

Safety Around Schools

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 side.
- **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.

Productive Partnerships

Parkhill staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school, knowing that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities, asking that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring:

- 1) **Attendance at school daily and arrival on time, ready for the day's learning experience**
- 2) **Completion of all home learning given by teachers**
- 3) **Daily reading to develop a love for literature and to improve critical language skills**
- 4) **Sharing school experiences with you so that you are aware of his / her school life**

Working and 'learning together' we can achieve great results.

Ready to learn at 9.00am!

To ensure that we maximise learning time for all students at Parkhill there is an expectation that all students are seated ready to learn at 9.00am. Our first bell rings at 8.55am and this is the time when students should start making their way into their lines ready for their teachers.

Student Safety

A reminder that students shouldn't be at school unsupervised prior to 8.45am in the mornings, with classrooms open from 8.50am this provides an ideal opportunity for students to get settled in before the school day starts at 9am. For families where these times aren't convenient, we recommend using Before and After School Care in the hall. This is open from 7am in the morning and until 6pm in the evening.

Cyber Safety

Near the start of each term, all classes spend time revising some aspects of Cybersafety. A parent emailed me this very clever graphic reminding us of some very important strategies- for further details visit www.staysmartonline.gov.au



Community Information

There have been a number of tragic events in our community recently and these always need to be handled sensitively with children. The Department recommends the following link which is from the Australian Psychological Society <https://www.psychology.org.au/Assets/Files/16APS-PI-CV-RC-GPCT-P1.pdf>. We have a number of supports available through school which our students are able to access so please speak with Elaine Brady if you would like further details.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

As we are in the "relationship business", as a community we all have a vested interest in the wellbeing of the school, with our number one priority the happiness and safety of every child. Children who are feeling happy and safe are receptive learners. If you have a complement for your child's class teacher or a query regarding your child's education, please contact us. The following methods are the most efficient.

- **Use our diary system regularly** – it is a great communication tool between your child's teacher and home. The teachers' number one priority is instructing the children and therefore if you arrive unannounced, it may not be convenient or possible to release them from teaching duties to speak to you. It is always best to arrange a meeting time.
- **Email is an option** and we appreciate that you use your child's diary or email as a form of quick communication with us. Please give staff sufficient time to respond to emails or to take action as requested, as again, during school hours we concentrate our efforts on the children. It is very important that we devote our attentions and 'duty of care' to our school's students throughout each school day (also noting that some specialist staff are not full time, therefore there may be a longer response timeframe depending on working hours and days). Furthermore, please keep in mind that staff responses to emails will be brief as staff have a huge amount of emails to get through and respond to each day. Of course, the expectation is that students, parents and other members of the school community will observe common courtesy when addressing staff and other members of the community in communications.
- **Class teachers are available in their classroom between 8:50 – 9:00am each morning** as your first port-of-call should you have any compliments, cares, or queries. Likewise, I remind everyone of an open invitation to approach Ms Brady or myself if you have a query about the school or an idea to discuss. We also like hearing the positive feedback!
- **Our most important form of communication is our weekly newsletter**, with an electronic copy available on Tiqbiz and circulated via email. Important information is included in the newsletter including dates of upcoming events – please take the time to read it and any Tiqbiz communications to stay informed.

Have a great weekend

Rod McKinlay
Principal



Mini Working Bees

A huge thank you to April Minniece who has taken on the big job of filling Lisa Hore's shoes as Convenor of our Buildings and Grounds subcommittee.

This year the committee is taking a different approach to try something new. We will continue to hold our traditional weekend working bee on Sunday 19 March from 10am to 12pm, however for those who can't attend on the weekend we will be holding mini working bees on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 3.30pm. Shortly, April will publish in the newsletter a roster of jobs to be done each week. This will allow all families to contribute to maintaining our school grounds on a regular basis in short sharp stints. Another way to look at it is that it is great exercise and a great way to fill in time before pick up!!

I take this opportunity to thank the following parents who have already taken advantage of this additional exercise opportunity on a Wednesday afternoon by shovelling wheel barrow loads of softfall onto our playground.

Fran Ditton
Sumi Sundram
Elsie McBean
Megan Whitford
Phillipa (Pip) Papegeorgiou
Georgie Gaff
Sophie Kost
Stella McKnight
April Minniece

Chaplain's Corner

Hi I'm Suzanne, I'm the Chaplain at Parkhill. You may have heard me talk at the recent information evening but since it's the beginning of the year it's worth explaining what I do.

Lots of different things!

I do a lot of 'one on one' work with students and sometimes run small groups too, especially when students are having a hard time, perhaps with their friendships or if they are finding it difficult to deal with something that has happened at home. I am a neutral person they can talk to about what has happened and about their feelings. As a KidsMatter school we know that "Other influences" have been found to decrease the likelihood of children developing mental health difficulties, even when risk factors are present. These are called 'protective factors. One of those protective factors is involvement with a caring adult*. I'm very happy to be another caring adult in the life of the school.

I'm always happy to chat to parents and other members of our community too.

I can also help families out in a practical manner, particularly if they need assistance with uniform, swimming or camp fees. However, if you need help specifically with school fees an appointment with Mr McKinlay is the best way to go.

So that is a small glimpse of what I do, if you think I could help you or your child, please drop in to see me or make an appointment. I am at Parkhill on Mondays and Thursdays.

Suzanne Carmody

Chaplain

* For more information go to <http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/mental-health-basics-promoting-mental-health/risk-and-protective-factors>

Birthdays February
Angus M
Cormac M
Thomas R
Samuel L
Hamish L
Hayden M
Amy N
James W
Max D
Ruby D
Jamie A
Themis T
Demika R
Mozhda S
Liam G
Ashley W
Vivian W
Spencer S
Eva S
Millie K
Victoria R
Yashar M
Jonathan M
Jack C


Stu- dent of the Week	Name
FR	Kick
FT	Charlotte
1BC	Aurora
1S	Shania
2M	Ashlan
2S	Toby
3H	Campbell
3MR	Sam
4N	Rayyan
4ME	Anjali
5D	Jolie
5H	Emerson
6G	Jesse
6S	Aidan

2017	Calendar of Curriculum events
Friday February 17	Y5 & 6 Round Robin—Jells Park
Friday February 17	Second hand Uniform sales 3.00-3.45
Tuesday FEBRUARY 21 Wednesday FEBRUARY 22	Three-Way Conferences Please note dates
Friday February 24	Year 4 Natural Disasters Incursion
Monday February 27	Regional Swimming—students who qualified for their events
Friday March 3	Y4 IMAX & Museum Excursion buses leave prompt at 9.00am
Friday March 3	Y3 Circus Skills Incursion Program commences
Sunday March 19	Working Bee 10.00am—12.00pm
Monday 20 March	School Nurse visit
Tuesday March 21	Twilight Sports 6.00pm—7.30pm (details in last weeks newsletter)
Friday March 24	District Athletics Y4, 5 & 6
Tuesday March 28	Foundation Learning Celebration 2.15pm—3.30pm
Tuesday April 18	Curriculum Day—No School
Tuesday May 16—Friday May 19	Y5&6 Camp (TBC)

Administration Information: Please remember the following when making payments to the office:

- Childs name
- Teacher | Grade
- Amount Paid
- What you are paying for

*Insure this information **is on both** the notice & the envelope with any monies enclosed.*

*We ask for the return of **notices and payment together**, as you can imagine the follow up of 335 plus students is time consuming.*

Lost Property is located near the new Library door.

Jo & Mazz

Head lice
Reported in:
Year 4

Uniform Shop Opening hours
Monday afternoon 3.00 –4.00pm
Thursday morning 8.30-10.00am



Icy Pole Sales are back!!
Friday afternoons .50cents each.
Sales from the Roger Beech Hall.



Dear Parkhill Primary School Office,
School photos have now been taken and any order envelopes collected by our photographers.

Please find the enclosed information notepad for you to have available at your school office for any parents enquiring into placing school photo orders after photo day.

NB: If parents place their order online after the below outlined date, the processing surcharge for each photo package will be \$10

Please keep this envelope on hand with the below information for any parent enquiries.

Thank you for your assistance! - the AdvancedLife Team

SCHOOL CODE FOR ONLINE ORDERING

957 YWB B8Z

www.advancedlife.com.au

ONLINE DUE DATE FOR ORDERING
TO AVOID PROCESSING FEES

21-Feb-17

Dear Parents,

Jewish RE is commencing this term at Parkhill Primary.

Lessons will be held each Thursday between 1.10 and 1.40.

A fresh, exciting and interactive program has been prepared for the students.

Please register your child at <http://www.ujeb.org.au/enrol/sri/re-enrolment-form/> if you are interested for him or her to attend.



Woodwind tuition

A fantastic opportunity has become available for interested students to learn flute or clarinet with free instrument loaning now available on a limited number of Parkhill instruments. This opportunity to loan these instruments is available for students in Year 3 and above who enrol into extra-curricular woodwind lessons. For younger year levels, recorder lessons are also available to use as a stepping stone into woodwind tuition.

Please submit any interest either via an instrumental tuition form from the office or via email on naomiholman.music@gmail.com

2nd Hand Uniform Sales: THIS FRIDAY 3.00pm

We are looking for all uniform items as all stock is low. Please drop any unused items into the donations box directly in the foyer.

Thanking all who have donated and those to come.

PARKHILL PFA NEWSLETTER 16th Feb 2017

President: Vanessa Cowley
Treasurer: Sumi Sundram

Vice President: Donna Edwards
Secretary: Wendy Douglas

Calendar

Saturday February 25th

Waverley District Netball BBQ

Waverley District Netball BBQ – Proceeds to fund a sandpit for the current Foundation classes!

We have secured the BBQ/sausage sizzle at Waverley District Netball on Saturday Feb 25th and are looking for volunteers to help man the BBQ/sell sausages. Do you have a couple of spare hours to help sell sausages at the netball courts just behind Parkhill? If you are available to help out for an hour or two please sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/rmmGk6> Mark Havas is coordinating this fundraiser for us, if you have any questions please contact him on 0424 747 987 or email Mark@havas.net.au. The proceeds from this event will pay for a sandpit for our current Foundation students. This is a great way for parents to meet other parents and make connections in our school community.

Easter Raffle Donations Required

It feels like the year has only just started but our annual Easter Raffle is fast approaching and we are in need of some prizes! If you would like to donate something to go towards an Easter Raffle hamper then please drop them off at the school office. Mazz says she will do her best to not eat the chocolate!

Join the PFA!

Are you interested in finding out how you can get involved more here at Parkhill? Would you like to meet more parents? Please do consider joining the Parents and Friends Association. Our goal is to run social events throughout the year that connect families and to also raise much needed funds for our school. Even if you only have a small amount of time to give – we would still love to hear from you.

Please drop us an email at parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com

Bakers Delight and Super Amart Sports

If you ever find yourself shopping at Baker's Delight in Ashburton or at a Super Amart store don't forget to mention Parkhill Primary School at the checkout. They keep a running total of how much business comes their way through our school and donate cash or other much needed goods back to the school. Every bit helps. Thanks in advance for your support!

ANNUAL SCHOOL PAYMENT– 2017



Please forward payment to the school office on or before
Friday 17th February 2017

Surname	Child's Name	2017 Year Level

Description of Payments	Per Child	1 st Child	2 nd Child	3 rd Child	Total
Essential Education Items					
Essential Education Items	\$300.00				
Year 6 Graduation Levy (<i>year 6 only</i>)	\$35.00				
Optional Education Items					
Special Religious Instruction	\$10.00				

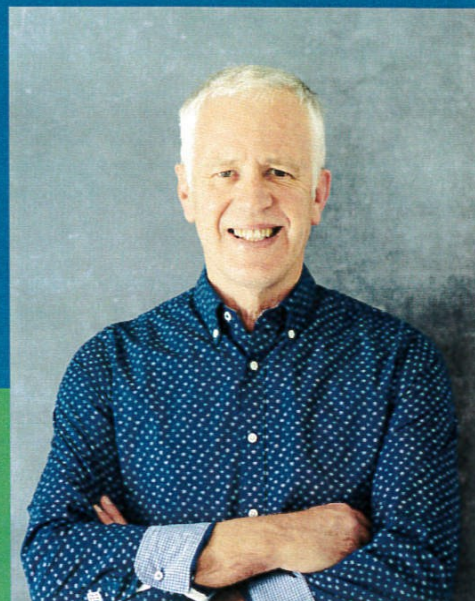
Voluntary Financial Contributions	<i>Please circle your choice</i>				Amount
Welfare & Special Learning Needs	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	
Fundraising	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	
Computer & Resources	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	
Grounds Development	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	
Building Fund - Tax Deductible	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	
Library Fund - Tax Deductible	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	Other \$.....	

TOTAL PAYMENT FOR 2017:	\$
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The Parenting Masterclass

How to raise independent kids

"Never before has a generation of children been so dependent on their parents."
– Michael Grose



Lose the bubble-wrap and step away from the helicopter!

Join bestselling author and parenting expert, Michael Grose for an interactive evening designed to challenge thinking and empower parents to raise independent, resilient and confident children. Michael will share hands-on and practical strategies to help:

- Encourage independence
- Build strong, caring and cooperative family relationships
- Reduce anxiety
- Foster emotional intelligence

You'll leave feeling empowered to move forward in raising your independent children.

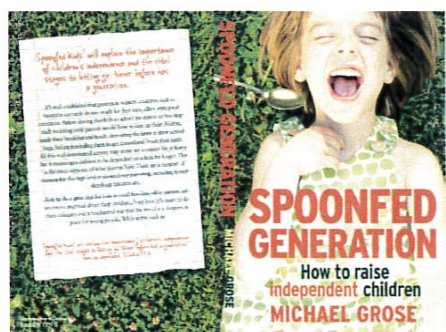
National tour dates | 7-9pm | Tickets \$35*

Adelaide	Evanston South	Thursday 2nd March
Brisbane	Manly West	Tuesday 7th March
Sydney	Waitara	Wednesday 8th March
	Stanhope Gardens	Thursday 9th March
Melbourne	Ashburton	Wednesday 15th March
	Keilor North	Thursday 16th March
	Clyde North	Tuesday 21st March

* 10% of the proceeds will be donated to The Smith Family, helping young Australians in need to transform their lives through education.

About Michael Grose

Michael has been sharing his insights and strategies with parents and teachers for more than 25 years. Michael has been the teacher and he's been the parent. He's written 10 award winning books including *Thriving!* and is currently touring Australia with his newest release *Spoonfed Generation*.



THE AGE



To book your ticket visit
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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 13th February 2017 – Monday 27th March 2017

**No Class On First full week of Term 1 along with No Class on Labour
Day 13th March 2017**

Time: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

Grades: Prep – 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

PILATES

TRY YOUR 1ST CLASS FOR \$6!

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 and Saturday 9.15am**
The Uniting Church, 482 High Street Rd, Mt. Waverley.

Tuesday 9.30am (new class)
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:
email: karen@karensPilates.com Tel: 9807 0429

www.karensPilates.com

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Learn real-life, practical self defence skills in a fun and energetic way. Also learn how to defend yourself from attacks, and fight back with powerful, effective techniques. With a progressive system from White belt to Black belt, CKD always offers you something new and challenging to learn, experience and enjoy.

Come and try for free at any of the following sessions:

Session times are:

- Tuesday 7.50 to 8.45am (Junior and Senior class)
- Wednesday 3.45pm to 4.45pm (Junior class)
- Thursday 6.30 to 7.30pm (Junior and Senior class)
- Thursday 7.45 to 8.45om – available (Senior class adults and secondary school students only)

Location: Parkhill Primary School Hall

For more information or to book into a session please call
Janine Brewster on 0415 199 105.