of any new environments of work or volunteering.


Hey FID!
A new music theatre adventure for Parkhill Primary School

By Curtis Bayliss ... A new musical play for Parkhill Primary School.
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!**

**Year 3, 4, 5, 6 parents**

We have a short supply of winter clothing available in our First aid room at present and are requesting old shorts, pants and T-shirts to be donated.

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. Friday morning you can purchase raffle tickets and the draw is held at assembly. Don’t forget your money!!
A concert update from the Art Room…

Everyone is busy in the Art Room, cutting, sewing and painting in preparation for the concert.

All the students are making their own costumes, putting their design, construction and sewing skills into practice.

Cathy Bateman
Art Teacher

Parkhill is commencing the Carnival Book Club!

This is a great way to embrace and encourage interest in reading and increase literacy both in school and at home.

The Carnival Book Club range spans F-6 in one comprehensive catalogue, providing a diverse range of literature options.

Book Club encourages reading at home while providing a fundraising opportunity for Parkhill PS, as 20% of all proceeds come back to the school to purchase new resources for our Library and classrooms. Catalogues went home last week with your eldest children. (you can pick up a spare one from the Library.)

Orders are only available online. Books purchased will be delivered to school, or for an added cost, posted home. Please note, if you need computer access, you may come into the Library to make your order.


Cathy Bateman
Book Club Coordinator
How cool can we make the school?
PARKHILL PFA NEWSLETTER 4 August 2016

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

Calendar

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How cool did our Ladies Night make the school?
We are so excited to announce that we raised over $1,500 at our Ladies Night last Saturday. Our thermometer now sits at $42,500!

A MASSIVE thank you to all the amazing women in our school community who turned out to help make the event a great success. There are so many people to thank and there is a complete list below but specifically we want to highlight and acknowledge:

Elaine Brady, Lisa Jacobson, Lucy Renshaw, Desiree Schlack and Katrina Watson for their amazing efforts on the catwalk.

Sara Amos and Irene Hatges who donated their time and talents on the night providing hair styling services for a donation and in doing so raised over $150!

Silver Maple Boutique, 216 High St Ashburton for the amazing fashion parade and for donating a $100 gift voucher.

Michelle Mehta for coordinating the fashion parade.

Anny Murray for coordinating all of the delicious food served on the night.  
Sophie Kost from www.mybeautifulabode.com.au for the artwork donated for the silent auction valued at $300 and for the decorations on the night.

Our friends at Hyde and Seek cafe for the coffee coupons in the show bags.

All of our stall holders listed below who not only entertained us for the evening but also donated items for raffle/silent auction.

Restore Beauty and Skin Clinic, 287 High Street Ashburton for donating a facial and consult valued at $115.

Ladies Night Volunteers – Thank you!

Ladies Night Stall Holders – Thank you!

Trivia Night – Purchase your tickets now!
Tickets are now on sale at $20 per person or $200 for a table of ten for our much anticipated Trivia Night on Friday September 9th. To book your table or individual tickets please email parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com. You must then make payment via cash, eftpos or credit card ASAP via the office. Tickets/tables can only be guaranteed once payment has been made. This event is a great opportunity to invite friends from outside our school community as we continue in our fundraising efforts to make our school cool.

We are still looking for items to be donated for the silent auction at the Trivia Night. If you are in a position to donate something or know someone or a business who might be able to please contact PFA Secretary Wendy Douglas via parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or on 0420 657 007.

Always wanted a Thermomix?
Tickets for our Thermomix Raffle are now on sale via the office. 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?’ campaign. Have a think about who amongst your friends and family might like to purchase one and please let them know about this fantastic opportunity.
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
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!