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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

What an amazing term we have had full of activities and events that showcased our great school.

The 25th Anniversary Open Night was tremendous with a huge crowd of past and present staff, students and families attending to see the school at its best. Many stories of past happenings came up and the display in the library celebrating the 25 years of Parkfield was certainly a catalyst for everyone reflecting on the part they have played in our school over time.
A big thank you to the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Parkfield P&C for all their hard work and organisation to support the success of the Open Night.

I would also like to highly commend all the 2018 Parkfield staff for their outstanding commitment in presenting the school to such a high standard. The staff and students have worked diligently all year to get the school to this point and we are very proud to be part of the Parkfield history.

School Photos
Orders close on the **20th September 2018** for placing your individual student photo orders, so please visit the MSP Photography website www.msp.com.au as soon as possible to avoid a late order fee. The school is still waiting on information for families on how to place online orders for the special group photos. We will advise you as soon as this information becomes available.

2019 Kindergarten Parent Meeting

This Wednesday 19th September at 2:00pm in Kindergarten 1 we have our 2019 Kindy Parents' Meeting.
It is an important time to find out about our school and to lodge preferences for Kindy days for 2019.

Dress Up for a Farmer Day
On Friday 21st September 2018, students and staff are invited to come to school dressed up as a farmer and to bring a gold coin donation. All money goes to the Eastern States drought appeal and has been coordinated by one of our Year 6 students Ruby-Anne Stokes.

Best Wishes Mrs McGill
We wish our Year 2 teacher Mrs Leah McGill all the very best on the impending birth of her second child.

Commemorative Pavers

The commemorative 25th Anniversary pavers have now been placed outside Block 1 and they look terrific. A huge thank you to **Blair Fletcher** from **Coastal Creations Landscaping and Paving** for donating his time and expertise to lay the pavers.

Parkfield App
There are some changes coming to the Parkfield App to enhance user performance. It may be a good time at the end of the holidays to delete the present app and reinstall the new version.
Some of Parkfield's most efficient communicative tools, our App and Seesaw, are most effective when 'push notifications' have been enabled on your phone or iPad. To ensure you don't miss messages, some of which could be urgent, please enable push notifications.

Sports Carnivals Term 4
We still need many helpers to make the two carnivals successful. Please return your volunteer forms or contact the P&C.

There will be a P&C Fundraising meeting on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 9:00am in the staffroom.

Bush Block Vandalism
We were very disappointed to find out last weekend that some vandals had ripped out all the new plants and made a mess of our bush block.
Mrs Dunbar-Stuart and Mrs Sullivan rallied the troops overnight and organised another busy bee to repair the mess and replant all the vegetation. Thank you to everyone that turned up to help at very short notice.
If you see anyone acting inappropriately on our school grounds do not hesitate to call the police. The school buildings are out of bounds at all times.

Term 4 Dates

Students return to school on Tuesday 9th October 2018 as Monday is a School Development Day for all staff.
Term 4 finishes on Thursday 13th December 2018.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

School Survey

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is now required by the WA Department of Education that we survey our families every two years to see how they feel about our school.

You can access the survey online or you can use the computers in our school library between 8:30am-8:45am, Monday to Thursday to complete the survey. We request that only **one parent/caregiver** from each family completes the survey.

If you choose to do the survey from home then the link is https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mVgZYgJ2.

The survey will be active from 12:30pm on the **14th September 2018** to 23:59pm on the **19th October 2018.**

We need as many families as possible to respond to the survey to make it a true representation of our school community and to make the data valid. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Zena Dyer – Deputy Principal

Sports Update

Selected students in Years 4-6 from each House competed in the Shot Put and Vortex events today. Well done to all those involved and congratulations to the competitors that won a place ribbon.

DATES TO REMEMBER - Term 4

- **Junior Athletics Carnival** (PP-3) - Week 2, Friday 19th October 2018.
- **Senior Jumps Days** (Yrs. 4-6) – Week 3, Monday/Tuesday.
- **Senior Athletics Carnival** (Yrs. 4-6) – Week 3, Friday 26th October 2018.

As with all carnivals, parent help is vital to help make them a success. We will need **four place judges** for each carnival. If you are able to assist, please contact the office and leave your details or catch up with me at school. Help will be greatly appreciated!

We hope to see a good crowd at the carnivals, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students.

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Parkfield Primary School students **Ella Larkman** and **Hayley Garner** for qualifying for the Swimming WA State Junior Short Course Championships to be held at HBF Stadium, Perth later this month.
Ella has qualified for 50 metre Breaststroke and 100 metre Breaststroke, and **Hayley** has qualified for 50 metre Freestyle.
Both girls train with the Australind Swimming Club all year round.
There will be more than 500 competitors from all over the state to compete in this three day event.
Congratulations and well done on your achievements girls.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at the last assembly:
Ava Edwards, Piper Briggs, Alex Docherty, Adam Andrews, Ella Facey, Bella Gardiner, Elai Bennetts, Isabelle French, Ella Molinari, Tatiana Coyle-Lockey, Darcy Mason, Seth Grabowski, Riley Ridge, Tahlia McWhirter, Sebastian Jones, Callum Stevens, Jessica Meyer, Amy Bovell, Reif Prime, Riley Chalker, Alec Dias, Georgia Melvin, Emma Spencer, Charlize Pyke, Mia Gjengsto, Matthew Visser, Lucas Winning, Charlie Hogermeer, Aroura Hopkins, Tori South, Ebony-Rose Ryan, Jarrod Dickson, Jorja Bowlden, Shaarna Wilson-Naicovi, Hayley Garner, Hayley Vincent, Keeley South, Rohan Hann, Tom Horn, Tori Dashwood, Olivia Patterson, Chantel Burton, Ruby-Anne Stokes, Daniel Roxburgh, Mia Repacholi, Olivia Templeton, Regan Wigley, Blake Hogan, Emily Morley and Tom Dell'Agostino.

Specialist Awards – Music: Indie Jenkinson. **Japanese:** Esha Prime and Jessica Miller. **Physical Education**: Makayla Billett and Jesse Nunn. **Visual Arts:** Lily Cresswell, Tom Horn and Brigette Cantwell. **Science:** Teri Bell, Jesse Nunn and Tori Dashwood.
Well done everyone.

Down in the Art Room

A new selection of art work has been put on display in the Front Office. These bright and cheerful sunflowers were made using oil pastels, and have been created by the students in Year Three. Another new display in the school can be found in the library. The clay waterlily pads and flowers that Mrs Moran has kindly let us display, were made by the Year Four students last term, and had been hidden away, waiting for Open Night.

During Open Night, many of our families would have had the opportunity to see the progress that is being made on the Anniversary Mosaic. The last of the handmade tiles have now been painted and glossed and our Lunchtime Art Club will be starting to glue and grout them into place during Term Four. The spaces between the handmade tiles will be filled with broken shop-bought tiles. We have most of the colours we need already, however, I have found it difficult to locate **light blue and dark green tiles**. If anyone happens to have a few leftover tiles at home in these colours and would like to donate them to the project, we would be most grateful. Thank you.

Julie Astill – Visual Arts Specialist

School Uniforms

Parents please check to see your children have taken home their jumpers and hats by the end of term. Over the holidays please check that all items are clearly labelled for easy return if misplaced. Thank you.

TERM 4 commences for students on Tuesday 9th October 2018.

Chaplain's Chat

The Grass Is Always Greener On The Other Side Of The Fence!

It's an old saying but is still relevant today. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Our children are the perfect example. They always want the latest toy or video game, and it's the end of the world if they don't have it. Then something new takes its place, and the merry-go-round continues.

Farmers have the same problem but with animals.

I was lucky enough to spend some of my life living on the family farm, and we were always out mending fences to keep the animals from roaming into another paddock before they had eaten all the feed where they were. The fence acts as a boundary to restrict the animals to the area you want them in, and it also keeps them safe. Children also need boundaries to live and to develop, as they should. As parents, we need to enforce those boundaries to help our children to develop qualities like respect, resilience, and to help their mental health. Often we don't realise that children like boundaries. They make them feel safe, and this is so important to a child's development.

So how does this work?

Give them a small paddock to play in, and as they earn your trust by not pushing through the boundaries, then you can make the paddock bigger. They will test the boundaries, and you need to stay firm. They can still have freedom within the boundaries, but they are also safe within that freedom. The paddock is just some boundaries, where they can play, how they walk home from school, how much time on the computer they have. Moreover, we need to have consequences. If they break through the fence/boundaries, they need to face the consequence. It won't take long for them to earn your trust and be allowed to have access to a larger paddock. In the meantime, they are safe to explore the freedom of their paddock.

Bringing up children to have a positive impact on our society is every parent's responsibility.

Geoff Harrison - Chaplain

Parkfield Primary School P&C

ECOEZI Shopping Wallets

Contains 10 re-usable bags
You will always remember your shopping bags if you purchase an ECOEZIShopping Wallet.

The wallet is:

- Compact and lightweight, small enough to fit in your glove box or handbag.
- Stores 10 re-usable bags
- Completely machine washable and quick drying
- Extremely strong and durable, each bag can hold approx. 12kg.

Available to purchase from the Front Office (cash only) or Uniform Shop Monday 8:45am-9:15am or Wednesday 2:45pm – 3:15pm.

DON'T MISS OUT!

OSHClub Before & After School Care

This fortnight at OSHClub, we have been crafting. MINE-CRAFTING! Children's interests have been our theme these last two weeks and we have been facilitating many Minecraft activities, including Steve Balloon drawing, creating Minecraft character puppets and box construction of an Ender dragon. We even hosted a puppet show with all our creations having heaps of fun along the way!

We have been basking in the sunshine spending afternoons outside after a long winter indoors. Children have been playing totem tennis, football, soccer, cricket, chalk drawing, sand play and playground play in the active stations we set up.

Sensory sand play has been a hit as well as tidying up our garden bed and planting our food scraps.

Children have assisted educators in designing plans for how we want our room formatted - children have drafted several plans and have been setting up cool displays around the room.

We managed to trade within the school community to ensure we collected all of the Mini Shop Collectables. Children have been setting up shops with the blocks and role playing shopping with the dolls and we worked hard on our pattern and fine motor skills by beading beautiful necklaces and door hangers.

OSHClub Parkfield finished writing the relationship strategy that we researched and try to follow to promote individuality and children's rights.

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Open Night at the Galley a success!

We are well on the way to getting an upright freezer in our canteen with the opening night raising just over $560!! Thank you to our wonderful Parkfield families and staff for your ongoing support.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people who made the night such a success, guided by the tireless canteen manager Eryn:

Our Onion Cutter: Narelle Alstad
The Roll Preppers: Bec Harrop and Erin Stevens
The Soup Cook: Robert Cowcher
The Snag Turners: Robert Cowcher and David Moore
Gas Bottle Filler: Rebecca Broad
Sweet Bakers: Amy Howlett, Bonnie and Aaron Sommerville, and Bec Harrop
The Sales Assistants: Mekayla Cowcher and Sarah Bennett

End of Term Menu

The menu was sent home to families last week. Please make sure your orders are in on time – ***Kindy by Wednesday 19th* September** and ***PP-Y6 by Thursday 20th* September 2018.**

New Summer Menu

The new menu will be out this week for Term 4, 2018 and Term 1, 2019. Thank you.

P&C News

Calling for volunteers for our Junior and Senior Sports Carnival in Term 4, Week 2 and Week 3

We still need volunteers for the ice cream van and cake stalls. It is often hard to get volunteers as many want to watch their children participate so we are calling out for the possibility for senior parents to help with the junior carnival and junior parents to help with senior carnival to make it easier for all. Please email us on parkfieldpandc@gmail.com with your contact details. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Fundraising Committee

Magpie Breeding Season

We would like to remind families that the magpie breeding season is approaching. It is not uncommon for magpies to defend their nests and young during spring, by swooping intruders. The season may last for six to eight weeks during late August to December.

Try to avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. If a magpie swoops don't crouch in fear or stop, move on quickly but don't run. Wear a hat and sunglasses for protection. Magpies initially attack from behind but can swoop back around. Magpies are more likely to attack cyclists. If you are riding a bike make sure you wear a helmet, and dismount and walk through nesting magpie territory.

Classroom Roster for Canteen Volunteers Term 4

Week 2 Monday 15/10 – Friday 19/10 **Room 16**
Week 3 Monday 22/10 – Friday 26/10 **Room 13**
Week 4 Monday 29/10 – Friday 02/11 **Room 12**

Please contact Eryn in the Galley to book a suitable day. Any help in greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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healthy active happy kids

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?

The Better Health Program runs for 10 weeks during the school term in locations across WA.

Sessions include fun activities on good nutirion, healthy behaviours and loads of fun games and physical activity.

Receive free resources, meet new people, have fun & learn new ways to help your family be fitter, healthier and happier.

To register:
Call: 1300 822 953
Visit: www.betterhealthprogram.org

What's On The Noticeboard

- **Stirling Street Arts Centre** – Running workshops during the school holidays, with the **Mini Weavings** workshop being a **free activity**. Please see the noticeboard for all activities. Stirling Arts Centre can be contacted on 9791 1256.
- **Eaton Rec Centre Sept/Oct Vacation Care** Visit their website for more details
- **LLC Vacation Care Adventures** to enrol contact childrenservices@llc.com.au

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.

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.