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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

A huge thank you again to all the parents and families that continue to carefully follow the COVID 19 restrictions. All adults must continue to practise physical distancing and not congregate in groups, and keep good hand hygiene at all times.

Over the last 8 weeks, teachers and many parents have both noticed the difference in the independence of their students/children. That is, they can unpack their bags and get ready for the day without the specific assistance of someone doing it for them. This independence in general has had a positive impact on the start of the day in all of our classrooms. Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for supporting our students to develop these important skills.

Parent Driving and Parking around the School

With winter weather upon us the perennial issue of parents driving safely around the school is paramount. I do acknowledge that it is very difficult especially at pick up time as 600 students are all leaving the school at the same time. Please take care at all times driving around Parkfield.

Around **Block 6 "Kiss and Drop"** we have some issues with cars backing up when the bays are full, please continue to drive around the block slowly.

Please **do not do "U turns"** in front of oncoming traffic or pedestrians. Patience is by far a safer option.

Parkfield Dance Off

Thank you to all the classes that participated in the Parkfield Dance Off. It was a great deal of fun and the videos of the classes were terrific. These will be shown at lunchtimes and year meetings next term.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2021 school year are now being taken.

If any of our Parkfield Community knows of families that are eligible to enrol their children, please inform them to come to the school as soon as possible to fill in an application form. Boundaries ***do not*** apply to students enrolling in Kindergarten.

Student Arrival Time

Our school day officially starts at 8:45am. Generally speaking, students should not arrive at school any earlier than 8:15am. In the last couple of weeks, we have had a number of students dropped off way too early, up to an hour before school start time.

Our teachers need their very important preparation time in the morning.

School Alumni Success

The Parkfield School Board is looking at tapping into our many successful ex-students to support the school and highlight their achievements.

Many of our former students have achieved great things since leaving school. Last week I was given a book by the Harmer Family written by Morgan Thomas, the uncle of Awhina, Tahu, Te Kahu, Hemi, Paina and Taimana.

Morgan is a Parkfield ex-student. The book is called **"I Wanna Go Fast! A Recycling Story."** It is currently being displayed in the Parkfield Library.

We are very proud of our former students at Parkfield. If you know of a former Parkfield student that has done something special please contact the school.

Reports

Our teachers are currently busy preparing student reports for parents for Semester One. This term due to the obvious interruptions to schools, reports will be very different and as such will not contain as much information as we would normally expect. This semester's reports will not contain an assessment grade for any of the learning areas we cover. Our teachers will write comments of progress in the areas of English and Mathematics as well as a general comment. Our other learning areas will indicate the topics that were planned for the semester. During the second half of this term we have asked our teachers to ensure a very strong literacy and numeracy focus in the classroom while next semester we plan to get back to our regular plan, teach, assess cycle.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

The Parkfield Big Run will be held this week on Thursday after recess and involve all students in Years 1-6. There will be a different course for the various year levels, which will involve them running within the school grounds.

For the first time in the history of Parkfield Primary, students will be able to run on the verandahs, without getting told off! Each year level will run separately and have a girl and boy event. Students are encouraged to wear their House colours. Teachers will be positioned around the various courses to guide the students. All classes will be spaced apart and seated on the oval, so that all students can witness **The Parkfield Big Run** take place. Please note that unfortunately current restrictions mean parents will not be able to attend this event.

Trevor Sleight – PE Teacher

Merit Awards

The following students received Merit Awards.

Emy Sala-Tenna, Theo Hausen, Josie Andeson, Aiden Wilkes, Pania Harmer, Lincoln Russell, Flynn Adams, Alexander Leyshon, Skye Diable, Elarna Wheeler, Emilia Rob, Maddi Cumberland, Scarlett Davies, Seth Roberts, Ethan Berkshire, Lana Simpson, Jett Smith, Ava Dye, Daytona Hodge, Levi Spencer, Lucy Pedder, Quinn Kimber, Ben Townsend, Mita Bell, Darcy Mackean, Boston Adams, Lachlan Willcox, James Butcher, Alissa Kilmartin, Logan Andersen, Amarli Angel, Oscar Hook, Max Smith, Tanika Johnson, Matilda Wheeler, Benn Hamersely, Ollie Bennetts, Lacey Brown, Rosie Scott, Tyson Kennedy, Cody Ingram, Max Thorpe, Luke Moloney, Skye Marley, Ciara Morten, Ruby Farrell, Ebony Eckersley, Clinton Tierney, Jaye Edwards, Nick Hoggett, Brodie Pippin, Ruben Harberts, Kaela Buckroyd, Kahlia Stevens, Teri Bell, Tahu Hamer, Hazel Tilling, Ella Larkman, Jacob Tokona and Kobe Penman.

Specialist Awards – Physical Education; Lucas Winning, Riley Ridge, Amarli Angel, Hadi Shahzad and Georgia Melvin. **Visual Arts**; Clark Walton, Olivia Nijjar, Skyla-Lee Wigmore, Amelia Reynolds, Max Thorpe and Blake Kimber. **Japanese**; Georgia Melvin. **Music**; Laura Bogar, Ethan Eames, Lucy Veasey, Jessie Andrews, Reif Prime, Sam Hook and Hazel Tilling.

Congratulations to these students.

Parents please note, that Term 2 finishes for students on Thursday 2nd July 2020.

Science At Home Projects

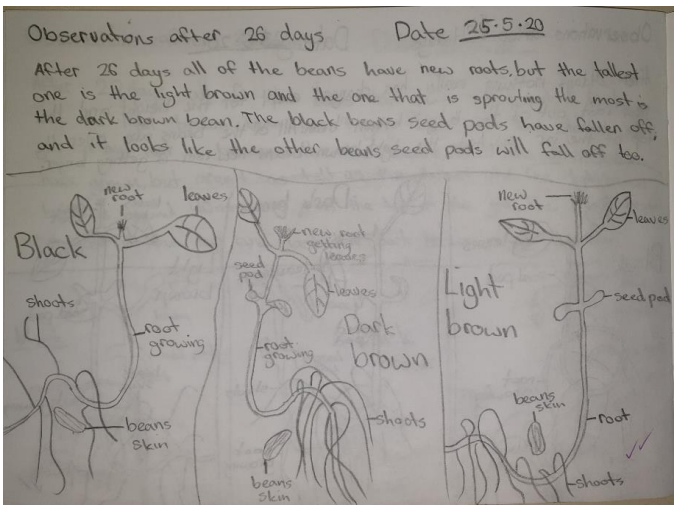
This term, students have been busily working on various Science at Home Projects. Years 1 and 2 - observational drawings of plants and plant parts, Years 3 and 4 – observational drawings of minibeasts and Years 5 and 6 – observations, measurements and drawings of bean plant growth.

The following students received merit awards for their highly commendable work.

Georgia Melvin, Ethan McLoughlin, Amelia Tickell, Kayleigh Spencer, Tess Rosenhart, Addison Angel, Jacob Allan, Qistina Iskandar, Samuel Yeates, Luke Moloney, Ben Harper, Darcy Mackean, Anna Rosenhart, Lachy Gabriel, Lucy Pedder, Leon Yorath, Lacey Brown, Isabelle Hausen, Dylan Burch, Ruby Fraser, Ethan Berkshire and Jett Smith.

Thank you to parents who encouraged their children to have a go with these projects.

Mrs Judy Brooks



Lost Property Box

The lost property box located outside the Deputies office is overflowing. Please encourage your child to check the box if they have misplaced any uniforms or drink bottles etc. All unclaimed items are disposed of at the end of each term. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

Uniform Shop

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.

Chaplain Chat from the Chaplain Corner

Greetings one and all…
How are you all? Are you okay?
How has your fortnight been since last 'Parkfield Press'? I have had quite a fun, busy and interesting time. Last week I had a couple of meetings and a course in Bunbury. It was great to connect and share with others and gain more useful information.
I noticed a common focus throughout, it kept coming up - it was 'self-care'. It is so important and sounds quite easy and obvious, but I find it can be so easily overlooked if you are busy caring for, and being thoughtful of others and just getting on with things.
I thought I would check in and see how you are going, especially with your 'self-care', and to encourage you to do a 'self-care' check, as it has been a big few months.
I continue to be encouraged and heartened by the example of our wonderful students, staff and community being aware of, and caring for each other.
Keep safe and connected. Reach out if you need to, to likeminded people and positive sources of encouragement.
Until next time,
Warm regards always,

Jo Campbell ☺
Chaplain
Tuesday & Thursday

OSHClub Before & After School Care

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings, please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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The P&C are holding a wood raffle outside Coles at Australind Village Shopping Centre on the **25th June 2020. We need volunteers to sell tickets**. If you can spare an hour anytime between 9am – 7pm please contact Maddison on 0407 932 205 or email parkfieldpandcfundraising@gmail.com. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Many Hands Make Light Work

HOW SHOULD WE SPEND YOUR FUNDRAISING MONEY?

Have we got your attention?

The P&C is super grateful for the parent and community support this year that has translated into fundraising dollars. You may have seen the amazing results we have been sharing and we have more exciting fundraising events coming your way soon.

WHY ARE WE ASKING?
Everyone has different ideas and we have some BIG ideas! So we want to know what is most important to you.

HOW CAN YOU **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT?**
For those who may not know the P&C consist of an executive committee and committee members. Anyone can become P&C members at any time of the year by attending meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and paying $1 to become a voting member.

HOWEVER,
We know that attending meetings and being a member is not for everyone. So we are asking for your feedback. While your feedback will be "simply feedback" unless you decide to become a voting member, we want to be able to consider your feedback when making decisions on where to spend fundraising dollars.

We will be putting a **poll on Facebook** for you to jump on and have a say. Some of the ideas we have include:

- Establish an **online ordering and payment system** for parents for the canteen, uniform shop and fundraising
- **Resurfacing the undercover area** with synthetic material for more comfort for students at lunch and at assemblies
- Resource the Mini Lit and Mac Lit **reading programs** for the school
- Install a PPS **Noticeboard**
- **Dishwasher for Canteen**
- Purchase new **IPads** for students

Some of these are BIG dollars! That's why we want your feedback.

There will be more information available on the poll so we encourage you to check it out at **ParkfieldPandC** on Facebook.

The **next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th August 2020,** hopefully we will see you there!
Thank you.
Belinda Williams
President

Book Fair - Term 2

A huge thank you to all our wonderful Parkfield families who supported our Book Fair last week. In this unusual time, we were so fortunate to be able to hold the fair and were thrilled to be able to showcase a beautiful selection of books, activities and other items for your children to browse through, purchase and enjoy. Thanks to your efforts we will be able to put more books on our Library shelves for our students to borrow and enjoy reading.

Again – many thanks

Mrs Moran and the Library Team

Kindergarten Enrolments 2021

Applications for Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are now being taken. Children who will be 4 years of age by 30 June 2021 are eligible to enrol into the program. Applications are available from the school office. Please bring in your child's birth certificate, Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement and proof of your address.

Contact Information – Keep us informed

Parents please ensure that the school is kept well informed of any changes of address and telephone numbers – home, work and mobile. Thank you.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Determination

DETERMINATION is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. **DETERMINATION** is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are **DETERMINED** to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going. Without **DETERMINATION**, things don't get done. People give up easily and don't ask for help when they need it. With **DETERMINATION**, even the hardest task becomes a challenge we are willing to accept. We do things that matter in the world. With **DETERMINATION**, we can make our dreams come true. Decide what is important to you. Then use your will power to make it happen. Finish what you start. If obstacles come up, deal with them, and get back on track. If you get discouraged or distracted, remember your goal. Ask yourself "What do I need?" Then start again. It feels good to meet your goals.

What would DETERMINATION look like if...

- You are trying to learn to ride a bike?
- You are doing a really hard homework assignment and it is due tomorrow?
- You are building a model for your Dad's birthday and it gets complicated?
- You want to become good at a sport or art?
- You are doing a job for your mother and TV distracts you?

Signs of Success are when….

- Believe what you are doing is important
- Set goals for yourself
- Focus your attention on what you are doing
- Resist being distracted
- Keep going if it gets difficult
- Ask for help when you need it
- Finish what you start

Affirmation: I am determined. I set goals and keep going until I achieve them. I get things done. I stay on purpose.