School Review Report Presentation

There is a strong wellbeing presence at Parkhill PS and the school has a consistent approach to student wellbeing, focusing on the school values. Student wellbeing is regularly addressed and staff have a strong sense of collective responsibility toward all students. (2015 School Review Report)

An examination of 2012-2014 NAPLAN data, concluded that Parkhill Primary School’s means as a percentile in literacy and numeracy outcomes were generally well above the median for the state. (2015 School Review Report)

Our School Review Report has been completed and as you can read above, our review concluded that Parkhill has achieved many of the goals it set out to do and our academic results are well above the State Means.

In order to share this news with our community, I invite you to join us for a presentation from our school reviewer, Leslie Tulloch, before our next School Council Meeting on Thursday 17 September in the library; commencing at 7.30pm. Leslie will be presenting the findings from our review to our community. A shorter School Council Meeting will follow and you are also invited to stay for that as well and share in the success of our school.

As a result of this review, we are now in the process of sifting through the report and identifying what elements we need to embrace for our next Strategic Plan, which will run from 2016 to 2019.

Book Week Parade

All students are encouraged to come to school tomorrow dressed as their favourite book character. A special parade will be held in the hall at 9.15am on Friday morning so all the students and families can look at all the fantastic book characters on display.

Mrs McGregor and her KidsMatter team are then asking students to change into a warm colour for the afternoon launch of our new KidsMatter program. What a great end to the week we have in store!
A message from Judy Crowe, president of the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals:

Why choose a public secondary school?

At this time of the year, families are making important decisions about choosing a secondary school for their child.

There’s a common view that if you send your child to a private school, your child will get better results.

But the facts show that this is not necessarily the case.

A recent review of almost 30 academic studies revealed public schools achieve similar student outcomes to Catholic and independent schools across a range of education indicators. (Cobbold, 2015)

The review showed there were no significant differences between the results of students from public, Catholic and independent schools in national and international tests and in university completion rates.

In fact in the first year of university, students from public schools outperform other students – they achieve higher grades in their first year of university than students from Catholic and independent schools.

You can read more about the review’s findings here: http://www.saveourschools.com.au/public-education/studies-show-public-schools-achieve-similar-results-to-private-schools

Public schools are just as good as private schools in the area that matters most – developing your child's potential. The review is one of many pieces of educational research showing that students from the same social background do as well in public schools as they do in Catholic or independent schools.

There are other good reasons to consider enrolling your child in a public school. They include the following:

- Public schools are great value for money compared with private schools, which charge families up to $30,000 each year in tuition fees per child. Tuition at public schools is a reasonable alternative, with families paying for books and essential items.

- Children in public schools learn to get on with a wide mixture of students from different backgrounds. These advanced social skills – cooperation, empathy, problem solving – are increasingly prized in the modern workplace. They equip students for success in life and in work.

- Public schools are neighbourhood schools. Enrolling your child in a school within walking or riding distance to home makes it easier for you to know who your child’s friends are, to make friends with other local parents and to forge closer links with your school and your community.
High quality teaching is one of the biggest factors that influence student learning. That's why public schools are intensifying their efforts to enhance the skills of their teachers through mentoring, peer and student feedback and other forms of professional development.

Public schools are the backbone of our nation’s education system. They express our Australian egalitarian values. They provide opportunities for all children to succeed, no matter where they live. They give all children a fair chance to reach their potential and lead a fulfilling life.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015**

A reminder that this year we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

**2016 Enrolments:**

Classes for 2016 are filling fast! There is a great demand for a place at Parkhill and I ask you to help us in our planning by letting us know your movements for 2016. If a change for your family is anticipated in 2016, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly. With this in mind, please ensure siblings are enrolled and that any family or friends who may be interested in hearing more about a Parkhill education have my details so they can contact me to arrange a personalised tour.

I can be contacted via the school or email me at mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

I wish you all a wonderful weekend with your family and friends

Rod McKinlay
Principal
Garden Update

It’s been a busy time in the garden this term! Every class has had their own major project to work on:

3D have started our new pumpkin patch in the log bed by the garden gate. We’ve weeded and dug; next we add compost.

3H have pulled out all the strawberries! Don’t worry, they’ve potted them up ready to replant into fresh soil and compost. The patch was overcrowded so now the strawberries will have room to grow and we’ll have spare strawberry plants to plant somewhere else.

4D have taken on the task of renovating our raspberry patch. It was covered with weeds and the mint was taking over. After digging out all the plants, the weeds went to the chickens and the raspberry plants were pruned, replaced, fed, watered and mulched. We’re looking forward to lots of raspberries next year!

4B have been taking great care of our chickens. Apart from collecting the eggs every day, they’re making sure the house is clean, the hens have fresh water, greens to eat, wormwood to scratch in (to repel bugs) and they’re planting food plants in the run for them to eat.

As well, we’ve been planting snow-peas on bamboo trellis, preparing the potato bed, pruning the shrubs, dividing canna lilies, planting carrots and mulching our muddy paths.

In the kitchen we’ve made herb and tomato omelettes (herbs and eggs from our garden) and minestrone soup (celery, broccoli, potato, and artichokes from our garden). Thank you Mrs Piattella!

Thanks also, to the parents who have been helping out on Fridays, and those who worked so hard at our working bee last Sunday.

Carol Henderson
Cultivating Community School Food Garden Educator.

PHTV - Voting

Thank you to all who voted for Parkhill TV in the recent competition. Unfortunately our school was not successful.

Michelle Smith
**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.

Thank you.
Anne McGregor—KidsMatter Committee

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**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 is our

**BOOK PARADE!**

This is a much anticipated and enjoyed event where all the students dress up as a book charac-
ter *(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 char-
acters.
Sick Bay First Aid Information

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

- **High Fever**
- **Coughing**
- **Hand, Foot & Mouth**

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.
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

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**Calendar of events**

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**FATHER'S DAY WRAPPING BEE**

Please join us in the hall at 9am on Monday 31 August to wrap the gifts ready for the children to purchase on Friday 4 September. We will need as many as possible to assist. The more the merrier!

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**SHOPPING TOUR**

Are you ready to jump on a bus, chancers in hand and head off for some shopping in good company? We are still seeking participants for this event on Saturday 21 November.

If we get a minimum number the cost will be $55.00 for the day (excluding lunch). If a higher number of participants then the cost goes down for all.

If you are interested we will need a deposit of $20 to the office by Friday 4 September.

**IVAN’S PIE ORDERS**

This is the last week for orders to be back in. Make sure they are back to the office with payment by Friday 28 August.

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**Melbourne Shopping Tour**

Yes! I am interested in the shopping tour on Saturday November 21st.

My $20.00 deposit to secure my place is enclosed.

Name:__________________________________________

Contact number:__________________________________

Email:__________________________________________

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Science

Last Friday Zac, Charlotte, Greer, Jai, David, Ryan, Aaron, Jonathan and William participated in the Victorian State Robocup championships. It was an action packed day full of competitive fun. Union Hall at Melbourne University was packed with students from around the State, all ready to compete in the soccer, rescue and dance challenges. Unfortunately, our robots were a little uncooperative on the day with sensors and programs not working as expected. Things not going to plan is one of the challenges that we face in day to day life and I was proud of the students for bouncing back and problem solving the issues. A special thank you must go out to Lisa, Elizabeth, Suzanne and Bernard who helped transport and support the kids on the day. It was much appreciated. Well done Robo kids for representing Parkhill with Pride.

Katrina Watson
Science teacher
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 Grades 3 - 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: Monday 31 August, 2015  9:30am - 12.00pm
Buses depart school at 9:00am and return at 12:30pm.

WHO: All students from Grades 3 - 6 who have participated in the swimming program.

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

NEEDS: It is important that students wear their bathers to school under their Parkhill school uniform. They must bring goggles, a towel, a change of underwear and the swimming cap they have worn during the swimming program.

Please ensure these items are in a separate water proof bag that can be taken to the pool.

Students will return to school for their normal lunch time. **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.**

Shane Grinter                      Rod McKinlay
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator     Principal
Grades 3 to 6 Swimming Carnival—MONDAY 31 AUGUST

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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 Prep - Grade 2 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: Monday 31 August, 2015  1:00pm - 3.00pm

Buses depart school at 12:30pm and return by 3:30pm.

WHO: All students from Grades P - 2 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 through the program.

One-pieces 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 afternoon.

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

Shane Grinter
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator

Rod McKinlay
Principal
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