

Parkhill Primary School Newsletter

"United through learning, we nurture success"

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Cover photo: Our Y6 cohort in their 2018 jackets



Dear Parents/Carers,

Like many of you I am very much looking forward to regaining our drop off zone. I have been made aware that a parking attendant was out and about last week during our peak times, so do try to be vigilant and use the drop off zone appropriately. Drop off is only on the school side of the street and is a kiss and go space. If you prefer to spend some time saying goodbye then please do park your car further down the street and walk onto the school grounds. The purpose of the road rules around the drop off zone is to keep our children safe! I am sure you will all agree this has got to be our number one priority.



I would like to extend my thanks to the PFA after their Annual General Meeting last night on the work they did throughout 2017 to engage the community and to raise funds for the school. Through the PFA and your ongoing support of the school and its development we have been able to secure the air-conditioning for our entire rebuild! This is just wonderful. Our PFA is led by Vanessa and a fabulous team of parent volunteers whose time and efforts are second to none. If you are keen to be involved on any level please do come and chat at the office or find Vanessa or one of the team on the yard!

BUILDING UPDATE:

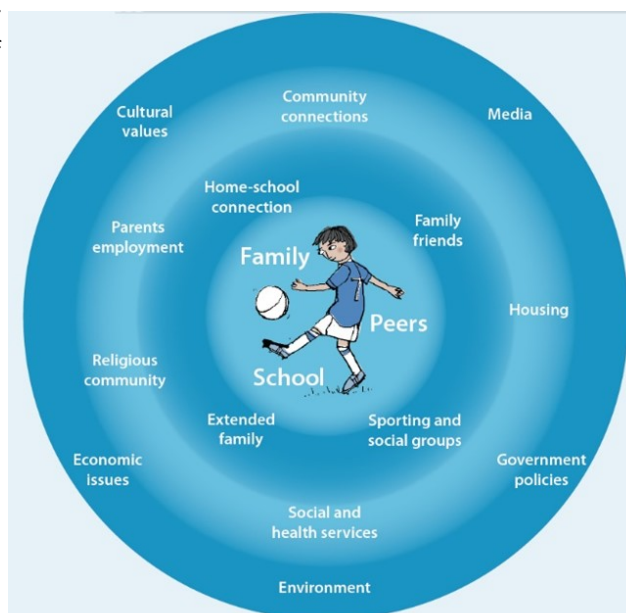
The building is promised to be delivered by the end of March. It looks like our F-2 students will be making their move in the last few weeks of the term and then the Y3/4 and art room over the coming months. Once the buildings are complete the landscaping works will begin along with continued work on the storm trenching on site.

As a staff we are starting to consider shared protocols for the use of the space and develop our common understanding of procedures like how the buildings should be accessed before the children are actually moved in.

KIDSMATTER:

Social development involves learning the values, knowledge and skills that enable children to relate to others effectively and to contribute in positive ways to family, school and the community. This kind of learning is passed on to children directly by those who care for and teach them, as well as indirectly through social relationships within the family or with friends, and through children's participation in the culture around them. Through their relationships with others and their growing awareness of social values and expectations, children build a sense of who they are and of the social roles available to them. As children develop socially, they both respond to the influences around them and play an active part in shaping their relationships.

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/social-development>



Don't forget Monday is a public holiday, so no school!!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Elaine Brady

Acting Principal



2018	Calendar of Curriculum Events
Monday March 12	Public Holiday
Monday March 19	Soirée - 2:15pm
Tuesday March 20	Foundation LEGOLAND Excursion
Wednesday March 21	Multicultural Day
Friday March 23	Y4/5/6 District Athletics - selected students
Thursday March 29	Term 1 ends - 2:30pm finish

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia was an eye opening experience for students who were astounded by the amount of rubbish they found in public areas such as the Ashwood Wetlands and a small park in Parkhill Drive. Many students had questions, wondering “Who dumps this rubbish?” and “Why do they dump it?”.

The clean-up went smoothly and Parkhill collected in excess of 10 garbage bags full of rubbish from the local area. Many thanks to students and teachers for all their hard work and to Gen Heard for volunteering her time to assist the Y4 classes.

The SRC gold coin collection raised \$98.95 on the day and the donation will be forwarded to Clean Up Australia in support of ongoing Clean Up Australia campaigns.

It is now up to us to spread the word and keep our environment clean. Go for it, Parkhill!

Andrea Crane
SRC Co-ordinator



Twilight Sports

Last Wednesday, Parkhill Primary had its annual Twilight Sports. The students hopped, ran, rolled, jumped and threw their way to gaining some valuable points for their houses. It was a very close finish in the end, with results to come! A big thank you to everyone who attended, especially the staff and parents who helped out on the night. Go Parkhill!

Dean Sciacca
PE Teacher



Circus Skills Incursion

Roll up, roll up, and welcome to the circus! As part of our Inquiry unit, 'Healthy Me', the Y3 students have been participating in circus skills workshops. The students have not only learnt and performed amazing skills like human pyramids and hula hoop tricks, they've learnt how to improve their physical health, build confidence and self-esteem. It's safe to say it's been quite the show! Here is a student's review of the program:

Chatter, chatter. All of 3M were chattering about The Circus Crew.

Last Friday, the Y3s went to the hall to learn about circus skills. We met Alistair - A.K.A Tall Friend.

My first activity was Poi. It was like ribbons. I swung it in a circle and it looked like a fire bolt.

My second activity was the Juggling Scarves. It looked easy but it turned out to be difficult. The hat trick was easy because it was wide to land on my head.

Finally, my last activity was devil sticks. It looked hard but it was easy. It was my favourite activity because I could do fun tricks.

At the end I felt tired but it was fun because we did fun activities.

By Nathan T, 3M

Lucy Renshaw & Anne McGregor
Y3 Teachers



Mission to Mars – Y5 Excursion to VSSEC

We zipped up our jumpsuits and rolled up our sleeves, getting ready for our trip to Mars. Boarding the rocket, our emotions were a jangle of nervous excitement. We had plenty of time to relax though – it would be almost a year before we arrived!

Okay, so we didn't really go to Mars, but we did have an awesome time pretending. We really went to VSSEC – the Victorian Space and Science Education Centre – where we role-played disaster scenarios in Mission Control and ran cool experiments on the Mars Base, like purifying water, analysing Mars rocks and figuring out how the robot arm worked! We also wrote instructions (algorithms) for programming our Mars robots. Students had to show excellent communication and problem-solving skills. Thankfully, despite the Mars Base getting struck by a meteorite and invaded by an alien virus, every one of our astronauts managed to survive!

Thanks to the staff at VSSEC for hosting us and also Tracee Fox and Janneke Storteboom for helping on the day.

Alex Davies
Y5 Teacher



Art Room Antics!

The Y1s have been busy with clay this term. They made models of swimmers to go with their beach scene dioramas.

Cathy Bateman
Art Teacher



Y6 Inquiry – Special Guests

Wow, what an amazing week in Y6. We have been busy engaging with a range of special guests with the goal of answering many of our student developed Inquiry Questions.



On Thursday 1 March, Warrick Giddey from Melbourne United joined us for an informative Q&A session followed up by a great basketball training session. His candid and engaging manner put our students at ease and they confidently questioned him about nutrition, fitness, sleep, dealing with challenges and the importance of having supportive family and friends.

To add to student understanding, Rob Paterson, a local personal trainer, also visited Parkhill, to share his valuable insight into health and fitness. He shared with students the challenging situations he has encountered in his life. This assisted students to answer their questions with regard to making choices and dealing with challenges in a way that supports their physical and emotional wellbeing.

With all this information to process students will have a lot of thinking to do, in particular connecting this new knowledge with maintaining their own health and wellbeing. Perhaps ask your child about something new they learned from each of the speakers.

Andrea Crane
Y6 Teacher



Division Swimming

Goggles check, cap check, adrenalin pumping check, climbing up onto the block... Take your marks... Beep! Splash! On Tuesday 6 March, four students (Anjali, Jethro, Luke and Leah) went to the Divisional Swimming Carnival at Monash Aquatic Recreation Centre to represent Parkhill. Everybody did a very good job and we wish Luke good luck when he goes to Ringwood Aquanation for regionals!

Dora Handby
Y5/6 Sport Co-ordinator



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Calendar of Events

Tuesday 13 March	Easter Raffle Tickets and Hot Cross Bun order forms sent home
Thursday 22 March	Parkhill Parents Get Together
Friday 23 March	Easter Raffle Wrapping Bee - 9.00am-11.00am in RBH



EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

*The shops are now brimming with Easter goodies, please think of us on your way past.
Donations can be placed in the tub located in the school office foyer.
Easter eggs, soft toys, baskets, Easter crafts etc. would all be greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your support!*



PARKHILL PARENTS GET TOGETHER



Come along for a catch up at South Society Café and enjoy some drinks and/or dessert.

When: Thursday 22 March, 7:30pm onwards

Where: South Society Cafe, Pinewood

Contact April for any further details - 0414 525 905



Thank you to all who attended the PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Parkhill Primary PFA for 2018

President: Vanessa Cowley

Vice President: Katrina Battle

Treasurer: Sumi Sundram

Secretary: Kylie Touloupis

Committee Members:

Fiona Crellin, Jason Van Lint, Elle Delmee, Eva Conley, Mark Havas, Lisa Jacobson, April Minniece, Anny Murray, Naomi Bishop & Wendy Douglas

THANK YOU & WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

If you would like to be on our email distribution list and receive communication and minutes from our meetings, please email Kylie parents.friends.secretary@gmail.com

A **BIG** thankyou to our Cupcake Stall Bakers, Kylie B, Kylie T, Sumi, Helen D, Wendy, Donna, Fiona and Katrina!



Your generosity helped raise over \$300 for the school community.
There were many happy children walking around with yummy treats.
Your efforts were greatly appreciated!



**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS & HOT CROSS BUN ORDER FORMS
COMING HOME NEXT WEEK**



DON'T FORGET THOSE COLES VOUCHERS!

COLLECTION BOX IS LOCATED IN THE OFFICE FOYER



LAUGH *dance* MOVE *PLAY* PURE *FUN*

EVERY SESSION INCLUDES:

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

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

Choi Kwang Do Self Defense



Learn real-life, practical self defence skills in a fun and energetic way through games and exercises. Also learn how to defend yourself from attacks, and fight back with powerful, effective techniques. CKD has a progressive system from White belt to Black belt and is designed for people of all skill levels aged from 7 to 100.

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

- Tuesday 8.00 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 8.45pm (Senior class adults and secondary school students only)

Sessions held at Parkhill Primary School Hall and are \$15 per class or \$25 for two.

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



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ASHWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Essex Heights Reserve, Outlook Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149

BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS

BOYS - Under 8's, 9's, 10's 11's 12's, 13's & 14'

GIRLS - Under 12's and 16's

All sessions are aimed at providing a safe, fun & family friendly environment .

Register or Enquires - www.junior.ashwoodfc.com.au or contact Dale Wain on 0419 166 3000



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