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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
We have had a very pleasing and promising start to 2020. The first three weeks have flown by and students and staff are keenly working on the teaching and learning programs.

New School Chaplain
We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Joanne Campbell will be our new school Chaplain. Mrs Campbell comes with a wealth of Parkfield experience as a former parent, teacher, P&C President and Executive Committee member.
Mrs Campbell's role will be to support the students at Parkfield through her pastoral care and engage with families where necessary.
Mrs Campbell will commence on Tuesday the 3rd of March and work at Parkfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parkfield App for FIFO and Shift Workers
A reminder to families that the school has its own App. To download, search for **"Parkfield Primary School"** in the App/Play Store. You can keep in touch with what is going on at school with our App, Classroom Seesaw, the fortnightly newsletter and our Parkfield website.

Seesaw
Thank you to all the families and caregivers that have signed up to Seesaw already.
This year all classes at Parkfield will be using the Seesaw App to communicate classroom happenings to families. The tool is not to take over the important face to face discussions that need to occur when personal situations arise. The frequency and type of use is up to each teachers' discretion.

P&C Office Bearers required
The next P&C meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 10th March 2020 where all committee positions are declared vacant. Please consider taking on one of these roles. The P&C is a vital part of the school community, come along and hear what is planned for this year and show your support.
We have a terrific band of workers supporting the P&C but desperately need Parkfield parents to put their hand up to take on these Executive roles for 2020. If you would like more information, feel free to contact me on 97965900.

Parking around the School
This is an annual issue and one that is dependent on parent responsibility and decision-making. We do have enough car spots around the school to accommodate all necessary parking. The top carpark is generally very empty as parents won't walk across from it to school. We have beautiful weather in Australind (not this week) and a short walk across Chapple Drive is not only healthy, but gives you a chance to start debriefing the day.
The school staff carpark is **totally out of bounds** to all parents at all times except those with valid Disabled Parking cards.

Road Safety near misses
In the last week we have had some near misses between cars and scooters near the school. Would all parents please remind their children to look carefully before crossing the road if they are walking or riding a bike or scooter. We will reinforce the Road Safety rules at school.

School Contributions
We would like to take this opportunity to encourage those families who still have contributions outstanding, to consider payment as soon as possible.
Families who may experience difficulty with payment of contributions and charges, and are in receipt of any Centrelink payments, can arrange to complete a Centrepay Application, which is a free direct bill paying service. This form is available from the office.

All the **$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children.

The Smith Family
In 2019, Parkfield Primary School joined the *Learning for Life Program* sponsored by The Smith Family. This was a coup for our school and means that we are able to offer support to needy families for the duration of a child's school life; primary, secondary and tertiary.
Selected parents need to meet the criteria to be eligible for a Smith Family scholarship. If you have a Centrelink or Healthcare card, please contact the school to discuss your eligibility.

Thank you.
Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

This term, students in **Years 5-6** will be participating in the **House Swimming Carnival**. Students wishing to enter the 50m events will be required to participate in trials. These trials will take place during swimming lessons. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials (Yrs 5-6) – Week 4 (During swimming lessons)
- House Swimming Carnival (Yrs 5-6) – Week 8, Friday 27th March.

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. There is free entry and shade for spectators.

Thank you to the Australind Swimming Club and parents that have offered to help at our carnival. Your offer to help is greatly appreciated and all positions are now filled.

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight – PE Teacher

Down in the Art Room.....

Discussing artwork with your child is a wonderful opportunity to explore and develop their vocabulary. Whether these are artworks created at school, or masterpieces made at home, here are some question prompts to help generate a conversation about the process they went through when developing their ideas.

- What can you tell me about your art?
- How did you get the idea for this painting/drawing/sculpture?
- What did you learn that you didn't know before?
- What do you like about your art?
- Why did you...? (eg. to reflect on elements such as colour choice, layout, features included)
- How were you feeling when you made this artwork?
- How do you hope other people will feel when they see your work?
- If you could make this artwork again, what would you do differently?

Spending time focusing on the process and effort that was required to develop the work, rather than simply reflecting on the end product, allows your child to think more critically and creatively about their work.

Julie Astill – Arts Specialist

P&C News

Thank you to those parents who attended our first meeting for the year. At this meeting we **donated $10 000 to the school for purchasing 20 new iPads**. We love having the ability to support the school for items like this, ensuring our kids don't miss out on learning valuable IT skills and as parents, we don't have to supply devices.

Your support of our uniform shop, canteen and fundraising events allows us to assist the school in this manner, so a huge thank you to everyone!

We'd love to continue supporting the school in 2020 with running the uniform shop and canteen along with our wonderful annual events such as the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls.
However, to do this, we really need your help!

Our **AGM is on Tuesday 10th March at 7 pm** where all committee positions are declared vacant. The P&C committee consists of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, plus 3 others usually a uniform shop coordinator, canteen coordinator and fundraising coordinator.

We need more parents to become actively involved in the P&C, attending meetings, volunteering and taking on roles to be able to continue operating and supporting the school.

We are especially looking for a new President, Vice President and Fundraising Coordinator. If you would like more information on any of these roles please contact us via email, parkfieldpandc@gmail.com, our Facebook page or our secretary Rebecca on 0408 301 419.

Thank you.
Parkfield P&C

BUNBURY ROLLER SKATING CLUB Inc.
THE RINK
16 Gibbons Rd, Bunbury
Open Day!
21st March $5 3 - 4:30
Classes
Demonstrations
Games & Prizes
Social Skating
+ FREE Welcome Pack

Waste Wise Matters

Welcome to the 2020 school year!

As a Waste Wise school, we have been carefully watching our waste. We are very pleased to report that as a result of our efforts, we are definitely reducing the amount of waste that is going into landfill!

This term, we have once again had a number of students' volunteer to become Waste Warriors, and we really appreciate the service they provide to both our school community and our environment.

This year we are delighted to have two of our very first Year Three students, Dempsey Burns and Lilly Stubbs, join our team of Waste Warriors and they are doing an amazing job!

The role of a Waste Warrior is very important as they are the environmental leaders of our school. To recognise them as such, they are provided with green vests, rubbish 'grabbers', gloves, badges and VIP seating in the Undercover Area. They all take their role and responsibilities very seriously, and some of our Year Six students have been involved since the commencement of the initiative in 2018. For this we are extremely proud of them!

During lunchtimes, Waste Warriors assist their peers with sorting their lunchtime waste into the correct stream; landfill, recycling or compostable items.

Walking around the school during recess and lunch, we have noticed many students eating waste free lunches or lunches that contain very little single use plastic. Thank you to everyone who has helped contribute to our waste reduction thus far.

As a means of reducing our waste even further, **'Waste Free Wednesdays'** are continuing this year and will take place each week.
It has been fabulous to see so many students remembering this, and conscientiously considering their waste on Wednesdays.

For the benefit of those whom are new to Parkfield, as well as our Year One families, on Waste Free Wednesdays, students are asked to bring waste free lunches containing as little single use plastic items as possible to school, and to take any rubbish they may have home with them, including any uneaten food.

If your child orders their lunch from the canteen on Wednesdays, they can give their packaging from canteen meals to the Waste Warriors who will assist with sorting it into the correct waste disposal stream.

We really appreciate your ongoing assistance with Waste Free Wednesdays, and your continued support with reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill from our school.

Sarah Dunbar-Stuart, Pam Offer and the Waste Wise Team.

FORTNIGHTLY TIP: LEARNING AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME

It's important to encourage your kids learning at school and in the home - education empowers our kids, giving them the ability to interpret the world around them.
Learning at home is an opportunity for schools to collaborate with families to foster positive attitudes. It builds the capacity to support your child's education and wellbeing at home and at school.

Here are some tips to help you support your child with learning at home:

- Learning at home is a reinforcement of the learning that has taken place in class;
- Support 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, listening to them read, 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 the question
- Don't let it turn into a battle or become a negative part of their routine; If you find that your child is struggling with the work or it's causing anxiety and conflict, its best to stop and arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the issues you are having at home. In this instance, you can instead choose an activity like reading a book or sharing a story, something that causes less stress and anxiety.

What's On the Noticeboard

The Bunbury Barbarians Junior Rugby Union Club – Family fun registration day to be held on the **7th March 2020 from 11:00am to 2:00pm**. Come down to our home ground in Leschenault to see what it's all about!
Free activities: Water play bouncy castle, face painting, rugby clinics, lawn games such as giant Connect 4 and much more.
Food: Kiwi Kai Food Truck, Coffee Ute, Churros Spanish Donuts and a sausage sizzle. Please see the website for further information.
www.juniorbarbarians.com.au or 0447 193 115.
Email juniorbarbarians@gmail.com

Tree Street Art Safari 2020 – A free community event to be held on **Saturday 21st March 2020** from 10:00am – 5:00pm. The Tree Street Art Safari will again weave its way through the streets of Bunbury showcasing regional artists in yards, studios and homes within the Tree Street Area. The exhibitions include all mediums such as jewellery, painting, sculpture, woodworks, ceramics and pottery.
Download the map at stirlingstreetarts.com.au, email events@joodea.com.au or collect from the Stirling Street Arts Centre, Bunbury Visitor Centre or the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery.

Come Join MLC Netball - Games are played at LLC on Monday & Friday nights as well as Saturday mornings for year 3 to year 12. Players will be required to pre-register online via the links on our website mlc.wa.netball.com.au. Please contact Tricia on 0419 992 905 for further information.
Sunday 8th March LLC
10-11am Yrs 3&4 Registration Only
10-11am Yrs 5&6
11am -12.30pm Yrs 8-12 and 2.30pm – 2.15pm Yr 7

Relationships Australia Courses Bunbury

Morning and Evening Workshops 2 ½ hours each

Understanding Angry Emotions	18 Feb	6pm-8.30pm
Mindfulness – Transform Your Relationships	4 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Understanding Angry Emotions for Women	10 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Setting Healthy Boundaries	11 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Communication in Relationships	17 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Express Yourself Assertively	18 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Successful Single Parenting	27 Mar	9.30am-12pm
Supporting Your Anxious Child	31 Mar	6pm-8.30pm
Step Families - An Introduction	1 Apr	6pm-8.30pm
Communication in Relationships for Men	2 Apr	6pm-8.30pm
Healthy Conflict in Relationships	7 Apr	6pm-8.30pm
Healthy Self Esteem	8 Apr	6pm-8.30pm
Fathering after Separation	9 Apr	6pm-8.30pm

2 ½ hour workshops - $30pp per workshop

For further info please phone 6164 0566 or email Bunbury.Education@relationshipswa.org.au

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
Seminar Series – (Thurs) – 5:45pm – 7.30pm
Bunbury City & Regional Library.
Feb 20th The Power of Positive Parenting
Feb 27th Raising Confident, Competent Children
Mar 5th Raising Resilient Children (no crèche avail)
https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uken/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-western-australia/

Circle of Security - Free 6-week program for Dads of children 0-5 years. Please email claire.philipps@health.wa.gov.au or call 9795 2888

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

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00. There is No PayPass. Danelle can be contacted on 0423 079 342. Thank you.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Unity

UNITY helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice **UNITY,** you feel connected to everyone and everything. **UNITY** brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra. **UNITY** comes when we value each person. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all. Without **UNITY**, differences scare people and drive them apart. Without **UNITY,** each person stands alone. When we come together in **UNITY**, we cooperate. We work together to accomplish more than any one of us could by ourselves. We feel a sense of **UNITY** with all living things, and do our part to care for the earth. When you practice **UNITY**, you look at your prejudices and are willing to let them go. **UNITY** doesn't mean being the same. Just as every leaf on a tree has a unique design, each person on this earth is someone special. When you practice **UNITY**, you see the specialness in each person, not as a reason to fight or be scared, but as a gift. Working in **UNITY** with others gets things done efficiently. **UNITY** is solving conflict peacefully by listening and finding solutions.

What would Unity look like if...

- The teacher gives you an assignment to do with a group?
- You overhear someone teasing a child of a different race and calling her names?
- You notice that all your friends toss their trash into the creek?
- You become angry with a brother or sister and feel like saying hurtful things?

Signs of Success are when….

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things

Affirmation: I am in unity with others. I appreciate differences. I do not support prejudice. I am a peacemaker. I care for the earth and all living things