From the Principal:

On the weekend I came across this article about the *Eight Traits that Make a School Great*. Sir Ken Robinson is a world renowned educational academic and author and speaks from a very respected and knowledgeable perspective. In the article [here](http://www.educatoronline.com.au/news/the-eight-traits-that-make-a-school-great-204307.aspx) he highlights the eight key competencies that great schools ‘bestow’ to their students. In summary these are:

- **Curiosity**: The ability to ask questions and explore how the world works.
- **Creativity**: The ability to generate new ideas and to apply them in practice.
- **Criticism**: The ability to analyse information to form reasoned arguments and judgements.
- **Communication**: The ability to express thoughts and feelings clearly in a range of media and forms.
- **Collaboration**: The ability to work constructively with others.
- **Compassion**: The ability to empathise with others and act accordingly.
- **Composure**: The ability to develop a sense of personal harmony and balance.
- **Citizenship**: The ability to engage with society and to participate in the processes that sustain it.

I concur with Sir Ken with all of the above, as we endeavor to develop these competencies in our students through our inquiry units of work, however there is one glaring admission to consider. We at Parkhill believe that the explicit instruction of the 3R’s (reading, writing and arithmetic), combined with the points above, are crucial to success.

How are we going? In recognizing the changing world it’s interesting to note that none of the traits are those that were considered important when I was a primary school student. A successful student in today’s changing classroom is not only someone who can retain facts and knowledge, they also must develop personal character traits and skills such as critical thinking.
School Review Report Presentation

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter our School Review Report has been finalized; with very pleasing findings for our school. 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.

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 and 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/earn and learn

SPRING AND SUNSMART

Exposure to sunlight is the main cause of melanoma and a cause of skin cancer. Acknowledging Australia has the world’s highest incidence of melanoma our School Council policy is for students to be sunsmart from the start of spring. As a Sunsmart school we expect our students to wear a hat between September 1 and April 30 each year; having reminded children to dust off their Sunsmart school hats so they are ready to be worn from Monday onwards to protect against UV and the sun.
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 to let 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 personal-ised tour. mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Father's Day Stall:
Thank you to all of the parents in our PFA who have organised a great array of gifts for dads. We wish all our dads and grand dads a very special day on Sunday – I’m looking forward to my pancakes and coffee in bed! (I wish!!)

Rod McKinlay
Principal

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED NOW

We have had many requests from families for second hand uniform.

Do you have any Parkhill uniform items that your child has grown out of and you no longer need?

These may include jackets, shorts, pants, dresses, long and short sleeve polo shirts, shoes and school bags. If you have any items to donate, please leave them with the office. Thanks in advance.

Mazz Higlett

Reminder that all months of the year with an “R” are the months that students must wear HATS.

Team Holiday School -
Holiday Program

Holidays are fast approaching! For details please check the website.

www.teamholiday.com.au
Build up Frequent Father points

an article from Michael Grose.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed. He was having some ‘dad time’ with his kids. Good on him! He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing. Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids (‘Your dad’s very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can’t make it.’) As well, she’d keep him up-to-date with the children’s lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own. Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads. And the kids usually just love it. Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this!) Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to do together with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling… the list goes on. It’s through shared activity and involvement in kids’ lives that dads build up frequent father points. It’s hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!

Don’t wait until adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I’m not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child’s space.

There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out. These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it’s easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child’s space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case may be.

So how are your (or your partner’s) Frequent Father points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that the kids enjoy. Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.
2015 Calendar of Curriculum events

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Birthdays September
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Administration

Late Pass & Early Leaver Pass: Many students are arriving late to school and unaccompanied by a parent or guardian. If your child is late then it is a requirement that you bring them to the office for a Late Pass that must be taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if you are to pick up your child for an appointment please also come by the office for an Early Leavers Pass that must be presented to the classroom teacher before your child can be released from class.

If your child is to be picked up by an adult other than a parent or guardian, then a note is required stating their name & a current contact number.

Thank you for your support in following these procedures.

Mazz Higlett & Jo Ravida

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.
Pie Orders
Thank you to all the families who ordered pies from the Ivan's Pie Drive. The orders will be delivered to us on Thursday 10 September.

Father's Day stall
This will run in the hall from 9.15 on Friday morning.
If you are able to help us with some of your time it will be greatly appreciated- even if you can spend an hour or so during the morning.
Children will be brought from their classes to purchase a gift for Father's Day.
Gifts range in price from $1.00 to $10.00.

Thanks
A big thank-you to the helpers who wrapped the gifts on Monday for the Father's Day stall, Kerrie, Vanessa, Lisa and Kylie.

Melbourne Shopping Tour
Yes! I am interested in the shopping tour on Saturday November 21.
My $20.00 deposit to secure my place is enclosed.

Name:_________________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact number:_______________________________________________________________________________________

Email:_________________________________________________________________________________________________
Chaplain's Corner

It's Father's Day this weekend. It's no simple task to write something about it though. Some of us have great Dads, some have not so great ones. Some of us have present dads; some of us unfortunately have absent ones, for a variety of reasons. A time of joy for some, and sadness for others or perhaps a mixture of the two.

Father's Day is a chance to celebrate, to be grateful, to remember and to be mindful of what our dads have done for us, been for us and taught us. Whether those are big things or small things. To honour them, be that for giving us life or raising us well. Although traditionally about our “real” Fathers, I think it can be broader than that. Clichéd as it may be, it really does take a village to raise a child and that being said it makes Father's Day a chance to stop and be thankful to the men that helped us become who we are today. Whether they may be our biological dads, step dads, our uncles, big brothers, grandfathers or special friends. To acknowledge (even if only to ourselves) the men in our lives and communities that have made us who we are today.

The following is a short list of some of the important things the blokes in my life have taught me over the years and they have by no means come from one person. I’ve learnt to look for the life lessons the men (and women) around me have to teach me and to be thankful for it no matter who taught me.

- To work hard, but know how to rest.
- How to play, wrestle and have fun.
- To have boundaries.
- To face life's knocks, challenges and criticisms with optimism and hope.
- Don’t run from conflict, face it, learn how to deal with the problem.
- Be considerate and treat others with respect.
- Reflect on what you’ve done to see what you can do better next time.
- Have a thick skin but a soft heart.
- Make time for people.
- Be deliberate in what you say and do.
- Respect yourself and don’t be afraid to be assertive.

So to all our dads and special people, thanks for what you do for all our kids, yours and the others in your world. Keep shaping and guiding, keep cheering them on, keep listening to them, keep showing them how much you value them. You’re a VITAL part of the ‘village’ raising the children around us all. Thank you and Happy Father's Day!

Suzanne Carmody
Chaplain
We invite you and your dog to experience the Serenity training difference and see the possibilities of what you and your dog can achieve together—yes, even if your dog is currently exhibiting more serious behavioral issues.

Whether you are after dog training for prevention or rehabilitation, we can help. We don’t just accept ‘good dogs’ to the Academy. We love the naughty dogs too.

Free, no obligation introduction session available every Saturday morning (except on long weekends and public holidays) from 10.00 AM. Please contact us for bookings and further information.

We give back to the community that supports us by donating a percentage of what you spend on dog training fees to Parkhill Primary. Please quote ‘Parkhill Newsletter’ when you sign up.

Serenity Canine Academy

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Footy Colours Parade &
End of Term 3 Special Lunch Order
Friday 18 September 2015

End of Term 3 will once again be celebrated in footy colours and with the option to purchase a special lunch.

All Students can come dressed in the colour of their preferred football team and will participate in our Footy Parade!

*Lunch Orders will need to be placed by 9.00am, Friday 11 September.*

The meal deal options available are listed below and orders can be placed through our provider Flexi Schools via the link below.

A reminder to please bring a gold coin donation, as our free dress days supports our SRC.

We look forward to another fun day at Parkhill Primary.


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Rod McKinlay
Principal
Play Soccer in 2016 with Mount Waverley City Soccer Club!

Development programs and teams for Boys and Girls 4 to 15 years of age.

We are also introducing new girls teams in 2016.

Register your interest online here: www.mountwaverleycitysoccer.com.au

Information sessions to be held later in the year at our home ground - Gardiners Creek Reserve, Burwood

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Club President Angelo Sticca on 0419 341 275