

Issue 31 Thursday 6 October, 2016

Welcome back to everyone, in particular, to our new students:

Ruby Hill 4B
Alex Tran 5D

We look forward to getting to know both Ruby and Alex and the great things they will bring to Parkhill.



Parent drop off – It's quicker!!

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate parents for the way they have adapted to our new drop off zone! Without getting ahead of myself, the system is far quicker than our previous arrangement as parents are not having to line up on Parkhill Drive to enter the school grounds, together with the fact parents are unable to exit the car! After spending the week out on duty, I offer these guidelines for the use of this service:

- Enter the drop off zone from the east – from Cassinia Avenue end of Parkhill Drive.
- When entering the drop zone, drive to the very front. If you don't, cars are unable to come in behind you and you will reduce the efficiency of the system. We had 5 cars come in and leave within 15 seconds! The Thian-De Wind family hold the record for a 5 second departure from the zone – it was wonderful to watch!
- Children exit the car from the curb side.
- Students have bags on their laps ready to exit the car. No bags in the boot please!
- Kisses and cuddles are completed prior to entering the drop zone.
- Parents stay in the car.
- If coming up Parkhill Drive from Ashwood High, definitely no U turns within the drop zone. (Some parents have been turning into the school drive way and turning around. This action is an accident waiting to happen, not to mention the hold-up it creates!)

I have also noticed a number of students walking to school up Yertchuk Avenue and crossing over Parkhill Drive. I have been redirecting these students to walk a few extra steps to cross at the school crossing! I encourage all parents of these students to do the same.

Once again, thank you for your support of these changes to our drop zone and if all parents adhere to these simple guidelines then we will have an even better system than before!

Staffing and Grade Structures for 2017:

Throughout November and early December we will be working on our class structures and student combinations for next year. Changes in student numbers and staffing combinations usually cause us to reshape our proposed class structures several times throughout this term. At this stage we are planning to have **15 straight classes** next year for what is expected to be approximately **335 children**.

Due to this, it is vital that we are made aware of any circumstances that may impact on our enrolment numbers. **Please let us know urgently** if you intend to enrol a child at our school, if you are aware of people in our community who will be enrolling or if your family living situation will change in 2017. We desperately require this information as soon as possible in order to establish grade structures for the start of the new school year. If you will not be at Parkhill in 2017 please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible. Thankyou.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent University of New South Wales English competition. Of the 55 students who participated, 6 achieved Distinctions, 18 achieved Credits, and 5 achieved Merit. The following students

achieved a CREDIT:

Rudraksh Bhardwaj

Phyllis Tan

Cormac Morrin

Ollie Hore

Matthew Kost

Isabelle Yap

Charlotte Hedges

James Lao

Elizabeth Yap

Marvin Elliott

Elaina Macleish

Chloe McKnight

Charlotte Norton

Luka Perovic

Aurelia Thian-De Wind

Nina Walsh

Qing Zhu

The following students achieved a DISTINCTION:

James Macleish

Shannyn Yew

Isabella Sek

Jethro Dvorak

Indra Kusumah-Kasim

Liam Gregory

2017 Grade Placements:

We are currently working out a class structure that provides the best learning opportunities for all of our students.

What are the criteria that we use to make up class lists?

Factors influencing class structures are:

- the educational needs of the students;
- the projected number of students in each year level;
- the ratio of girls to boys;
- the number of teachers employed at the school; and
- resources and facilities.

Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- academic performance – judgments over time
- work habits eg ability to work independently
- behaviour
- gender
- social network /friendships
- social maturity
- special needs eg twins, siblings .

What is the process for placing students into classes?

Based on the criteria listed above, teaching staff and administration meet Mid-Term 4 to establish classes for the following school year.

Teachers ensure each new class has:

- a balance of academic ability
- gender balance
- socially balanced groups

During this process, changes and adjustments are made over several weeks. Each change may trigger a chain reaction of other changes.

Proposed class lists are submitted to the Principal and Assistant Principal for final ratification. Once balanced classes are formed, the teachers are allocated to the class we feel will offer the "best fit" with a particular group of students.

Students will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teacher and new classmates during our Transition Day on Tuesday 13 December.

With this in mind, parents are now invited to write to me about any additional information that will help us in determining a placement for your child.

Please note, letters need to focus on the educational needs of the child and not on specific teachers. Requests in relation to the choice of a particular teacher **cannot** be considered as a placement factor.

Letters will be considered up until Friday 4th November. Letters received after this date cannot be accepted unless in exceptional circumstances. Please address these letters directly to myself with all details and information provided kept in confidence.

Foundation Transition Days for Term 4:

We look forward to seeing our new Foundation students on the following days throughout Term 4 from 9.15am to 10.15am

- Wednesday 2 November
- Wednesday 9 November
- Wednesday 16 November
- Wednesday 23 November
- Tuesday 13 December (finish at 10.45am)

Have a great weekend!

Rod McKinlay

2016	Calendar of Curriculum events
Friday 7 October	Foundation Fire education—Session 1
Wednesday 12 October	Think U Know Cybersafety session for parents 6pm
Thursday 13 October	Solar Challenge Group to Melbourne Convention Centre
Saturday 15 October & Sunday 16 October	Solar Challenge
Friday 14 October	Foundation Fire Education—Session 2
Saturday 15 October & Sunday 16 October	Solar Challenge
Monday 17 October	Year 3 & 4 Camp Information Session in the Library 6pm
Wednesday 19 October	Foundation Responsible Pet ownership Incursion Year 3 @9.15 & Foundation @11.30
Friday 21 October	Year 2 Sleepover—students to have dinner before returning to school for the sleepover
Tuesday 25 October	Parkhill Athletics Day - more information to come!
Friday 28 October	PFA Cool-A-Thon 2.00pm
Monday 31 October & Tuesday 1 November	NO SCHOOL - Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Term Dates 2017 - Students Commence on Tuesday 31 January

Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

Birthdays October

Lucas K
John V
Alannah E
Noah H
Tayah M
Jennon M
Matari H
Emerson W
William K
Levi S
Oliver H
Johnny K
Chloe O
Jai P
Noah C
Olivia H
Ian
Eli M
William C
Emilia
Benyamin
Steven
Ravyn
Najim
Peter
Lucia

Icy Pole Roster

Volunteers are required to sell icy poles every Friday throughout Term 4.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on [SignUp.com: http://signup.com/go/5XAu7N](http://signup.com/go/5XAu7N)
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on [SignUp.com](http://signup.com))
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - [SignUp.com](http://signup.com) will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!



PARKHILL PFA NEWSLETTER 07 October 2016

President: Vanessa Cowley

Vice President: Donna Edwards

Treasurer: Sumi Sundram

Secretary: Wendy Douglas

Committee Members:

Katrina Battle, Joanne Dodds, Lisa Jacobson, April Minniece and Anny Murray

Calendar

Monday October 14	Ivan's Pies Forms Due Back
Tuesday October 28	Thermomix Raffle Draw
Friday October 28	Cool-A-Thon (Walk-A-Thon)

\$50,000 raised, \$15,000 to go.

Welcome back everyone to our final term for 2016 – the year has flown by and for the PFA it has been action packed. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Parkhill who have supported our fundraising efforts so far this year. We are so pleased to advise that we have just tipped over the \$50,000 mark in our fundraising which means we only need another \$15,000 in order to reach our target of \$65,000 this year. With the amazing support our school community has been providing, we think we can do it. Read on throughout this newsletter to learn about the exciting events we have coming up to help us get there.

Ivan's Pies

The Ivan's Pies fundraiser has commenced – order forms went home with the eldest child of each family earlier this week. Ivan's Pies come in a wide variety of flavours and sizes to satisfy any family combo – there are scrumptious pies, pasties, sausage rolls and quiches. They are great as an emergency meal in the freezer or perhaps you have a birthday party coming up? Would your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues like some pies as well? A portion of all sales results in money for Parkhill.

Orders and payment need to be returned to the office by Friday, 14th October with delivery to the school scheduled for Tuesday 25th October.

Cool-a-thon

Our annual walk-a-thon will this year be transformed into a 'Cool-a-thon' with all money raised going to our "How Cool Can We Make the School?" fundraising. Donation forms and details of our new online donation system will be coming home next week. For now, save the date of October 28th and start contemplating a 'Cool' costume with your kids. Last year we raised over \$6,000 and we are hoping we can do even better this year.

Thermomix Raffle – Purchase your tickets online!

Our amazing \$30 limited ticket Thermomix raffle will be drawn later this month - make sure you don't miss out on this great opportunity to win a thermomix valued at over \$2,000!

You can purchase your tickets via the school office or online by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/234826> Tickets will be available for sale on line from Friday 7th October. Share the link with family and friends via social media as well!

Golf Day – Expressions of Interest

We are considering holding a golf day and are keen to understand the level of interest within the Parkhill community. If this is something you would be interested in attending or helping organize please contact Matthew Brown via matthewandkylie@gmail.com

Thank You

Following on from the success of our trivia night we wanted to thank Kylie Brown and her contacts at the Plumm team of [Casama](#) for donating a Plumm Spring Decanter valued at \$100 for our silent auction.



ASHWOOD CRICKET CLUB SEEKING JUNIOR CRICKETERS – BOYS & GIRLS

MILO in2CRICKET (Ages 5-7) - \$85.00 (inc. participant pack)

MILO T20 BLAST (Ages 7-10) - \$105.00 (inc. participant pack)

UNDER 10, (\$130) UNDER 12, 14, 16 TEAMS -, (\$180)- Second Child (\$130)

ASHWOOD CRICKET CLUB – ESSEX HEIGHTS RESERVE, OUTLOOK ROAD MT WAVERLEY -Mel 61 B9

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT

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Reminder canteen orders from Classroom Cuisine are **cold lunches**.

Below you will find a link to the website which explains the process of ordering and also their current menu options.

[https://
www.classroomcuisine.com.au/
menu.php](https://www.classroomcuisine.com.au/menu.php)