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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
We have had an outstanding start to the 2018 school year and we greatly appreciate the efforts of the parents, students and staff in making this happen.

A warm welcome to the numerous new families and students to Parkfield Primary School. We are pleased that you have come to Parkfield and we are confident that your time with us will be rewarding.

Why should I read the newsletter?
Communication is the key ingredient to success in the modern world. The newsletter is a way we can reach all parents at the same time to inform them of activities, happenings and policies that will affect the Parkfield Community. The newsletter is also a great way for the family to discuss what has been happening at school. The newsletter can also be found on our school website.

New Parkfield Staff
A special welcome to our new and returning staff members, Narelle Pickering, Janine Cochrane and Katheryn Perks.

Parkfield's Vision
Parkfield Primary School's vision is to provide a safe, inspiring and creative learning environment. We will create opportunities for students to engage in outstanding learning programs, strive for excellence and become active citizens who make healthy and responsible decisions. We will promote a culture of individuality, inclusivity, diversity and respect; for ourselves, our community and the environment.

Our 2018 Parkfield focus areas will be to;

- Improve Literacy and Numeracy across all levels of schooling.
- Embed our evidence based Teaching and Learning strategies to improve student outcomes.

Upcoming Busy Bee to assemble Newspaper Storage Shed
We are hoping to get some volunteers to assist with the assembly of a new shed on the 27th February 2018 for our recycling of newspapers. The new shed will be located next door to the existing shed. Our gardener Mr Warren Plumb will coordinate this.

P&C Meeting
I would like to invite our parents to the first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2018 which is being held on **Tuesday 13th February** in the staffroom at 7.00pm. Please feel welcome to join in this important part of the school community.

Parkfield App
A reminder to families that the school has its own App. To download, search for **"Parkfield Primary School"** in the App/Play Store. It is an important method of regular communication to parents.

Before School Parent Supervision
Parents who come to school with their child before 8:30am can **sit** with them outside their classroom and are responsible for their child. *No playing* outside classrooms please. Friends need to go to the undercover area or oval.
Students who arrive at school before 8.15am must go straight to the undercover area with their bag. If the weather is fine they will be dismissed to the oval at 8.15am and must take their bag with them. Bags are not to be dropped off at the classrooms. We have teachers on duty in the undercover area and on the oval at the notated times.

Sun Smart – No Hat Play in the Shade
We are a Sun Safe school, therefore broad brim hats are a necessity. No caps or fashion hats are to be brought to school please.
It is very important for students to wear the correct broad brimmed hat to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock.

Thank You Parkfield Community
A huge thank you to the Parkfield community for their support during January's Bankwest Easy Grants round. As a result of all your diligent voting, Parkfield has won $1000! This money will be used to buy iPads for our students. Thank you Bankwest and to our amazing Parkfield family and friends.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials (Yrs 5-6) – Week 6, Tuesday 6th March 2018.
- 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

In Term Swimming Lessons

Enrolment forms have been sent home with students in Years 3 - 6. Lessons commence on Monday 19th February and will be held at Koombana Bay. The cost is $25 for the 10 days through to Friday 2nd March 2018. Additional enrolment forms are available from the front office if needed.

Road Safety Tips

As we embark on a new school term, it is important to remember the importance of some basic road safety rules around school. Please drive carefully remembering the **40km per hour speed zones**. The zones are applicable from 7.30am - 9am and 2.30pm – 4pm. Please be mindful of children and their parents walking and cycling to school, as well as those students catching buses or waiting to be picked up by parents in vehicles. Schools can be very busy places at drop off and pick up time, and your courtesy and patience are appreciated.
Thank you.

Maree Quinn – Road Safety Coordinator

"Notes" from the Music Room...

Welcome back to the start of another great year at Parkfield.
Students in Years 3-6 who have been to Music already will have received information about Choir, Ukulele, D.R.U.M. and the instrumental program. They have also begun their year's journey to becoming GREAT MUSICIANS!
Year 4s will begin learning the recorder this year. Notes regarding this have been sent home with the Year 4 students and any new students. Please remember to purchase or organise a recorder as quickly as possible so the classes can begin their Music reading, writing and playing activities. If you have any questions about your child's Music Education, please come and see me in the Music Room.

☺ Mrs J Rogers

Canteen Volunteers Needed

We urgently need volunteers to assist in the school canteen. To keep a full canteen running in a school this large we rely on volunteers. We would greatly appreciate any time you can spare. Please see the classroom roster below to see if you can offer your assistance. Please call by the canteen and have a chat to our Canteen Manager Eryn, or phone 97258135 to lend a hand.

Week 2:
Monday 5/02/18 – Friday 9/02/18 Room 22
Week 3:
Monday 12/02/18 – Friday 16/02/18 Room 21
Week 4:
Monday 19/02/18 – Friday 23/02/18 Room 20
Week 5:
Monday 26/02/18 – Friday 2/03/18 Room 19

To recognise our volunteers we would like to offer the following as a way to show our appreciation for your time.

***Breakfast Club* Shift** 8am – 9am a free milo and toast/fruit.
The Prep Shift *9am* – 11am **$2 canteen voucher** for your child.
The Pack It Up Shift 11am – 1pm **$2 canteen voucher** for your child.
The All Dayer 9am - 1pm $**5 canteen voucher** for your child and a free lunch for yourself!!

BOOK CLUB NEWS for 2018

Thank you to all our wonderful Parkfield families who support our Book Club program – thanks to your generosity you are not only providing your children with a wide variety of exciting reading material

but also allowing us to put more resources onto the Library shelves for them to read and enjoy. We appreciate your support very much. We would like to also say a huge thank you to Mrs Rebecca Dias and Mrs Yolanda Taylor for all their hard work managing the issues twice a term and getting all your new items out to your children.

Issue One will be coming out soon and is due back **Thursday, 15th February** – so look out for the brochures coming home.

Many thanks – Mrs Moran and the Book Club Team

Chaplain's Chat

As the children go back to school and things at home return to normal, it's time to remember the fantastic teachers our children have at school. Our teachers encourage their students to achieve their best both at school and in life, and I am privileged to witness firsthand the effort our teachers give to our students even before school begins. Their ongoing effort throughout the year just blows me away. They deserve all the encouragement we can give them. So take the opportunity to encourage them on this year's journey to guide your children to achieve their best.

TIPS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Keep things simple and positive

If you give clear instructions in simple terms, your children will know what's expected of them – for example, 'Please hold my hand when we cross the road'. And positive rules are usually better than negative ones, because they guide your child's behaviour in a positive way. For example, 'Please shut the gate' is better than 'Don't leave the gate open'.

I hope you had someone special gathered around your Christmas tree over the holidays. It's what memories are made of.

Geoff Harrison - Chaplain

Friends travelling on the Orange School Buses

Parents please be aware that students who use this service and wish to take a friend home, need to formally register to do so. Approval to have a friend travel home with them must be given at least 24hours prior to the date of travel by the bus company.

Please contact the school office on 97258135 for further assistance to avoid any disappointment.

School Contributions

Thank you to those parents who have already paid the contributions for their children. 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 payment, 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.

Last year we achieved an excellent result of 70% of families paid their school contributions and this year we have set a target of 80%.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Settlers Playgroup invites you to an open day on **Friday 9th February 2018** from **9.30am to 11.30am.**

Join them for a morning of fun at Settlers Hall, Marine Drive, Leschenault. Please bring a hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Children's age group: 0 – 5 years.

Story and sing along, toys, craft, raffle, gift bags, tea and coffee. For more information please contact Rosalind on 0448 155 646.

T20 Blast Program at Leschenault Cricket Club.

Did you love the Big Bash? Then T20 Blast is for you. You are invited to come and try your first session for free on **Wednesday 7th February** from **4.30pm – 6pm** at the Leschenault Cricket Club. An 8 week program is on offer. Please contact coordinator, Kristy Lind on 0448 170 741 or kristy_lind@outlook.com. Visit playcricket.com.au to find out more.

Leschenault Sporting Association (LSA) is holding a **Family Open Day** on the **17th February 2018 at 12.00pm,** to support the registration period of their winter sports, Australian Rules Football (Juniors, Seniors, Vets) and Soccer (Juniors, Seniors).

Activities on the day will include a Water Slide (1pm – 5pm), Bouncy Castle (12 noon – 6.30pm), Face Painting, Train Rides, Sporting Exhibitions, Outdoor Cinema (6.45pm), Popcorn and Hotdogs/Sausage Sizzle. The Bar and Restaurant will be open.

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 voucher in the box in the front office or give it to your teacher. Let's work together for some free sporting equipment! Go Parkfield!

P&C News

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and your children are settling into their classes well. It was great to meet some of you at our morning tea last Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to our volunteers for setting up and being available to chat.

Sadly our Treasurer has had to tender her resignation unexpectedly. If you would like to come on board or would like further information about the role please email.

Our AGM is coming up in March. All positions are declared open and then the nominations for each position are asked for. If you are interested we will be making nomination forms available soon, or feel free to contact us for further information.

Our first P&C meeting for the year is on Tuesday the 13th February 2018, in the staffroom at 7pm. They generally run for approximately one hour. We would love to see you there.

Catherine Stevens
President Parkfield P&C
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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Mondays
8.45am - 9.30am
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 - 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.