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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who have worked so hard to continue to make Parkfield an excellent school. Education is a series of partnerships and it takes a whole school community to educate a child. Parkfield has a wonderful culture and a high class learning environment. There is always something happening to provide enriching opportunities for students, of which we are proud.

The strength of our school is our wonderful teaching and support staff and I would like to sincerely thank them for their commitment, conscientiousness and effort in 2019.

Farewell to Parkfield Staff

As we conclude the academic year, I would like to say farewell to the following staff members who are moving on to new challenges, long service leave, retirement or to the enjoyment of more personal and family time and thank them for their contribution to Parkfield Primary School.

We wish them all the very best in the future; Mr Geoff Harrison, Mrs Stacey South, Mrs Jenny Street and Miss Kathryn Shackleton.

Year Six Graduation

The Year Six Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Luncheon will be held on Thursday 19th December 2019. 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 **11.50am ready to catch the bus to the venue, at 12.00pm. 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.

2020 Class Lists

Class lists will be placed on the noticeboard and office windows on **Friday 31st January 2020 at 4.00pm.** Please remember, these class placements are subject to change within the first two weeks. We will **not** be able to place the student lists on our Parkfield App due to the sensitivity of the whereabouts of some of our students.

Parkfield changes in 2020

In line with the Department of Education's new strategic directions for public schools 2020 - 2024 **Every student, every classroom, every day** we will have a new direction and strategic plan for Parkfield commencing in 2020.

This will see many structural changes across the school and place staff in positions to best utilise their skills going forward for the next five years.

I remind all parents that operational decisions are owned by the school and a thorough and analytical process has been going on, including an independent Public School Review.

We have a clear focus and mandate in 2020 that together we will:

- Support learners to make the best start with access to high quality, evidence-based learning opportunities in the early years.
- Identify the needs of individual students to develop evidence-based approaches to support them to succeed in their pathway.
- Know the literacy and numeracy needs of every student, to support them to build foundational competencies.
- Embed whole-school approaches and professional collaboration to strengthen teaching, learning and leadership.
- Harness the support and expertise of families as critical partners in students' learning.

Parkfield School Grounds and Facilities

I would like to remind all students and parents that the school buildings are totally out of bounds after school hours and during the entire school holidays**.** Please contact the Australind Police immediately on 9797 0222 if you see someone not using our facilities appropriately.

School Term Dates for Students 2020

Term 1: Monday 3rd February 2020 – Thursday 9th April 2020.

Term 2: Wednesday 29th April 2020 – Friday 3rd July 2020.

Term 3: Tuesday 21st July 2020 – Friday 25th September 2020.

Term 4: Tuesday 13th October 2020 – Thursday 17th December 2020.

I would like to wish the Parkfield School Community a very safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

New Uniform Coordinator and Open Day

Danelle Farrell is the Uniform Shop Coordinator in 2020 and her contact number is 0423 079 342.

The Uniform Open Day will be held on **Friday 31st January 2020 from 9 – 11am.**

The operating days will remain the same next year; Monday's 8.45am – 9.15am and Wednesday's 2.45pm – 3.15pm.

Zip Jumpers and crew neck jumpers will be available again in 2020. A pre order form will be sent home and sample sizes will be available in March in readiness for winter.
Square Terminal is also coming in early 2020 which will allow more flexibility in contactless payment and contactless devices such as Apple Pay/Google Pay/Paypass.

Thank you from Kindy

The Kindy classes would like to thank the Smith family for their generous donations of gross motor equipment. The children love using them and are getting much stronger.

Auslan Level 1 Lessons

"Auslan in the West" is an Auslan (Australian Sign Language) training company that is looking at running level one classes in Bunbury in the school holidays (late January) for both adults and children. If you would like to attend the cost would be as follows: Adults: $190 Student/concession: $160 and Children (up to 12 years) $120.
Venue details and booking information is yet to be confirmed. However, if you are interested in attending please feel free to contact Melissa Templeton via email on Melissa.templeton@education.wa.edu.au and further information will be conveyed as it comes to hand. Thank you.

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Chaplain's Chat

8 Things I Will Be Doing This Christmas!

Show Gratitude During Family Meals.
(Gratitude is to be thankful for what we have and not worry about what we don't have. Help clean the dishes with the family.)

Be Kind to Everyone.
(A simple act of Kindness could change someone's life.)

Stay Calm.
(Being calm is the ability not to react when others around you are trying to upset you.)

Give Hi 5's to Everyone.
(The giving of Hi 5's will encourage both the giver and the receiver.)

Tell Someone That You Love Them.
(Don't wait until tomorrow to tell those special to you that you love them. If you wait it might be too late.)

Invite Someone for Lunch Christmas Day.
(If you know someone is going to be alone on Christmas day how about inviting him or her over for lunch or dinner.)

Spend Time with Family and Friends.
(Making new memories together with family and friends this Christmas.)

Buy a Gift to Put Under Someone Else's Christmas Tree.
(We all know someone who's doing it tough right now. A simple gift to encourage those around us can be the difference in tough times.)

Remember, it's not what's under the Christmas tree that really matters; it's who's gathered around the Christmas tree that is important.

Merry Christmas

Geoff Harrison
Chaplain.

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Parkfield Primary staff would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.