2017 Premiers Visit Parkhill:

Richmond players, ahead of their success in 2017, visited Parkhill this week. David Astbury, Daniel Rioli, Shaun Hampson and Ivan Soldo spoke to our students about health, nutrition, the importance of sleep and looking after yourself. Plenty of questions were asked of the players; from what was their worst sports injury, to what they enjoyed doing outside of football. These yearly visits from AFL clubs, particularly Richmond, are a great learning opportunity for our students and highlight the importance of resilience, persistence and getting back up when life deals a bad hand. These are the qualities and values we want to instil into all our students, staff and parents at Parkhill! Thanks to Mr Sciacca for organising this presentation and we look forward to welcoming the Tigers back in 2017 along with the Premiership Cup!

Student Achievement:

At Ashwood High School Principal's Awards Assembly last week, former Parkhill students: Aidan Chan, Jessica Harding, Zac Aiken & Joey Pryor were all presented with awards.

Joey received two awards, one for Academic Endeavour and another for Citizenship & Leadership.

Jessica also received two awards, one for Academic Excellence and the other for Citizenship & Leadership.

Aidan & Zac received Citizenship & Leadership awards.

Of the 57 Year 7 students, only 10 were presented with awards, with a large majority being ex Parkhill students! It’s wonderful to hear about the success of our past students so please keep the details coming of any of our current or past students so we can share their success with our community.
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  
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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.

**New Child Safe Standards:**

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is our highest priority. We know that our school is a safe place for our children and that Parkhill staff, School Council and sub committees work hard to protect all students from abuse and neglect.

The Department of Education (DET), together with the Victorian Registrations Qualifications Authority (VRQA) published new Child Safe Standards at the start of this year. These standards are the result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament’s Betrayal of Trust inquiry. These Standards were introduced through Ministerial Order 870 and build on the existing processes and commitment to student safety in schools. On 1 September 2016 all schools will receive a request from the VRQA to undertake an online self-assessment and make a declaration about the extent to which they meet the new Standards. Schools then have until 28 September 2016 to respond to the VRQA, unless an extension has been sought. All schools are required to be fully compliant by the end of the 2016 school year.

Further information regarding the standards can be accessed at [http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html](http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html)

**Parent Opinion**

Thank you to the families who received and completed an opinion survey on the school recently. These completed surveys have now been returned to the Department of Education and Training (DET). These surveys were completed by approximately 20% of our families, selected randomly by DET software. Of course, those who did not receive a survey are always able to provide feedback on school directions via email at: mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au or make a time to come in and have a coffee with me while you share your ideas about our school.

Recently, I have had conversations with parents regarding support they can provide our school in securing grants and another group of parents who want to contribute towards airconditioning our hall. If you feel you have knowledge or skills in particular fields that can support our school, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Have a great weekend.  
Rod McKinlay
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**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.

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 Sick Bay First Aid.

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### Sick Bay First Aid Information:

We have had reports this week of cases of the following medical issues:

- Fever
- Gastro
- Cold virus

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### 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!!

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### PILATES

**1st CLASS FOR $6!**

Pilates is popular with all ages and abilities and can help with general fitness, a stronger, toned, more flexible body, improved posture, injury prevention, increased energy and enhanced wellbeing!

Come and find out what Pilates can do for you at our friendly classes!

**Mon. 9.30am, Weds. 6pm, Thurs. 9.30am and Sat. 9.15am**

The Uniting Church Hall, 482 High Street Rd, Mount Waverley.

**Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm**

Parkhill Primary School Hall, Parkhill Drive, Ashwood.

Cost: $13.00 per class for block bookings or $17.50 casual

Please contact Karen to reserve your place:
email: karen@karens pilates.com Tel: 9807 0429

[www.karens pilates.com](http://www.karens pilates.com)

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### Birthdays August

- Isaac H
- Jensen M
- Charlie W
- Oscar F
- Stephanie K
- Tarkan Y
- Shania V
- Zein M
- Edward S
- Sophia O
- Jenny Z
- Elaina M
- Charlotte P
- Christos P
- Noah T
- Hava S
- Kara G
- Hannah D
- Keifer L
- Zi Yan W
- Lachlan M
- Luka P
Reading Recovery

Learning to read and write occurs every day, in many situations. Parents and teachers work together to support children as they develop their reading and writing abilities. The Reading Recovery Program at Parkhill Primary helps selected children in Year 1 with their reading and writing.

Some ideas from Reading Recovery can be used at home too.

Successful readers:
- Expect what they read to make sense.
- Predict what is to come, based on their understanding of the content, knowledge of language and the information contained in the print.

To assist your child when they come to a word they are unsure of, use the Pause, Prompt, Praise approach. We need to allow children time to work out the problem for themselves. If the reader still has some difficulty, then prompts can guide them to successful strategies. For example:

**Does that make sense?** This guides the reader to make meaning from their experience.

**Does that look right?** This guides the reader to seek visual information.

**Does that sound right?** This guides the reader to consider their knowledge of the structure of language.

Remember how important it is to listen to your child read, but also read to your child and with your child.

Happy reading!

Sarah Robinson, Reading Recovery Teacher

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**FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TRIVIA NIGHT 2016**

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

**SILENT AUCTION**

**BRING GOLD COINS**

**RAFFLES**

$20 PER PERSON

PAYABLE TO THE OFFICE

10 PEOPLE PER TABLE

REGISTER TODAY

**Hey FID!**

By Curtis Bayliss – A new musical play for Parkhill Primary School.
How cool can we make the school?
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

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**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.

**Trivia Night – Silent Auction Items Needed!**

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? Buy your $30 Ticket NOW!**

Tickets for our Thermomix Raffle are selling at the office right now! 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 anyone amongst your friends and family that might like to purchase one and please let them know about this fantastic opportunity.

**Father’s Day Wrapping Bee**

We will be having a Wrapping Bee on the morning of Wednesday August 24th in the school hall in preparation for the Father’s Day Stall. If you are free on the day and able to come and help us out, we will be there from 9:15am onwards.

**Father’s Day Stall**

The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday September 2nd. Please note the date and make sure the kids bring some money to school on the day to buy something to help make the day special for both them and Dad. Stay tuned next week for details on how to sign up to volunteer on the day. We will need LOTS of helpers so please keep the morning free if you can!
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.

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Tuesday 13th Sept

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