An End of an Era!
It is with sadness that I inform our community that Roger DuBuisson is leaving Parkhill. Roger has been an integral part in the development and growth of Parkhill over many years and the gardens and the buildings wouldn’t be in such good condition if it wasn’t for the care and attention that he has put into our school over many years!. Although moving onto greener pastures, Roger will not be lost to our local community and I’m sure we will still see him wandering the grounds and riding his bike throughout Ashwood. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing Roger, Jane and Aiden well as they enter a new and exciting phase in their lives.

Safety Around Schools
Thank you to everyone using the parent drop off zone. It is working beautifully and I haven’t received one complaint yet!! With that in mind, Ruth Hotchin has provided me with the following information for us all to consider when approaching school zones.
Children are vulnerable road users and are at higher risk in traffic because of their size and inability to judge speed and distance.
School zones are often chaotic during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times and children are sometimes put at risk.
When in school zones, please observe the following guidelines to reduce risk to children:
- **DO NOT** park in bus zones, no stopping areas, on footpaths or over driveways. If a parking officer is around, you will be booked.
- **NEVER** double park. This reduces driver visibility, causes congestion and puts children at risk.
- **NEVER** call your child across the road.
- **ALWAYS** encourage your child to enter and exit the car from the kerb.
- **BE PATIENT** - observe the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor. Crossing at Yertchuk Avenue is very dangerous, take a few minutes to walk up to the School Crossing.
- **REMEMBER** children are full of surprises! Expect the unexpected.
- **ALWAYS** drive at or below 40km/h.
By following the rules around school zones we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Preparing for 2017 - What is Student Transition?
Student transition involves the programs, processes and opportunities used to support students entering, moving through and exiting our school. Our transition program supports students transitioning:
Into school – ‘Kinder – Foundation’ and new student enrolments from Year 1 to 6.
Through the school each year - As students progress through each Year level.
Exiting the school - Year 6 to Year 7 and accessing special education settings.

Why is a transition program important?
Each student’s life experience is different. Our students come from many different cultural and language backgrounds as well as a variety of family structures. Each child will have developed a range of skills and abilities that form the basis of their positive school experiences and ability to adapt to new situations.
Throughout each child’s school journey the various stages of transition create periods of change for the child and their family. These periods can be both challenging and exciting. The aim of our transition program is to support each student to make every transition as smooth as possible. It is important to understand that the preparation for each stage of transition starts well before students take their next step and is supported through a combination of special and whole school programs.
How are Parkhill P.S students supported through the phases of transition?

Student transition is most successful when:

Each student’s sense of belonging at school is strong.

Processes are in place to build familiarity and reduce anxiety.

Students are supported to build their capacity to adapt positively to change.

To develop these characteristics each student is supported to:

Develop a strong sense of wellbeing including resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Experience personal success. This can be through academic achievement, the development of effective social and emotional capabilities and a sense of accomplishment through the Arts, Languages, Sport and Physical Education.

The key components of our comprehensive transition program are delivered through our curriculum, whole school teaching practices, special programs, parent information evenings and meetings. The list provided below is not exhaustive but provides further insight into our multi-dimensional transition program.

Student goal setting and reflection on achievements.

Specialised programs and events.

Kinder – Foundation Transition.

Foundation Transition Program in November and Foundation to Year 6 Orientation Day.

Is your child starting Secondary College next year?

Parents of our Year 6 students will tell you that it doesn’t seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our Year 6s are already 3 weeks into their final term of primary school. I know that this term will be a special one culminating in our Graduation Ceremony in December.

Each stage of schooling brings new opportunities and new challenges, so whilst it can be a little sad to think of your child moving on to secondary school it is also exciting to think of the endless possibilities available for them to pursue.

Sometimes there are questions which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days so the Department of Education and Training have developed an informative site which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school. It is very practical and easy to read.

During the school term you will receive emails that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school. Recent articles have included Preparing for Next Year, Homework and Stepping up to Secondary School. To receive articles please subscribe to Beyond Primary at:


STUDENT FREE DAY:

A reminder that Monday 31 October is a School Council approved ‘student free day’. There will be no classes for students on this day while staff are writing reports!

As well, Tuesday, 1 November is Melbourne Cup Day. This is a public holiday and school is closed on this day.

Have a great weekend!

Rod McKinlay
Science  Technology  Engineering  Maths

Come and celebrate all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths with Parkhill Primary School's Family STEM Night.

DATE:  Tuesday 8th November 2016
TIME:   6:00-7:00pm
VENUE:  Roger Beech Hall
COST:   $5 per family – cash only

Families will be pitted against each other in a race to design, build and conquer engineering challenges. All in good fun, of course!

Places are limited so send in the form below with $5 ASAP.
A confirmation notice will be sent home to notify you of your successful application!

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The ___________________________ family would like to attend the STEM family night on Tuesday 8th November 2016.

There will be _______ adult/s and _______ child/children attending.

I have enclosed the $5 cash payment.
### 2016 Calendar of Curriculum events

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### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop closes on Monday the 12th of December at 4:30pm. This will be the last day of sales for this year.

### Sick Bay First Aid:

* **We have had reports this week of the following medical issues:**
  * Head Lice in Year 4—with warmer weather upon us, please continue to check and treat your children when necessary
  * Reported case of Whooping Cough—children should be kept at home for five days after starting antibiotic treatment

### Term Dates 2017

**Students Commence on Tuesday 31 January**

**Term 1:** 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March

**Term 2:** 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June

**Term 3:** 17 July to 22 September

**Term 4:** 9 October to 22 December

**Reminder:** Parkhill Primary School’s main form of communication is via the free Tiqbiz App. If you are having any difficulties with the App please come by the office where we are happy to assist.

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**PILATES**

**1ST CLASS FOR $6 IN OCTOBER!**

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!

**Monday 9.30am, Wednesday 6pm, Thursday 9.30am & Saturday 9.15am**  
Uniting Church, 482 High Street Rd., Mt. Waverley.

**New class! Tuesday 9.30am**  
St. Johns Uniting Church, Virginia St., Mt. 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:  
e-mail: karen@karensplilates.com Tel: 9807 0429

[www.karensplilates.com](http://www.karensplilates.com)
Reminder—Term 4 Hats are back!

All months of the year with an “R” in the name are the months that students must wear HATS.

Uniform Shop Hours: Monday 3.00pm—4.00pm & Thursday 8.30am—10.00am

Icy Pole Roster

Volunteers are required to sell icy poles every Friday throughout Term 4.

Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on Signup.com: http://signup.com/go/5XAu7N
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on Signup.com)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - Signup.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!
Interview with a Teacher: Lucy Renshaw!

1. Why did you become a teacher?
I started working at an OSHC Club in my first year at university and I absolutely loved working with children. It was after I started there that I realised I wanted to make a career of helping children and making a difference in their lives.

2. How long have you been at Parkhill?
Almost 2 years!

3. What do you like about teaching Foundation?
It is a lot of fun! We do so many ‘hands on’ activities. It’s also rewarding seeing the massive growth in learning from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. The progress in student learning across all subject areas is remarkable!

4. What subject do you like teaching the most?
Can I say two? Mathematics and Writing!

5. If you weren’t a teacher what job do you think you’d have?
A child Speech Pathologist or a Physiotherapist! I’d have to be in a job that helps people.

A message from the Library...

As most of you will know, the Library is closed for borrowing this term as we are getting ready for the move with the beginning of the Master-plan. If you have any Library books at home, please drop them off in the Returns chute. The Mount Waverley and Ashburton Libraries are close to Parkhill and of course are free to join – both are great libraries and worth a visit!

Book Fair is coming up again, beginning Tuesday November 15. If you are interested in helping out after school, please let Mrs. Gibson or Mrs. Bateman know.

Happy reading!
Mrs. Cathy Bateman

“A fairy tales are more than true: Not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”

Neil Gaiman, Coraline

A farewell to Roger Avice du Buisson

Thanks is too small a word for what Roger has done for Parkhill. He will be leaving us at the end of this week and we thank him for how carefully he has looked after our place with his vigilant eye. It’s wonderful how Roger checks in to make sure that everything is humming along - he truly “has his finger on the pulse” of the school.

All the best, Roger, and thankyou for all you’ve given us.
With bright and sunny light on the Saturday, the conditions were set for excellent races. Saturday’s time trials saw Parkhill’s cars racing well with only a couple of stacks. Enthusiasm was riding as high as the sun in the sky and tinkering was rife amongst the teams - “we can move the ballast”, “oh no! The guide roller…” technical-speak that showed their investment in the project.

Sunday was a little dour and drab but the light still poked through from time to time. Most of the finals ran in 10% light - sounds like not enough but it was more like just enough. The Knockout competition started early to fit in both the reasonable weather and the National Finals. Sadly all of our Parkhill teams were knocked out in Round 2 but at least they made it that far. All of the cars ran well and many were pleased as punch with how much everyone had learned.

The Thursday before the Comp we headed out to the Melbourne Convention Centre for the ITS World Congress - sounds important because it was! It was a rarely-held event and we gained a lot from the experience. Firstly, we discovered our guide rollers all needed fixing (all the cars broke), and secondly, they give out a lot of freebies at conferences! But that wasn’t why we went there! We learned a lot about the way transport will look in the future - and it does look interesting. (Unfortunately, no hovercars...)

Well done! teams, and thanks for your commitment to the Challenge:
Icebreaker - Wijaya, James, Marvin, Thomas
Hyperbeast - Luka, Darcy, Oliver H, Mitchell
Red Line - Oliver B, Indra, Marcus, David

And thanks to parents for your support for the teams. Especial thanks goes to Adrienne, Janine and Katrina for ferrying teams to the Convention Centre on Thursday.

Signing out…
Michelle Smith
Solar Challenge coordinator
Cool-a-thon – have your kids got their ‘cool’ costume organised?
Our Cool-a-thon is happening on Friday October 28th – that is next week! Forms have now come home for paper based fundraising and you should also have details for collecting online donations via [https://chuffed.org/project/how-cool-is-our-school-a-thon](https://chuffed.org/project/how-cool-is-our-school-a-thon) All money raised will go to our “How Cool Can We Make the School?” fund raising. Simply click on the link and follow the prompts – make sure you select the grade your child is in so that we can determine which class raises the most money! Last year we made over $6,000 and we are hoping we can do even better this year.

The class that raises the most money will win a class party – any help parents can provide to their kids with their fundraising efforts would be greatly appreciated. Supervising door knocking or lemonade stands etc... it will all help and give the kids a great sense of achievement that they are contributing to the purchase of air-conditioning in the new school buildings next year.

Thermomix Raffle – Only 1 week to go!
We are nearing the end of our limited ticket Thermomix raffle. Tickets can now be purchased online by going to www.TryBooking.com/234826. This raffle is open to anyone in Australia – don’t be shy about sharing the details with your families and friends. This is a limited ticket raffle with no more than 250 tickets being sold – tickets cost $30 each. Don’t miss this great opportunity to potentially win a $2000 prize! Tickets are also still available at the office.

Embrace Movie Night – Friday November 11th.
Friday November 11th will be our Embrace Movie Night. We are really excited to announce that we will be having a special once off screening of the movie Embrace. Check out the [trailer](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZ9zrQ5nF5w) for more information about this inspiring movie that is only screening in a few select locations. We are really excited to be able to bring it to Parkhill as not just a fundraiser, but also as a social awareness event. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.trybooking.com/NOPW](http://www.trybooking.com/NOPW) from this Friday the 21st of October, $20 for adults and $13 for teenagers. This documentary carries a MA15+ classification. For more information please contact Kylie Brown on 0402 304 095.

Calling all BBQ experts – Volunteers Required
We have managed to secure a place on Waverley Netball's BBQ calendar on Saturday November 5th - just at the netball courts behind Parkhill. We need approximately 20 volunteers throughout the day to make it run smoothly. If you are available to help out for a couple of hours please sign up here: [http://signup.com/go/XYNEBS](http://signup.com/go/XYNEBS)
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