

# Parkhill Primary School Newsletter

*"United through learning, we nurture success"*

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PARKHILL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Nurturing Success'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our term is zooming by – it's Week 8 next week already!

The children have been sharing their ideas during their Buddy Sessions about what a positive learning environment looks like and the traits that make a positive friend. As a staff, we are looking at these ideas and thoughts to help us form the basis of our new whole school Essential Agreement. The Essential Agreement will take the place of our dated Code of Conduct document, which outlines rules and expected behaviours at Parkhill. The old document was established many years ago, and does not reflect our vision and values now. In Term 2, we will be seeking your thoughts around what you feel a positive learning environment looks like so we can begin to develop the document. Talking with your child is an important part of this process – ask them how they feel about school and what day to day life looks like for them; what successes they have on a daily basis and what challenges they face.



## MULTICULTURAL DAY:

On Wednesday March 21 we will celebrate the diversity of our community. Harmony Day - Everyone Belongs is a national event, which aims to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



During the day the children will participate in activities where they can learn about the diversity of our community and celebrate our differences. Please visit the Harmony Day website for further information – there are some stories to share and some events happening across the country! <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

## BUILDING UPDATE:

It won't be long!!! We are waiting for United Energy to turn the power on to the site and for the final touches to Learning Community One (Foundation – Y2) to be completed before we will have access. We should be moving into the new space before Easter.

Over the coming weeks we will lose our last tree. The Arborist's report suggested that one of the three gum trees towards the back of the site will need to be removed. It saddens me when this happens. There is existing damage to the tree and it was identified at the beginning of the process as being fragile and in need of regular ongoing care. As the build has developed it has become apparent that the crack in the centre of the tree is growing. In order to make it safe in an ongoing way, we would have to tether the tree to its neighbours, however even this may not be enough to ensure it stays healthy. Please do come and chat if you would like more information.

## ABSENCE HOTLINE:

Registering your child's absences at school is super important. From **Term 2 2018**, the Department of Education have put new measures in place to ensure all students are accounted for every day. If a child is not registered as absent and does not come to school, an automatically generated email will be sent to you asking why your child is not in attendance. It is important that you register your child as absent **before 9:30am on the day of absence**. You can do this by phoning the school office (9807 2239) and leaving a voicemail, emailing ([parkhill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:parkhill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)) or using the Flexibuzz app.

Elaine Brady

Acting Principal



Student of the Week	
Term 1	Name
FS	Oliver M
FT	Amara Y-R
1B	Miranda C
1HE	Victor V S
2C	Chloe K
2M	Rafael J-P
3M	Ben F
3R	Fynn L
4G	Joe E
4N	Amy N
5D	Ally T
5H	Rayyan K
6CM	Emma B
6L	Alice W

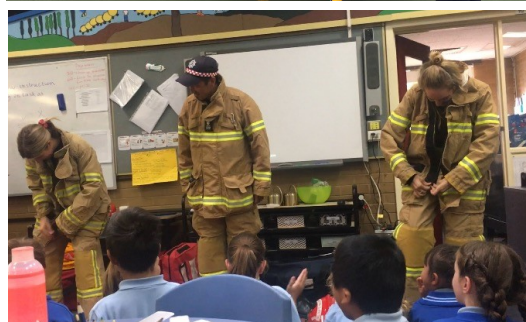
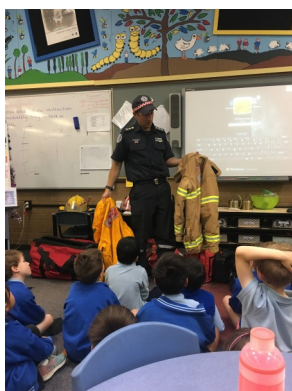
2018	Calendar of Curriculum Events
Monday March 19	Soirée - 2:15pm
Tuesday March 20	Foundation LEGOLAND Excursion
Wednesday March 21	Multicultural Day
Friday March 23	Y4/5/6 District Athletics - selected students
Thursday March 29	Term 1 ends - 2:30pm finish

There have been reported cases of head lice in Y3. Please check your child's hair and treat their hair before sending them to school if evidence of head lice is found.

### Y2 Emergency Services Incursion

It's a regular Tuesday morning at Parkhill, then suddenly you see paramedics and fire fighters heading towards the office? Never fear, they are just here to teach the Y2s! Our latest Inquiry unit finds us investigating the services in our community and how they help us. We were lucky enough to have James Wong, a firefighter, and Lee Cregan and Chris Tsunios, who are paramedics, come and visit our school on Tuesday 13 March. They shared with us how their service works, how they help people, and demonstrated some equipment they use. All students learned about the different jobs firefighters attend, safety equipment they use and they even had a turn of using a fire hose with James. Chris and Lee showed us how they assist with broken bones, neck injuries, breathing problems and how they measure heartbeats. All students even got to walk through the ambulance! The Y2s not only had such a fabulous and exciting time, but they were able to clearly see how these emergency services work and how they help our community. Another big thanks to Chris, Lee and James for giving up their time to teach us.

Chloe Mansbridge  
Y2 Teacher



# Parkhill PFA Newsletter March 16, 2018

**President:** Vanessa Cowley

**Vice President:** Katrina Battle

**Treasurer:** Sumi Sundram

**Secretary:** Kylie Touloupis

**Communications:** Eva Conley

**Committee Members:**

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

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday 22 March**

Parkhill Parents Get Together

**Friday 23 March**

Easter Raffle Wrapping Bee - 9.00am-11.00am in RBH

Hot Cross Bun orders due

**Thursday 29 March**

Easter Raffle drawn



## EASTER FEVER HAS HIT PARKHILL!

**Here are some ways you can assist us:**

\*Donate your Easter Raffle items to the tub located in the office foyer

\*Join our Easter Wrapping Bee: Friday 23 March 9.00am-11.00am

Sign up here: <http://signup.com/login/entry/426988707255820072>

\*Purchase Easter Raffle Tickets. More tickets can be found at the office.

\*Place your order for some yummy Hot Cross Buns

## WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Search for us using the name

**"Parkhill Primary School Community Page".**

Then click the **"join group"** icon.



A group administrator will confirm your association with the school and approve your request.

## 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



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.junior.ashwoodfc.com.au) or contact Dale Wain on 0419 166 3000



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# Salvos and Candlelight Productions

A Kids Konnections Program

## My Family and I



**Program of Theatre Sports, Drama, Art**

**Free Expression**

**Free afternoon tea**



Qualified Drama Tutors

**FOR:** Primary School kids Yrs 4-6

Safety assured – Child safe and Working with Children

**WHEN:** 4pm – 6pm, Mondays

Weekly Sessions during School Term 2

**WHERE:** Craig Family Centre

Samarinda Ave, Ashburton

**BOOKINGS:** Phone Norman or Jennifer Elliott at the Salvos on 9889 2468

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SESSION

### A MUST ATTEND:

- A glimpse of the program
- Meet the Team
- Check out the location
- Hear from past participants
- Ask Questions
- Enjoy free afternoon tea
- **Register for the Program**
- Pay Term 2 Fees (\$10 per session per student) or apply for a Scholarship

**WHEN:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**TIME:** 4pm

**WHERE:** Craig Family Centre,  
Samarinda Ave Ashburton

To book or enquire, **CALL:**

Norman on 9889 2468, or

Email: [norman.gale@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:norman.gale@aus.salvationarmy.org)

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Sponsored by:**



### **Fine-tuning behaviour management in young children**

**Thursday 9 August, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Dr Rick Jarman will look at common and challenging behaviours in young children that pushes parents to their limits. This session will explore the reasons behind these behaviours and offer parents strategies to restore calm.

COST: Free

### **Sexuality and respectful relationships**

**Tuesday 4 September, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

In partnership with the YMCA Manningham Youth Services, Dr Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli will present sexuality and the need for healthy and respectful relationships. A panel of experts will provide parents the tools on how to approach this topic with young people.

COST: Free

### **Careers Expo - Skills 4 the Future**

**Wednesday 17 October, 1.00pm to 5.00pm**

Today's changing employment market is making it harder for young people to obtain a meaningful career. Presenters and exhibitors are on hand to help prepare them to be more competitive.

COST: Free

### **The importance of childhood and play**

**Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

This presentation highlights the richness of play and how learning, life skills and self-esteem are all promoted through encouraging and allowing children to play.

COST: \$10 per person/\$5 concession

### **Resilient young people**

**Wednesday 20 March 2019, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

With youth mental wellbeing on the rise, it's important to understand how to enhance your teen's ability to deal with the pressures of everyday life. This session will highlight the tools and techniques every parent needs to know.

COST: Free

### **School readiness**

**Tuesday 30 April 2019, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

How do you know when your child is ready? This session considers the importance of sending your child to school when they have the maturity to make the most out of their learning rather than just 'cope' or play catch up for years.

COST: Free

**Further information call Council's Social and Community Services team on 9840 9315 or visit [manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series](http://manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series)**

## **PARENTING SEMINAR SERIES 2018/2019**



### **Our parenting seminar series takes the hard work out of managing difficult situations and helps parents be well informed and involved with their children's lives.**

Over the next 12 months, we have partnered with some of Australia's most acclaimed professionals to help you feel empowered by developing strategies and techniques to create positive change.

All parents, grandparents and guardians interested in developing the emotional and social competencies of their children are encouraged to register for one or all of these sessions.

This series is a partnership between Council and the Manningham Youth Alliance and is a key objective of Council's Healthy City Strategy 2017/2021.

For more information visit: [manningham.vic.gov.au/manninghams-healthy-city-strategy](http://manningham.vic.gov.au/manninghams-healthy-city-strategy)

**All sessions are held at Manningham Council, Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.**

**Bookings and registrations are essential for all sessions and must be made prior by visiting: [manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series](http://manningham.vic.gov.au/parenting-seminar-series)**

### **Raising happy and resilient children**

**Tuesday 8 May, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

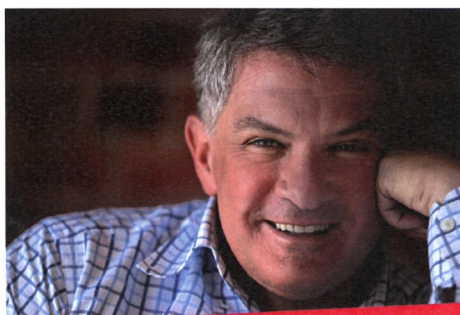
Launching our parenting series is one of Australia's most renowned adolescent and child psychologists, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

An author and broadcast specialist in parenting, children and adolescents, Dr Carr-Gregg will explore the ten most important things you should tell your children to build happiness and resilience.

Dr Carr-Gregg said the journey from childhood to young adulthood had become much harder to navigate.

"When identity and sense of self is at its most fragile, young people today face more potential rejection thanks to the pressure of social media," he said. "Parents need the skills, knowledge and strategies to help promote resilience in our children."

COST: \$20 per person/\$10 concession (ticket costs subsidised by Manningham Council).



### **Raising Boys**

**Wednesday 18 July, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

A psychologist and one of the world's best known parent educators, Steve Biddulph explores how to raise boys to be safe, kind and confident. In this seminar, Steve explores the three stages of boyhood, the importance of fathers and what you can do if you're a single mum, boys and housework and more.

COST: \$35/\$20 concession

BOOKINGS: [trybooking.com/](http://trybooking.com/) CFY

### **Raising Girls**

**Thursday 19 July, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Best-selling author with books in more than four million homes and translated in 31 languages, Steve Biddulph discusses raising girls and how you can help guide them to become wise, happy and confident. A powerful, practical and moving talk that covers girls of all ages and stories you will never forget.

COST: \$35/\$20 concession

BOOKINGS: [trybooking.com/UCGD](http://trybooking.com/UCGD)

**Please note - We regret babies and children cannot be admitted to these sessions**

Steve was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his work in young people's mental health. Steve's live talks are funny, powerful, practical and always sell out. Get your tickets now.