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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
We have had an extremely smooth start to the 2020 school year and we greatly appreciate the efforts of the parents, students and staff in ensuring a happy transition to the start of the year.

A warm welcome to the numerous new families and students to Parkfield Primary School. We are pleased that you have come to Parkfield and are confident that your time with us will be rewarding.

There have been a number of changes in the structure of the school and we look forward to a successful 2020 for our students.

End of 2019 Celebrations

We were very fortunate to have a number of wonderful celebrations at the end of the year, that unfortunately were not able to be acknowledged in the last newsletter due to their timing. I would like to highlight a couple of the many events from late last year.

Our Graduating class of 2019. The Graduation Committee and the Year 6 staff put on a wonderful occasion for the Year 6 students last day at Parkfield. We were very proud of everyone involved and again thank them for making the occasion very special.

Hands Up for Kids Volunteers (HU4K)
Every year we have an amazing number of men and women volunteer to come to our school each day to listen to our students read. Mrs Harper organised a magnificent morning tea and thank you event. All our HU4K volunteers received special cards from their classes and were treated to a scrumptious morning tea courtesy of the Block 6 teachers.

New Parkfield Staff

A special welcome to our new and returning staff members, Mrs Darline Morgan, Mrs Brooke Gray, Mrs Leah McGill, Ms Jenny Street, Mrs Jodie Wheat, Ms Khe-Sahn Smith, Mrs Tarryn Clark, Mrs Rachael Bozanich and Ms Lauren Cairnes.
A new Chaplain will be announced and will commence in Week 5 this term as well.
We are very fortunate to have these wonderful people as part of our 2020 team.

Seesaw

This year all classes at Parkfield will be using the Seesaw App to communicate classroom happenings to families. This is a tool for teachers and parents to share the many successes that occur on a weekly basis at the school. The tool is not to take over the important face to face discussions that need to occur when personal situations arise. The frequency and type of use is up to each teachers' discretion.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depend on consistent attendance and participation. Every day at school matters because students can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available.

Children build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year. We have a target of a minimum of 90% attendance for every child in 2020.

What happens if my child is absent from school?
All absences from school must be explained **within three days** of your child being away, whether in writing, by phone or via the Parkfield App. This is a legal requirement under the Education Act of WA.

Why should I read the newsletter?

Communication is the key ingredient to success in the modern world. The newsletter is a way we can reach **all** parents at the same time to inform them of activities, happenings and policies that will affect the Parkfield Community. The newsletter is also a great way for the family to discuss what has been happening at school. The newsletter can be found on our school website and our **Parkfield App.**

By reading the newsletter, following the Parkfield App and engaging in your child's classroom Seesaw App all families will have the opportunity to keep up to date with what is happening at Parkfield.

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P&C Meeting
I would like to invite our parents to the first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2020 which is being held tonight, **Tuesday 11th February 2020** in the staffroom at 7.00pm. Please feel welcome to join in this important part of the school community.
New members are especially welcome.

Sun Smart – No Hat Play in the Shade

We are a Sun Safe school, therefore broad brim hats are a necessity. It is very important for students to wear the correct broad brimmed hat to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock.

Parkfield App
A reminder to families that the school has its own App. To download, search for **"Parkfield Primary School"** in the App/Play Store. It is an important method of regular communication to parents.

School Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already paid the contributions for their children. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage those families who still have contributions outstanding, to consider payment as soon as possible. Families who may experience difficulty with payment of contributions and charges, and are in receipt of any Centrelink payment, can arrange to complete a Centrepay Application, which is a free direct bill paying service. This form is available from the office.
All the **$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children.

Breakfast Club Program
We are very fortunate at Parkfield to have an outstanding breakfast program available to all students before school. It is superbly coordinated and run by Mr Robert Cowcher and Ms Erin Cowcher.

Foodbank is also a great supporter of the Breakfast Club but we are always looking for perishable (tins of Milo, long lasting milk) and non-perishable donations such as cups, bowls, spoons etc. If you can help that would be greatly appreciated.

Before School Parent Supervision
Parents who come to school with their child before 8:30am can **sit** with them outside their classroom and are responsible for their child. *No playing* outside classrooms please. Friends need to go to the undercover area or oval.
Students who arrive at school before 8.15am must go straight to the undercover area with their bag. If the weather is fine they will be dismissed to the oval at 8.15am and must take their bag with them. Bags are not to be dropped off at the classrooms. We have teachers on duty in the undercover area and on the oval at the notated times.

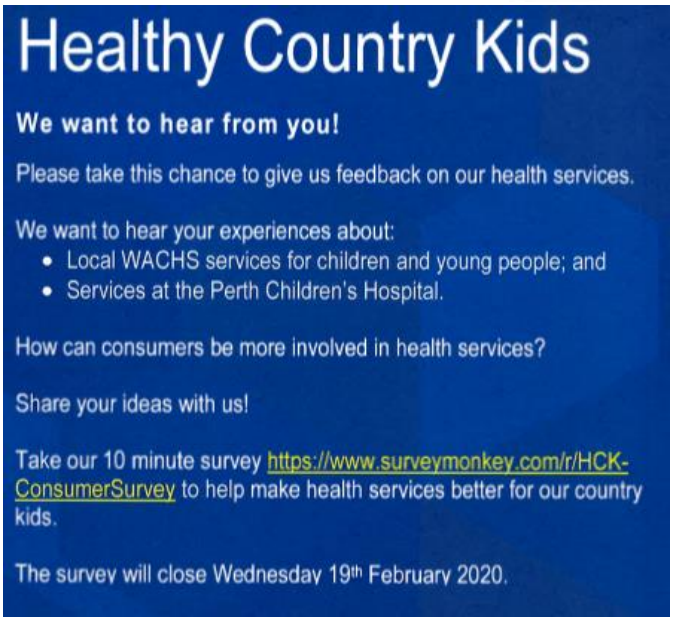
KidSport Program
We encourage our students to get involved in the huge range of community sports that are available. Club sport offers many health and social benefits for young people but the cost can be prohibitive. You may qualify for a government subsidy through the Department of Sport and Recreation. All Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 years with a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card are eligible for KidSport funding. Parents can apply through the online application on the Department of Sport and Recreation website https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/kidsport and receive up to **$150 per child per calendar year**. For further information, please contact the KidSport Team on 08 9492 9911.

Procedures for collecting students during the school day, Kindy to Year 6

When parents/carers need to collect children from school during school hours for any reason, you are required to stop in at the office and complete a yellow "Student Release Form". The form is then presented to the class teacher who will then release your child into your care. If you are collecting a child during **recess** or **lunchtime**, the form is still required. Once you have found your child in the playground, the form must be handed to the teacher on duty or returned to the office so the class teacher can be advised. Please do not place the form on the teacher's desk in the child's room.
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Country Kids Health Survey
I would encourage families to take part in the Healthy Country Kids survey below. It's your opportunity to have a say.

Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service



For more information, please email: nicole.samulkiewicz@health.wa.gov.au
Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Weed spraying will be conducted around the school grounds tomorrow, Wednesday 12th February from 3.15pm. Please avoid the school oval during this time. Thank you.

Sports Update

This term, students in **Years 5-6** will be participating in the **House Swimming Carnival**. Students wishing to enter the 50m events will be required to participate in trials. These trials will take place during our upcoming swimming lessons. All other students will compete in 25m events and various novelty relays. Students will be given all the relevant information during their sport sessions and notes will go home closer to the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials (Yrs 5-6) – Week 4 (During swimming lessons)
- House Swimming Carnival (Yrs 5-6) – Week 8, Friday 27th March.

The Swimming Carnival will be held at the Harvey Town Pool. We hope to see a good crowd at the Carnival, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students. There is free entry and shade for spectators.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

As with all Carnivals, parent help is vital to assist with the smooth running, or should I say swimming, of the event. We need a chief judge, four place judges, a place recorder and ribbons presenter. If you are able to help out with the Swimming Carnival, please contact the school office and leave your name and contact number or catch up with me at school. Help will be greatly appreciated and certainly needed.

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

In Term Swimming Lessons

Enrolment forms have been sent home with students in Years 4 – 6 and the Year 3 students in Room 16. Thank you to the families who have returned their forms and payments so promptly.

Lessons will be held at Koombana Bay, commencing next week, Monday 17th February 2020 running for a total of 10 days. The cost is $30. It is not too late to take part. Enrolment forms are still available from the front office.

Lost items handed into the front office

- Watch
- Reading glasses
- Car ignition key - Toyota

Down in the Art Room.....

Welcome back to a new year of Art adventures! Over the course of the year we will be exploring several different themes. Our focus on art history will continue, and this year we are going to be learning about Ancient Greek and Roman art. Our cross-curriculum priorities; *Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia* and *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures* will also provide us with special areas of focus. I'm sure we will have a lot of fun with our last theme, "Food, Glorious Food", where we will explore techniques and subjects which relate to this delicious topic.

As always, you are more than welcome to visit the Art Room in the mornings or afternoons to view our work and have a chat.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful year spent creating artwork with your children.

Julie Astill – Arts Specialist

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Fortnightly Tip: Encourage Learning

After a much needed summer break, the transition back to school can be stressful. Children go through a period of readjustment when returning to school, after having become used to a lack of structure in the holidays.

Try these tips to ease the stress and maintain a positive attitude to school in your family.

- Showing you place a high value on education requires only simple words and actions; tell your kids what you think about education.
- Make sure you're on time for school.
- Thank teachers for all of their hard work, in front of your kids.
- Discuss and agree on a homework routine for the term.
- Set up a place for them to study and be willing to help them when they are struggling.
- Help them find balance. Have a conversation about screen time, what the rules might be for this term - and why they're important.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Mondays
8.45am - 9.15am
and Wednesdays
2.45pm - 3.15pm
Room 11, Block 4

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00. There is No PayPass. Danelle can be contacted on 0423 079 342. Thank you.

What's On the Noticeboard

Pro Football Training - Before School Program **Thursday 13th February 2020** – FREE session. Followed by an 8- week program. 7:30am to 8:30am. Located at the school oval. Cost $99.00 for the 8-week program. Register 0405 473 696 or jack@profootballtraining.com.au

Children's Fair – Sunday 16th February 2020 from 9am – 1pm. At Forrest Park, Blair Street Bunbury. Free entry. Lots of low cost fun. Rotary Club of South Bunbury.

Settlers Playgroup – Where family and fun come together hand in hand. Come down and join in the fun. All children 0 – 5 years are welcome.
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am
Settlers Hall, Marine Drive Leschenault.

Up Starts Art Classes for Kids – Held at the Stirling Art Centre, Bunbury.
Primary 6 years – 11 years starting **Tuesday 11th February 2020** from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and Secondary 9 years – 16 years starting **Thursday 13th February 2020** from 4.00pm – 6pm. An 8-week term cost $165.00. Concession with a Health Care Card. Enrol in person at the Centre, or phone on 97911256 or online www.stirlingstreetarts.com.au

SWAS Wespine Fun Run will be held on **Saturday the 14th March 2020** at the Leschenault Inlet, Bunbury. Events to suit all ages and capabilities everyone can get involved. 2K junior run, 5K run or walk and 10K run. A medal for every finisher and cash prizes up for grabs. $500 cash prize for the school with the most entries. Register at www.swaswa.com.au

Leschenault Cricket Club – Junior Blasters 4.30pm – 5.30pm, **Master Blasters** 4.30pm – 6pm starts **12th February 2020** (8-week program). Held at the Leschenault Recreation Park. Suitable for children aged 4 to 10 years and is designed to teach children the basic skills of cricket in a fun atmosphere. Contact kristy_lind@outlook.com

Harvey Primary School P&C Community Movie Night – **22nd February 2020**. School North Lawn. Entertainment and food from 5:30pm. Toy Story 4.

Kids Aquathlon Swim & Run – Bunbury Triclub. **Sunday 16th February 2020** Koombana Bay, Bunbury. Registrations at www.bunburytriclub.com

South West Arts and Crafts – Kids Club. Tuesday's and Thursday's after school. 3.45pm – 5pm at Eaton and Bunbury. Please phone 0419 199 863.
swartsandcrafts@westnet.com.au
https://southwestartsandcrafts.com.au

HBF 3 Waters Running Festival School Challenge 2020 –Sunday 5th April 2020 the event is held around Koombana Bay. Please visit the Bunbury runners Club for more information. www.bunburyrunnersclub.org.au

Looking for Healthy Lunchbox ideas

Visit www.healthylunchboxweek.org for all things lunchbox. An initiative from Nutrition Australia that aims to inspire parents and carers across Australia to create healthy lunchboxes their children will enjoy. Visit the website for recipes, fact sheets and videos.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Respect

RESPECT is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity**. RESPECT** is valuing ourselves and others. We show **RESPECT** by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are **RESPECTFUL** we treat others as we want to be treated**. RESPECT** includes honouring the rules of our family or school which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves **RESPECT**, including you. Without **RESPECT** for rules, we would have confusion. People would treat each other rudely and violate each other's privacy and other rights. **RESPECT** helps people to feel valued. Elders deserve special **RESPECT** because they have lived longer and learned many of life's lessons. **SELF–RESPECT** is making sure no one hurts you or abuses you, even an elder. When you **RESPECT** yourself, others **RESPECT** you too. Think about how you would like others to treat you and treat them with the same dignity. How would you like others to speak to you, treat your belongings, and your right to privacy? If you want to use someone else's things, ask, and then take good care of them. Express even your strongest feeling in a peaceful way. Treat yourself as you feel others deserve to be treated. You deserve it too!

What would Respect look like if...

- You want to use your friend's bike but they are not around to ask?
- Your grandparents come over and start giving you advice?
- You find yourself talking back to a teacher?

Signs of Success are when….

- Treat others as you want to be treated
- Speak courteously to everyone
- Take special care of other people's belongings
- Are receptive to the wisdom of elders
- Honour the rules of your family, school and nation

Affirmation: I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to others.