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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We have had a very enthusiastic start to the year thanks to the joint effort from parents, teachers and students. Thank you to all our parents for sending your children to school looking smart in their school uniform and with all their requirements for school. We had 100% of students in uniform on the first day for the third year running.

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.

A big thank you also to our energetic P&C for their support of our new and first time parents last week. The Parkfield P&C play an important role in our school community and welcome new members to our first meeting next week.

New Parkfield Staff
A special welcome to our new and returning staff members to Parkfield, Christy Manuel, Lucy Howe, Michelle Ridge, Anne Docherty, Kelly Coppen, Debbi Dyer, Natalie Else, Miranda Gerson and Theresa Ugle.

Attendance
Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depends on consistent attendance and participation. Every day at school matters because students can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available.
Children build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year.

P&C Meeting
I would like to invite our parents to the first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2017 which is being held on Tuesday 14th February in the staff room 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.

Before School Supervision
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.
Parents who come to school with their child 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.

Deepest Sympathy
Our sincere condolences to Liz, Zac and Jacob Allan on the sad passing of their husband and father Ian over the holiday break. Our thoughts are with you.

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.

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 to wear the correct broad brimmed hat especially as we are heatwave conditions.

Contact Information
Parents, please ensure that the school is kept well informed of any changes of address and telephone numbers - home, work and mobile.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

SPORTS UPDATE

This term only students in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the **House Swimming Carnival**. In preparation for the carnival, students in Years 5 and 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials (Yrs 5-6) – Week 4, Tuesday 21st February.
- House Swimming Carnival (Yrs 5-6) – Week 4, Friday 24th February.

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!

Thankyou
Trevor Sleight
PE Teacher

Hayley Garner, Mia Wagstaff and Taya Larkman

The 2017 Swimming WA SunSmart Country Championships were held at HBF stadium in Perth over the school holidays

361 swimmers from all over rural and regional WA competed. Parkfield Primary School students from Golden West Dolphins Swimming Club took home 19 medals in total and shared in Silver for the Girls 10&U 200m Freestyle Relay and Bronze for the girls 10&U 200m Medley Relay.

For anyone interested in joining our Swim Club, Dolphins are holding a Splash and Dash Carnival at Harvey Swimming Pool on Sunday, 19th of February.

Down in the Art Room…

Welcome back to the school year! We have quite a crowd in the art room this year, with the Year 3 students also attending Visual Arts lessons in 2017. It is wonderful to have their energy and enthusiasm back in the Art Room, and to have the opportunity to continue to build upon the skills they have developed over the past two years.

We're beginning the year with some ambitious projects! The Year One students will be tackling some paper weaving and collage work. The Year Two students will be creating some delicious looking papier-mâché fruit bowls, whilst the Year Three students will have the opportunity to extend the incredible weaving skills they developed last year by creating Woven Selfies. I think it is going to be a busy and exciting term in the Art Room.

Call Out for Cooling Racks!

Do you happen to have any spare, unwanted cake cooling racks rattling around in the cupboard at home? I'm chasing a couple of dozen donations to assist us with a project planned for later on in the term. If your own cooling racks are all busily employed, would you have a friend or family member you might ask? If you have any to spare, could you please drop them off in the Art Room (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or the front office.

All donations would be most appreciated!
Julie Astill
Visual Arts Specialist

Relationship Australia Bunbury Seminars and Courses

Family Patterns (6 week course) Mondays, 6 Feb 9.30am - 12noon $110pp
Rebuilding after Separation and Divorce Thursdays, 16 Feb 9.30am-12noon $150pp (8 week course)
Understanding Angry Emotions Wednesday, 1 Mar 9.30am-12noon $30pp
Healthy Self Esteem Tuesday, 14 Mar 6.30pm-9pm $30pp
Mindfulness – an antidote to stress Tuesday, 21 Mar 6.30pm-9pm $30pp
Healthy Self Esteem Wednesday, 22 Mar 9.30am-12noon $30pp
Self Worth – Free to be me Monday, 1 May 9.30am-12noon $150pp (8 week course)
Family of Origin Tuesday, 9 May 6.30pm-9pm $30pp
To book Ph 6164 0566

BOOKCLUB

Book club orders are due back by 3pm on **Thursday 9th February 2017**. Please place orders in an envelope and put in the gold box in the Library. Thank you.

P&C NEWS

Welcome to 2017 at Parkfield Primary School. We hope everyone is settling into the new school year smoothly. It was great to see so many faces stop by at the Coffee Cake and Chat last week. It was lovely to see people exchanging numbers and finding out about opportunities for activities within and outside the school. We look forward to seeing you around the school in the near future.

Parkfield P&C is now on Facebook. Please like us to keep in touch with P&C events.

Our first meeting for the year is the 14th February, 7pm in the staffroom. Can't get a sitter? Better find another excuse ☺. The library will be set up to accommodate any kids that need to come along. Just let us know so we are prepared. Our meetings rarely go past 8pm, so hopefully it doesn't affect bedtime too much.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Catherine Stevens
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Uniform Shop

Open Mondays
8.45am - 9.30am
and Wednesdays
2.45 - 3.30pm
Room 11, Block 4

Danielle Butt is the Coordinator**.** She can be contacted on 0427137146. Thank you

We are looking for volunteers to assist our wonderful **Canteen Manager Roz Stubna.**
Roz provides our students with healthy yummy lunches daily. To enable her to continue to do this we are seeking volunteers to assist her for a couple of hours a day. If one parent from each family was to volunteer then Roz would have help every day of the year.
If you are able to assist Roz she can be contacted on **0408 909 141.**
Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 you:…

- 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.

Term One Planner 2017

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	30 Jan **School Development Day (Teacher Return)**	31 **School Development Day**	1 Feb **Students resume**	2	3	4	5
2	6 Feb	7 Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
3	13 Feb	14 P&C Mtg	15	16	17	18	19
4	20 Feb	21 Swimmming Trials Staff Meeting	22	23	24 Yr 5/6 Swimming Carnival	25	26
5	27 Feb In Term Swimming Yrs 3-6 →	28	1 March	2	3	4	5
6	6 March **Labour Day**	7 In Term Swimming Yrs 3-6 → Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
7	13 March	14 P&C Mtg	15 Year 6 Camp @ Mornington	16 Year 6 Camp @ Mornington	17 Year 6 Camp @ Mornington Ride 2 School Day	18	19
8	20 March	21 Staff Meeting	22	23 Disco	24	25	26
9	27 March	28	29	30	31 Assembly Yr6	1 April	2
10	3 April	4 Staff Meeting	5	6	7 Assembly **Students last day** **ANZAC CEREMONY**	8	9
H	10 April	11	12	13	14 **Good Friday**	15	16

Start and End of Term Public Holidays School Holidays (students) School Development Days