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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We would like to congratulate our feeder high school Australind Senior High School for achieving number six in West Australian's top secondary schools in terms of student progress over the last three years. It is obvious that the value adding at ASHS makes a real difference to the students.

In general, all Southwest Education Region Public Senior High Schools performed very well which should be a great comfort for all regional parents.

Disco
Thank you to all the Parkfield staff that gave up their time at the end of another difficult COVID year to organise and supervise two very successful Discos last Thursday. A huge thank you to our 2022 Student Councillors who played a big part in the success of the events. It was their first and last Disco for 2022 as Parkfield students.

Year 6 Social
A huge thank you to Mrs Harper and Mr Brooks for organising the Year 6 Social to be held Wednesday night. Again, due to COVID this year our senior students have missed out on several traditional events and nothing beats a good old fashion social to have some fun, dancing and games. No mobile phones please as we have our own photo booth organised.

Undercover Area – Thank you Matt Byass
A huge thank you to one of our parents Matt Byass from Byass Engineering who donated and installed the beam across the undercover area. This beam will now enable us to have new motorised curtains across the front of the stage for all our school activities. We are extremely grateful to the Parkfield P&C for their fundraising that has enabled us to revamp the entire undercover area. It is wonderful to see all our students benefit from our fundraising activities.

House Captains for 2023
Congratulations to the following students on being selected to be House Captains for 2023;

Geographe	Lilly Stubbs and Logan Anderson
Henton	Madeline Williams and Saxon Mills
Marshall	Lucy Nell and Tyson Reid
Naturaliste	Liliana Walton and Joshua Pienaar

The Big Chop Fundraiser
One of our wonderful Year 4 students, Cooper Dyer, has been growing his mullet for two years to raise money for Ronald McDonald House in Perth. The time has come for the luscious locks to come off on Thursday 8th of December at lunchtime in the undercover area. We will also have a special Guest Teacher who will also have their hair cut for a wig for kids with cancer too.
Please bring along a gold coin to donate to the jars on the day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Good Attendance Habits – Keep up the great work!
Going to school **every day** helps children learn more and achieve more. Help your children develop good attendance habits and get the most out of school.

Every day your child learns something new, so it's important they attend school **every day**. We know this is not always possible and they may miss a day occasionally. Always let us know the reason why as soon as possible, so if necessary, we can help students catch up.

Year 6 Orientation Day
Students attending Australind Senior High School in 2023 will be involved in a Year 6 Orientation Day in Week 9 on Wednesday 7th December 2022.
Students need to be at ASHS by 8.30am in full Parkfield school uniform.

Christmas Singalong

Our Christmas singalong will be held on Friday 9th December 2022 in the undercover area starting at 8.45am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
There will be limited space due to this being a PP to Year 6 event.

Class Placement Requests
Requests for 2023 are now **CLOSED**. No more requests will be taken.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly; Tjay Birch, Elaena Marsh, Mackenzie Worthington, Abbey McEvoy, Ashlynn Jones, William Bickford, Levi Spencer, Noah Smith, Henry Simpson, Mita Bell, Elquira Garlett, Abbey McLoughlin, Kobi Jennings, Scarlett Rob, Lilly Stubbs, Matilda Drury, Matilda Jones, Antonia Smith, Lilliana Worthington, Eva Hoult, Layton Russell, Braxton Conway, Joshua Pienaar, Charlotte Wheeler, Abby Burns, Memphis Saunders, Jorjah Stowe, Isaac Harrop, Ciara Morten and Orla Williams.

Specialist Awards – Physical Education; Abby Burns and Ethan Turner. **Music;** Willem Bakker and Tahlia Adams. **Visual Arts;** Lilly Stubbs and Leilani Morris. **Science;** Anabel Maher, Fatima Naveed, Declan Ridge and Hadi Shahzad. **Japanese;** Mady Pack, Ruby Fraser and Madeline Butcher.
Well done to all these students.

Notes from the Music Room

Preparations and rehearsals for the Christmas singalong are in full swing. Thank you for helping your child be organised and prompt. All students involved in the singalong will have a rehearsal on stage on Thursday 8th December. Children may wear Christmas shirts/bling/hats on Friday 9th December.

Next week, the concert band will be having their rehearsal on Thursday 8th December instead of the regular time on Tuesday, in preparation for the singalong. Year 5 students' instruments will be collected after the singalong on Friday 9th December. There will be no instrumental lessons in Week 10.

I am finalising the instrumental program students for 2023 this week. If you have a child in Year 4 and would like them to be a part of this program, learning trumpet/trombone/flute, please make sure you return your form before Friday 2nd December, or contact me.

Mrs Luke – Music Specialist

Book Club @ Parkfield

Book Club at Parkfield is a very important event that our amazing **Megan Ballantine** manages twice per term with her busy life. A huge thank you to Megan for looking after our students again this year. Through Book Club rewards we buy hundreds of new books for the Library shelves for our children to borrow. This is a valued and important activity that we are very grateful to Megan for helping us.
Thank you, Megan!

Mrs Moran and Mrs Williams - The Library Team

Kids with Cancer
Wigs4Kids

Cooper's BIG Chop

RMHC

UC Hair

SECRET TEACHER
BIG CHOP

Who could be the secret teacher cutting their hair to make a wig for WIGS 4 KIDS

DONATIONS

Bring a gold coin donation on the 8th of December

HAIR ON HALWARD
CALL JO ON 0417067064
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursday 8th December Lunch time in the Undercover Area

P&C NEWS

The P&C was excited to welcome several parents and teachers along to the November Sundowner. We enjoyed meeting new faces, great conversation and a delicious afternoon tea spread from Sharon and Veeta in the canteen. We hope this is something that will carry on in future years.

We are so thankful for all the support for the fundraising activities we have hosted this year and are looking forward to seeing curtains installed in the undercover area before the end of term. Many thanks to the Byass family and Byass Engineering as well as their generous suppliers for their support on this project.

We welcome anyone along to the final catchup for the year, starting at 5.30pm on Tuesday 6th December at Treendale Farm Hotel.

This will be the final newsletter article from us for 2022. What a year it has been! On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank the entire school community for their support and for persevering through the intense year that has been 2022. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas as well as a spectacular rest and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

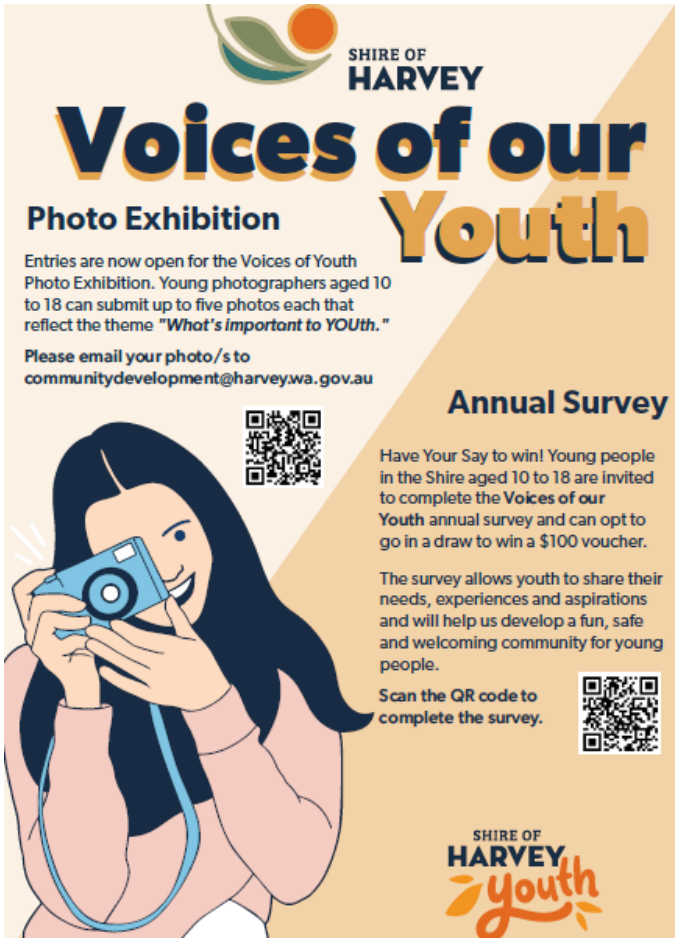
Belinda Williams
P&C President

Chaplain's Chat

Greetings to you all,
I hope this finds you in good health and not fighting off the tummy bugs and head colds that seem to be impacting many families.
Another fortnight completed with many exciting events such as the House Captain speeches and elections. Congratulations to all involved in all parts of the process. Then to our Discos, what a joy to be a part of again. Thank you to all involved. The opportunity to see and acknowledge the many virtues being shown is endless here at Parkfield. 'Hats off' to all who are choosing and showing these and our core focus of respect and kindness at all times – especially when it is tricky and we are all getting tired.

Now we move into a fortnight's focus on **Gentleness** – how timely at this busy time of the year, with just under 3 weeks to go. The focus will be on moving wisely, speaking quietly, and thinking kindly. Choosing when you feel mad, hurt, or disappointed and to use your self-discipline and self-control and talking things out peacefully, making our school and the world a safer, gentler place.
Go well Team Parkfield, remember, we are all in this together.

Until next time,
Jo Campbell 😊
Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and alternate Mondays.



Uniform Shop Open Day - 2023

The P&C will be holding a Uniform Shop Open Day on **Monday 30th January 2023 from 9am – 12pm.** Pre orders are preferred via the Qkr! App and families are encouraged to purchase uniforms this way. However, purchases can also be made on the day with payment by EFT or cash. If you have any queries, please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator Sarah Bosustow on 0400 716 544.

2023 Bunbury Summer School Workshops

The 2023 Bunbury Summer School workshops are now on sale. The Bunbury Summer School is in its 10th year. The Stirling Street Arts Centre will be hosting an exciting program with over 80 workshops, continuing to showcase the creative talents of the Southwest.

Bunbury Summer School runs from 7th - 15th January 2023. There are workshops to suit all ages and abilities. They include painting, sewing, felting, dancing, yoga, spoon carving, urban beekeeping, woodturning, learn to row, guided night bush walks and lots of exciting kid's workshops.
To see all the workshops on offer, go to: https://stirlingstreetarts.com.au/bunbury-summer-school-2023/

Bushfire Season

As we are coming into bushfire season 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.

A Christmas Gift Idea

Car Wash and Dog Wash Tokens

Titanium Car & Dog Wash, Pelican Point, Bunbury. Don't forget to purchase your discounted tokens through the Parkfield P&C.

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. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a huge amount of lost property. Please come and have a look outside the Deputies office to see if any items belong to your child. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of year.

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.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

CADET RECRUITING

The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia and we are currently recruiting for 2023.

Do you want to:

- Learn to fly
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Participate in adventure training and fieldcraft activities
- Make new friends and be part of a team
- And heaps more

If you:

- Are an Australian resident
- Are aged between 12 and 18 years old
- Can attend weekly parade nights
- Have permission from your parent or guardian

Become a Cadet in the Australian Air Force Cadets

EDUCATES ⊙ CHALLENGES ⊙ EXCITES

For more information, contact the 710 Squadron (Bunbury). Email 710SQN@airforcecadets.gov.au

What's on the Community Noticeboard

Relationships Australia Workshops

- Fathering After Separation – Thursday 1 Dec
- Dads and Daughters – Thursday 8 Dec
- Parenting Teens – Monday 12 Dec

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm **Cost:** $30
For more information, please call 6164 0566 or visit www.relationshipswa.org.au

Virtue For The Fortnight – Gentleness

GENTLENESS is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. It is using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer, gentler place. Without **GENTLENESS**, things get broken and people feel hurt. It is easy to become too rough or say things we are sorry for. People are very sensitive beings. Many things are delicate and fragile, but feelings are the most fragile of all. When you are gentle, people and things stay safe. **GENTLENESS** is moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly and thinking kindly. You have to think about being gentle. Otherwise, it is easy to become too rough, move too fast or say hurtful things. When you feel mad or hurt, instead of hurting someone back, talk things out peacefully. When you think kindly and gently, people will see the **GENTLENESS** in your eyes.

What would Gentleness look like if…

- You want to touch or hold a baby?
- You have something to tell your friend and worry that his feelings might be hurt?
- You are setting the table with your family's best dishes?
- You walk into your classroom and start to slam the door?
- You find an injured animal?
- You're wrestling too roughly with a friend?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Make it safe for people and animals to be around you
- Speak with a soft voice
- Touch carefully
- Express your feelings peacefully
- Take time out when you don't feel gentle
- Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside

Affirmation: I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentleness. I show care for people and for everything I touch.