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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
We have had a very pleasing and promising start to 2018. The first month has flown by and students and staff are heavily invested in the teaching and learning programs.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sarah Edwards from Australind Branch of the Commonwealth Bank and the Parkfield P&C for their very generous support in purchasing the new lunch tables for the students. They have been a huge success and we have ordered another two for our students.

Breakfast Club Program
We are very fortunate at Parkfield to have an outstanding breakfast program available to all students before school. It is superbly coordinated and run by Mrs Erin Cowcher and a small number of parent volunteers. Foodbank is also a great supporter of the Breakfast Club but we are always looking for perishable (tins of Milo, long lasting milk) and non-perishable donations such as plastic cups, bowls, spoons etc. If you can help that would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance - Every Day Counts
Every day at school counts towards your child's future. Regular school attendance not only ensures that your child is having access to vital learning opportunities but also sets up regular patterns and expectations about school and ultimately work attendance.

Once a student has been enrolled it is compulsory to attend school, this also includes Kindergarten students. Under Western Australian Law (School Education Act 1999), parents/caregivers must send their children to school unless:

- They are too unwell
- They have an infectious disease
- The Principal is provided with a genuine and acceptable reason
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What happens if my child is absent from school?
All absences from school must be explained **within three days** of your child being away, whether in writing, by phone or via the Parkfield App. This is a legal requirement under the Education Act of WA.

Parents using Social Media
The following advice has been sourced from Department of Education's Standards and Integrity Directorate.

Online awareness is a critical issue for parents when they mix school and their private lives. We need parents to be careful to not blur the lines about what might be considered private or public. Posting of any images of students involved in school activities requires consent from the school, and parent permission from the students involved before images can be legally used. We do have many students that for legal reasons cannot have their images published and that has to be respected by all parents.

Many social networking technologies can create a false sense of anonymity and split second decisions by parents to vent or upload images can have far reaching consequences in court. "*A charge of defamation is very hard to defend as the onus would be on the parent to prove the absolute truth of both the statement and all its implications"*. Professor Barbara McDonald Sydney University of Law.

Professor McDonald also states *" If a parent shares a post by someone else they also can be charged with defamation."*

Parkfield Primary School does not have a Facebook page and it **does not** condone the use of a Facebook page to transmit school information by parents. We do not use social media to keep parents informed of issues and activities. We do have a Parkfield App which we encourage **all** parents to have on their phones. Our fortnightly newsletter is also our core medium of information.

Our wonderful P&C does have a much regulated and well managed Facebook page. Our Parkfield website is up to date and well managed by our provider and has great information.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

SPORTS UPDATE

This term students in Years 5-6 will be participating in the **House Swimming Carnival**. In preparation for the carnival, students in Years 5-6 will be able to compete in the 50m swimming trials to see if they compete in the championship events. All other students will compete in 25m events and various novelty relays. Students will be given all the relevant information during their sport sessions and notes will go home closer to the event.

Please be aware that **we will now be holding the swim trials at Koombana Bay while the students are at swimming lessons. Why? The cost to bus the students to the Harvey pool was going to be $20.00 per student, so we thought of a way to get the job done and save you some money.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials (Yrs 5-6) – Week 4/5
- House Swimming Carnival (Yrs 5-6) – Week 6, Friday 9th March 2018.

The Swimming Carnival will be held at the Harvey Town Pool. We hope to see a good crowd at the Carnival, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

As with all Carnivals, parent help is vital to assist with the smooth running of the event. We need four place judges, a place recorder and ribbons presenter. If you are able to help out with the Swimming Carnival, please contact the school office and leave your name and contact number or catch up with me at school. Help will be greatly appreciated and certainly needed!

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

School Banking

School Banking is available at Parkfield Primary School. Bank accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank Branch, just ask to open a **Youthsaver Account** for School Banking. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers licence and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day. If your child already has a Commonwealth account – just bring in the account details with their first deposit and we can provide the rest!

School Banking is held every Thursday morning from 8.15am to 9.00am from the Uniform Shop, in Block 4. Students receive a token for each deposit made. Collect 10 tokens to redeem a prize. Please contact coordinator Kelly Williams for further information on 0438527722. Thank you.

BUSY BEE HELPERS NEEDED

Tuesday 27th February 2018
8.30am

We are calling for volunteers to assist our school gardener to erect the new recycling newspaper shed. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If any are able to help out, please contact the office and leave your details. Thank you.

"Notes" from the Music Room...

As we enter into Week 4 (yes, already), it's very exciting to note that we have all bands and choirs up and running. Our Ukulele class is very full with over 30 students, many of whom are new. The Ukulele class is now closed to new members. The D.R.U.M. class also has started. Thirty five eager drummers arrived on Wednesday (Week 3) ready to try their skills. If your child missed the first D.R.U.M. session, they have one last chance this week—Wednesday at 8.15am. After that, it too will be closed to new members. The Junior Choir started in Week 3 and has 55 members. This Choir is definitely FULL. The Senior Choir started in Week 2. If your child still wishes to join this Choir there is room for more members (Year 5 and 6) to join this week. Thank you to all Parents who organised the purchase of a recorder for their Year 4 or any new students. We have started using Recorder in all classes Year 4-6 and will continue to learn new skills and songs each week. The Instrumental classes have begun. Fees for the hiring of instruments (mainly Year 5 students must be paid before instruments are taken home).
Please see me if you have any questions about any of these items or other questions regarding your child's Music learning at Parkfield

Happy Music Making.....Mrs J Rogers

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at the last assembly:

Makayla Billett, Ryden Tierney, Lexi Sellick, Taje Whitelaw, Lucas Stevens, Hugh Sommerville, Abbey Turbett, Grace Murphy, Kelsey Gee, Kobe Penman, Seth Adams, Kate Shackleton, Matilda Taylor, Tahu Harmer, Scarlett Simmons, Taina Hamilton, Ella Larkman, Taj Van de Berg, Jack Best, Indie Jenkinson, Teri Bell, Alicia Gelmi, Kyle Schubert, Awhina Harmer, Katie Bilston, Max Winning, Jessica Crump, Elyse Coate, Adam McGuigan, Lochlan Hewett, William Andrews, Whitney George, Patrick Scott, Darby Renton, Elektra Hogermeer, Ella Melvin, Buster Turner, Jessica Miller and Lachlan Barrett.

Specialist Awards - **Visual Arts**: Blake Kimber and Lara Cooper. **Science**: Lily May, Jordan Gangur and Sam McNevin. **Physical Education**: Ryden Tierney and Kate Shackleton.

Parkfield is participating in the 2018 Coles Sports for Schools program

This gives our school the opportunity to earn sports gear just by collecting vouchers from Coles. Every $10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers we collect, the more sporting equipment we could receive. Please place your vouchers in the box in the front office or give it to your teacher. Let's work together for some free sporting equipment! Go Parkfield!

OSHClub
Before & After School Care

Welcome Back for 2018

This fortnight we have been busy revising our OSHClub expectations and getting to know our routines.

I would like to welcome Rose Clauws as my permanent Assistant. Rose has been working in the childcare industry for seven years and is a great asset to our OSHClub team. If you see Rose around the school, please say hi and make her feel welcome.

We have also been working on our community involvement by donating to the school breakfast and sustainability with the arrival of some new pets (the mystery snails).

If you have any enquires regarding OSHClub please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.
Gemma

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DOWN IN THE ART ROOM...

The year has gotten off to a wonderful start in the new Art Room! The Year One, Two and Four students are currently attending art for an hour a week, and have quickly begun work on their new projects.

The Year One students are working on a weaving project, which will form the backdrop for a painting and collage artwork.

The Year Two students have been looking at the use of pictograms at events such as the Olympics and Commonwealth Games, and how they enable people to communicate through pictures, rather than speaking or writing. They have made their own sports-themed pictograms and will be using these to learn about printmaking.

The Year Four students have also begun the year with printmaking, and have been experimenting with transferring images to printing foam.

The students' work will soon be finished and on display around the school. Be sure to look out for it!

Please Check at home for School Reading Books

It is great to see our students' enthusiastic response to home reading this year. Can all parents please check at home to see if any reading books from previous years have not been returned to the school. We would be very grateful if they can be returned to any classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kindy Health Screening Forms

Kindy Parents

Please complete and return as soon as possible the School Entry Health Assessment Forms sent home with all Kindy children last week.
Thank you.

School Nurse

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SWAS FUN RUN

Saturday 17th March 2018 Bunbury Leschenault Inlet. First 100 entrants will receive a free T-shirt.
Head over to the SWAS website for the link to enter https://www.swaswa.com.au
10km Run, 5km Run/Walk and 2km Run for Juniors.

WA Child Safety Services – Creating Safer Communities
Cyber Safety Parent Workshop

Date: Thursday 8th March 2018 **Time:** 5.00pm to 7.30pm **Venue:** Kingston Primary School **Cost:** Free. **Bookings:** Phone Kingston PS on 9797 0451 by the 7th March 2018

Bunbury Junior Badminton

Have a try and registration evenings for ages 7 – 17 years. On Wednesday 21st and 28th March 2018 from 5.30pm to 7pm. **Venue:** The Badminton Centre, Rotary Drive next to the South West Sports Centre. Please contact Robert Italiano on 0417 990 431 for further information.

P&C News

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Thank you to the Commonwealth Bank Australind for assisting at the canteen one day a week and with the purchase of tables. Both are a fantastic contribution to our Breakfast Club.

The P&C will soon start preparation for our annual **Easter Raffle.** If you are able to help out in any capacity, ie. making the prizes, helping sort tickets or being there for the draw, please let us know ASAP.

The P&C is also looking for a coordinator for our family portrait day which only happens every 2 years. This year it is planned for Sunday 24th June 2018. If you would like to help and organise the bookings for the day please contact the P&C.

A busy bee is planned to put a new shed together for the newspaper storage on Tuesday 27th February 2018. If you can help out please let us or the office know.

Unfortunately Bonnie Sommerville has had to step down from her role on the P&C committee suddenly. I would like to thank Bonnie for her two years as Vice President and the past year as Treasurer. Always at my side to help everyone with anything and everything, she will be missed.

Welcome to Rebecca Broad. Thanks for answering the call for help and has started in the role of P&C Treasurer.

Our AGM is fast approaching so please put 13th March 2018, 7pm in the staffroom in your diaries. It is very important that the positions of President and Fundraising Coordinator are filled for the P&C to operate. Without these positions filled the Canteen and Uniform Shop will close. Thank you to those who found the time to come to last week's P&C meeting, but we do need more people to come to operate effectively.

Please don't hesitate to call if you would like more information on anything or would like to help out in any way.

Hope to see you all on the 13th March 2018 for the AGM, 7pm in the staffroom.

Kind regards
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Canteen Roster for Canteen Volunteers Term One

Please check to see if your class is rostered to help this term in the Canteen.

Week 5:
Monday 26/02/18 to Friday 02/03/18 **Room 19**
Week 6:
Tuesday 06/03/18 to Friday 09/03/18 **Room 18**
Week 7:
Monday 12/03/18 to Friday 16/03/18 **Room 17**

Free 2 hour Parenting Workshop "Dealing with Disobedience"

Come along to this parent group to find out the reasons children misbehave and discuss ways that encourage positive behaviour & cooperation in children. For parents/carers of children aged 3 to 8 years.**Venue:** Hudson Road Family Centre, Bunbury. **Date:** Friday 23rd March 2018 **Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am. **For booking or further information please phone 9795 2888 or visit the website www.childhealth@health.wa.gov.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 min limit of $10.00. No PayPass. Danielle can be contacted on 0408 027 709.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Self-Discipline

SELF-DISCIPLINE means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, you take charge of yourself. When you practice **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, you are controlling your own behaviour so others don't have to. **SELF-DISCIPLINE** brings you freedom. You get things done efficiently and have order in your life. Without **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, we procrastinate. We eat things we shouldn't. We lose control of our emotions. Then people feel hurt. With **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, life is more peaceful. Observe your feelings and thoughts, then decide how you are going to behave. If you feel angry, instead of yelling or hitting, you can acknowledge your anger, then use a calm voice to tell someone you are angry and why. It is your choice.

What would SELF-DISCIPLINE look like if…

- You have put off doing a big job for some time?
- You are really angry when your brother starts wrestling with you?
- You keep getting punished for breaking a rule?
- Your family has a rule of two lollies after school but no one is watching?
- You notice you are watching too much TV and feeling lazy?

Signs of Success are when…

- Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry
- Get things done in an orderly, efficient way
- Create routines for yourself
- Do what is expected without people having to watch over you
- Do things on time

Affirmation: I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.