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29 November 2016 **#4 Term 4**

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

Days/Times of Attendance for Kindy 2017

Under a new directive from the Education Department, as from 2017 all Kindergarten students will begin their 15 hours per week at the beginning of the school year. We are no longer allowed to have a transition period of attendance for our students.

Week: 1

- Wednesday 1st February 2017
- Children attend 8.40am – 11.00am

- Thursday 2nd February
- Children attend 8.30am – 2.50pm

Week: 2

- Two full day sessions are held Monday and Thursday from 8.30am – 2.50pm
- Wednesday 8.40am – 11.00am

Year Six Graduation

The Year Six Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Luncheon will be held on Thursday 15th December 2016.

All invited parents and guests, please ensure you are seated by 8.50am for commencement at 9.00am. We anticipate the ceremony will finish at approximately 10.45am and will be followed by morning tea.

Graduation Lunch for students will be from 12.30pm – 2.30pm at the new Leschenault Sports Pavilion. Students need to be back at school by **12.00pm ready to catch the bus to the venue, at 12.15pm. Please meet in the covered area.**

Please note all students are required to travel by bus - no private transport. This is a student only function.

We hope the Year Six students enjoy their momentous day.

House Captains for 2017

Congratulations to the following students who are the elected House Captains for next year.
Naturaliste: Taya Larkman and Leith McWhirter
Geographe: Rashell Hobson and Morgan Munce.
Henton: Jaime Bell and Joshua Repacholi
Marshall: Ella Webb and Hamish Melvin.

School Term Dates for Students 2017

Term 1: *Wednesday 1st February 2017 – Friday 7th April 2017.*

Term 2: *Wednesday 26h April 2017 – Friday 30th June 2017.*

Term 3: *Tuesday 18th July 2017 – Friday 22rd September 2017.*

Term 4: *Tuesday 10th October 2017 – Thursday 14th December 2017.*

Term Four Disco

The final disco for the year will be held in the undercover area next Thursday 8th December.

The Junior Disco (PP-Year3) will be between 5:00 and 6:00pm with entry just $4.00.

The Senior Disco (Years 4-6) will be between 6:15pm and 8:00pm with entry just $5.00.

The canteen will have plenty of drinks and snacks on offer.

Please note: Only students from Parkfield P.S. are permitted to take part in these activities.

Well Done Riley Chalker!

A big congratulations goes to Riley Chalker (Year 2) for making it to the finals for her age group at the BJP Physical Culture Junior Nationals competition held in Sydney over the weekend. This puts her in the top 15 in Australia and is a huge achievement in only her second year of Physical Culture (Physie) and her first time competing at Nationals. Congratulations to both her and the Southwest Physical Culture Club on this great achievement!

Thank you.
Charlie Serravite

Notes" from the Music Room...

As 2016 quickly draws to a close, there are still some exciting Musical Events to come! Our Annual Christmas Sing-a-long will be in Week 9. While this isn't a formal concert, it does allow us a chance to come together as a school to sing, make music and enjoy the music skills of various groups and students.

Last Thursday, we were entertained by some Music students from ASHS. Mr MacKay-Sim and Mr Duhig enthusiastically led their 3 bands in performances of Jazz songs, Movie themes and even a great 'Queen Medley'. It was wonderful for all of us to see so many former Parkfield students playing in these bands. The amazing skills of all of the students were enjoyed by many of our students. Many are looking forward to learning to play instruments like these as they get older.

This brings me to another thought. The Information meeting for the Instrumental classes for 2017 was held on Tuesday 22nd November. There was a really good turnout of Parkfield parents/students. Thanks for your support at the beginning of your child's instrumental learning. Soon these students will begin learning to play Flutes, Clarinets and Trumpets.

As we continue to prepare for 2017, I would like to remind parents that all students from Years 4-6 use a recorder during weekly music lessons. If you need to buy one of these for your child, they are available **now** from the school at a cost of $8.50. These are Yamaha recorders and are the preferred instrument for classroom learning. Those for sale at variety stores are **not** suitable.

…Happy Music Making…

Teddy Bears' Picnic Art Exhibition

The Year One students have been busily constructing some new masterpieces this term, based on their class theme of bears. There were a lot of different skills used to create this latest artwork. The students had to weave blankets, sculpt teddy bears and print a background. The fabulous work they created is now on show in the library. Take a moment to pop in and admire their hard work when you are next visiting the school.

NAPLAN

ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site is now available for public access. This resource enables staff, students and parents to interact with mini-tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy for each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.
The items in these tests have been chosen to demonstrate the type of items which students will encounter in the NAPLAN Online 2017 tests.

The landing page for the website is http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site.

Zena Dyer: Deputy Principal Curriculum

Year 6 High School Transition/Orientation Days

Year 6 students will be participating in two high school transition/orientation sessions in the following weeks.
The purpose of the transition day is to gradually expose the students, under our supervision, to a high school environment and the general types of routines they may experience. **The Transition Day will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016.**

The Orientation Day will replicate a high school day more closely with students from Parkfield joining those from the other feeder primary schools in their classes for 2017 (students who will not be attending ASHS do not attend this day). **The Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016.**

On both days, students will need to make their own way to and from ASHS. They may walk, take a bus (the one they will be using next year) or be dropped off by their parents. Students will be met by their teachers on the grassed area in front of ASHS by 8:30am.

These days are considered normal school days; therefore students will need to adhere to our Parkfield uniform guidelines. Students will also need to bring their recess snacks and lunch for each day. There will also be the opportunity to purchase from Australind High School's canteen on these days.

If you have any further queries please contact any of the Year 6 Teachers. Thank you.

TEACHER GIFT IDEA

If you are planning on buying your teacher a pressie then why not see Roz in the Parkfield Galley and shout your teacher lunch and also support your P&C.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at the last assembly:
Darby Renton, Logan Manson, Matthew Elgenia, Oliver Mackean, Taia Wood, Tori South, Andrew Bragg, Dakota Dow, Noah Inman, Lily May, Emily Brooks, Kalen Edwards, Ethan Miers, Zachary Rivett, Corey Stone, Harrison Sherriff, Kiara Cardwell, John Ryan, Jake Byron, Isaac Evans Tyson Hitchcock, Charlotte Hutchins, Nicholas Stidworthy, Milly Mason, Kelvin Quartermaine, Thomas Geurtjens, Hamish Melvin, Sierraleone Simpson, Jacob Milne, Luca Rossiello, Liam Mulcahy, Winter Taputu, Logan Roennfeldt, Samson Howkins-Thomas, Finley Denham, Whitney George, Charlie, Simpson, Evette Lane and Jayden Roberts.

P&C News

Dear Parents and Caregivers
The end of year is rapidly approaching but we still need your help. Roz is rushed off her feet serving the children at lunch time as they look for a refreshing snack from the canteen. If you can spare less than an hour to help out, please swing by around 1:15 and lend a hand for a while. The children love seeing faces they know serving them.

Need an idea for a teacher's gift? Don't want to add to the knick knacks that they will have to dust! Get a canteen voucher and treat them lunch.

Parkfield still has our commission agreement with the ANZ bank. If you are purchasing or refinancing with the ANZ please mention Parkfield P&C. Or collect a referral form from the office, or off the Parkfield App and hand it into the ANZ and the school will receive an introducers 'one off' commission payment.
While interest rates are low this is a great opportunity to sort out your finances and help the school. Contact Leanne Coutts at our local ANZ for further information or on 61642303, leanne.coutts@anz.com

Our gratitude goes to everyone who has helped throughout the year. It has been an absolutely fabulous year and we look forward to your continued support.

Our last P&C meeting for the year is on the 13th December at 7pm in the staffroom.
Come along and hear about the year that was and what might be in the year ahead.

Kind Regards
Catherine Stevens
The Parkfield P&C committee

PLEASE HELP US PLAN FOR 2017

If your children will not be attending Parkfield next year, or you know of children who are currently not enrolled for 2017 and plan to attend, please let the school know as soon as possible. Thank you.

ART WORK ON DISPLAY

Our very talented Art Teacher, Ms Julie Astill inspires our students to create some fantastic art work. Feel free to call into the office and take a look at their creations.
The art work always brightens up our day here in the office.

PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS 2017

Is your child currently enrolled in Kindy?
Do you want your child to continue into Pre Primary at Parkfield?

We have several families still to advise the office of their plans for next year. Places are filling quickly, with planning for Pre Primary 2017 currently underway. **If your child has had further immunisations carried out since enrolling in Kindy,** please bring in their Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) History Statement, so their records can be updated. Thank you.

Classroom Roster for Canteen Volunteers Term 4

Thank you to the families who have helped in the canteen this term. Your time is greatly appreciated. Please check to see if your class is rostered to help next term. Please call **Roz** on **0408 909 141** to pick the day that best suits you.

Week 9: Monday 5/12/16 to Friday 9/12/16 **Rooms 4, 5, 6, T6**, **8, 9, 10.**

Week 10: Monday 12/12/816 to Friday 15/12/16 **Rooms PP1, PP2, PP3, 1, 2 & 3**. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Monday's
8.45 am - 9.30 am
and Wednesday's
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm
Room 11, Block 4

Uniform Shop Open Day 2017
Want to get ready for next year?
The uniform shop has plenty of stock of all uniform items for next year. The uniform shop will be open on Monday 30th January from 9.00 am to 11 am in addition to normal trading days.
Danielle can be contacted on 0408 027 709.

OSHClub Before & After School Care

Operating Hours: 6:45 am-8:45 am and 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Location: T3 Transportable
Coordinator: Charine Barlow
Phone: 0478 079 262
E-mail: oshclub.parkfield@gmail.com

VIRTUE FOR THE FORTNIGHT - GENEROSITY

GENEROSITY is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. **GENEROSITY** is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship. Without **GENEROSITY**, people act uncaring, refusing to share their belongings, their time, and their friendship. People who need help feel helpless because no one will give them what they need. When we give freely, especially if a sacrifice is involved, our spirit grows strong. When one person is **GENEROUS**, other people want to be **GENEROUS** too. When you are **GENEROUS**, you think of ways to share what you have. You think about what people need and do things to give them happiness. You share your time, your ideas, your things, or your money. When you give away something that is really special to you, that is a very **GENEROUS** way to show love. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving.

What would **GENEROSITY** look like if……..
A friend comes over to play the day after your birthday and you have a new toy?
Someone who has broken your things before wants to borrow your favourite thing?
Your father is cooking dinner and needs someone to set the table, and you're watching a good TV show?
A student in your class has forgotten her lunch and doesn't have any money?

Signs of Success are when you……..

- Are thoughtful about the needs of others
- Notice when someone needs help
- Give freely without expectation of reward
- Give fully without holding back
- Are willing to make sacrifices for others
- Use wisdom about sharing treasured belongings

Affirmation : *I am generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share. There is plenty of time for thoughtfulness. I give freely, fully and joyfully.*