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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
Welcome back to what will be an exciting and very busy second term full of activity. I would like to especially welcome our new families to Parkfield and congratulate all staff, students and parents on another very smooth start to the term.

NAPLAN

Our students in Years Three and Five will be participating in the National NAPLAN assessments commencing the 9th May 2017. Our staff has worked very diligently to ensure there has been holistic coverage of the curriculum and familiarising students with the structures of the NAPLAN tests. As we have said many times, this is just one snapshot of how our students are performing and we have many other forms of assessment to ensure that as parents you have a balanced view of how your child is going at school.

Parkfield Leaders ANZAC March

I would like to sincerely thank all the student leaders and their parents that went to the ANZAC Parade in Bunbury on ANZAC Day. We are very fortunate to have such excellent students representing our school, fully supported by their parents.

Farewell Mr Lance Butcher

We would like to announce the impending retirement of one of our most highly regarded teachers Mr Lance Butcher. Friday the 19th of May will be Mr Butcher's last day at Parkfield Primary School.

Mr Butcher has been a stalwart of our school but now has the opportunity to pursue a lifelong dream and work on a cattle station in the Kimberley. We have always admired the cowboy in Mr Butcher and now he gets to be one in real life. On behalf of the past and present staff and students of Parkfield Primary School, we would like to sincerely thank and congratulate Mr Butcher for all he has done for education. Best wishes for your new adventure.

Little Learners Pre Kindy Program 2017

Little Learners is a time where parents and children can enjoy playing together while doing similar activities to those in Kindergarten. It provides an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and for the children to become familiar with the school and meet other children. Little Learners is a terrific transition program to school and we highly recommend parents and students attend.

Little Learners will commence in Term 3. It will run fortnightly on a Tuesday and is suitable only for those children attending Kindergarten at Parkfield in 2018. Michelle Ridge and Megan Wood are the Coordinating Teachers. Please register your expression of interest to the office on 97258135 as soon as possible.

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2018 school year are now being taken.

If any of our Parkfield Community knows of any 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. Parents of current Kindergarten enrolled children must advise the office now, if your child is continuing on to Pre Primary at Parkfield in 2018.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Notes" from the Music Room...

Welcome back to another term of making beautiful MUSIC!
We finished off Term One in fine form with both Choirs performing beautifully at our School Anzac Service. Congratulations to all of our singers for putting in such a wonderful effort.

As our weather grows a little cooler, please remember that Performing Arts Jackets are available in the School Uniform shop. If you are in Year 4 or above and in one or more of our Performing Arts Groups, you are eligible to purchase one of these.

Our groups (Choirs, Ukuleles and D.R.U.M.) have all started up again and will now prepare for the Performing Arts Assembly in Week 2 of Term 3. If you are in the Ukulele Band and ordered a Ukulele, please pay for these at the School Office as per the note last term. These should have arrived by the time you are reading this note and will be sent home as soon as they arrive. We all look forward to another great term making music together.

Dear Parents,

We want to help you raise readers! Research now shows that the benefits are definite and measurable when children read frequently for pleasure.

The 2016 Australian Kids and Family Reading Report revealed that in children aged 6-11, one of the most powerful predictors of reading frequency is parental involvement in encouraging reading.

A Scholastic Book Fair is the perfect place for children to discover a love of books and ignite a lifelong passion for reading. Come along to our Book Fair with your child and have fun choosing books together.

Our Library collection benefits from the profit from all sales. So you are helping to place more books on our shelves!

Our next Book Fair will commence Monday May 8th and continue until Thursday May 11th.

The Fair will be held in the School Library and opening hours are – 8.30am until 3.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Mrs Moran and the Library Team.

Down in the Art Room Ms Astill

The students who attended art classes last term certainly tackled some big projects. Ceramics, papier-mache, weaving, painting, printmaking, collage and drawing activities were all undertaken with enthusiasm.
This term the Year One students will complete their study of the primary and secondary colours by creating a picture from their painted papers. The Year Two and Four students are each focusing on units of work looking at Autumn leaves and colours; whilst the Year Three students are beginning a fun unit of work creating castles.
It looks as though we have another term full of exciting projects to work on.

SPORTS UPDATE

This term all students in Years 3-6 will be competing in the **House Cross Country**. **It will be held in Week 6 on Thursday June 1st**, commencing at **1:45pm** on the school oval.
The distance for the Year 3/4 students is about 1000m.
The Year 5/6 course will be about 2000m.
More information will follow closer to the event.

Here's a question.
When was the last time you threw a ball or kicked a ball with your child/children?
If you can't remember, then how about today.

Chaplains Chat

TIPS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

CATCH YOUR CHILDREN BEING 'GOOD'

When your children are behaving in a way you like, give them some positive feedback. For example, 'Wow, you're playing so nicely together. I really like the way you're keeping all the blocks on the table'. This works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing to the floor before you take notice and say a negative comment like, 'Hey, stop that'.

This positive feedback is sometimes called descriptive praise because it tells children specifically what they're doing well. Try to encourage your children by making six positive comments for every negative comment you make. And remember that if children have a choice between no attention or negative attention, they'll will often seek out negative attention.
Encourage your children every day and we will see them have a positive influence on our school, our family and the community we live in.

Geoff Harrison - Chaplain.

Positive Parenting

Seminar Series Program /Bunbury District

For every parent of children 3-8 years

These 3 free sessions run over 3 weeks and introduce parents to:

- Key concepts of positive parenting
- Effective strategies to promote positive behaviour and development
- How to prevent & manage common child behaviour problems
- Positive strategies that encourage children to manage their emotions

Parents can choose or attend all sessions

- Seminar One: Positive Parenting
- Seminar Two: Raising Confident Competent children
- Seminar Three: Raising Resilient Children

Dates for Term 2 2017

VENUE	DATE	TIME	BOOKINGS
Tuart Forest PS	Tuesdays 23rd/30th May and 6th June	8.45am to 10.15am	Creche available 9721 6991
Parkfield PS	**Tuesdays June 13th/20th/27th**	**1.15pm to 2.45pm**	**Creche available 9795 2888**

OSHClub Before & After School Care

Welcome back for Term 2!! This week we have been busy getting back into routine and using our creative skills to do some beautiful paintings. In Term 2 we will be concentrating on recycling, sustainability and community involvement. We will also be caring for our newly established veggie garden which we planted with the help of our local Bunnings store.
If you have an enquiries regarding OSHClub please don't hesitate to contact me.

Operating Hours: 6:45am -8:45am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm
Location: T3 Transportable
Coordinator: Gemma Hogermeer
Phone: 0478 079 262
E-mail: oshclub.parkfield@gmail.com

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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Mondays
8.45am - 9.30am
and Wednesdays
2.45pm - 3.15pm
Room 11, Block 4

Old style sports polos are available at a super low price of $5.00. These are still classed as school uniform or great for team sports.
Danielle can be contacted on 0408 027 709.

Give a Damn Give a Can

Donations are now being taken for the **Give a Damn Give a Can Appeal.** We encourage you to participate in supporting this worthwhile cause.

All collected food will be passed on to the In Town Lunch Centre, Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to needy families.

This is a great opportunity for our students to be personally involved in a community service program.

Please bring your donation of food cans, packets of pasta or other non-perishable food items to the front office and place in bins provided.

The appeal runs until Wednesday 24th May.

Thank you.

13TH MAY 2017

AUSTRALIND IS 175

The 175th anniversary of the town of Australind

The little town of Australind began in 1840 with the arrival of the Island Queen, followed by the Parkfield, Diadem and Trusty over the next two years. The name came from the combination of Australia and India where the West Australian Land Company had its land holdings.

It is the home of some of the oldest families in Western Australia as well as many new migrants. Regardless of how long we've lived here, we love our hidden gem nestled between the roaring highway, the Collie and Brunswick Rivers and the magnificent Leschenault Estuary. Everyone is welcome to our **"Hit & Run History Day"**

Please see contact details below for further information.

Committee – 0403284013, 0428564490 or 0407600 800

www.harveyhistoryonline.com

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Classroom Roster for Canteen Volunteers Term 2

Please check to see if your class is rostered to help this term. Please call **Roz** on **0408 909 141.**

Week 2:
Monday 1/5/17 to Friday 5/5/17 **Room10**
Week 3
Monday 8/5/17 to Friday 12/5/17 **Room 9**
Week 4
Monday 15/5/17 to Friday 19/5/17 **Room 8**

P&C News

Welcome to Term 2 Parents and Caregivers.

We hope you all enjoyed the school holidays and are ready for a busy start to Term 2. Thank you to our school community, including friends and grandparents that helped out with newspaper coupon collecting. Also thank you to our Hydromulch newspaper recycling team for the extra work that this competition brings with it.

Our Easter raffle was also run at the end of Term 1. Congratulations to all the winners. The excitement and smiles on the students' faces when the deliveries were made were so lovely to witness. Thank you to Bonnie Sommerville for taking on coordinating this on top of her Treasurer duties.

In the following weeks the P&C will be getting organised for our Wood Raffle and Mother's Day stall.
The ***Mother's Day stall is on the 11th and 12th May.*** If you would like to help the students choose gifts for a loved one and witness their excitement first hand please contact Cindy Bernardi on 0428 363 951. We are still in need for someone to take on our Father's Day stall. If you would like to know more please contact Catherine Stevens and we can organise for you to see what's involved in helping out.

The Wood Raffle is on Thursday 18th May at Coles Australind. We would love some help manning the tickets sales on the day from 8:00am to 7pm. If you are able to volunteer some time please contact Melissa Templeton on 0420 217 558 to be put on the roster. It is an easy way to help out the school and your help is greatly appreciated.

Term 1 had a lot of volunteers that helped out with the Easter Raffle, Coupon collecting, Election Day sausage sizzle and other P&C activities. Thank you to **everyone** that participated. Many hands made light work and time went quickly with laughs and sometimes Tim Tams. We hope to see you all again and feel free to bring more friends everyone. The more the merrier.

Helping hands gold slips have been filled in for our helpers for most Term 1 events and so far our parent faction tally board is as follows. Geographe 12, Marshall 25, Naturaliste 26, and Henton on 33. This also shows us that there has been 100 opportunities that have required volunteers in Term 1 alone. So as you can see we can never have enough help. We hope to fill out a gold slip for you soon and enter it into our draw for a canteen voucher.

Kind regards
Catherine Stevens
President Parkfield P&C
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Virtues For The Fortnight - Honour

HONOUR is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people and the rules you live by. When you are **HONOURABLE,** you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example.
Without **honour**, people act disrespectfully and do things which make them and others feel ashamed. They just do what they want without caring about the virtues or whether it is right or wrong. When someone is **honourable**, other people trust them to do what is right. Their word of **honour** means they will do exactly what they promise
People respect and look up to people that are **honourable**. You can practice **honour** by doing the right thing regardless of what others are doing. You keep your promises, without anyone nagging or reminding you. You **honour** your elders by speaking respectfully to them. You **honour** yourself by being your best, practicing your virtues every day. When you act with **honour**, you set a good example, not to be admired but just because it is the right thing to do.

What would Honour look like if.....

- Your friend told you a secret?
- You are mad at your mother when she asks you to do something?
- A friend tries to get you to steal some money to go to a movie?
- You find some money in the school hallway?
- Everyone is teasing a child in the playground?
- You promised to practice your instrument while your parents are out?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Practice your virtues.
- Keep your word.
- Respect the rules you want to live by.
- Do what you believe is right no matter what.
- Set a good example for others.
- Avoid doing things which make you feel ashamed.

Affirmation: *I am honourable* *I keep my agreements and treat others with respect*
. *I live by the virtues* *I care about doing the right thing*