MAKING YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE EXPERIENCE SAFE

As a parent you work hard to protect your children. You warn them about stranger danger but keeping them safe is a little more challenging. Each time your computer is connected to the internet, danger could come flooding into your home.

Both Mrs Brady and I regularly deal with social issues and children on the internet. The internet is now an integral part of life so simply banning it is difficult. Instead, you can take some steps to minimise the dangers for your children. I was chatting with a secondary teacher on the weekend who spends a considerable amount of his time dealing with social media issues between children at his school. He suggested a website called common sense media which rates the apps that children can access.......

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews#

What I like about this website is that it lists possible apps your children can have and rates the appropriate age for users of the app, their quality and also their learning potential.

One social media app that is to be avoided, especially by primary school children is “askfm.” You may wish to look up the commonsensemedia website for its review.

Some other tips to protect your children from inappropriate use of the internet or cyberspaces:

1. Keep the computer connected to internet in shared family spaces rather than bedrooms so that you can monitor its use and also be available if your child wants to talk about anything they view that makes them feel uncomfortable.

2. Set some guidelines for use such as:

   ►Never give out personal information or your photo
   ►Don’t open email attachments from strangers or people they have met online
   ►Never meet in person someone who they have met online

3. While supervision is the best defence against internet danger it is not possible nor desirable to monitor children 24/7. The use of internet filtering software allows you to set controls over the information that your child sends or views. Some software even allows you to set time limits on how long your child can surf the Net.

4. Check that your Internet Service Provider (ISP) is family-friendly and adheres to the Internet Industry Association codes of conduct. Family-friendly ISP’s can be recognised by the lady bird logo displayed on their website. These ISP’s can offer information and online tools to assist both parents and children to use the Internet in fun, yet safe ways.

In wishing you all a wonderful weekend with your family and friends, I received this from a parent this week which I share with you now. A simple message that means so much and sums up how we think about Parkhill PS!

Have a great weekend
Rod McKinlay
Winter is nearly over …

… Spring is in the air!

Term 3 Working Bee
Sunday 23 August 2015
1pm – 4pm
Afternoon Tea provided

Give a helping hand and give your school a good Spring clean!

**Book Week dates for 2015**

**Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August**

The Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015.

The Book Week theme will be Books light up our world

One of the many activities that Parkhill PS will do to commemorate Book Week is our

**Book Parade!**

This is a much anticipated and enjoyed event where all the students dress up as a book character (books, not movies, are the theme here, so please dress up as a book character).

**Children are encouraged to make their costumes** rather than hire anything and come dressed in them on the morning of **Friday 28 August** for a 9.15am parade. Parents are of course invited to stay and enjoy the event.

Classes parade one by one, with prizes for the best dressed character in each grade.

Please see Mrs. Bateman or Mrs. Gibson if you need some help with ideas for costumes or characters.

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**Buddy Activity**

Friday 28 August - No Whole School Assembly due to Kids Matter Whole School Buddy Activity.

Students are asked to bring an item of clothing in a warm colour (**red, orange, yellow, pink**) that they could wear for the buddy activity. This could be a hat, scarf, jumper, jacket or a pair of socks that they could put on after the Book Parade.

Thanks
Anne McGregor—Kid’s Matter Committee
Science

Happy National Science Week! This year Parkhill Primary School will be celebrating National Science Week in Term 4. So do not fear, Science-man (or woman) will soon be here. I also hear a visit from Professor Bunsen is on the cards! Keeping watching this space for more details of Parkhill Primary School Science Day in early Term 4.

In the mean time we can celebrate our own Science heroes who have busily been preparing for the 2015 Victorian Robocup Competition. This Friday will be the culmination of many months of hard work from 9 students in Years 4, 5 and 6. They have been busy building and programming their LEGO mindstorm robots to complete challenges. Good luck teams – I’m very proud of your problem solving persistence!

Katrina Watson – Science Teacher
2015 | Calendar of Curriculum events
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Sunday 23 August | Term 3 Working Bee 1.00pm—4.00pm
Friday 28 August | Book Parade See information in this newsletter
Thursday 3 September | Grade 2 Woodwork Incursion
Friday 4 September | Grade 1 Woodwork Incursion
Tuesday 8 September | Chinese Dance Group
Friday 18 September | Footy Colours Day Gold Coin Donation Lunch

Birthdays August
- Isaac H
- Jensen M
- Jessica H
- Stephanie K
- Tarkan Y
- Daud A
- Zein M
- Edward S
- Sophia O
- Jenny Z
- Elaina M
- Kimberly B
- Charlotte P
- Noah T
- Christos P
- Hava S
- Hannah D
- Kara G
- Keifer L
- Willow O
- Lachlan M
- Luka P

2015 | Student of the Week & Awards
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PR | Georgia
PN | Gemma
PT | Madison
1B | Amelia
1M | Matthew
2M | Matthew
2S | Wesley
3H | Abigail
3D | Tom
4B | Reuben
4D | Mark
56G | Hutefya
56S | Douglas
56M | Class
Teacher of the week | Dora Handby

Sick Bay First Aid Information
We have had reports this week of cases of the following medical issues:
- Hand, Foot & Mouth
- Pre-Whooping Cough
- High Fever

Thank you to those who continue to support us in keeping children at home during times of illness or when they are feeling unwell. This really helps to minimise the spread of infection.

Heroes' Corner
Care
Honesty
Unity
Respect
Persistence
Louie Soligo for helping out on the school crossing
President: Anny Murray (Miakoda & Jennon)  annymation2@bigpond.com
Vice President: Vanessa Cowley (Madison)  vanessa_cowley@yahoo.co.uk
Treasurer: Lisa Jacobson (Zach and Josh)  lisaj@landirections.com.au
Secretary: Joanne Dodds (Kira)  scottiedodds@aol.com

**Calendar of events**

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**IVAN’S PIE ORDERS**

By now each family should have received their order form for Ivan’s pies. Make sure they are back to the office with payment by Friday 28th August.

Please note that the date on the sticker on the order form is incorrect. We apologise for this error.

**SHOPPING TOUR**

We have had early interest in the shopping tour. Are you ready to jump on a bus, champers in hand and head off for some shopping in good company? We still require a minimum number of participants for this to go ahead in November.

The date is set so get your expressions of interest in quick!

**FATHER’S DAY WRAPPING BEE**

We have some great presents for the dads. Please join us in the hall at 9am on Monday 31st August to make them ready for the children to purchase on Friday 4th September. The more the merrier!

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

THANK YOU for all your efforts! Please keep collecting and drop them either in the box in the school foyer or in the box at the Ashwood Woolworths.
Father's Day get Together

The parent class reps would like to invite all Parkhill children and their fathers / significant male to a Father’s Day get together at Parkhill Primary School.

When: Saturday : 5 September 3.00pm -5.30pm.
Where: Parkhill Primary School, meet at the hall.
What: Ball games followed by pizza and drinks.
Cost: $20/family to cover the cost of the food and drink.

RSVP: Please RSVP, with the number of people attending, to the office by Friday 21 August to allow time for the food and drink to be organised. As this is a catered event we cannot accommodate those who turn up on the day without replying.

Please let us know if there are any special food requirements.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Regards,
Rodney McKinlay
Class Reps Principal

Any queries may be directed to Adrienne Elliott (0402-034638)

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Return to Office

Name: ______________________ (Parents Full Name) will attend the Father’s Day sports afternoon at Parkhill on Saturday 5 September.

Number attending: Adults: _____ Children: _______ Amount enclosed: $_______
(Cash only)

Please list the Parkhill children who will be attending and include there year level to assist with team organisation:

Child’s Full Name _______________________________________________________________
Year / Class _________________ 
House _____________________

Special Dietary requirements:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

Can you help with umpiring on the day? Please specify___________________________
Thank you