

# newsletter

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## Masterplan Update:

Those of you who have passed our school over the last couple of weekends may have noticed some men in white suits roaming through our old buildings. Nothing to be worried about, it's just our builders removing the asbestos in preparation for removal. Over the next two weekends the asbestos will be removed and all the old portables are due to be removed once all the asbestos has been safely dealt with. During removal of asbestos there is a 15 metre zone that people need to be away from. If you have any queries regarding this or anything else regarding our redevelopment please don't hesitate to contact me.



## School Council Elections:

This week, the period for nominations for School Council closed. We received 3 nominations for the 6 available places. We therefore as per Department of Education guidelines extend the timeline for further nominations by another week.

If we receive more nominations, than the extra 3 we need, we will go to ballot.

If you would like to be involved, please come and see me for a nomination form. Please be aware that nominations now close on Thursday 2 March at 4pm and must be lodged at the office by this time.

## Parent Payments – (School Fees):

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their 2017 Essential Education Items payments. These are required payments which are now due. Payment of Essential Education fees pays for items which are essential to support instruction in the standard curriculum program such as essential curriculum materials.

It is deeply appreciated that a number of parents also support our school through voluntary payments to enable the maintenance of our vast school grounds, library books and buildings. Some parents also make extra donations which will be used to provide resources for all students. We are indeed extremely fortunate to have such wonderful people in our school community. Thank you.

## Achieving success at school:

We would like you to have the best possible relationship with your child's teacher in order for you to maximise your child's learning at school. With 3 Way Conferences just completed, I have included some ideas (from Michael Grose) for you to consider in the coming weeks.

### **1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve**

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

### **2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**

Keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver.

### **3. Support your teacher's expectations and activities at home**

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

### **4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

**5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes**

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

**6. Skill children to work with others**

Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

**7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

**8. Participate fully in class & school activities**

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his/her learning then take an interest in his/her learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

**9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience**

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

**10. Talk up what happens at school**

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

***If you have any ideas as to how we can further include parents as part of our learning community, please share them with me.***

Finally, we are seeking a registered builder from our school community to help us design and oversee the construction of our new sandpit. If you fit the bill or know of someone who does, please contact either myself or April Minniece as soon as possible!

Have a great weekend!

Rod McKinlay  
Principal

## Mini Working Bee Agenda

Please select a week or two below to put aside 90 minutes to help our school by looking after our gardens, and help yourself at the same time by including this time in your daily exercise routine.



## Mini Working Bee Agenda

<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2:00pm</b>	Pruning the trees around the Junior playground and on the pathway down to the orchard.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2:00pm</b>	Cleaning up the garden beds near the school office.
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00pm</b>	Tidying up the oval steps in preparation for the Twilight Sports night.
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00am-12:00pm</b>	Please come along and help us do some simple cleaning up jobs and general maintenance around our school. Bring the kids along and meet some other Parkhill families. Morning tea provided.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## **CAN YOU HELP**

The Parkhill PFA has been given the opportunity to raise funds at the first WDNA BBQ for the year and we desperately need volunteers to cook, serve and handle money throughout the day.

If you can spare an hour or two please sign up online at <http://signup.com/go/rmmGk6> (case sensitive)

or

Contact Mark Havas 0424 747 987

### **Where**

**Waverley District Netball Association**

(Directly behind Parkhill Primary School)

### **When**

**SATURDAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> Feb**



**Funds raised on the day will be used to install a new sandpit.**

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


**We have had  
a case of  
scabies re-  
ported**

Student of the Week	Name
FR	Carmen
FT	Orson
1BC	Zane
1S	Class
2M	Stephanie
2S	Gemma
3H	Jok
3MR	Matari
4N	Dylan
4ME	Isa
5D	Class
5H	Class
6G	Class
6S	Class

2017	Calendar of Curriculum events
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 5week program
Monday March 13	Labour day Public holiday—No school
Tuesday March 14	Foundation Puffing Billy excursion
Wednesday March 15	Y5 Excursion (TBC)
Sunday March 19	Working Bee 10.00am—12.00pm
Monday 20 March	School Nurse visit
Tuesday March 21	Twilight Sports 6.00pm—7.30pm
Friday March 24	District Athletics Y4, 5 & 6
Tuesday March 28	Foundation Learning Celebration 2.15pm—3.30pm
Thursday March 30	Whole School Science Day (TBC)
Tuesday April 18	Curriculum Day—No School
Tuesday May 16—Friday May 19	Y5&6 Camp (TBC )

### Administration Information:

**Newsletter and email distribution:** For your information emails are sent to **Adult A** in the Primary and Alternate family's enrolment details.

**Essential Education Items annual payments were due on Friday 17 February. If you have not made payment please do so at your earliest convenience or if you need to make arrangements, please call or email to make an appointment with the Principal.**

### Excursions 2017:

**Reminder: This year Excursions are pay as the event happens.**

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

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.

Jo & Mazz



### Year 3 & 4 Hockey Incursion

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February our Year 3 and 4 students participated in a Hockey Incursion provided by Hockey Victoria.

They learnt about the correct way to control the ball with the flat side of the hockey stick, and important rules and safety aspects of the sport. It was great to see all the students having fun, gaining confidence and challenging themselves, as for many of them this was their very first experience of hockey.



Year 3 & 4 team

### Year 5 & 6 Summer sport Round Robin

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February the Year 5/6s competed in Summer Sport Round Robin. Overall Parkhill came equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district showing great sportsmanship and team effort. On the day we played four schools in five sports rotating every 50 minutes. The schools we played were Glen Waverley, Holy Family, Pinewood and Syndal South.

Danish won 2

Rounders won 4

Cricket won 3

Softball won 1

Tee ball won 1

Overall Holy Family was the victor. Congratulations to cricket for making it to the next round.

By Tom Harris & Ruby Pagliaro



## Interview with Mr Grinter

### 1. Tell us about your experiences in 2016.

In 2016 I moved overseas and lived in London, UK. I was teaching in London at a school in Chelsea, teaching PE as well as literacy in all year levels. Whilst I was living in London I was lucky enough to also work at a number of major sporting events including Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Lords cricket test matches and English soccer matches at Wembley Stadium. I also travelled around Europe to some of the worlds most spectacular destinations.



### 2. What year do you teach and what is interesting about that year level?

I currently teach the amazing Year 6 students. Year 6 is really fun to teach as we always have so many activities happening. A highlight of Year 6 is Parkhill TV! We have so many talented students at Parkhill and I can't wait to see the astonishing episodes that our students compile in 2017.

### 3. What subject do you enjoy teaching the most and why?

I really enjoy teaching Inquiry as the students are always engaged in the units and take ownership of their learning. Students get the opportunity to ask questions that interest them and find answers by engaging with experts in their field.

### 4. What is one memorable moment you've had at Parkhill?

Where do I start?? Graduation every year is memorable as we get to celebrate the schooling journey of our fabulous Year 6 students. Some of our Inquiry actions have also been memorable, in particular the Global Healthy Me community food market 2 years ago.

### 5. What are your interests outside of teaching?

I like to keep active outside of school. I enjoy running and going bike riding. I love to travel and exploring the world.



## **FREE TRIAL OF SOCCER COACHING FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY SOCCER COACHING AT PARKHILL**

Football Star Academy currently provide engaging coaching sessions to Parkhill Primary School every Thursday from 3.45pm to 4.45pm. The sessions are a fun way for children to develop their individual soccer skills in a small group environment, increasing their confidence and enjoyment of the game. A limited number of spaces have now become available for Term 1 2017.

Students at Parkhill are able to come along to try a free coaching session during Term 1 to establish if they would like to join the program ongoing.

The following 2 age groups are available with limited spots remaining:

5-7 year olds 8-12 year olds

To reserve your space for a free trial at one of the sessions (limit 1 trial per person) or for any questions, please contact Tim Rickman at Football Star Academy via:

**Email - [vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com.au](mailto:vic20.football@sportstaracademy.com.au) Phone - 0417 953349**

***PLEASE NOTE: Spaces are very limited so please register ASAP to avoid disappointment.***

For more information on Football Star Academy, visit [www.footballstaracademy.com.au](http://www.footballstaracademy.com.au)

# PARKHILL PFA NEWSLETTER 21ST Feb 2017

**President:** Vanessa Cowley

**Vice President:** Donna Edwards

**Treasurer:** Sumi Sundram

**Secretary:** Wendy Douglas

## Calendar

Saturday February 25th

Waverley District Netball BBQ

### Waverley District Netball BBQ – VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!!!

Volunteers are urgently required to help cook / sell sausages at Waverly District Netball this Saturday. 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](mailto: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!

### PFA Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Staff Room here at Parkhill. This is a great meeting to come along to and learn about what the PFA is and how you could potentially get involved. For more information please drop us an email at [parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com)

### Ritchies/IGA Community Benefits

If you ever find yourself shopping at Ritchies or IGA stores, don't forget to sign up for their community benefits scheme and nominate Parkhill Primary as your community organisation. Every year we receive a donation from them that reflects the volume of shopping they have recorded for Parkhill.





## Marrekesh Eggplant and Tomatoes

### Ingredients

1-2 eggplants, cut into 1 cm-thick slices  
125ml (1/2 cup) extra virgin olive oil, plus extra, to drizzle  
95g (1/3 cup) tomato paste  
1/2 teaspoon firmly packed saffron threads  
250ml (1 cup) verjuice  
1 red onion, finely chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika  
2 handfuls of tomatoes, halved  
Crusty bread to serve

### Method

Place eggplants in a large bowl and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons oil, then, using your hands, toss to coat. Repeat with another 2 tablespoons oil. Add tomato paste, then, using your hands, rub into eggplants to evenly coat.

Heat a heavy-based frying pan over medium heat. Working in 3 batches, add eggplants to pan and cook, drizzling with a little extra oil if necessary to prevent sticking, for 4 minutes each side or until tender and golden. Transfer to a flat dish.

Meanwhile, place saffron and verjuice in a small bowl and set aside. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and 1 teaspoon salt, and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes or until onion is soft. Add cumin and paprika, and stir for 1 minute or until fragrant. Add grape tomatoes and stir to coat in onion mixture. Add truss tomatoes, cover with a lid and cook for 8 minutes or until all tomatoes have softened. Add verjuice mixture and bring to a simmer. Season.

Layer eggplant and tomatoes with cooking juices on a platter.

# ANNUAL SCHOOL PAYMENT– 2017

Please forward payment to the school office on or before  
2017



Surname	Child's Name	2017 Year Level

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

<b>Voluntary Financial Contributions</b>	<i>Please circle your choice</i>				<b>Amount</b>
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 \$.....	

<b>TOTAL PAYMENT FOR 2017:</b>	<b>\$</b>
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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  /  /

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](http://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](mailto:naomiholman.music@gmail.com)

### 2nd Hand Uniform Sales: ALL UNIFORM NAME LABELLED WILL BE RETURNED TO CLASSES

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