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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We are so fortunate at Parkfield Primary School to have an extraordinary group of parents and carers that coordinate and support our school activities and functions. Last Thursday and Friday our students were able to purchase gifts from the most amazing Mother's Day stalls for their loved ones. A huge thank you to Maddy Olsen and her tremendous group of helpers. Like Maddy many of our helpers are also working mothers and we are so grateful for the commitment they make to ensure all our kids get the pleasure of buying something for their loved ones.

NAPLAN 2021 Year Three and Year Five

This week, beginning today Tuesday 11th May, we will be undertaking the annual NAPLAN assessments. All classes have been working towards learning how to sit these tests and practising the required skills. Your child should now feel comfortable to sit these tests both on written paper and using iPads to complete the online tasks.

To support your child during this week please ensure they:

- Have had a good night's sleep.
- Eat a healthy breakfast to start each day.
- Arrive at school on time as some of our tests begin at the start of the school day.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been a part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests gather information about students' skills and knowledge of **reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)** and **numeracy.** The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year.

House Cross Country Participation

It is an expectation that **all** students in Years 3 to 6 participate unless they have a medical certificate or an **obvious** medical condition. We encourage all students to do their personal best and be part of the whole upper school activity. Unity is an important virtue that helps us to work together and accomplish more together than any one of us alone. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we support each other through difficult activities.

Never Stop Reading

Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life – so why stop when they are just getting started?

Recent research by literacy expert Dr Margaret Merga found that over half of parents stop reading aloud with their children once they begin to start reading themselves.

Reading aloud with your children throughout their primary school years has significant, positive effects on their learning and reading skills. Listening to your child read also builds their social skills and confidence as they engage with you, and the quality time that you spend raises their mood and sense of wellbeing.

Reading is a priority at Parkfield Primary School and we thank our wonderful P&C Association for their support in helping us purchase school readers and implement the Multilit programmes into our school.

Give your child the best start for a life of learning and discovery, **Never Stop Reading!**

2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2022 school year are now being taken. Please contact the School office on 97965900 for details.

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 as soon as possible:

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

Kind regards,

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

This term all students in Years 3-6 will be competing in the **House Cross Country**. **It will be held in Week 6 on Thursday May 27th**, commencing at 1:15pm on the school oval. The distance for the Year 3 and 4 students is about 1000m. The Year 5 and 6 course will be about 2000m.

There will be separate races for boys and girls and each year level. More information will follow closer to the event. It's been great seeing classes out training and building up student's endurance in readiness for the big event.

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight – PE Teacher

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly. Renae Farrell, William Bickford, Hunter Wheeler, Rhys Haskett, Taj Carbone, Ivy Clark, Zahli South, Jeremy George, Levi Spencer, Skye Marley, Taylor Reynolds, Summer Ainsley, Anna Rosenhart, Jaimee McCaughan, Ned McInnes, Scarlett Rob, Braxton Conway, Daphne Harberts, Alissa Kilmartin, Matilda Drury, Jaxson Barnett, Taite Walton, Tahlia Adams, Toby Haskett, Mackenna Ward, Aaliyah Fraser, Jessica Burch, Molly Davies, Leilani Morris, Nate Wardle, Emily Jones, Joel Usher, Oliver Scott, Matilda Wheeler, Qistina Iskandar, Bonnie Carbone, Maddison Sanford, Willem Bakker, Tess Rosenhart, Jade Gardiner, Rory Schubert and David Turbett.

Specialist Awards – **Physical Education**; Savannah Hansen and Ethan Eames. **Visual Arts**; Jordanna Stokes and Mason Baum. **Music**; Taya Hanson and Miranda Kiewiet. **Science:** Corey Payne, Lilly Stubbs, Millie Cowcill and Bailey Barnett. **Japanese**; Gemma Gorham, Charlotte Wheeler and Fergus Burns.

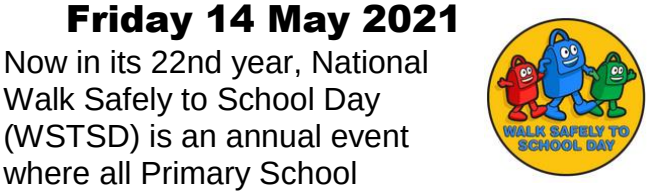
Library Donation

Parkfield PS would like to thank Mr Greg Campbell, who is a previous parent to our school for donating $100 worth of books from the recent Book Fair to our Library collection. This very generous gesture is greatly appreciated and will benefit our students immensely.
Thank you again.

National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 14 May 2021

Now in its 22nd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event where all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. The event will be held throughout Australia on Friday 14th May 2021. We would love to see lots of families walking to school on this day.



Aliens and Astronauts Day Wednesday 19th May

To celebrate the National Simultaneous Story Reading day, Parkfield is having an Aliens and Astronauts dress up day. Join in the fun, and come dressed up as a creature or an object from outer space or an astronaut ready for a space adventure.

Parkfield's Got Talent is back for 2021!

The Parkfield Student Council would love to give students from Years 1-6 an opportunity to share their talents live on stage in our 2021 competition. Heats will be held at lunchtimes with the winner of each heat going into our Parkfield's Got Talent Grand Final.
We are looking for individual or group performances. So, if you sing, dance, play an instrument or have any other talent that you'd like to share, please fill in an entry form which is available from class teachers. Entries close on Wednesday May 26th with the first of our heats taking place on Tuesday June 15th.

Coffee Machine Donation

We would like to say a big Thank You to Denise Hough one of our volunteers with Hands Up for Kids for her kind and generous donation of a Nespresso Coffee Machine for our staffroom. It is a very welcomed addition.

P&C Fundraising

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who helped out on the stall, donated or had their child purchase gifts at our Mother's Day Stall. The stall was a huge success and we raised **$3334.10**. Congratulations to the raffle winners, 1st Cody Room 21, 2nd Lachlan Room 14, 3rd Jake PP2 and 4th Riley A Room 18. A total of 414 tickets were sold. The raffle wouldn't be possible without the support of the local businesses, **Australind Beauty Works, Benesse Australind and Australind Online Florist.** We hope all parents and caregivers enjoyed their gifts.

Winter Raffle

Next week is our Winter Raffle. We have 12 amazing prizes up for grabs at $2.00 a ticket. The raffle will be drawn at the Senior Assembly on the 28th May 2021. 1st prize is a trailer load of wood donated by Simcoa Operations. Thank you to the following businesses for supporting our school - **Simcoa Operations, Bunnings Treendale, The Real Pet Food Company, The Willcox Family, Woolworths Treendale, Timezone Bunbury, Benesse Australind, Whitey's Tackle & Camping and Bunbury Bootcamp.** Follow us on Facebook to see the prizes on offer. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase next week though the Qkr app and/or with tickets sent home.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Collecting Toiletry Items

William is a student at Parkfield in Year 3 and each year he selects a charity to fundraise for. This year William has opted to receive donations of goods for the Bunbury Regional Hospital Children's Ward. William's sister was admitted last year to the ward and his Mum wasn't expecting a hospital stay, like many other families. Luckily, his Mum was able to get basic toiletries from their family, but not everyone has the ability to get the necessities.

William is looking for donations of the following items:

- mini body wash
- mini shampoo and conditioner
- roll on deodorant
- baby wipes
- facial wipes

William's family have already donated over $200 worth of items to the ward and would love to be able to help assist more families. If you are able to donate any of the listed items, please deliver them to the school office.

Thank you very much.
William and his Family

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. Vanessa can be contacted on 0409 991 408. Thank you.

Chaplain's Chat

Greetings one and all,

What another wonderful fortnight. I was invited to be a part of the Awards Assembly on Friday Week 3 and see the worthy students receive their Parkfield badges, acknowledging them for their great choices and service. I was then thanked for having helped out, along with the other amazing helpers, at the Year 6 camp. It was a privilege and honor to be part of both. I look forward to seeing all our amazing students achieve their Parkfield badges in due course.

I was also very fortunate to be here for the wonderful Room 13 'Waste Wise' Assembly last Friday, and hear their jingles to 'help nurture and save our world/planet'. It was super. I hope together we can continue to make a difference here, at school and at home. Well done Mrs Offer and Room 13. A big shout out to our PLUS coordinators and their band of "Waste Warriors' for all they do. I heard that nominations are being called for, and practice is getting under way for, the illustrious 'Parkfield's Got Talent'. As always, I'm in awe of the enthusiasm, creativity, confidence, commitment and endeavour of the students as they step up (and sometimes out), to try new things, have fun and achieve their best in another forum. Go Parkfield!

Hoping you have also had a wonderful fortnight, and had a special weekend celebrating family too, especially on Sunday.

Until next time

Jo Campbell

Chaplain – Tuesday, Wednesday &Thursday

Indoor Hockey

Commencing 3pm Sunday, 9th of May indoor hockey sessions will be run at the Leschenault Leisure Centre on Court 4. The sessions are open to all ages and all skill levels. Some equipment is available for use if players do not have their own equipment. Mouthguards are essential and shin guards are recommended. The cost for the first session is $10. If there are any queries, please contact Shane Jamieson on 0423 051 677.

Located next to the Bunbury Recreation Centre

Gates open for practice on Monday 6-7pm and Saturday 9-11am. Race Night – Wednesday, registration is required by 6.30pm. For competition, just for fun, or to meet new people. For ages 2 years and beyond. You can now ride your mountain bikes as well.

Please contact through the Facebook page or email bunburybmxclub@hotmail.com

Extreme Car Wash and Dog Wash Tokens

Ongoing P&C Fundraiser. Don't forget to purchase your discounted **Extreme Car Wash Tokens** at **$12 each** or wash the pooch with a **K9000 Dog Wash Token** at **$8.00 each.**

What a great saving! Tokens can only be purchased through the Qkr! App and will be delivered to your child's class every Friday.

Aqwest Annual Photography Competition

The South West's young creative minds are being urged to get behind the lens, with entries now open for Aqwest's annual photography competition.

This year, the competition takes on a bit of a twist, with a new video competition added. The winning students can win prize money for themselves and their schools as well as being showcased in the 2022 Aqwest calendar. The competition will be judged by two local professional photographers as well as two Aqwest board directors.

This year, students are asked to submit work inspired by a "water art" theme. Students can enter either the primary or the senior category and one or both of the photography and video categories. Entries for the competition close on the 29th June 2021 and can be submitted online at www.aqwest.com.au

Be fitter, healthier and happier!

Is your child……Aged 7-13 years old?
Above a healthy weight?
In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The Better Health Program is a free, 10-week online program for children and families. There are weekly online sessions, free resources and weekly coaching calls with a trained and qualified health coach to help keep you on track. To register or find out more please phone 1300 822 953.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Diligence

DILIGENCE is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are **DILIGENT**, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being **DILIGENT** is being industrious, giving all you have to give to whatever you do. Without **DILIGENCE**, people act lazy and don't get much done. They act as if what they do doesn't count, rush through it or just do the least amount possible. **DILIGENCE** helps you to get things done with excellence and enthusiasm. **DILIGENCE** leads to success. When you are **DILIGENT** about the things you do, people rely on you and trust you to give your best effort. You practice **DILIGENCE** by deciding what you can do and then giving it all you have to give. You treat each action as important and do things carefully, one step at a time. You don't rush through things. You give them your full attention. **DILIGENCE** takes patience. When you work hard, you can accomplish wonderful things.

What would Diligence look like if...

- You are washing the dishes for your family?
- You are doing an assignment you find boring?
- You want to be a musician?
- Some friends ask you to come out when you have a job to do?
- You feel like taking a break in the middle of a job?
- You have an idea for something you want to build?

Signs of Success are when….

- Pay attention to what you are doing
- Do things carefully, step by step
- Practice to the point of excellence
- Give your absolute best to what you do
- Work hard
- Don't give up

Affirmation: *I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I give my best to whatever I do.*