

# Parkfield Press

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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

After an extremely unusual start to the 2021 school year we have had a wonderful two days back at school. We gratefully appreciate the efforts of the parents, students and staff in ensuring a smooth and happy start to the school year despite the first week COVID lockdown.

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



## New Parkfield Staff

A special welcome to our new 2021 staff members, Mr Mitch Jefferys, Ms Kristy Henderson, Ms Emily Bennett, Mrs Leanne Spaul, Ms Sarah-Jo Smith, Ms Misty Gibbs and Miss Alison Edmands. We are very fortunate to have these wonderful people as part of our 2021 team.

## 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.

## Seesaw

This year all classes at Parkfield will be again using the Seesaw App to communicate classroom happenings to families. This is a tool for teachers and parents to share the many successes that occur on a weekly basis at the school. 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.



## Attendance

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depend 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. We have a target of a minimum of 90% attendance for every child in 2021.

*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.

## 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 be found on our school website and our **Parkfield App**.

By reading the newsletter, following the Parkfield App, engaging in your child's classroom Seesaw App and the P&C Facebook page, all families will have the opportunity to keep up to date with what is happening at Parkfield.

## Bushfire Season – Parkfield App

Bushfire season is tragically already upon us. It is imperative that we have the correct contact details for all students.



We highly recommend that all parents and caregivers download the Parkfield App to their smartphone. The App will be our main avenue of contact with the Parkfield Community in case of an emergency and we need to contact all parents simultaneously.

We thank you all for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Thank you.  
Charlie Serravite  
Principal

PRIDE - 誇り

RESPECT - 敬意

INITIATIVE - 自発

## P&C Meeting

Parents are invited to the first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2021 which is being held next week, **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021** in the staffroom at 7.00pm. Please feel welcome to join in this important part of the school community.

***New members are especially welcome.***

**P&C  
MEETING**

## Sun Smart – No Hat Play in the Shade

We are a Sun Safe school, therefore broad brim hats are a necessity. It is very important for all students to wear broad brim hats to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock.



## 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.

## School Contributions

Contribution and Charges information will be sent home to families this week. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage payment as soon as possible. Families who may experience difficulty with payment of contributions and charges, and are in receipt of a 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.

## 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 Mr Robert Cowcher and Ms Erin Cowcher.



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 cups, bowls, spoons etc. If you can help that would be greatly appreciated.



**DONATIONS  
NEEDED**  
Can you help??

## Procedures for collecting students during the school day, Kindy to Year 6



When parents/carers need to collect children from school during school hours for any reason, you are required to stop in at the office and complete a yellow "Student Release Form". The form is then presented to the class teacher who will then release your child into your care. If you are collecting a child during **recess** or **lunchtime**, the form is still required. Once you have found your child in the playground, the form must be handed to the teacher on duty or returned to the office so the class teacher can be advised. Please do not place the form on the teacher's desk in the child's room.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## In Term Swimming Lessons

Students in **Years 4-6** will be participating in Education Department interm swimming lessons at Koombana Bay, commencing **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** and running for a total of nine days – (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March is a public holiday).



Please return the swimming consent form along with payment of **\$20 by this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Apologies for the short 'turn-around' time, one of the many problems caused by losing our first week.

Please note students will not be permitted to attend swimming lessons until swimming fees are paid.

## P&C News

Welcome back to the Parkfield PS community. We hope you enjoyed a lovely extended break. Our first meeting for this year is next week. We are looking forward to talking about our plans for this year and we are really hoping to meet some new faces. Don't be scared or shy. Bring a friend or don't bring a friend - we'll be your friend! We are a welcoming committee, which currently consists of mainly upper and middle school parents and we would love to welcome some new middle and junior school parents to the mix.

The P&C is a great way for you to be involved with your children's school and contribute to decisions relating to canteen, uniform and fundraising opportunities. Without the P&C there is no uniform shop or canteen, no coffee van at the sports days or Mother's or Father's day stalls. Many hands make light work and we'd love to lighten our load with more hands.

We hope to see you on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staffroom for our first meeting of 2021. Thank you.

*Belinda Williams – P&C President*