

Parkhill Primary School Newsletter

"United through learning, we nurture success"

Issue 1, Thursday 1 February 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK!!! And a big special welcome to our new families across the school.

It has been so lovely to see everyone this week, to hear holiday stories and to share news. I trust you are all well rested and ready to start the new school year.

CURRICULUM DAY:

On Monday, the teachers had a very long but productive day planning and setting up for the term. We worked through establishing our Essential Agreements. At Parkhill, we use Essential Agreements to drive the culture in our learning and working environment. An Essential Agreement is developed by the staff and students and outlines what behaviours we aspire to see and use in order to make the learning environment and culture positive, supportive and productive. Essential Agreements help us to go beyond the rules and think about the why. You will notice the Essential Agreements displayed in classrooms and other learning spaces.

During the morning, we looked closely at our 2018 school priorities. With **High Expectations** driving everything we do this year, there will be a focus on Reading, Writing and Student Wellbeing. I am excited by the upcoming work on our Code of Conduct and whole school Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program.

BUILDING UPDATE:

By the end of February we will have full access to Learning Community One (LC1). The plan is to develop a Working Bee day for each of the year levels as the term progresses to help get the children and parents involved in the set up process. Children and teachers will work together to plan the room layout and set up and develop clear protocols and Essential Agreements for the shared spaces and usage of the learning areas.

Learning Community Two (LC2) and the Art Room will be completed by the Easter holidays. This means that the Y3/4 classes will make their move in Term 2.

Work on the storm drain trenching will start in the next week or so which means the area behind the Science Kitchen will be out of bounds and fenced off completely.

INFORMATION EVENING AND THREE-WAY CONFERENCES:

Information Evening will be held on **TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY**. We stagger the sessions across the school to allow families to attend any meeting. The Term 1 Three-Way Conferences will be held during Week 4. This year we are trialling a new set-up for the conferences to honour elements of the Teacher's Working Agreement (EBA). Each class will be allocated an afternoon session and an evening session. The afternoon appointments will run from 2pm – 4pm, and the evening will be from 4pm – 7pm on different days. More information will come home soon regarding the appointments and session times.

Information sessions – Tuesday 6th February

Foundation - 5.30pm

Y1/2 - 6.00pm

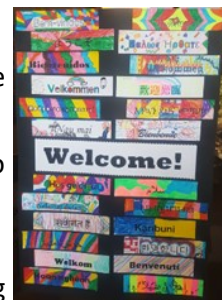
Y3/4 - 6.30pm

Y5/6 - 7.00pm

These sessions will be held in the classroom blocks.

OUR TEAM:

Team V Group - What is the difference? The differences are indeed subtle. A **group** is a number of individuals coming together for a reason or cause. A **team** is a collection of a people coming together with a **common goal** that drives them - they have a shared purpose.



The 2018 Parkhill Team:

Year Level	Who	Who
Acting Principal	Elaine Brady	
Acting Assistant Principal	Michelle Smith and Dyon Hunt	
Foundation	Jan Tuck	Des Schlack
Y1	Dyon Hunt and Carlie Eriksen	Victoria Bruges-Cannon
Y2	Chloe Mansbridge	Bella Crowe
Y3	Lucy Renshaw	Anne McGregor
Y4	Liz Nevill	Sasha Guy
Y5	Alex Davies	Dora Handby
Y6	Chris Logan	Andrea Crane and Karin Moorhouse
Chinese	Ying Tong	
PA	Jackie Knight (F-Y5) / Michelle Smith (Y6)	
PE	Dean Sciacca (Y1-Y6) / Elaine Brady (Foundation)	
Art	Cathy Bateman	
Business Manager	Jo Ravida	
Front Office	Steph Ravida	
Library	Karen Gibson	
Garden	Jenn Bartle	
Chaplain	Suzanne Carmody	
Foundation	Karen Naylor	
Y1/Literacy Support	Kerry D'Arcy	
Y2/Garden	Lina Papalia	
Y3	Giovanna Boccari	
Y3/QuickSmart Maths	Ann Loxton	
Y4/Literacy Support	Corinne Coy	
Y6/QuickSmart Maths	Janet Patton	

REMINDERS:

Drop-off and pick-up

There is supervision on the playground from 8:45am, and classroom doors open at 8:50am. Many children are arriving at school very early. We strongly advise that children are **NOT** left at school any earlier than **8:30am**. We finish our school day at 3:30pm and pick up should be prompt. The supervision on the playground is only until 3:45pm to ensure all children are picked up and safely home or with a parent/carer. Many parents enrol their children in our OshClub program so if they are late the children can attend on that day. There is NO supervision available by school staff after 3:45pm. Please do ensure you are organised for **pick up at 3:30pm**. Should something urgent occur to prevent this, please call the office.

SunSmart

Children must wear a **hat** in Term 1 – they are not allowed to play outside. Hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop which is open on Monday from 3pm – 4pm and Thursday from 8:30am – 10am.

Have a wonderful weekend,



Elaine Brady

Acting Principal

2018	Calendar of Curriculum Events
Tuesday February 6	Information Night
Friday February 16	Y3 Circus Skills Incursion Session 1
Monday February 19 - Wednesday February 21	3 Way Conferences
Wednesday February 21	District Swimming - selected students
Thursday February 22	School Photo Day
Friday February 23	Y3 Circus Skills Incursion Session 2 Y5/6 Round Robin - Jells Park
Wednesday February 28	Twilight Sports
Friday March 2	Y3 Circus Skills Incursion Session 3
Wednesday March 21	Multicultural Day
Friday March 23	Y4/5/6 District Athletics - selected students
Thursday March 29	Term 1 ends - 2:30pm finish

Welcome back to Games Club for 2018!

The children enjoyed building with Lego, playing with Hot Wheels, solving puzzles, and drawing to name a few items.

If there are any games/puzzles/building items that you would like to donate to Parkhill Games club, please contact Kerry D'Arcy (Mon-Weds).



Lunch Orders

Canteen lunches can be ordered through Classroom Cuisine (cold lunches) and Flexischools (hot lunches) via their websites - <https://www.classroomcuisine.com.au/menu.php> and www.flexischools.com.au

Hat Reminder

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

Uniform orders with payment can be dropped at the office and Sam will have items delivered to your child/ren's classrooms.

Parkhill PFA Newsletter February 1, 2018

President: Vanessa Cowley

Vice President: Katrina Battle

Treasurer: Sumi Sundram

Secretary: Kylie Touloupis

Committee Members: Wendy Douglas, Mark Havas, Lisa Jacobson, April Minniece, Anny Murray, Naomi Bishop

WELCOME BACK PARKHILL FAMILIES!

We all hope you enjoyed a well deserved break. The PFA is looking forward to another fun filled year of events.



Wednesday 28th Feb – Twilight sports

Wednesday 7th March – Cake Stall

Tuesday 13th March – Easter Raffle tickets and Hot Cross Bun orders go home

This is just to get us started. To assist with planning and ideas please join us at our first PFA Meeting for 2018. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there. We have a lot of fun so come and see what we're all about. Any time you can spare is appreciated, it doesn't need to be an ongoing commitment.

**PARKHILL PFA MEETING
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018 @7.30pm**



Venue is the performing arts room
(use external ramp beside the hall)

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2018 closes on 29 June, 2018.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



LAUGH *dance* MOVE PLAY PURE FUN

EVERY SESSION INCLUDES:

- Dance Technique
- Fitness Games
- End of Session Performance
- Fun With Friends
- New Music Mixes
- So Much More
- Relay Races

Location: Parkhill Primary School Performing Arts Room
Date: Monday 12th Feb 2018 – Monday 26th March 2018
(No Class Monday 12th March)
Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
Grades: Foundation – Grade 6 (Girls & Boys Welcome)
Price: 6 weeks for \$60 (cash only)

For more information: Please call Fran Ditton 0417 323 273 or email fditton@icloud.com