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#1 Term 1

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

Welcome back everyone to school for 2023. We have had an extremely smooth start to the year and we greatly appreciate the efforts of our parents and families. Your diligence in ensuring your children are prepared for school is appreciated. To the fantastic Parkfield staff, thank you for ensuring our school and programs are prepared to such a high standard. Everyone's hard work has enabled a happy transition for our students to begin their new school year.

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.

Welcome
New Families

New Parkfield Staff

A special welcome to our new 2023 staff members, Miss Andrea Doherty, Miss Molly Woods, Mr Carey Watkins, Miss Tia Murphy, Mrs Jessie Duff and Ms Maria Hernandez. We all look forward to working and learning with you.

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. Your support with this is appreciated.

Students who **need to** arrive at school before 8.15am must go straight to the undercover area with their bag and sit on the benches.

Breakfast Club begins at 8.00am. It is free thanks to Foodbank. We also greatly appreciate any donations of Milo, milk, bread or tinned spaghetti and baked beans.



If the weather is fine students will be dismissed to the oval at 8.15am. We have teachers on duty in the undercover area and on the oval at the notated times.

Why you need to 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**.



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. Seesaw is not to take the place of the important face to face discussions that need to occur when personal situations arise.

Attendance Every Day is Critical!

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 2023.

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.

Bushfire Season – Parkfield App

Bushfire season is upon us again and the school is required to have a detailed response plan in place. It is imperative that we have the correct contact details for all students and families. 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.

Term One

Finally, Mr Serravite will be taking leave this term and I will be Principal in his absence. I look forward to the opportunity to lead our wonderful school. Mrs Judy Brooks will be Deputy Principal for Term One and I thank her for her commitment to Parkfield Primary School.

Thank you.

Mrs Rachael Harper
Principal



PRIDE - 誇り

RESPECT - 敬意

INITIATIVE - 自発

Sports Update

This term, 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 wishing to enter the 50m championship events will be required to participate in trials. Swim trials for the 50m championship events will be taking place in Week 4 during swimming lessons. All other students will compete in 25m events and various novelty relays. Students will be given all the relevant information during their sport sessions and permission notes will go home closer to the event.

Dates to Remember

- House Swimming Trials – Week 4 (During swimming lessons)
- House Swimming Carnival – Week 8, Friday 24th March

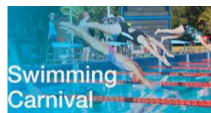
The Swimming Carnival will be held at the Harvey Town Pool. We hope to see a good crowd at the Carnival, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students. Entry is free for spectators and shaded areas are available.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

As with all Carnivals, parent help is vital to assist with the smooth running, or should I say swimming, of the event. We need a chief judge, four place judges, a place recorder, ribbons presenter and lifeguard. If you can 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.

Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher



In Term Swimming Lessons Year 4 - 6

Students in Years 4 – 6 will be participating in Education Department Interm Swimming lessons at Koombana Bay commencing next Monday 13th February and running for a total of 10 days. **The cost is \$30.** Enrolment forms and payment need to be submitted urgently to allow sufficient time for classes to be arranged. We apologise for the short 'turnaround time'.

Please ensure your child comes with all the necessary items such as bathers, towel, goggles, extra underwear, sunscreen and hat.



Swimming Lesson Timetable

	Bus Pick-up Parkfield PS	Lesson Start Time	Bus Pick-up Koombana Bay
Year 4	11:35am	12:00pm	1:00pm
Year 5	12:25pm	12:45pm	1:45pm
Year 6	1:05pm	1:30pm	2:30pm

School Contributions and Charges

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.

The **\$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children. Thank you.

Notes from the Music Room

Thank you to parents/caregivers and students for displaying the virtues of respect and orderliness by being organised for the year. Several Year Fours have already purchased a recorder and labelled both the recorder and the case with their name. **Recorders** are available to purchase for the **cost of \$8.50** from the front office. Nearly all Year Fives and Sixes have returned their recorders. If your child still has theirs at home, please remind them to bring it back to school. Playing the recorder is a vital part of their music learning journey.



Last Thursday Year 5 and 6 **Brass and Percussion** students met with Mr Ogden and Mr Williamson. These students will be having their lessons weekly on Thursdays. **Flute and Clarinet** students will meet with Mr Luke Wednesday, which is the day they will have their regular lessons. A timetable is on the Music Room door.

In Week 3, the following musical groups are starting.

Junior Choir - Year 3 and 4 – Monday 1.30pm - 2.00pm. I will be talking to the students during music class about joining this group. Any student that is interested can join by turning up at lunch time on Mondays.

Percussion Plus – Year 5 and 6 – Tuesday 8.15am - 8.45am. Selected students only. If your child is interested, they can come and see me.

Ukulele – Year 4, 5 and 6 – Thursday 8.15am - 8.45am. I will be talking to the students during music class about joining this group. Any student that is interested can join by turning up before school on Thursdays. Owning your own ukulele is preferable.

Senior Choir – Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 1.30pm - 2.00pm. I will be talking to the students during music class about joining this group. Any student that is interested can join by turning up at lunch time on Thursdays.

Concert Band – Year 6 Instrumental Students – Friday 8.30am - 9.15am (on the weeks where there are no assemblies - on assembly weeks rehearsals will be 10.15am - 10.55am).

Mrs Luke – Music Specialist



School Term Dates for Students 2023

Term 1: Wednesday 1st February 2023 – Thursday 6th April 2023.

Term 2: Wednesday 26th April 2023 – Friday 30th June 2023.

Term 3: Tuesday 18th July 2023 – Friday 22nd September 2023.

Term 4: Tuesday 10th October 2023 – Thursday 14th December 2023.

Down in the Art Room.....

Welcome back to school for 2023! The creating and making has begun in earnest in the Art Room and the enthusiasm of our artists to participate in their lessons is wonderful to see. Many of the children tell me about the art they have been making at home, and the people in their lives that encourage them with this. Fostering creativity in our children is vitally important, and it doesn't end when the paintbrush or pencil is put down. Discussing their artwork allows children to reflect on the process they worked through, and to value those "oops" moments just as much as the things that went as planned. Taken from Kidspot, here are ten questions to help you further explore the creativity of your artist.



1. How did you come up with the idea for your artwork?
2. What can you tell me about your picture?
3. Why did you... (use that colour, place that object over there?)
4. What materials did you use to make this?
5. What part of the picture do you enjoy the most?
6. What part of the picture turned out just the way you had planned?
7. How hard was it to create this picture?
8. Would you change anything about your artwork?
9. What do you think you could call this picture?
10. What should we do next with this piece?

Julie Astill – Arts Specialist

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.

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 students to wear the correct broad brimmed hat to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock.



Chaplain's Chat

A big hello and welcome back Parkfield school community! An extra big welcome to those who have just joined us for the first time or returned... Most of you already know me and know there's a Chaplain Chat in our fortnightly School Newsletter the 'Parkfield Press'... but to those who don't, I am Jo Campbell, Parkfield's School Chaplain and I am here at school this year Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning each week (unless there's a Year 6 camp or such like!) My base is the Chaplain Corner – Room 11 Block 4, which is next to the Uniform Shop. If you would like to or need to share some great news, or chat over a 'teachable moment', please remember that I am only a phone call away - call the office and they will pass on your message, and we'll arrange a time to meet. I am always happy to have a chat or help out if I can.

I hope you've all had a wonderful return and start to our 2023 school year. I have! It has been so lovely catching up with, and meeting and welcoming everybody. I look forward to catching up with, and meeting those I haven't yet.

It is just the best to be able to go all over our great school and see all the respect, enthusiasm, joyfulness, friendliness, determination, and resilience (and plenty of 'green zone tools') being shown already, and our 'Parkfield Way' in action! Well done one and all.

Have a terrific term and a wonderful year everyone.

Until next time,

Jo Campbell 😊
Chaplain



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning

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.



Labelling Property

Over the year our lost property box located outside the Deputy's office overflows. Please ensure all school belongings are clearly labelled. This assists greatly with returning misplaced items to their rightful owner. Thank you for your assistance.

Term One Planner 2023

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	30 Jan Teachers Return School Development Day	31 School Development Day	1 Feb Students resume	2	3 Year 1 – 6 Assembly 9am	4	5
2	6 Feb	7 Newsletter Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
3	13 Feb Interm Swimming Years 4 - 6	14 P&C Meeting 7pm staffroom	15	16	17	18	19
4	20 Feb Interm Swimming continued	21 Newsletter Staff Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
5	27 Feb	28	1 March	2	3	4	5
6	6 March Labour Day	7 Newsletter Staff Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
7	13 March	14 P&C AGM 7pm staffroom	15 NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5 Year 6 Camp	16	17	18	19
8	20 March NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5	21 Newsletter Staff Meeting	22	23	24 Swimming Carnival Years 5 & 6	25	26
9	27 March	28	29	30 DISCO	31 Senior Assembly 2:15pm	1 April	2
10	3 April	4 Newsletter Staff Meeting	5	6 Students last day	7 Good Friday	8	9
H	10 April Easter Monday	11	12	13	14	15	16
H	17 April	18	19	20	21	22	23