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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
Our last P&C meeting didn't attract a quorum of 10 members.
We have 402 families in the school and we need many more parents to step up and support the school and P&C.
All executive positions are taken for 2019 so you will not be given a position. We do however need mums, dads and caregivers to rally around their children's school and support the P&C endeavours as all children at Parkfield benefit. Many schools ask parents to purchase iPads on the booklist, we don't because our amazing P&C works hard to make sure we keep education costs down by donating money for these items. If you can't attend meetings, please volunteer to help in the canteen or with our fundraising efforts by giving your **time**.
Parkfield is a strong community that relies on parents taking responsibility for supporting their children through school.
Our Parkfield P&C has an up to date Facebook page and you can contact the P&C Executive Team through that medium, by email or ringing the school to tell us you can help out.

**Australind Senior High School Parent Information Night for Year 5 and 6 families**

*Parkfield Library:* ***Wednesday 22nd May 2019 6:00pm to 7:00pm***

This evening is for Year 5 and 6 parents and carers who would like to know about what is on offer for their child at Australind Senior High School (ASHS). The evening will focus on the transition to Year 7, but also beyond, sharing other opportunities as students' high school adventures continue into Year 8 and through to Year 12. We start with the end in mind. It is also a chance to meet the following key ASHS staff:
Principal: *Domenic Camera*
Deputy Principals: *Nigel Wakefield and Ben Lagana*
Inclusivity Coordinator: *Marie Simpson*
Transition Coordinator: *Kelly Prime*
Science Leader*: Brett Gaskell*
Network Administrator: *Chad Roberts*

We encourage parents and carers to ask questions during this presentation, whether it's about school uniform, canteen, teachers or the BYO device program. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Reconciliation Bridge Walk 2019**

On Sunday 26th May 2019 at 10:30am starting at the Waradandi Boodja Sculpture at Koombana Bay, some staff and students from Parkfield will be marching to support reconciliation between the broader Australian community and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The march will proceed to the Graham Bicknell Music Shell. All Parkfield students and caregivers are welcome to attend.

**Thank You**

A big thank you Mauretta Scanlan and Brenton Myles who have kindly offered to donate a trailer load of wood to the School P&C to raffle later this term. We greatly appreciate this kind gesture.

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

- Ring **97965900** during office hours;
- Email Parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au;
- Send an absentee notification through the Parkfield App

**School Parking**

In an effort to maintain safe and efficient movement around the school we encourage parents to follow the appropriate road signage. In particular, keeping bus bays strictly for buses, the staff carpark for staff vehicles and disabled bays for those with the appropriate ACROD sticker.

**2020 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in 2020 are now being taken. Please contact the school office to collect your enrolment package.

**WA Day Holiday**

Monday the 3rd of June 2019 is a public holiday. Students are to return on Tuesday 4th of June 2019.

Thank you.
Charlie Serravite - Principal

# Sports Update

Next week, **Thursday 30th May,** we have our annual **House Cross Country** event, which involves all students in **Years 3-6**. If your child is unable to participate for a certain reason, please provide a note to their classroom teacher. Students will be walking the track this week. Please be aware they will be leaving school grounds to run the cross country track. Teachers and adult supervises will be positioned around the track to ensure the student's safety.

The Year 3/4 track is approximately 1000m and the Year 5/6 track approximately 2000m. **The event will commence on the school oval at 1:15pm**, with Year 3 students running first. Students finishing in the top five for their event will receive a place ribbon. The winner will also receive a championship medallion to proudly hang around their neck. Best of luck to all students and remember to pace yourself.

Thank you.
*Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher*

# Music Notes

## with Mrs Luke

The Music Department is a thriving, energetic place to be.

The Concert Band had their first public performance at the last assembly and wowed the school with their bright, tight sound playing a rendition of We Will Rock You and Another One Bites the Dust by Queen. The children had a mixture of anxiousness and excitement before the performance, but harnessed their adrenalin to put on a wonderful performance. They are very proud of themselves, and with good reason. In her 'free choice' diary writing, Alice in Room 1 wrote, "I liked the assembly. My favourite part was the band." I look forward to many more performances by the Concert Band.

In the general classroom, we have been discovering many exciting things about the world of Music. All classes have had a look at the inside of our piano and how it works. This proved to be quite an eye-opener for many students.

# Down in the Art Room.....

All year levels attending Art have now completed their clay projects. We will wait a few weeks for these to dry thoroughly, before firing them in the kiln. Towards the end of the term they will then be painted and decorated.

The Year Two students have also completed their bird sculptures. These big, bright, crazy looking birds are on display in the library and the students' classrooms. Please drop by to have a look at their efforts.

The Year One and Two students have started our Art History unit. This semester we are going back in time to the very first artworks which were created…cave and rock art! The students will be learning about the colours, materials, tools and images that were used, before creating their own cave art masterpiece. Did you know that the Kimberley region of Western Australia has some of the oldest rock art in the world? Have a look at the Japingka Aboriginal Art Gallery website for more information.

Are you a keen photographer who is looking for a new challenge? AQWEST is running its photography competition again, with entries closing on the 28th June. There are 16 prizes in the junior section, and it would be wonderful to have another Parkfield student take out a prize. Information about the competition is available on the AQWEST website, and there are competition brochures available in the front office and the art room.

*Julie Astill –Arts Specialist*

# Give a Damn Give a Can

**This is the final week for donating to this appeal.**

Please get your non-perishable donations in as soon as possible. **Suggested donations** could be: pasta, rice, baked beans, canned meals, canned fruits and vegetable, soups, biscuits, teabags, cereal, sugar, UHT milk and toiletries.

This is a great opportunity for our students to be personally involved in a community service program. Donations can be dropped off into the boxes located in the undercover area. Thank you.

**The ELLA (Early Language Learning Australia)** program has begun in the Pre Primary classes.

All three classes have been using the IPADS that were kindly donated by the Parkfield P&C for the program. We thank the school's P&C for supporting our school and the classes with this fantastic contribution.

Pre Primary students have been using the apps in the room for ELLA and are very enthusiastic and focussed on the task. The sound of the students speaking in Japanese and learning the words is wonderful.

Myself (Taylor Sensei) and our wonderful exchange Japanese assistant Ayasan, visit the classes once a week to be involved in the program with the students.

All of the Pre Primary teachers and assistants are extremely enthusiastic and supportive of the program and it has been a wonderful beginning to the ELLA program.

## Science Snippets from Mrs Brooks

We were very lucky to have a guest speaker, Dr Brad Tucker, visit with the Year 6 students on Wednesday 8th May 2019. Dr Tucker is the head astrophysicist at Mt Stromlo Observatory near Canberra and he shared some of his knowledge of the objects in our solar system.

- Did you know that Mars is home to the largest volcano in our solar system? Olympic Mons is about 22km in height and about two and a half times Mount Everest's height above sea level.
- Did you know that Venus is the hottest planet, even though it is not the closest to the Sun?
- Do you know what spaghettification is? Scientists use this word to describe the process by which (in some theories) an object would be stretched and ripped apart by gravitational forces on falling into a black hole!

Huge thanks to Australind Senior High School and Mr Hayden Brown who included our school in Dr Tuckers busy schedule.

## BOOK FAIR – Term 2

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parkfield families for supporting our recent Book Fair. We have raised a substantial amount of money to be spent on Library books for your children to read and enjoy.

This week is National Volunteer Week! I would like to thank all my wonderful volunteers who helped at the Book Fair and who also help during the school year in the Library to make our Library run smoothly!! A huge thank you!!

*Mrs Moran*

***Book Club** – Catalogues have been sent home to families. Orders are due back by **3pm** on **Thursday 23rd May 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*

## Introducing a focus on Gifted and Talented Education

In the next few newsletters, I would like to introduce a focus on some issues relevant to gifted and talented education. As newsletter space is limited, the information will be brief but of interest to relevant parents.
Gifted and Talented students typically have unique or special learning characteristics. The following is a list of some of these characteristics.

- The student has advanced vocabulary for the age or grade. They use words easily and accurately.
- They read independently a great deal and enjoy reading difficult material.
- They have the ability to deal with abstract concepts (the things that you cannot touch but can feel eg happiness, freedom, peace of mind etc.)
- They can see similarities, patterns and differences.
- Can generalize from one situation to another.
- Finds pleasure in intellectual activity.
- They know a great deal about a variety of topics.
- Have quick mastery and recall of factual information.
- They are quick learners.
- They have a long attention span.

Does your child have some of these characteristics? If you would like more information on the identification of gifted and talented students, please see Mrs Quinn in Room 12.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn is on again until – 25th June 2019

**Thank you to all the families who have been dropping their Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers into the collection boxes located in the front office and at Pre Primary.** Please ask extended family and friends to collect for our school**.** Last year we collected 30,180 stickers, this year we are aiming for 40,000.

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**Fortnightly Tip aimed at Dads with primary school children: Removing Distractions**

Focus on removing distractions and making the most of the 'little moments' to connect with your children.

- Drive the kids to school or picking them up in the afternoon can be a great time to talk together but it's easy to get distracted by phones, iPods and other devices and toys.
- Try making it a rule that all schoolbags, phones and other 'distractors' must go in the boot.
- It may take a few days to enforce this habit and for the children to get used to it, but persevere and they will soon start talking.
- Make sure you are not similarly distracted – turn off the radio and your phone.

# P&C News

**Mother's Day Stall** - A big thank you to all the parents/carers for sending in money with their children. The stall was very well supported.

Thank you to Mrs Vicki Fisher for donating our lovely Succulent Gardens and Eryn in the canteen for our delicious cupcakes. Congratulations to our raffle winners Oliver Gorham, Jessica Burch and Willem Bakker. We hope your mums were thrilled.

A very big thank you to our army of volunteers. Cindy, Sarah, Candice, Bel, Rachael, Bec, Amy, Jo, Vanessa, Kristy, Kerri-Anne and of course Jodi Wheat for organizing it. Thank you ladies. We couldn't do it without you. Jodi puts in a huge amount of work all year to get it together. She does an AMAZING job. We hope all the ladies had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Thank you again for supporting your P&C. Feel free to pop in to our next meeting and see what's it's all about. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Thanks so much. Have a great day.

*Parkfield P&C President*
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## Parkfield Galley - Volunteer Roster Term 2

Any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

Week 5 Monday 27/5/19– Friday 31/5/19 **Room 6**
Week 6 Tuesday 4/6/19 – Friday 7/6/19 **Room 5**
Week 7 Monday 10/6/19 – Friday 14/6/19 **Room 4**

**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 has been the place to be this fortnight.....

Down in T3 we have been expressing ourselves creatively in many different ways - Origami, recycled crafts, balloon craft and much more.

We celebrated our wonderful Mother's by making gifts such as decorated coffee mugs, handmade cards and jewellery to show our Mum's how much we treasure and love them.

Our new resources have been very popular amongst the OSH children with us now being able to enjoy totem tennis, hunter, handball championships, mosaic puzzles and stemnex.

Can eggs bounce? We are currently conducting a science experiment to find out if it's possible for eggs to bounce, please stay tuned to find out the results.

In my last newsletter piece, I mentioned the framework we follow and what benefits this can have for your child/children.

My Time, Our Place is part of the Australian Government's National Quality Framework which is about ensuring children receive a high standard of education and care. What the framework says: The framework is designed to inspire conversations, improve communication and provide a common language about children's play, leisure and learning among children themselves, their families, the broader community, school age care educators and other professionals. If you have any enquires regarding OSHClub please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Gemma

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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.

# Virtue For The Fortnight - Tact

**TACT** is telling the truth kindly, with consideration for how your words will affect others. It is knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. **TACT** is thinking before you speak. When you are tactful, you don't tease or point out people's differences to embarrass them. You are as careful about others' feelings as you would like them to be of yours. When people do not practice **TACT**, they are rude and blunt. They go around saying whatever pops into their heads. They may tell the truth, but they do it in a way that hurts or embarrasses others. People get mad. You can lose friends if you forget to act with **TACT**. When you are tactful, others find it easier to hear what you have to say. **TACT** builds bridges. You practice **TACT** by being kind when you tell the truth. Stop and think before you speak. Don't react – act with **TACT**! **TACT** is especially important when you feel angry or upset. Rather than just shouting out your feelings, take time to calm down, and then share your feelings diplomatically. With **TACT**, you can tell people almost anything and they will be thankful to hear it.

**What would Tact look like if...**

- You meet someone who has a handicap?
- You feel really mad at your brother about something?
- You get upset when your teacher does something you think is unfair?
- Your friend asks you if you like her strange haircut?
- You are hugging your father and notice he has bad breath?

**Signs of Success are when….**

- Think before you speak
- Often keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself
- Become sensitive to other people's feelings
- Tell the truth kindly and gently
- Treat people who look different as you

**Affirmation:** *I act with tact. I think before I speak. I am considerate of other people's feelings. I tell the truth kindly and gently.*