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27 June 2023 **#5 Term 2**

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

On Friday, our best runners from Years 3 to 6 competed in the annual Bunbury District Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Our runners ran superbly, and we finished 2nd out of the 25 participating schools. Lucy Nell ran a champion's race, coming first in the Year 6 event. Congratulations also to Rylee Howlett (Year 5) and Madeleine Butcher (Year 4) on achieving a third place in their races. Thank you to all the parents and community members that attended the day, your support was truly appreciated. A special thank you to Mr Trevor Sleight and Ms Sarah-Jo Smith for your organisation of our team.

School Reports

On Wednesday afternoon, the 28th of June 2023, you will receive your child's Semester One Report.
If your child receives **Satisfactory** (Years PP-2) or **C Grade** (Years 3-6) for a learning area, then this is considered competent achievement for their year level across the state. **Most** students in a class and across the state will achieve Satisfactory or a C. It is the expected standard for that year level.

The scale below is used to describe your child's progress in their attitude, behaviour and effort.

Consistently: Your child is **always** showing that behaviour or effort

Often: Your child is **frequently** showing that behaviour or effort

Sometimes: Your child is **occasionally** showing that behaviour or effort

Seldom: Your child is **rarely** showing that behaviour or effort

If you have any concerns about your child's achievement or effort level, please discuss them with their classroom teacher.

2024 Kindy Enrolments – Very Important

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2024 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 fill in an application form.
We need these completed as soon as possible to help us plan for next year.

Cyber Safety and Social Media

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media. Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements**. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.**

We are fortunate at Parkfield to be able to access Mrs Nola Marino, Federal member for Forrest, who has worked in the area of E-safety for many years. Mrs Marino will be visiting the Year 6 classes this week to present a session on Cyber Safety. I have witnessed many of Mrs Marino's sessions and one message is paramount – Parents, please be aware of what your child is doing online.

School Out of Bounds on Holidays

A reminder to all parents and students that the **school buildings are out of bounds** during the school holidays. Please use the oval and basketball courts but keep away from the buildings. Please call Australind Police immediately on **97206200** or Education Department Security on **92644771** if you witness anything of concern.

Parents, please note that Term 2 finishes for students this Friday 30th June 2023 and Term 3 resumes on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

We hope everyone has a very well deserved two-week holiday and enjoys the winter break.

Thank you.
Mrs Rachael Harper
Principal

Chaplain's Chat

Woo hoo Team Parkfield! Almost holiday time…and another very well deserved one at that!
Whether you're having a rest up, relax and refresh with a staycation at home or a vacation please keep safe and well.
Goodbye to those leaving! Welcome to those coming.
See you all soon, ready to return for a terrific Term 3!

Jo Campbell 😊
Chaplain

Maths Matters

Partitioning numbers – Thinking of numbers as being made up of smaller numbers is a very important skill and is the key to calculating efficiently.

Counting is a basic way to solve simple maths problems, but it is not an efficient mental strategy with larger numbers. Partitioning numbers into smaller numbers and working with these smaller numbers is a more efficient method for calculating. To do this, students need to fully develop the understanding that **numbers can be partitioned in many ways, and this can be useful when calculating**. Below are some activities that you can do to help your child develop their understandings about partitioning.

Partitioning quantities – It is important to develop the idea that we can break up a quantity and move bits from one group to another without changing the overall quantity. Children need to be able to make fives in the early years, and then make tens and hundreds by moving parts of numbers around.

Knowing tens – Students need to develop recall of the facts for ten so that they can pull apart numbers and then quickly rebuild or bridge to make tens (working with tens is so much easier when calculating). Playing cards are a cheap resource that can be used to develop your child's recall of these facts - just remove the picture cards and tens and have aces as ones.

- What goes with --- to make ten? Turn over one card at a time and call out the matching number.
- Play "snap" by snapping on cards that make ten.
- Play concentration by finding pairs that make ten.
- Make the next ten – turn over two cards to make a number. Say what is needed to make the next ten.

Sports Update with Mr Sleight

Last Friday, 32 students from Years 3-6 competed in the **Bunbury Districts Cross Country Championships**. There were around 25 schools competing, which means there were around 100 competitors in each race. It was an amazing experience for our students.

We certainly had some highlights on the day. **Lucy Nell**, in Year 6, won the **gold medallion**. **Rylee Howlett**, Year 5 and **Madeleine Butcher**, Year 4, both won a **bronze medallion**. WOW! Also, **23** of our 32 students placed in the **top 40** for their race. **14** of those were in the **top 20** and **8** of those were in the **top 10**. A fantastic achievement! Points are combined for each year level, to see how well each school has performed in that year level. Our Year 4 girls placed third overall and our Year 6 boys placed second. **Parkfield** finished in **second place** for our division. Well done to all competitors for your fantastic effort, sportsmanship and behaviour. Thank you to the family members that came along to cheer on and support our competitors and Ms Smith and Mrs Bennetts for helping on the day. Always appreciated.

Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Remi Dye, Thomas Brooks, Jack Macnish, Vivienne Rafferty, Maize Hastie, Keeva Massingham, Adelyn Powell, Levi Cameron, Oliver Powell, Annisa Ewen, Ivy Everett-Asplin, Niklas Menz, Neveah Parrington, Harrison Nisbet, Madelyn Mason, Louell Robinson, Riley Park, Flynn Connor, Willow Piggott, Jayde Vegvary, Zachary Moxon, Lyla Russell, Charlie Silver, Emerson Bell, Bodhi Lamkin, Harper Smith, Hudson Carter, Kara Whittle, Cooper Fowler, Samuel Mason, Willa Brooks, Memphis Robson, Tayla Diable, Thea Ralph, Nate Dower, Olivia Rodgers, Eli Pember, Zaylia Stripe, Jake Pedder, Austin Smith and Milly Germon.

Specialist Awards – Science; Vance Wallrodt and Liam Wilkes. **Visual Arts;** Savannah Butler, Natahlia Holding and Serina Gelmi. **Music;** Casey Vicary and Lana Menz. **Measurement;** Tanner Russell and Maddison Jones. **Physical Education;** Ayla Dobell and Logan Knight.
Congratulations to all these students.

Get your Colour on! Parkfield Primary is hosting a Colour Explosion Fun Run!

The Colour Explosion Fun Run will be held over two days, Thursday 3rd of August (Kindy 1 & 2, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2) and Friday 4th of August (Kindy 3, Year 3, 4, 5 & 6). Runs begin at 2pm.

Parents are welcome to join in the fun! Please pay the Parent Participation Fee of $5 on Qkr and receive a wristband for the event. The $5.00 is to cover the cost of the extra powder.

Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.