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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

Thank you to all students for continuing to show our Parkfield Virtues and immerse themselves in our Teaching and Learning programs. There is a plethora of hard work going on around the school and we are very proud of the effort shown by our students.
Thank you to all our parents for ensuring our students come to school in full school uniform ready for the day ahead. It is important that students also wear our broad brim hats with the warm weather still around.

A special thank you to the very kind and understanding 46 families I contacted over the weekend with COVID-19 calls. Your safety is our first priority and getting calls on a Saturday and Sunday night from school is very unexpected but part of the new world we live in. Many thanks for your acceptance of a difficult situation. I know I may have confused some of you, it is a skill I possess. We got it right in the end.

Welcome to Miss Keira Bradley and Mr Gary Quinn to our Parkfield staff for the remainder of the term. Miss Bradley will be our Science Specialist teacher and Mr Quinn will be our Student Service Deputy Principal. I am sure our Parkfield community will make them feel at ease in our school.

Head Boy and Head Girl

At the last whole school online TEAMS assembly, we announced our 2022 Head Girl – **Ciara Morton,** and 2022 Head Boy – **Brodie Pippin**. Congratulations to both students on this excellent achievement.

Year Six Swimming Carnival

Our Parkfield House Swimming Carnival is on this Friday 25th March 2022 and it looks like nice weather for the day. Only students in Year 6 are expected to attend and participate on the day. Only exceptions will be students with obvious medical issues or medical certificates and those that didn't participate in swimming lessons.

Parents are welcome but must adhere to the Shire of Harvey's Swimming Pool's COVID-19 mask and social distancing policies.

COVID-19 UPDATE High Caseload

We currently have individual students and staff from eight different classes isolating at home with COVID-19. We wish them and their families all the very best and we hope you all recover from the symptoms that you each may have.

To assist with simplifying the messages, we have the following explanation for contacts at school.

During the 7-day quarantine period students who are a non-household (school) close contacts, and have no symptoms may continue to attend:

- school;
- out of school care; and
- sporting or cultural training, practice or events organised by the school and held at the school immediately before or after school.

During the 7-day period students must:

- quarantine for all other times ***other than listed above;***
- Test on Day 1 (PCR or RAT) and Day 6 (PCR) or Day 7 (RAT);
- wear a mask when not at their quarantine premises except when exempt (not for children in Year 2 and below); and actively monitor for symptoms.

If symptoms develop, immediately isolate, get tested and follow close contact symptoms guidelines.

If you are not sure of any of the protocols and definitions, please contact the school or the Health Department. We have made mistakes ourselves as in their words to me today *"reasoning doesn't always follow logic".*

If a student is a close contact at home and a family member has tested positive, then they must quarantine for 7 days at home.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite - Principal

Sports Update

This Friday, our Years 6 students will be travelling to the Harvey pool to participate in the House Swimming Carnival.

We hope to see a good crowd at the Carnival, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students. Entry is free for spectators and shaded areas are available.

We still need parent helpers
As with all Carnivals, parent help is vital to assist with the smooth running of the event. We still need **place judges** and a **place recorder**. If you are able to help out, please contact the school office and leave your name and contact number. Help will be greatly appreciated and is certainly needed.

We hope the students have a fun and enjoyable day.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

Musical Notes

The Music Department has made a strong start to the year. The Music Room is very well ventilated so classes can socially distance easily, and along with thoroughly washing our hands before lessons it is possible to continue most of our 'normal' activities.

Even though singing has been limited, we still listen and watch performers on recordings and video clips and 'sing along in our head'. The xylophones and keyboards are still used in some cases - most classes have played chords (two or more notes at a time) for the catchy song "Annual Thing" by Jon Madin. We have been using chime bars more often. This is a novelty because we haven't played chime bars in a while. Striking metal bars instead of wood has a different feel, plus the chime bars can be taken out individually, so we can take out only the bars we need instead of having the whole instrument. All classes played single harmony notes for "Tell Me Ma" (Perlice version) as a nod to St. Patricks Day.

There is much excitement and enthusiasm amongst the Year 4's because they are now learning the recorder. We used feathers on our hand to help control how much air to blow in to the recorder – very little! Some were able to master breath control straight away, while others had feathers flying everywhere! Please check with your child that you have purchased a recorder for them – recorders are used in Years 4, 5 and 6 and are available to purchase through the front office at $8.50.

The Year 6 Concert Band had its first rehearsal last Tuesday. We have started with a couple of the student's favourites – Power Rock (A medley of Queen songs – We Will Rock You and Another One Bites The Dust) and Bunyip Blues. It was wonderful to be together again making music with each other. We had a blast!

Mrs Carrie Luke – Music Specialist

2023 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2023 school year are now being taken. If any of our Parkfield Community knows of families that are eligible to enrol their children, please inform them to come to the school as soon as possible to collect an enrolment package. Boundaries do not apply to students enrolling in Kindergarten.

Little Learners Pre Kindy Program 2022
Little Learners is a time where parents and children can enjoy playing together while doing similar activities to those in Kindergarten. It provides an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and for the children to become familiar with the school and meet other children. Little Learners is a terrific transition program to school and is highly recommended.
Little Learners will commence in Term 3, 2022. Only children **enrolled** in Kindergarten at Parkfield for 2023 will be eligible to apply for this programme.

Chaplain's Chat

Hello lovely Parkfield Community,

How are you all this fortnight? I hope you are all remembering to pace yourselves and practise self-care as we head toward the end of Term 1 (unbelievably!)

Well done again for all of the understanding, flexibility and resilience being shown as we continue to make adjustments and changes for our health and safety.

I hope that you have had a great start to **'Harmony Week'** and are enjoying focusing on our new Virtue of the fortnight **'Kindness'**.
I am sure there will be lots of lovely ways we can again celebrate our wonderful school and our unity, I am really looking forward to it.

Jo Campbell ☺
Chaplain

Odd weeks: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Even weeks: Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday

Do you have a child interested in Netball?

Registrations for the 2022 season at Eaton are now open. Please visit the Eaton Netball Association Facebook page for more information and registration links or email registrar.ena@gmail.com for any further questions.

Eaton Netball Association
PO Box 7221, Eaton WA 6232

Happy New P&C Year Parkfield!

We held our AGM on Tuesday 8th March via Zoom and in person at Settlers Hall to safely meet all the COVID requirements and also to allow diverse school community access. Unfortunately, no new faces took the leap so the P&C Committee remains as 2021:

President: Belinda Williams
Vice President: Joey Pippin
Treasurer: Natalie Turner
Secretary: Kimberley Lewis
Fundraising Coordinator: Maddison Olsen
Social Media Extraordinaire: Tarryn Clark
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Sarah Bosustow

We are very excited to have Sharon Turner and Veeta McGrath in our Canteen again this year. We hope you take the opportunity to try their amazing Friday Footy Cob Loaves or other delicious meals on offer.

<u>Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th April at 7pm</u> (last Tuesday of term), to discuss the short, medium and long term goals for fundraising. If you would like to have your voice heard, please join us either in person at Settlers Hall or via Zoom.

The committee is completely committed to another year as your P&C. At the end of 2022, a number of the committee's children will be moving off to high school. Please use this year as an opportunity to get involved, learn about the different roles and think about how you could support Parkfield Primary School through the P&C.

Many thanks,
Belinda Williams - President

Easter Fundraising News

Donations
Where has the first term gone. Easter is almost here already!
We are now taking donations for our Easter Raffle. Please bring your Easter related donations to the front office and place them in the box.

Raffle
Easter Raffle tickets are $1.00 each. These are available to purchase now through Qkr! No paper tickets this year as cash will NOT be accepted due to COVID. Sorry for the inconvenience. Ticket are on sale until 9am Wednesday the 6th April. The draw will take place on the 7th April.

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns
We are again lucky enough for Bakers Delight to offer us the Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. There are 5 varieties to choose from at $8.00 each. $2.00 from every 6pk purchased will be donated back to the P&C. These are for purchase through Qkr! only by 9am March 31st. Delivered on the 6th April.

Maddy Olsen – Fundraising Coordinator

Interm Swimming Lessons

Interm swimming lessons get underway next Monday for the respective classes. Please ensure your child comes with all the necessary items such as; bathers, towel, goggles and extra underwear.

The group times are as follows:
Week commencing **Monday March 28th**

WEEK 9 (28/03/2022 - 01/04/2022)		
Classes	**Leave PPS**	**Lesson time**
Rooms 4 and 5	9:45am	10:05am
T2 and T1	10:30am	10:50am
PP 3 and PP2	11:40am	12:00pm
Room 6 and 12	12:25pm	12:45pm
PP 1 and Room 3	1:10pm	1:30pm

Week commencing **Monday April 4th**

Week 10 (4/04/2022 - 08/04/2022)		
Classes	**Leave PPS**	**Lesson time**
Room 8	9:45am	10:05am
Room 9	10:30am	10:50am
Room 10	11:40am	12:00pm
Room 1	12:25pm	12:45pm
Room 2	1:10pm	1:30pm

It is not too late to take part. Enrolments forms are still available at the office with the cost being $40.00.

At Parkfield Primary in Term 1

Creative Journey on Canvas

Dylan Bowlden is a former Parkfield student who has cerebral palsy. Please see the details of his art display which will be featured at the Dolphin Discovery Centre on Sunday 3rd April.

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

The Better Health Program is a **free**, 10-week program for you and your child.

Each week we discuss topics including good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

Sign up today!
www.betterhealthprogram.org
1300 822 953

The program comes in two formats

Online – complete fun, online sessions with your child and a weekly call with your own personal health coach.

In a group – attend 2-hour group sessions with your child, once a week in a local venue. Participate in family learning sessions, games and physical activity for your child.

On both programs, you receive a bunch of great **freebies** along the way and **a reward** at the end!

@betterhealthprogram

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The Better Health Program is funded by WA Department of Health.

Eco-friendly Pegs

Ezy Fundraising has allowed us to continue to sell the amazing Stainless Steel Clothes Pegs until the 1st April. **$20.00 gets you 22 Pegs** and $8.00 is donated back to the P&C. These will be delivered in week 10. Get in quick before you miss out again or love the first lot you purchased, why not purchase some more, or put away for Mother's Day gifts. Purchase now through Qkr! only.

LAST CHANCE, DON'T MISS OUT

SHIRE OF HARVEY youth

ACTIVATE Festival

Youth Week
8 to 16 April 2022

Binningup Mural
Friday, 8 April - Monday, 11 April
9am to 4pm, Binningup
Join renowned WA artist Jamie Wyatt in mural painting in Binningup. You will learn different methods of painting, as well as working together.

Young Leaders Conference
Monday, 11 April
10am to 2pm at Gibbs Pool Amphitheatre, Harvey
Expand your leadership skills and engage in important discussions with a focus on leadership opportunities and inclusion solutions.

Soccer Coaching
Tuesday, 12 April
9am to 12pm at Binningup Oval
Have fun with all things soccer! Our experienced coach will help improve your technique and increase your soccer skills.

Create Your Future Town
Tuesday, 12 April at Harvey Library
Wednesday, 13 April at Australind Library
9.30am to 11am
This workshop will give you an opportunity to discuss your ideas for the planning, design and development of your perfect future town.

Basketball Fever
Wednesday, 13 April
1pm to 4pm at Leschenault Leisure Centre
Bring your friends for a game or two filled with fun, laughter and friendly competition.

Focus Group: Sport Performance, Supporting our Emerging Sports People
Thursday, 14 April
10am to 12pm
Join us to discuss the challenges emerging sportspeople face through their development as athletes.

Australind Skate Park Event
Thursday, 14 April
1pm to 4pm at Australind Skate Park
Join us for a fun day out at Australind Skate Park with food vans, dodgeball, skate park coaching, RYDE driving simulator and plenty more.

Bookings are essential. Register by scanning the QR code with your phone. Call Community Development Officer Andre Morris on 9729 0339 for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Mondays
8.15am – 8.45am
Wednesday
2.45pm – 3.15pm

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00. There is no PayPass. Sarah can be contacted on 0400 716 544.

Virtue For The Fortnight: Kindness

KINDNESS is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. **KINDNESS** is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. **KINDNESS** is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. Without **KINDNESS,** no one would listen when people or animals need help. Everyone would be looking out for themselves. The world is lonely without **KINDNESS**. When someone reaches out to another in an act of **KINDNESS**, it helps them both. People's lack of **KINDNESS** to the earth damages the air, water and the land. This causes people and animals to suffer too. Being **KIND** allows us to feel connected to everything and everyone. You practice **KINDNESS** by noticing when someone or something needs care. Become sensitive to the world around you. Use your imagination to think of things that give others happiness. Find out what habits harm the earth and choose kinder ways to live. When you are tempted to be cruel, to criticize or tease, decide not to do it. Speak **KINDLY** instead. Greet people **KINDLY**. Take good care of your pets.

What would Kindness look like if…

- A new student comes into your class and looks lonely?
- You start teasing your brother and he is getting upset?
- Some kids you have been playing with start teasing a boy with big ears?
- Your cat has some burs in her fur?
- You see someone in a wheel chair coming toward you?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Give tender attention to someone who is sad or needs help
- Do things to give others happiness
- Resist the temptation to be cruel
- Accept people who are different
- Practice habits that help the environment (reduce, re-use, recycle)

Affirmation: I am kind. I look for ways to help others. I show kindness to any person or animal I see.

I do all I can to take care of the earth.