As you read this edition of the Newsletter, there will likely be only 11 school days left in the year. Staff have discussed the importance of teaching structured content right up until the end of the school year and you can expect your child to be kept on task. Of course, there will be themed activities and end of year celebrations, but our main focus is to ensure the gap between this year and the next doesn't begin early.

Meeting with some Principal colleagues the other day we laughed at the number of people who ask, “you must be winding down at this time of the year.” They could not be further from the truth, as Term 4 is the busiest in the school year with reports to be written, proof read and edited; classes and staffing to be organised for 2016; budgets set for the new school year; an Annual Implementation Plan sent into our Regional Office and Performance Management meetings for all staff (including myself).

At this stage we are on track to release the class information for next year – the children spending time with their 2016 teacher and classmates next Tuesday, so for those students (and parents) who are wondering who their teacher next year might be, the wait is nearly over!

**Class Structure for 2016:**

Our class structure for 2016 will be as follows:

2 Straight Prep classes  
3 Straight Grade 1 classes  
2 Straight Grade 2 classes  
2 Straight Grade 3 classes  
2 Straight Grade 4 Classes  
2 Straight Grade 5 Classes  
2 Straight Grade 6 Classes

In announcing our Staff Team for 2016, it is my pleasure to welcome on board Miss Catherine Slaughter, in Year 2 and Miss Christina Cameron in Year 6.

Miss Slaughter comes to us from Kilsyth Primary School where she taught a Year 3/4 class this year. Miss Cameron is well known to us here at Parkhill through her many days as a regular CRT this year. Miss Cameron has taught across all areas of the curriculum and we look forward to her joining our Year 6 team in 2016. Both teachers come to us highly recommended and we look forward to what they will bring to our community. Please join with me in welcoming both Miss Slaughter and Miss Cameron to Parkhill.
2016 Class Teachers:
Mrs Jan Tuck* Prep T  *Prep Team Leader
Miss Lucy Renshaw Prep R
Miss Chloe Mansbridge 1M
Ms Jackie Knight 1K
Mrs Victoria Bruges-Cannon 1BC
Miss Desiree Schlack* 2S  *Yr 1 – 2 Team Leader
Miss Catherine Slaughter 2C
Miss Anne McGregor 3M
Mrs Dyon Hunt* (Mon-Thurs) 3H  *Yr 3 -4 Team Leader
Mrs Sasha Guy (Friday) 3H
Miss Karla Bower 4B
Mrs Karin Moorhouse 4M
Mr Alex Davies 5D
Mrs Dora Handby 5H
Ms Michelle Smith* 6S  *Yr 5 – 6 Team Leader
Miss Christina Cameron 6C

Some reminders:

Awards Assembly: Tuesday 15 December
Please note, that due to ‘Moving Day’ on Monday 14 December, we have rescheduled our Awards Assembly to Tuesday 15 December at 2.30pm.

Masterplan Parent Information Sessions: Thursday 10 December at 9am and 6.00pm
To flesh out a few more details and to inform our community about our plans, I intend to hold 2 Parent Information Sessions on Thursday 10 December at 9am and 6pm in the Library. If you are unable to attend either session please contact me on mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will only be too happy to go through our plans with you personally at a convenient time.

International Baccalaureate, new facilities – there are indeed some exciting times ahead for our school!

Staff vs Students’ Netball match: Tuesday 15 December @ 12.30pm
All parents and friends are invited to attend our annual Staff vs Students’ netball match on Tuesday 15 December at 12.30pm. The Staff team has been in training all year under the tutelage of Ms Dora Handby and are keen to make amends from their poor showing last year. I look forward to seeing you all there to cheer staff on (they need all the help they can get!!)

2015 Final Day Dismissal Time
Classes for all students will conclude at 1.30pm on Friday 18 December. Students must be collected by parents and guardians by 1.45pm. Please note that staff will be on Yard Duty until 1.45pm. The Oshclub out of School Hours Care Program will commence from 1.30pm on this day.
Wednesday 16 Dec  Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 17 Dec  Grade 5/6 Big Day Out

Final 2015 Assembly

Our final Assembly will be held on Friday, 18 December from 1pm – 1.25pm where we say farewell to our Year 6 students.

On the last day of term the students are dismissed from their respective classrooms.

TERM 1 STAFF COMMENCEMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND DATES
Please note the following dates in Term 1, 2016.

Staff return to work (officially) on **Wednesday 27 January** for one day of professional learning.

**Thursday January 28:** All students from Foundation – Grade 6 commence school on this day.

**Prep students finish at 1pm on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January.**

Foundation Students in 2016
The following arrangements are in place for all 2016 Foundation students.

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Term 1:** Foundation children begin school at 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm.  
*Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesdays in Term 1 except for their rostered assessment.  Times to be advised by the Foundation teachers.*

Should your arrangements for 2016 alter over the holiday period or you know of a family moving into the area, please provide them with my contact details so we can adjust our numbers accordingly. You can contact me at [mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mckinlay.rodney.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) or on 0439 39 45 41 at any time over the holiday period.

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Rod McKinlay
Principal

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

**Lego Club 2015**

Next week will be the last Lego Club for 2015.

Thank you to all for your kind donations throughout 2015.

Should you be doing a cleanout over the holiday break, we are in need of more Lego figures.
Fun Mandarin Club

In the past few weeks, Winnie from Fun Mandarin Club and Parkhill Primary School’s own Chinese Teacher, Mrs. Tu ran five Chinese workshops for students from Prep to Grade two. Students learnt how to say the fruit's name in Chinese when making fruit kebabs. They used new words to start a conversation: "Nǐ Yào shé me? Wǒ Yào píng Guǒ" (What do you want? I want an apple) This kind of conversation starts so naturally. The children feel that speaking Chinese is not too hard and they get excited and try to say more and more. The more they say, the more fruit they can “buy” to make kebabs. At the end of the session most children expressed interest in doing more activities like this, as learning Chinese is fun!

Fun Mandarin Club 2016

Fun Mandarin Club will once again run a Chinese enrichment program to support your children learning Chinese at Parkhill Primary. Students are welcome to apply for a free trial session.

For inquiry and bookings please call:

Winnie on 0433205631 Free Call: 1300620088

Chaplain’s Corner

The silly season, the festive season, apparently in Melbourne it starts with the Melbourne Cup and rolls right along into the beginning of January. It sees people running around at an ever increasing pace, from party to party, crowded shopping centre to crowded shopping centre, often-times getting increasingly grumpy.

But it doesn’t have to be that way, we can choose to be joyful and take that with us wherever we go. Admittedly it’s not always an easy choice but it is a choice.

Our family’s silly season began on the long weekend in November with a trip to a games convention. There were video games (pc and console) and board games extending right the way through Jeff’s shed. It was crowded, busy and very, very noisy.

Yet in the midst of this crazy, noisy, fun one family really caught my attention. We were in the classic gaming area (think Pacman, pinball and asteroid) when I spied a little family of four, dad was tall and mum short like me and they had two gorgeous shaggy haired boys about mid primary school age. As I stood there waiting for my own boys, I looked across at this family as they played Mario Cart. There they were together, playing a game and oh the joy on their faces. It made me smile (perhaps more than anything else that weekend, even though I had a great time). Just to see them grinning like idiots, smiling and laughing with delight with each other, it was really heart-warming. They weren’t rushing around; they were just enjoying each other, enjoying the moment.

I don’t know about you but as the silly season wears on I think that’s what I need to do, enjoy the people around me, enjoy the moment and remember it really can be a “most wonderful time of the year.”

Suzanne Carmody
Chaplain
2015 Calendar of Curriculum events

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2015 Student of the Week & Awards

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 Principals Award

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A big thank you to everyone who came to the Book Fair. We sold $3426 worth of books, which provides us with about $900 in commission to spend on new books for the Library!

Also many thanks to Lisa Hore, Anny Murray, Gabriele, Ryan and Jonathan Moffitt for your help with the sales.

NOTE: If you would like to do any further Christmas shopping, you can always shop online at the link below and provide Parkhill with further credit points.

http://www.lamontbooks.com.au

Happy reading everyone!

Cathy Bateman & Karen Gibson
**FUN, FOOD & CAROLS TONIGHT!**

We have a fantastic night planned for this evening. There are great activities for the children: Free animal farm, plaster painting, games to play. For the adults we have jewellery stalls, lovely prints, and hand made cards to name a few. The wonderful Greek souvlaki’s are available again as well as a sausage sizzle and an ice cream van. Please bring your family and friends and celebrate another wonderful year at Parkhill. We would love any help at 3.30pm to set up and really want to thank to the men who volunteered to assist in setting up at 3pm with the marquees.

More hands make less work for all.

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We still require one more volunteer for icy pole sales on Friday 11th December. 3.15pm-3.45pm is the time frame.

Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot for Icy Pole Sales: [http://vols.pt/P8YfBN](http://vols.pt/P8YfBN)

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**PFA CHRISTMAS DRINKS**

**Tuesday 15th December 7.30pm**

Please join us to celebrate a fantastic year!

The Groove Train

Burwood One Shopping Ctr

172 - 210 Burwood Hwy, Burwood East

We would love anyone who has helped and supported the PFA over the last year to attend.

For further details or to RSVP please contact Amny - annymation2@bigpond.com by Thursday 10th Dec
Dough Raiser News

The festive season is here, so why not come and try some of our delicious Fruit Mince Tarts or Lemon Tarts!

Get a FREE Traditional Loaf
When you buy a 6-pack of Fruit Mince Tarts or Lemon Tarts

Please write your School/Group name

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Offer valid until 18th December 2015. Subject to availability. Offer per person, per day. Not redeemable for cash or with any other offer. Must surrender voucher upon redemption. Traditional loaf refers to your choice of White, Wholemeal, Wholemeal Country Grain Loaves only.
COMMENCING A TRIAL WITH PARKHILL PRIMARY -
TERM 4, 2015!

LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAYS
ORDER ONLINE UP UNTIL 8.30am ON THE DAY THE LUNCH IS REQUIRED!
A Two Course Lunch is $7.95 and a Three Course Lunch is $9.65

**LUNCH ITEM ONE**
- Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF)
- Brown Rice & Mixed Bean Salad (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box – Vegetarian (GF)
- Pic(k)nic Box with Ham (GF)
- Sushi - Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Avocado Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi - Cucumber Hand Rolls (2)
- Sushi – Vegetarian Hand Rolls (2)
- Cheese and Bacon Roll
- Cheese and Vegemite Scroll
- Supreme Pizza Roll
- Topped with Only Cheese Roll
- Margherita Pita Pizza
- Ham and Pineapple Pita Pizza
- Fresh Tomato and Italian Herb Pita Pizza
- Spinach & Feta Pita Pizza
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce and Cheese Sandwich
- Ham and Cheese Roll
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Simple Salad Roll
- Vegemite Sandwich
- Mild Salami and Salad Roll
- Beetroot and Salad Roll
- Roast Beef, Fruit Chutney, Cheese and Lettuce Roll
- Cheese and Salad Roll
- Wholegrain Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
- Rice Paper Rolls - Teriyaki Chicken (2)
- Rice Paper Rolls - Vegetarian (2)

**LUNCH ITEM TWO**
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Freshly chopped Orange Segments
- Freshly chopped Strawberries with Red Grapes
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Cranberry Freedom Foods Bar (GF)
- Choc Chip Cookie
- Whole Banana with Chocolate Dipping Sauce
- Iced Chocolate Cake
- White Choc & Sultana Cookie
- Hedgehog Slice
- Fruit Bun
- Cup Cake
- Blueberry Muffin
- Apple & Cinnamon Cake
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Evia Yoghurt with Raspberry Coulis
- Evia Yoghurt with Blueberry Coulis
- Evia Yoghurt with Mango Coulis
- Tzatziki dip with Rice Crackers
- Avocado dip with Rice Crackers
- Spring Onion dip with Rice Crackers
- Gluten Free – Munchy Apple & Cinnamon Clusters
- Extra Juicy Apple Juice
- Extra Juicy Orange Juice
- Nippy’s Chocolate Milk
- Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted

**Sample Menu**

**LUNCH ITEM THREE/SNACK**
- Extra Juicy Apple Juice
- Extra Juicy Orange Juice
- Nippy’s Chocolate Milk
- Cobs Popcorn, Lightly Salted
- Cobs Popcorn, Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted
- Fresh Fruit Combo
- Whole Banana with Chocolate Dipping Sauce
- Apple with Lemon Juice, Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Chopped Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum
- Lightly Steamed Corn Wheels & Broccoli pieces
- Cherry Tomatoes with Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers
- Cranberry Freedom Foods Bar (GF)
- Blueberry Muffin
- Apple & Cinnamon Cake
- Choc Chip Cookie
- Cup Cake
- Iced Chocolate Cake
- Hedgehog Slice
- Lamington
- White Choc & Sultana Cookie
- Finger Bun with Sprinkles
- Evia Yoghurt with Raspberry Coulis
- Evia Yoghurt with Blueberry Coulis
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