NAPLAN

Last week all school Principals were able to download the 2017 NAPLAN results for their school. As you could imagine there are an enormous amount of reports that we, the staff, can look at and interpret. We are able to look at data that enables us to investigate results from individual students, class cohorts, relative growth charts and whole year levels. We can also access reports that show Five Year Trends in all areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

Our Leadership team have had a quick look at the data and we are extremely pleased with the overall results, particularly with our matched cohort group, which is the Year 5 students who were at Parkhill in Year 3. Our results indicate that we are way above the mean growth in the state – well above! This tells our community that to get the full benefit of a Parkhill education, you need to get in early! I congratulate all our staff on these wonderful results and this confirms that what we are doing here is achieving outstanding results with our students!

This week parents received their child’s NAPLAN results and I encourage you to read them in light of a wonderful letter I came across that was sent to students at a particular school prior to the NAPLAN assessments this year.

A copy of this letter is below....

Dear Year 3 and 5 students,
Next week, you will sit the NAPLAN test. Before you take this test, there is something very important for you to know.
This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.
The people and computers that score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program.
They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group.
They do not know that you participate in sports, help your mum and dad or that you play well with your little sister, brother or cousins.
They do not know that you are caring and thoughtful and that every day you do your best.
These attributes cannot be tested.
The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult.
They can’t tell you that you brighten up your teacher’s day. They can’t tell you how special you are.
So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test, and remember that there is no one way to ‘test’ all of the things that make you special.
**Smiling**

During school tours, visitors to the school comment on the happy, smiling faces that politely greet them, hold doors open, etc. Parents comment on the warm feel they get when witnessing the interaction between staff and students and the welcoming approach from our staff. With this in mind, the **benefits of smiling** are huge, and include:

1. Forcing ourselves to smile boosts our mood.
2. It boosts our immune system.
3. Smiles are contagious.
4. Smiling is a universal sign of happiness.
5. Smiles use from 5 to 53 facial muscles.
6. You feel good when you smile (it releases endorphins, natural painkillers and serotonin).
7. Smiling helps you stay positive.
8. Babies start smiling as newborns: Most doctors believe that real smiles occur when babies are awake at the age of four-to-six weeks, but babies start smiling in their sleep as soon as they’re born.

Thank you for helping to make our school such a welcoming and friendly place to be.

Have a great weekend.

Rod McKinlay
Principal

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**T-Ball Finals**

On a bright, shiny Monday the t-ball team headed to the Waverley Softball Centre to have it out with other finalists. They had put in the extra time to practice so they were at their best. The bus ride over was tense with anticipation.

Our team shared admirably and helped each other with encouragement and spirit against quite a range of opponents. As if the sun were the crucial factor they seemed to improve over the day as they warmed up. Final results were: two wins, two losses, one draw.

Well done to Keifer, Oliver B, James L, Marcus, Marvin, Daniel C, Matthew, William, Yousef, Tayah, Isabella, John, Lucas, Cameron and Mitchell, as well as Loni who trained with us but was sick on the day. You are all tee-rrific!!
Hey FID

Tickets on sale from Monday 29th August at 9.00 am

Sessions:  
- Wednesday 14th September  2 pm and  6.30 pm
- Thursday 15th September  2 pm and  6.30 pm

$12 per ticket, available to purchase online at
https://www.trybooking.com/MRFT

It’s useful to know……

- There are two casts, please check to see which performance your child is in:

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- The performances will be held at Parkhill’s Roger Beech Hall, Performing Arts Centre
- Tickets can be purchased online, using a credit card. Each family may buy up to 4 tickets only.
- Any unsold seats on 12th September will be released for sale to families who would like to purchase more than 4 tickets.
- No refunds will be available, but the school will assist in reselling, should this be necessary.

Please note that NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR FILMING is allowed during performances.

Special Note for very little children:
For safety reasons, there will be no room for prams or pushers in the hall. Seats must be purchased for audience members who use a seat [e.g. very little children]. If your child can sit on a lap for the whole performance, [1 hour] there is no need to purchase a ticket.

Please contact the office if assistance is required.
Parkhill Primary School presents ... $12 per ticket

Hey FID

Cast A –

Wednesday 14th September
2pm and 6.30 pm
Ashleigh Baker as FiD
Jonathan Moffitt as David Veryclever
Darcy Morrin as Ms Whatsgoinon
Norma-Jean Schmutz as Ms Gina Broccolini
Jacob Pargeter as Mr McKindling
Chloe McKnight as Ms Branchy
Greer van Rooyen as Grubby
Marvin Elliott as Snappy
Oliver Broadbent as Noah Deere
Charlotte Norton, Aurelia Thian-de Wind and Nina Walsh as Aphid Parents
Anthony Papalia as Lou the Cleaner
David McCleery as Ant Leader
Isabella Ditton, Tom Harris, Josh Hore, Kayla Lamers, David McCleery, Hannah Moody, Miakoda Murray, Mark Sarandakis as Solo Ants
Olivia Gaff as Lady Bug Leader
Kira Scott as Greenlandic Exchange Student
James Lee as Greenlandic Parent

Purchase online at https://www.trybooking.com/MRFT

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Cast B –

Thursday 15th September
2pm and 6.30 pm
Charlotte Pryor as FiD
Jai Postma as David Veryclever
Darcy Morrin as Ms Whatsgoinon
Norma-Jean Schmutz as Ms Gina Broccolini
William Roache as Mr McKindling
Chloe McKnight as Ms Branchy
Elaina Macleish as Grubby
Finn Carroll as Snappy
Qing Zhu as Noah Deere
Mikayla Jevric, Lily Patterson and Elsa Walsh as Aphid Parents
Thibo Pereira-Leclerc as Lou the Cleaner
Eva Peraic as Ant Leader
Jack Christie, Titchiang Kun, Tayah McInnes, Eva Peraic, Kira Scott, Mozhda Shkibi, Elizabeth Yap as Solo Ants
Victor Sweeney as Lady Bug Leader
Kira Scott as Greenlandic Exchange Student
**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!**

**CAKE RAFFLE IS BACK!!!**

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

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

Don’t forget your money!!

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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
- Chicken Pox

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**Student of the Week**

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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
TIMBERWOLVES BASKETBALL CLUB
2016-17 SUMMER SEASON REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Timberwolves Basketball club has been competing successfully in the Waverley Basketball Association since 1989. It is a family based club catering for boys and girls from six years old through to Under 23s. The club is proud of the player development programs to support all young players to reach their individual and team goals.

Most games and training is conducted at Waverley Basketball Stadium (Batesford Rd, Chadstone) with teams for boys and girls from Under 8s through to Under 14s on Saturday and Under 16s and 18s on Sunday with girls Under 16s on Tuesday nights.

The club also conducts an ‘Aussie Hoops’ program to teach children basic skills before they progress to Under 8s. Training sessions and Aussie Hoops are held on Monday afternoons between 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

The SUMMER Season commences at the start of Term 4 on October 8, with the first training session on Monday October 3. Online registration is now open at www.timberwolves.net.au and must be submitted no later than Monday 29th August. Online registration with Direct Debit payment is the preferred method. Alternately credit card, cheque and cash payments can be made in person at the Registration Night on Monday 29th August from 4:30 – 6.00pm at the Waverley Basketball Stadium.

For further information contact the club on wolves@timberwolves.org.au
President: Vanessa Cowley
Vice President: Donna Edwards
Treasurer: Sumi Sundram
Secretary: Wendy Douglas
Committee Members: Katrina Battle, Joanne Dodds, Lisa Jacobson, April Minniece and Anny Murray

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Father’s Day Stall – Volunteers Required!
The Father’s Day Stall this year will be held on Friday September 2nd. We still need quite a few volunteers to help out on the day. If you are free from either 9:30am through to 11am or 11am through to 12:30pm (or even all morning) please head to http://signup.com/go/vLeN6G and sign up. Volunteering at events like this is always a great way to meet other parents and it can also be a lot of fun helping the kids make these important purchases.

Trivia Night Tickets
We are so pleased with the support for this event so far with all tables having been booked. There are still a few individual tickets for sale for $20 – but you will need to be quick to get them. These tickets can be purchased at the office via cash, credit card or eftpos. For those who have reserved tables, if you haven’t yet finalized your payments please do so ASAP.

Trivia Night – Silent Auction Items Needed!
We are currently contacting local shops and businesses to seek their support for our Trivia Night through the donation of items for our silent auction on the night. If you are aware of any businesses that may be in a position to donate something please contact PFA Secretary Wendy Douglas via parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com or on 0420 657 007. We can then write to them and formally seek their support.

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 no more than 250 tickets to be sold and all proceeds will go 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. Payment can be made at the office via cash, eftpos or credit card.
5-12 Yrs Team Holiday Program

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS!
19th-29th September 2016

AFL  Circus School  Movies  Kaput Circus Show  Latitude

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

8am-6pm daily  * Fully approved holiday care  www.teamholiday.com.au  ph: 03 9532 0366

BEFORE SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING
Parkhill Primary School

Tuesdays & Fridays 8.00am – 8.45am

Active Sports International is running Before School Hot Shots Tennis Coaching Tuesday and Friday mornings on the synthetic grass at Parkhill Primary School.

$15 per session.

For all enquiries and bookings contact Richard Bruce-Smith
0419 560 722 or email richardasi@bigpond.com  www.tennis.com.au/stagtennis/coaching

Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach, Sporting Schools coach, current First Aid, WWCC, pennant & WDTA player with over 30 years coaching experience.
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.

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