Principal’s Report

I received an email from an upset neighbour this week and you can see why! I implore all parents to please respect our local residence and council laws and park correctly around our school. Please be mindful that Cassinia Ave is a very busy street during drop off and pick up and not to mention the weekends!

Holiday Program:
I am pleased to announce that OSHClub will now be running our holiday program commencing these summer holidays. Parents will shortly be receiving information regarding our summer holiday program from OSH-Club.

Gardener Required!
We are currently looking for someone to continue on the great work of Roger in our gardens and to work with the Buildings and Grounds team to create a vision for our gardens around our new buildings. Ideally it may be a retired person who loves gardening or someone who enjoys the challenge of creating and developing a vision and has the flexibility to spend time pottering around our school.
A parent gardening club is also something we would like to investigate. It would be ideal if a group of gardening enthusiasts were keen to band together and work with our B & G team to work on our gardens throughout the year. Let’s know if you are interested!!

Anaphylaxis:
Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, cashews, cow’s milk, fish and shell fish, wheat, sesame, latex and certain insect stings.

Schools have very strict guidelines as to how we are to manage students who have allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis. As part of these regulations staff regularly complete training. Firstly we must all complete an hour long online learning course with a quiz that requires 100% pass rate to be considered completed and then a practical session where each staff member must show that they know how to administer an epipen if required.

I think it is important for our school community to understand the possible severity of an anaphylactic attack- it is a life threatening condition that can happen very quickly.
In completing the training, one of the important messages from the ASCIA (Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) was that schools do not attempt to enforce “blanket bans” as it may create a false sense of security and accidental exposure may still occur. Worse, parents of non-anaphylactic students may be resentful of the ban as they may not truly understand the seriousness of contamination. Education and sharing of knowledge is the key. The site talks about “food restrictions” which is very similar but it applies more strongly in junior classes where children may share common pencils, books, toys where cross contamination of food is more likely. An anaphylactic child does not need to eat the food, in some cases breathing in or touching food products may cause an attack.

Whilst we have some students at our school who are anaphylactic to certain items, we also have a number who have allergies and then some further students who have intolerances.

These are the responsibilities of parents who have a child who has severe allergies/asthma or anaphylaxis:

- Notify school of their child's allergies and provide appropriate medical information.
- Assist the school in the development of an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan for their child and participate in reviews of this Plan.
- Ensure that the school is notified of changes to the child's medical condition or emergency contact details.
- Provide an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis completed by the child's doctor.
- Provide an adrenaline autoinjector clearly labelled with child's name to the school.
- Provide any other medication indicated on the child's ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and ensure that it is in date.
- Promptly replace the child's adrenaline auto injector if it is used or out-of-date.
- Provide an updated ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis after a change in the health condition of the child, through annual (or as required) reviews by a medical practitioner or after an allergic reaction.
- Assist school staff in planning and preparation for the student prior to school camps, field trips, excursions or special events (e.g. class parties, cultural days, fetes or sport days). Supply alternative food options for the student when needed.
- Educate the child about their allergies and how to minimise the risk of exposure (such as not sharing food if allergic to food, or taking precautions when outdoors if allergic to insects).

As you can see the parent of a child with severe allergies has a significant role to play in ensuring the school has all the required medical information and then places great trust in the school to ensure a safe environment for their child.

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!

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.
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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop closes on Monday 12th 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:*

- Reported case of Whooping Cough—children should be kept at home for five days after starting antibiotic treatment
- Head Lice in Year 4—with warmer weather upon us, please continue to check and treat your children when necessary

**The 2nd Hand Uniform Stall will be open this Friday (28/10) from 3-3:45pm. Bring your coins!**

**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
Parkhill Parent Community Board

A reminder we have a community board situated on the side of our quadrangle. Information is updated as available.

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!

Student of the Week | Name
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FR | Zaid S
FT | Ratal R
1M | Harry B
1B | Raziq H
1K | Aston W
2C | Angela W
2S | —
3H | Shannyn Y
3M | Anjali R
4B | Olivia H
4M | Giorgios A
5D | Liam O
5H | David M + Thomas K
6G | Aurelia T
6S | Indra K

Birthdays October
Lucas K
John V
Alannah E
Noah H
Tayah M
Jennion M
Matari H
Emerson W
William K
Levi S
Oliver H
Johnny K
Chloe O
Jai P
Noah C
Olivia H
Ian
Eli M
William C
Emilia
Benyamin
Steven
Ravyn
Najim
Peter
Lucia

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!
Interview with a Teacher: Mrs Handby!

1. Why did you become a teacher?
I've always loved working with children and seeing them grow and learn new things. My favourite moment as a teacher is when they have a 'light bulb' moment and they finally get a concept. Seeing their proud faces is priceless.

2. How long have you been at Parkhill?
Since 2011, that would make it five years.

3. What do you like about teaching Yr 5?
In Yr 5, students have achieved a good level of independence which allows me to do some wonderful things in the classroom. Students can go deeper into their learning and it's something I get to see daily.

4. What subject do you like teaching the most?
I like teaching Maths because when students follow an explicit set of strategies, something that was once daunting becomes easier.

5. If you weren't a teacher what job do you think you'd have?
I probably would have been a physio. I love helping people and would love to rehabilitate and assist others to overcome their injuries. I think it would also be a very fulfilling job.

Chaplain’s Corner

Sometimes in the summer time my family and I still drive down the rutted country lane that once lead to my Nanna’s house. We stop along the side of the road to pick plums, cherry red, deep purple and yellow. We drive on a bit further and I admire the old grey brick cow shed, gaze across the big ‘new’ dam I used to swim in and then we drive on past Nanna’s old house, we don't go there anymore. That door is closed to us now.

I never thought about it when I was younger but there comes a day when the doors that are open to us both literal and metaphorical become closed to us places we can't enter anymore. Just as there is a first day crossing over the threshold to a new house, a new job, a relationship there is also a last day. It’s a sobering thought, but, I believe an important one, it helps us to treasure today but also to remember that things do end and that’s ok, that’s normal, it can still hurt us especially if the door is closed swiftly and unexpectedly, but it’s still part of life. But it does leave the question, what do we do when a door finally closes? Will we sit on the door step and cry, in all honesty for a while we may well do that. Will we try to bang down the door in frustration hoping it will open again if just for a moment, I think there have been times when I’ve done that too! Hopefully we will eventually reach the point where we can, whilst fondly remembering our time inside the door, step out onto the street to find new adventures and new doors that are waiting for us.

Suzanne Carmody
Chaplain

Reminder canteen orders from Classroom Cuisine are cold lunches.
Below you will find a link to the website which explains the process of ordering and also their current menu options.


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- FREE registration

Easy online registration
- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Or you can find them in the APP Store!
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.

**South East Netball Club is looking for Players!!**

The South East Netball Club is looking for junior players to join our teams.

We are looking for players aged 8 y/o - 15 y/o (boys & girls) to join our teams that compete at the Waverley District Netball Association in Ashwood Vic, on Saturdays. Games are played from February to December (with breaks for the school holidays) and game times vary from 9am to 3pm.

If you are interested in becoming part of a fun social club, making some new friends while learning new skills contact us for more information!

Southeastnetball@hotmail.com OR https://www.facebook.com/southeastnetball/

*please note some costs will occur, players will need to pay team fees and purchase a uniform*
Year 3 Inquiry Guest Speaker

Last week Miss Smith from Year 6 visited the Year 3’s to share her expert knowledge on clothes dyeing. As part of our Inquiry finding out stage, the students were shown how they can reuse a piece of clothing and turn it into a new garment by changing its look. The Year 3’s will now experiment with their own T-shirts and dyeing them with a range of natural materials.

Mrs Hunt

Year 2 Sleepover

Last Friday night was the highly anticipated Year 2 Sleepover. The Year 2 students enjoyed participating in fun activities and eating a yummy supper before watching a movie and sleeping the night in the hall. After waking early Saturday morning they had breakfast before heading home.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped make the event a success.

Ms Schlack
LOTE ROOM UPDATE
On Monday, Year 2, Year 1 and Foundation students spent a fun day experiencing all kinds of Chinese acrobatic equipment. Some of the activities were quite challenging, however, our students enjoyed the more challenging ones such as riding a unicycle, spinning plates and walking on a balancing beam while holding a Chinese lion. All children wore a traditional Chinese costume while doing the activities in order to enhance this cultural experience.

On Wednesday, 8 of our PHPS students participated the Chinese Gala at Mount View Primary School. Our wonderful students have been working so hard on these Chinese songs for this event for over a month. They performed 4 Chinese songs with great actions. The video clip of the performance will be added onto PHTV soon. Many thanks go to Winnie (Chinese Club teacher) for her hard work with the children. The children couldn’t perform so well without you Winnie. Thank you!
Cool-a-thon – Don’t forget to dress the kids in their Cool Costumes tomorrow!

Our Cool-a-thon is happening tomorrow Friday October 28th. The children are encouraged to wear a ‘Cool’ costume tomorrow while they do the annual walk-a-thon around the school.

Please keep up the fundraising for sponsorship of the kids in this fun event. Fundraising forms and payments are due back at the office by Friday November 11th. Donations/sponsorships can also be submitted online 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?” fundraising. 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!

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. So far 1K is leading the way with $320 donated.

The Cool-a-thon will commence at 2pm – parents and friends are welcome to come down and watch and be a part of the fun.

Thermomix Raffle – LAST CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET!

Our Thermomix Raffle is being drawn tomorrow after the Cool-a-thon. If you haven’t yet purchased a ticket for this limited ticket raffle head to [www.TryBooking.com/234826](http://www.TryBooking.com/234826) and purchase your ticket ASAP, as ticket sales end 9am tomorrow morning. 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 but get in quick!

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 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 now be purchased online at [www.trybooking.com/NOPW](http://www.trybooking.com/NOPW) for $20 for adults and $13 for teenagers aged 15 and up. For more information please contact Kylie Brown on 0402 304 095.
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Mr Rod McKinlay, Principal

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Great prize for the class that raises the most money!!

Click on the link to https://chuffed.org/project/how-cool-is-our-school-a-thon and follow the prompts (make sure to select your class)