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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
Despite a huge number of applications from schools all across the state, we are pleased to announce that Parkfield has been selected to take part in the Western Power Circuit Breakers program. This means that our school will receive 35 x Micro:bit packs, lesson materials and support to work our way through this exciting new Science program. Mrs Brooks and Mr Sullivan will be leading this program. This will coincide with our Science Week celebrations, Week 4 next term 12th - 16th August 2019.

Centre for Excellence Internship School for the Explicit Teaching of Literacy
Parkfield was successful in applying for an Internship position for the Explicit Teaching of Literacy. This will be a great opportunity locally with our host school being Kingston. Well done to Mrs Harper and Mrs Pickering for their successful submission.

"*West Australian*" Cash for Schools Competition
Well done to Mrs Katheryn Perks and her able helpers in Block Three. They managed to collect a huge 8612 coupons. Thank you to Mrs Kate Kiewiet and everyone else that helped out around the school to deliver and move this massive amount of newspapers.

Staff Change for Term 2
Mrs Zena Dyer will be on sick leave for the remainder of the term and next term and Mrs Rachael Harper will be Deputy Principal. Mrs Lucy Howe will be teaching Room 6 full time for that period.

Contributions and Charges
We would like to take this opportunity to encourage those families who have contributions outstanding, to consider payment as soon as possible.

So far we have collected;

Kindy	61.72 %
Pre Primary	47.24 %
Years 1-6	58.31%

We still have $15000 owing on our School Contributions and Charges. This money is critical for the purchase of resources to maintain our programs.

Flu and Gastro illness continues
We are averaging 60 students ill per day as this year has been particularly bad for influenza and gastro. A big thank you to everyone for their common sense approach to this.

If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please notify the school through one of the following means asap:

- Ring **9796 5900** during office hours;
- Parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au;
- Send an absentee notification through the Parkfield App.

Year Six Winter Carnival
A huge thank you to all our Parent Coaches, Staff members, participating Year Six students and Mr Trevor Sleight for his organisation.

Congratulations to all the Year Six students on their participation, sportsmanship and attitude on Friday at the Winter Carnival. Our Parkfield virtues were on full display and we are very proud of our senior students.

Disco
A huge thank you to Mr Brooks and all the staff that stepped up and coordinated two very enjoyable Discos. Backing up after reports is not easy and I greatly appreciate the effort that the Staff Disco Committee and parent volunteers put in. Their efforts ensured the students had a lovely time.

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2020 school year are now being taken. We currently have three full classes and a wait list for the fourth class. Please get your enrolments in as fast as possible.

Thank you.
Charlie Serravite
Principal

Down in the Art Room.....

One of the cross curriculum priority areas we explore is Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia. Already this year the students in Year Four have created koinobori banners celebrating Children's Day in Japan, whilst the pinch pot piggies made by the Year Two students have explored the celebrations surrounding the Chinese New Year, with this year being the Year of the Pig.

Also tying into this theme is an art exhibition currently being hosted by the Harvey Shire. For the month of June, you are able to view the **Modern Folk Paintings of Xiuzhou, China Exhibition at the Harvey Art Gallery**. The theme of the exhibition is the land, life and beauty of Xiuzhou. The gallery is open from 11am until 2pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

Julie Astill –Arts Specialist

Classroom Cash Promotion Thank you

Thank you to the wonderful Parkfield students, parents, friends, staff, Mrs Kate Kiewiet and her band of dedicated P&C helpers who enabled us to enter a mammoth **8612 coupons** for the West Australian 'Cash for Schools' competition. Fingers crossed for one of the prizes!

Katheryn Perks - Coordinator

Music Notes

with Mrs Luke

I wish all the students who are performing in the City of Bunbury Eisteddfod good luck. I hope you are enjoying your experiences.

Congratulations to **Makayla Billett** and **Alex Docherty** who are now attending the Australind SHS Fundamentals Concert Band on Tuesdays before school. A wonderful achievement due to your conscientious efforts.

As the weather is starting to turn wet, we are becoming more physical in the music classroom. All classes are learning bush and folk dances. This helps us feel beat, rhythm, phrasing and helps improve our coordination. We are having lots of fun. Students from Years 4 to 6 are working hard on improving their note reading skills and recorder technique.

Book Club - Orders are due back by **3pm** on **Thursday 20th June 2019**. Orders can be placed in a labelled envelope then put into the gold box in the Library. Alternatively, orders can be processed online using Loop. Thank you.

Book Club Coordinator

Sports Update

Winter Carnival

Last Friday our Year 6 students enjoyed a day of fine weather and sport, while participating in their Winter Carnival. They competed with Glen Huon, Kingston and Treendale Primary Schools, playing football, soccer and netball. Well done to all students for your excellent sportsmanship that was on display. A great big thank you to the staff and parent helpers that organised and coached our teams. We couldn't do these events without your enthusiastic support.

Interschool Cross Country

Next Wednesday 32 Parkfield students from Years 3-6 will be competing in the annual **Bunbury Districts Interschool Cross Country,** which will be held at Adam Road Primary. The **races commence** at **10:00am** and the distances range from 1800m to 2300m. There will be around 25 other schools competing, so there may be up to 100 competitors in each race. Well done to all the competitors that have been braving the cold mornings for training. Your commitment is appreciated and we wish you all the best in your race. Competitors have been given permission notes outlining all the details. Spectators are most welcome to attend and support our students.

Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

Thank you from Kindy Three

The children and teachers in Kindy Three would like to express a big thank you to the **Leschenault Men's Shed** for the wonderful mud kitchen that they built for our Kindy. A big thank you is also extended to Mrs Theresa Branchi for her coordinating and painting of the mud kitchen. The children are very much enjoying the making of delicious looking culinary delights in their new kitchen.

Only one week to go for the Earn & Learn stickers. Please keep bringing them in. Thank you.

How can I support my gifted child?

Raising and nurturing a gifted child can be an exciting yet daunting challenge.

Gifted children do not usually fit the developmental norms for their age. They have advanced play interests and often are academically far ahead of their age peers. Children learn first from their parents. Parents who spend time with their gifted child are more able to tune into their child's interests and respond by offering appropriate educational enrichment opportunities. In the early years, parents can help discover their personal interests and encourage their children to learn about a wide variety of subjects such as art, nature, music, museums and sports. The Bunbury/Australind local area has a variety of enrichment opportunities for students. Take the time to explore these opportunities for your child.

Maree Quinn – PEAC Coordinator

THANK YOU!
New Reading Mat and Cushions in the Undercover Area

Many thanks to parent Cindy Lazarus from Carpet Court for donating a beautiful new rug for our reading bookcase in the undercover area! We also have two huge cushions to make the area cosy. Please feel free to select a book and have a seat when you have time with your child before or after school! Again, many thanks Cindy.

Mrs Moran and the Library Team

Chaplain's Chat
Homework Routines

This fortnight, we're thinking about how you can help your child establish a good homework routine.

- Most children start getting homework from the first year of school – practicing reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic initially - but evolving into larger, more complex research projects later on.
- Encourage your child by establishing a routine where you can sit with them, or nearby, while they work.
- If you can't always be around while they're working, another way to do this is setting a time for you to review their work together once they've had a go.
- Be available to test their spelling, listen to their reading, and guide them if they can't see the solution to a problem or don't know where to look for information.
- Try to avoid simply answering their questions, guide them to find the answer for themselves.
- Take an interest in what they are learning about – you might learn something too.
- Create routine for play time and homework time after school so they can understand what's expected of them each week.

Geoff Harrison - Chaplain the fathering project

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Free Parent Support Program – Provided by GP Down South

I am raising awareness of a parent support program provided by GP Down South run from their Bunbury and Busselton offices. If you have children aged from 0 to 5 years old and are finding life challenging you can get a **referral from your Child Health Nurse** to access help from the Parent Support Team. We can chat about issues from feeding, nursing, sleeping, toileting, play or other issues either over the phone, on a home visit or at our office if that works better for you. Our aim is to give you the tools to make life more enjoyable and let you know you are not alone in this challenging time of your life. So if you need a bit of support drop in on your Child Health Nurse for a referral.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Donna Philp, one of the team of Parent Support Workers. Mobile: 0438 260 957

Positive Parenting Group Program
Eaton/Australind Region

For parents of children 3-8 years. Come along to this free interactive group program to learn: Key concepts of positive parenting, effective strategies to encourage positive child behaviour and development and how to prevent and manage common behaviour challenges.

It includes 4 weekly group sessions and 4 individual phone sessions. Parents are given a workbook and the opportunity to apply the strategies with their children at home, with the support of an experienced facilitator during the 8-week program. Crèche is available at no cost. **Venue:** Glen Huon Primary School Eaton, starting on **Friday 2nd August 2019**. **Time:** 9:15am – 11.15am. For bookings please phone 9724 0100 or via childhealth.health.wa.gov.au.

Parkfield Galley - Volunteer Roster

Any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

Week 9 Monday 24/6/19– Friday 28/6/19 **Room 2**
Week 10 Monday 1/7/19 – Friday 5/7/19 **Room 1**

Please contact Eryn on 0406 425 560 to book in a time slot.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

EFTPOS is now available with minimum limit of $10.00. No PayPass. Danielle can be contacted on 0408 027 709. Thank you.

OSHClub Before & After School Care

This fortnight at OSHClub we have been focusing on sustainability and doing what we can to reduce, reuse and recycle. A huge thanks to all those that have already donated boxes etc. as requested in our last newsletter. We have been putting these to good use and have already begun constructing our recycled kitchen complete with fridge, microwave, oven and dishwasher.

Our budding scientists enjoyed the successes of our experiments by growing crystals where we got to see the formations of crystals over a period of a week. The children's enthusiasm during this project was excellent with them exploring the growth process daily.

Our outdoor adventures have included Giant's treasure, handball, role playing, playground fun, skipping skills, chalk drawings and chasey.

We are lucky enough to be having an incursion from Water Corp on Thursday 27th June this will give us water saving tips and explore ways to be more water wise. If you have any enquires regarding OSHClub please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

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

RIVERLINKS JULY VACATION CARE PROGRAM are now taking bookings for the July school holidays. We provide a program of exciting activities, craft, excursions and incursions for your children. Come and join in the biggest holiday program with lots of excursions, craft, games etc. The program is available for Kindy – Year 6 children. If you don't want your child to miss out on a fun filled vacation period, come and get your bookings and enrolment forms for the holidays – positions are filling fast! Opening hours are 7am until 5.45pm. Child Care Subsidy is available to reduce fee payments for eligible families. Please call the Riverlinks office on 97960040 for enquiries. Bookings are essential!

Virtue For The Fortnight - PATIENCE

PATIENCE is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. **PATIENCE** is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. **PATIENCE** is a commitment to the future. Without **PATIENCE** people want everything NOW. They complain when unpleasant things cannot be helped. They act mad when things don't go their way. When people practice **PATIENCE**, they can wait without complaining. They forgive others and themselves for mistakes. They make the world a kinder, gentler place. Practicing **PATIENCE** is accepting things you cannot control, like the way other people act, or even an illness or handicap you have to live with. **PATIENCE** is waiting without complaining. When you are patient, you show gentleness when you or others make mistakes. You set goals and persevere until your goals are won. You picture the end in the beginning. You know that good things take time.

What would Patience look like if...

- Your mother is very late picking you up?
- You decide you want to be a lawyer when you grow up?
- You want to grow some vegetables?
- You have an illness that keeps you from playing sport?
- You start to get annoyed when your sister forgets to put back something she borrowed?

Signs of Success are when…

- Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion
- Are willing to wait for things you want
- Set goals and stick with them until they are finished
- Accept things you cannot change with humour and grace
- Are tolerant when mistakes are made

Affirmation: I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.