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Growth Through Knowledge - 智識 の 成長

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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

There can never be enough kindness in the world and our Parkfield community certainly stepped up to show "Random Acts of Kindness" last week to raise money for research into Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), which is an aggressive childhood cancer.
Ahlia's Kindness Day was a roaring success last Friday, with a sea of blue across the school. I would like to sincerely thank our compassionate parents and community members that supported the day. Parkfield Primary raised $1000 for this great cause.

DISCO – Thank you
I would like to thank the students that attended our discos last Thursday night. You all danced the night away, displaying respect, responsibility and self discipline. A massive thank you to Mr Brooks and the many staff members who gave up their own time to support the school on this evening. Well done everyone.

Good Luck
Mrs Dyer, Miss Krepp and our Year 5/6 Girls AFL team will participate in the district Primary Girls AFL carnival on Thursday 15th June. I am sure they will have a great day representing Parkfield.

P&C Meeting Tonight
We have our monthly meeting **tonight** in the library at 7:00pm.
Parkfield is very fortunate to have an outstanding P&C, who not only fundraise but organise many creative activities throughout the year. If you can support these amazing people with your time or effort, please let them know.

The Smith Family Scholarships – still available
In 2019, Parkfield Primary School joined the *Learning for Life Program* sponsored by The Smith Family. Parents with students in PP to Year 6 need to meet the criteria to be eligible for a Smith Family scholarship. If you have a Centrelink or Healthcare card, please contact the school to discuss your eligibility as soon as possible.

Relief Gardener/Handyman
If you or someone you know may be interested in relief work at Parkfield as the Gardener/Handyman, please contact Mrs Rachael Harper to discuss this opportunity, 9796 5900.

2023 Parkfield School Board
Our Parkfield School Board has a vital role in maintaining the good governance of our school.
The following are our key people representing our school community and charged with the responsibility of overseeing our great school;
We welcome new members for 2023, Mr Adam McGill and Mrs Jamelle Walton. Returning are Mr Danny Sullivan Chairperson, Mr Grant Andrews, Mrs Cathy Smith, Mrs Heather Gammie, Mrs Sarah Dunbar-Stuart, Ms Elaine Griffiths, Mr Kieren Drury, Mr Justin Butcher, Mrs Brittni Baum, Mrs Shellie Anderson and Mrs Tania Retzlaff as the Executive Officer.
Please contact these people if you would like to give constructive feedback about Parkfield Primary School's strategic directions and governance.

Mathematics at Parkfield
Parkfield teaching staff attended an all day Professional Learning on 24th April with Dr Paul Swan. This covered many ideas for developing student Mathematics understandings and skills. We will be sharing some of these 'Mathematics Big Ideas' and how they develop across the years, in the coming newsletters. Please chat with your child's classroom teacher if you would like to know how you can help your child develop their Mathematics skills and understandings or need more information on these concepts.

Thank you
Mrs Rachael Harper
Principal

From Mrs Luke in the Music Room

Leaving For Holidays On A High Note
On the last day of term, Friday 30th June at 8.55am, there will be a short Performing Arts recital in the Undercover Area. The Choir will be singing From Little Things Big Things Grow, Percussion Plus will be performing Redwood Grove and the Concert Band playing Penguin Promenade and Bunyip Blues. There are also a couple of performances the whole school will participate in, but I'm keeping these a secret! Hope to see you there for some great entertainment, fun and laughter.

Maths Matters

Why focus on counting skills?
There are many counting skills that are useful for various **mental calculation strategies** that are progressively taught across the years.

Early counting strategies

- Combining very small collections and then *counting them all* by ones to find out 'how many altogether?'
- Progressing to c*ounting on* from larger numbers when combining small collections.
- Skip counting of combined collections by twos and fives is more efficient than counting by ones.
- Grouping collections in to tens is a strategy that uses place value understandings to work out how many in a collection.
- Counting backwards by ones is a skill that can be used for subtracting small amounts.
- Counting coins is another type of counting skill that needs developing, starting with counting the same value coins then moving to counting coins of mixed values.

Later counting strategies

- Counting on by tens from any number e.g. 104, 114, 124, 134 etc and counting back by tens from any number e.g. 287, 277, 267, 257 etc is a skill needed for ***mentally*** adding on to a number in chunks or subtracting from a number in chunks. For example, for 186 + 63 we could count on in tens from 186 so 196, 206, 216, 226, 236, 246 and then add on the 3 ones to get 249. This skill needs to be extended to counting on and back by hundreds from any number.
- Counting on in hours and half hours is a useful strategy to ***mentally*** solve elapsed time problems For example, to solve the problem of what time will a movie finish if it starts at 4:25pm and screens for 2 hours and 10 minutes, we could count on the two hours from 4:25 as 5:25, 6:25 then count on the 10 minutes to 6:35 to say that the movie will finish at 6:35pm. Progress to counting back in hours and minutes.
- Counting on with decimal places to mentally add on small amounts of money. $4.80 add 60 cents to say $4.90, $5.00, $5.10, $5.20, $5.30, $5.40.

Please contact the school if you would like more information on how you can help your child with mental calculation strategies or other Mathematics concepts.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments & Little Learners

Kindy Enrolments are still being taken at the Office. Parents of children enrolled for Kindy at Parkfield in 2024, who have nominated to participate in our Little Learners Program, please note this will occur in Term Four. Parents will be contacted next term regarding these sessions.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Lincoln Russell, Skye Diable, Izaac Suckling, Connar Cook, Ava Richardson, Ryley Cowcill, Paige Biddle, Elijah Borellini, Lily Pienaar, Torin Kempton, Bonnie Rhodes, Matilda Webber, Jace Tozer, Elarna Wheeler, James Lindroth, Levi Vegvary-Watson, Olivia Nijjar, Avarlee Stephenson, Mia Melvin, Charlotte Drury, Blake Hasard, Anabel Maher, Ava Dye, Jace Rawson, Seth Roberts, Vaida Robb, Ellie Miller, Zoe Knight, Jack Geoghegan, Alexis Gibbs, Jack Kashyap, Archisha Pal, Rubi Jo Cullen, William Thompson, Jeremy George, Levi Holden, Scarlett Scott, Daytona Hodge, Thomas Buckroyd, Lola Pola-Diplock, Lilah Dagostino, Ben Kashyap, Blaze Coyle, Belle Smith, Liliana Walton, Scarlett Rob, Molly Lindroth, Cooper Dye, Summer Ainsley, Alissa Kilmartin, Gemma Gorham, Haze Moyle, Tyson Reid, Saxon Mills, Joshua Pienaar, Iesha Bitmead, Darcy Mackean, Felix Windsor, Dylan Burch, Ben Harper. **Specialist Awards – Science;** Cameron Woolsey, Declan Ridge, Japnaam Chahal, Cai Massingham **Visual Arts;** Charlie Brandis, Lucas O'Driscoll, Gemma Gorham **Music;** Liliana Walton, James Butcher **Physical Education;** Dylan Burch, Ben Harper.

P&C Fundraising News

Congratulations to the winner of the winter raffle: Cai - Room 8
Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets. We raised $1020.
A big thank you to Giovanetti Firewood for donating a trailer load of wood.

Junior Swimming Lessons

Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Leschenault Leisure Centre commencing **Monday 19th June** and finishing on **Friday 30th June.** Enrolment forms have been sent home. The cost of this series of lessons is **$60** for the 10 days.

Swimming Lessons Leschenault leisure Centre Jun 19-30			
Class	Pick-up Parkfield	Lesson Time	Pick-up LLC
Rm 2 Rm 4 Rm 8	09:00	**09:20**	10:20
Rm 3 Rm 5 Rm 9	09:45	**10:05**	11:05
PP 1 Rm 1 Rm19	10:30	**10:50**	11:50
PP 2 Rm 6	11:40	**12:00**	1:00
PP 3 T2	12:25	**12:45**	1:45
PP 4 Rm 10	1:10	**1:30**	2:30

Sports Update with Mr Sleight

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

In Week 6, Parkfield had its annual **House Cross Country** which involved students in Years 3-6. Well done to all the students that competed in the event and put in their best effort to get over the finish line.

Congratulations to these students that crossed the line first in their race.
Year 3 - Ella Kilmartin (4m:45s), Elijah Borellini (4m:14s)
Year 4 - Madeleine Butcher (4m:8s), Japnaam Chahal (3m:46s)
Year 5 - Rylee Howlett (7m:51s), Lucas O'Driscoll (7m:17s)
Year 6 - Lucy Nell (7m:8s), Ben Harper (6m:29s)

Thank you to all the staff and student leaders that assisted. Your help is always greatly appreciated. Competitors from Years 3-6 that finished in the top four in their race will be competing in the **Bunbury Districts Interschool Cross Country**, which will be held next Friday 23rd June at Hay Park. The races commence at 10:30am and the distances range from 1850m to 2500m. There will be around 25 other schools competing, so there may be up to 100 competitors in each race. Well done to all the competitors that have been braving the cold mornings for training. Your commitment is appreciated, and we wish you all the best in your race. Competitors will be given permission notes this week outlining all the details. Spectators are most welcome to attend and support our students.

Thank you.
Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

Last Friday the school was a sea of blue in support of Ahlia's Kindness Day.
Over the week students Participated in activities aimed at spreading some extra kindness.

A total of $1000 was raised by students and staff dressed in blue.
This money will go to the charity RUN DIPG.
Well Done everyone who took part.

Chaplain's Chat with Mrs Campbell

Hello lovely Parkfield Community,

I hope you have all had a wonderful fortnight, a super Kindness Week and a special day of extra kindness for Ahlia's Kindness Day last Friday. What a perfect way to see 'The Parkfield Way' and our whole school approach of the 'Virtues Project' in action. I hope you all felt it as you came into the school and as you spent time listening to your children share their classroom's kindness activities with you on the way in the car or at home.

I hope you got to receive individually some kindness and to be the giver of some too… I would like to acknowledge all the acts of kindness that were shown and to encourage us all to keep sharing kindness, to keep honouring Ahlia and supporting her family, friends and the organisation they are fundraising for. I hope and trust that Kindness week has filled your cup, bucket and most importantly your heart to overflowing!

Until next time,

In a world where you can be anything BE KIND!

Jo Campbell ☺
Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning

Thank you to the 112 Parkfield students who have signed up to the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023. We have currently logged 805 books, which is an amazing effort. We still have 87 days left, so it is not too late to register.
www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au
Keep up the wonderful reading everyone!
Mrs Spaull

Parents and carers - Premier's Reading Challenge (premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au)

Please note the change to the Uniform Shop opening time.

Uniform Shop Hours

Mondays **8.30am – 9.00am**
Wednesday 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Orders can also be made via the QKR! App

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 – Courtesy

COURTESY is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. It is greeting others with respect. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello". "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are **COURTEOUS** expressions that show people you respect them and care about them. When a person doesn't practice **COURTESY**, people feel insulted and disrespected. They think this person is rude and ignorant, not caring about anyone or anything. Practicing **COURTESY** gives people a sense that they are valued. **COURTESY** is like a magnet. It makes you attractive to others. **COURTESY** is remembering your manners. Speak politely. Wait your turn. Instead of interrupting someone, say "Excuse me", and then wait patiently for them to give you their attention. Greet people pleasantly. When you are **COURTEOUS** you make requests instead of demands. Bring **COURTESY** home. Your family needs it most of all. **COURTESY** helps life to go smoothly.

What would Courtesy look like if…

- You are meeting someone for the first time?
- Your mother is having a conversation and you want to speak to her?
- You are at a birthday party and the cake is being served?
- You have walked into class late?
- You feel annoyed at your brother?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Show others that you value and respect them
- Remember to treat elders, parents, teachers and children politely
- Think about how your actions affect others
- Make requests instead of demands
- Greet people with a smile

Affirmation: **I am courteous. I speak and act in a polite way. I show others that I value and respect them.**