World Issues:
Unfortunately there will be some students who would have been exposed to the events which took place in Paris over the weekend. Whilst general advice when an event like this takes place suggests to emphasize how far away the events were and that we are very safe, the Department provides the following additional advice;

- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.
- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:
- Acknowledge that the event was distressing.
- Reassure children that they are safe.
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared).
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness.
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place.
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise.
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents’ reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.

Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.

Preparing for 2015 - 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 – Prep’ and new student enrolments from P-6
- Through school each year - As students’ progress through each Year level and 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 does Parkhill P.S support students through the various 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 and
- 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 and experience personal success. This can be through academic achievement, the development of effective social skills and a sense of accomplishment through the Arts, Languages and Sport and Physical Education.

The key components of our comprehensive transition program are delivered through our curriculum, whole school teaching practices, special programs and parent information meetings.

2016 Parent Payment Contributions:
Our school is very proud of the quality programs we have in place to cater for the diverse needs and interests of students. Our commitment to continual improvement is evident through significant curriculum development, whole school teaching practices and resourcing additions which benefit each child. These resources include a continuous focus on staff development, investment in upgrades to the school including buildings, IT infrastructure and devices to support learning, equipment, grounds maintenance and modification.

We are very proud of the quality programs we have in place to cater for the diverse needs and interests of students. A considerable number of these are financially supported by your School Council. To facilitate our program, School Council annually endorses a budget from two streams of income:

- The Department of Education & Training (DET) through the Student Resource Package (SRP)
- Locally raised funds (including the Essential, Optional and Voluntary contributions from parents.

Funds provided to schools through the Student Resource Package provide for staff salaries and the bare necessities required for cleaning, utilities and maintenance.

All schools, including Parkhill Primary therefore rely on voluntary payments from the school community to support the supply of the many extras accessed by students at our school to ensure their education is of the quality expected by our community.

Each year at our November meetings, School Council discusses and endorses the contribution amount for Parent Payments and an indicative budget for the following year. This includes
agreement on the amount to be paid by families through the Parent Payments contribution. To assist parents with their budget planning, Parent Payment contributions for 2016 are to be sent home shortly to each family. Parents are encouraged to contact our Business Manager, Dawn Plumridge, if assistance is required.

**2015 Final Day Finishing Time:**
Classes for all students will conclude at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December. Students must be collected by parents and guardians by 1.45pm, after this time students will be placed into after school care at the parent/guardians expense. This day will also be a free dress day with a gold coin donation to raise money for our preferred charity.

Rod McKinlay
Principal

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**Science**

Chemistry is the science topic for all year levels this term.

The Year 1 students have focused on materials. One day my teddy bear, Darcy, came into school but the chairs were all too big so the Year 1’s were given the challenge to make strong shapes with newspaper so that Darcy bear could have a chair! They were also challenged to choose the best material for making a boat. The Year 2 students have been learning about mixtures. They have investigated milk fireworks and how science helps the colours to mix. Last week they investigated magic sand and why it won’t mix with water!

Katrina Watson
Science Teacher
2015 Calendar of Curriculum events

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Principals Award
Jack Thomas

Teacher of the week
Shuoyin Tu

Care
Honesty
Unity
Respect
Persistence
Thank you to all our hard working volunteers who attended Sunday’s working bee. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

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

Chaplain’s Corner
In the lead up to the Cup Weekend in November Parkhill students got into the kitchen and got stuck into making cookies for the charity Child’s Play. Many other people also got involved outside of the Parkhill community to bake and distribute cookies at a board and video convention known as PAX. Child’s Play uses the money raised to put console and board games into the hands of youngsters both in hospitals and domestic violence units. It is just one of the many ways we as a school are able to link to the wider community. This activity helped to teach the children involved empathy and to give what they have (in this case the talent for baking choc chip cookies) to help others (it was pretty tough making all those yummy cookies and not getting to taste them!) Parkhill contributed 250 packets of cookies this year. The total raised over the long weekend to which Parkhill students contributed to was $13,400.

Suzanne Carmody—Chaplain
President: Anny Murray (Miakoda & Jennon Grs 4 & 3) annymation2@bigpond.com
Vice President: Vanessa Cowley vanessa_cowley@yahoo.co.uk
Treasurer: Lisa Jacobson (Zac and Josh Grs 6 & 2) lisj@landirections.com.au
Secretary: Joanne Dodds (Kira Gr 4) scottiedodds@aol.com

Calendar of events

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<td>PFA end of year function-The Groove Train. A chance to get-together and celebrate the hard work and effort of the year.</td>
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We are using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activities.

ICY POLE ROSTER

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Places for icy pole duty can now be accessed via VolunteerSpot. 3.15pm-3.45pm is the timeframe.
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot for Icy Pole Sales: http://vols.pt/P8YfBN
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

FUN, FOOD & CAROLS - Thursday 3 December. Fun, Food and Carols is a whole of school event to celebrate the year. Stalls provide merchandise for purchase- very handy with Christmas approaching- and games are organised for the children. The Australian Youth Band will be performing and the event finishes with carol-singing. The Christmas raffle will be drawn on this night. Stalls are still available so please contact Anny ASAP. -- 0425 802 136 annymation2@bigpond.com
We are looking for any crafts, cards, cakes or hand made goodies. If you are not sure if your product is suitable --just ask.

As always, we need helpers to make this evening a success

Sign up spaces for volunteers on the night have now opened on VolunteerSpot.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/WmMkKX
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Anny and she can sign you up manually.

Please sign up for Parkhill Primary Fun Food & Carols!

Thank You to Coles Chadstone who are supplying our sausages for the night.

WALKATHON: There was a fantastic effort in the Super-thon. Over $5400 has come back in. Thank you to everyone who helped to make that possible. Winners of the class party and individual fundraisers will be announced at assembly this Friday.
Did you know just how lucky we are to have the Australian Youth Band perform at our annual Fun, Food and Carols? This celebrated ensemble tours internationally, and is in high demand at this time of year for carols performances. Read on to find out more about a Fun, Food and Carols institution...

The Australian Youth Band is Australia’s premier youth marching/concert band. Our talented musicians range in age from 13 to 28 and come from all over Melbourne and Victoria. The band was formed in 1978 as the Moomba Youth Band to lead the 25th Anniversary Procession of Melbourne’s annual Moomba Festival, and was later also known as the McDonald’s Melbourne Youth Band. Since its inception, the band has journeyed to most states of Australia to perform its unique brand of colourful and dynamic music entertainment, played regularly at popular regional festivals, major sporting events, marching band festivals and corporate functions.

Our performance highlights have included marching displays at AFL football finals, international cricket matches, NBL basketball, and the Spring Racing Carnival. Other high profile performances have been at Brisbane’s World Expo 88, the Sydney Opera House and Melbourne Concert Hall, the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, the FINA World Swimming Championships, the Davis Cup tennis quarter finals and before Queen Elizabeth II at the Moomba Festival.

The band has also represented Australia on the international stage:

♦ 1998 – World Marching Band Festival in Kanagawa, Japan, where the band was awarded a third place trophy against outstanding international competition,
♦ 2005 – Beijing International Youth Festival in China, where we were the only band invited to perform on the Great Wall of China,
♦ 2007 – concert tour of New Zealand,
♦ 2008 – part of the 2,000 strong Beijing 2008 Olympic Orchestra,
♦ 2010 – concert tour of USA plus the Calgary Stampede in Canada, where the band was awarded prizes for: San Francisco Pride March, San Diego July 4th Parade and the Stampede parade in Calgary,
♦ 2012 – Georgetown Festival, Penang Malaysia including a two weeks tour of Malaysia,
♦ 2013 – Shanghai International Marching Band Festival.

Our next international tour – Hong Kong June/July 2016

The band’s choreographed marching displays also feature an American-style Drumline – the Drumline’s performances at the 2006 Australian Federation Tattoo were acclaimed as the highlight of the event. The introduction of a Big Band and a Training Band also sees new performance opportunities for the band and its members.

The band’s striking blue and orange Driza-bone uniforms and Akubra hats provide a distinctly Australian image. Our wide repertoire and performance flexibility make the Australian Youth Band an exciting inclusion in all major events.

Musical Director: Richard O’Toole  music.director@ayb.org.au
Website: www.ayb.org.au
Youtube videos: http://youtube.com/australianyouthband

Carly Gough
AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER PROGRAM - COME AND TRY!

Football Star Academy currently run an after school soccer coaching clinic each Thursday at Parkhill Primary School for 5-12 year olds. From Thursday 26 November the clinics will be running as an after school program from 4pm to 5pm for 5-8 year olds and 5pm to 6pm for 9-12 year olds.

To give all of the students at Parkhill an experience of the coaching, Tim from Football Star Academy will be running sessions as part of PE classes during the week commencing Monday 23 November which we hope all the students will enjoy.

As an extra special offer, Football Star Academy are also offering the chance for Parkhill students to come and try an hour's coaching clinic on Thursday 26 November for free! Spaces for the free trial are limited at each session so register your interest ASAP as it is first come, first served.

To secure your spot, please contact Tim Rickman at Football Star Academy. Tim can be reached via email - 
vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com.au -
or phone - 0417 953349.

If you would like to find out more information about Football Star Academy, please visit 
www.footballstaracademy.com.au