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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

After two very successful school House Athletic Carnivals in the last fortnight, I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents, and community members for their participation on these great days.

We would like to sincerely thank Mr Trevor Sleight and Mrs Debbi Dyer for their comprehensive organisation of the events.

On both days our Parkfield students showed outstanding sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to all our enthusiastic spectators who also made the atmosphere so positive.

Thank you to our amazing hardworking staff, parents and P&C staff and volunteers who kept the two days ticking over so efficiently. We have a very dedicated P&C and with great support from our volunteer community members and parents, things ran very smoothly. Thank you everyone.

We had several high school students assist with the catering and judging and I would like to thank them and all the ASHS students that were so respectful all day.

Paul Swan

This week, Parkfield Primary School teachers were extremely fortunate to work with Dr Paul Swan on Mathematics education. Dr Swan is an award-winning author, highly sought-after speaker and experienced designer of maths games, programs and resources to support teachers with teaching key maths concepts in an interesting and engaging way. Dr Swan worked with all teachers over two days at Parkfield. This wonderful professional learning was funded using money raised from our 2023 Colour Explosion Fun Run.

Please Help Us Plan for 2024

If your children will not be attending Parkfield next year, or you know of children who are expecting to enrol for 2024 who live within our boundary, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

2024 Student Council and House Captain Elections

Over the next fortnight our students will be electing new Student Councillors and House Captains for 2024. We are very proud of all our nominees, and we would like to acknowledge the leadership they have already shown to be eligible to apply.

Class Placements for 2024

It is that time for parents to assist us in placing students in classes for 2024. The information that we are requiring is to help us in making the best placements for all students. This is a difficult and complex process for 656 students. Issues such as student conflicts, parental conflicts in the community, extended family issues, twins, court orders etc. are all relevant.

Please note:

1. This is an opportunity for Parkfield parents to communicate with us their appropriate requests and with it comes a responsibility.
Please do not come and see us at the beginning of 2024 to question placements. You must take the opportunity to write to us now.

2. Teaching placements are subject to change for next year. Therefore, naming individual teachers **will not** be acknowledged as this makes the complex task of placements unmanageable and will result in requests being disregarded.

3. Due to the confidential nature of the written requests, we will not be sharing the information. Therefore, a level of trust in our professional judgement is required. Requests will not be replied to.

4. Previous arrangements are null and void and **parents must reapply each year** as circumstances do change.

Parents are invited to submit written submissions only with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to **"The Principal" and marked "Confidential", or via email to Parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au** Submissions for 2024 will close **3:00pm Monday the 20th of November 2023.** Late submissions will not be considered.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

Congratulations and well done to all competitors for the great sportsmanship and enthusiasm that you displayed on the carnival days.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all family members, our wonderful Parkfield staff, Year 5 students and Year 6 student leaders that assisted in some way to make the carnivals run so smoothly and successfully. A special thank you to the parents that volunteered to be place judges at our carnivals, greatly appreciated! Thank you to our ex-Parkfield students, Karlee and Lexie, for also helping out. Thank you to the crowd of spectators that came along to cheer on our students. It certainly added to the atmosphere.

HOUSE ATHLETIC CARNIVALS RESULTS

Junior House Athletics Carnival PP-2

1st – **Marshall** (475.5 pts)
2nd – Geographe (469.5 pts)
3rd – Henton (461 pts)
4th – Naturaliste (456 pts)

Senior House Athletics Carnival Yrs 3-6

1st – **Naturaliste** (647.5 pts)
2nd – Marshall (550 pts)
3rd – Henton (416 pts)
4th – Geographe (354.5 pts)

The Champions

Year 4 Girls – **Ava Dye** (25 pts)
R/U **Lana Simpson** (13 pts)

Year 4 Boys – **Japnaam Chahal** (27 pts)
R/U **Jackson Burch** (15 pts)

Year 5 Girls – **Rylee Howlett** (24 pts)
R/U **Savannah Walton** (22 pts)

Year 5 Boys – **Leon Yorath** (34 pts)
R/U **Lucas O'Driscoll** (12 pts)

Year 6 Girls – **Lucy Nell** (37 pts)
R/U **Madeline Williams** (22 pts)

Year 6 Boys – **Ben Harper** (31 pts)
R/U **James Butcher** (19 pts)

In Week 5, selected students from Years 4-6 will be competing in the **Tuart Interschool Athletics Carnival**. The jumps, vortex, shot put and 800m events will be held at Bunbury Primary on Tuesday 7th November 2023 and the track events and team games at the Bunbury Athletics Stadium, Hay Park on Friday 10th November 2023.

All the best to our competitors involved in these carnivals. Students involved, received notes and information today. Spectators are most welcome to attend these events and cheer on our athletes. Thank you.

Trevor Sleight & Deb Dyer – PE Teachers

P&C NEWS

Year 6 Leavers T-Shirts

Junior and Senior House Athletics Carnivals

A big thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to help with the P&C Stall at both the Junior and Senior Carnivals. Your help is very much appreciated.

Book Fair

November 6th – 9th Hats off to Reading!

The Book Fair is nearly here.

The Fair will commence next Monday November 6th until Thursday November 9th and will be held in our school Library. **The Fair will open at 8.15am until 9am, lunchtimes and then after school until 3.45pm.**

Reading is a very critical skill because it is the foundation for all other learning. It needs to be practised, developed and refined. With a diverse range of fun and exciting books, the Book Fair has something for everyone. Our Fair reminds us all how much fun and essential reading is to our children's development.

All sales benefit our Library collection ensuring your children have amazing new resources to choose from when borrowing from the library.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Fair. See you then - Mrs Moran and Mrs Pullen

Parental As Anything with Maggie Dent

How To Prepare Your Kid for High School. Starting high school is a massive change for both you and your tween. How do you get them ready and help them through the ups and downs of Year 7? Youth coach Claire Eaton and Maggie Dent share their practical tips for the weeks before they start, routines to keep them on track and handling the rough patches. The advice provided in their podcast is general in nature and does not consider your personal situation. If you require further advice specific to your needs, please consult a professional. The podcast can be found at https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/parental-as-anything-with-maggie-dent/are-you-ready-for-high-school/102641568

JAPANESE SISTER SCHOOL - MOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Its official! Parkfield Primary School has its first sister school in Japan. With help from the Shire of Harvey, Parkfield has established a sister school relationship with Moka Elementary School in Japan. Moka City is about 100 kms north of Tokyo in Tochigi Prefecture.

Students in our Japanese classes have helped make a video tour of Parkfield PS in English and Japanese for our sister school to enjoy. We are looking forward to receiving a video back from Moka Elementary School showing us what life is like at a primary school in Japan. This is one of many interactions we will be having between our two schools.

MOKA CITY DELEGATION VISIT TO PARKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 1st November, a delegation of eight officials from Moka City Board of Education will be visiting Parkfield Primary School for a tour of our school and the Japanese classroom. This is another important step in establishing our sister school relations with Moka Elementary School. Please give them a warm welcome and a big 'Konnichi wa' if they come into your classroom. They will also be treated to some typical Aussie snacks!

SIMCOA OPERATIONS

We would like to give a big "Thank you" to Simcoa Operations for supporting the Japanese Program at Parkfield Primary School. With their ongoing support we have been able to purchase equipment to assist with our Zoom Conference calls with Moka City Board of Education and Moka Elementary School. Students are looking forward to our first live, real-time Zoom with a class at Moka ES later this term.

These real-time interactions provide our students with the opportunity to practise the Japanese they have learnt in class with Japanese students of a similar age. Building relationships, appreciation of cultural diversity and an openness to different perspectives are all invaluable learning experience for our students.

JAPANESE CLUB

Every Thursday lunch (after eating) come and join Sansei Sensei and Gray Sensei in the Japanese classroom to participate in fun Japanese games, cooking, origami, activities and more!

Gray Sensei – Teacher of Japanese

Chaplain's Chat with Mrs Campbell

Hello everyone,

I hope this finds you well and rested after another wonderful fortnight of amazing Parkfield Community events and activities! We've had more new families joining us, the Little Learners are well under way, two great Athletics Carnivals and the 2024 Kindy Meetings to name but a few events.

Thank you to those who have reached out and chatted through some of the extra challenges being faced. Please keep networking and accessing the available services.

Until next time,

Jo Campbell.

Joanne Campbell
YouthCARE Chaplain
Parkfield Primary School
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning

Women's Triathlon

The **South32 Bunbury Women's Triathlon** marks its 18th anniversary on the 12th of November 2023. Please register on the South32 Race Roster website, with last registrations to be in by the 9th of November, unless sold out prior.

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.

Please ensure you label all belongings with your child's name for easy return if misplaced. Thank you.

Lost Property

Did you leave your picnic rug behind after the Athletics Carnival? Please call into the office to claim.

A pair of reading glasses have also been handed into the office.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Honour

HONOUR is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people and the rules you live by. When you are **HONOURABLE,** you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example. Without **honour**, people act disrespectfully and do things which make them and others feel ashamed. They just do what they want without caring about the virtues or whether it is right or wrong. When someone is **honourable**, other people trust them to do what is right. Their word of **honour** means they will do exactly what they promise. People respect and look up to people that are **honourable**. You can practice **honour** by doing the right thing regardless of what others are doing. You keep your promises, without anyone nagging or reminding you. You **honour** your elders by speaking respectfully to them. You **honour** yourself by being your best, practicing your virtues every day. When you act with **honour**, you set a good example, not to be admired but just because it is the right thing to do.

What would Honour look like if…

- Your friend told you a secret?
- You are mad at your mother when she asks you to do something?
- A friend tries to get you to steal some money to go to a movie?
- You find some money in the school hallway?
- Everyone is teasing a child in the playground?
- You promised to practice your instrument while your parents are out?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Practice your virtues.
- Keep your word.
- Respect the rules you want to live by.
- Do what you believe is right no matter what.
- Set a good example for others.
- Avoid doing things which make you feel ashamed.

Affirmation: *I am honourable.* *I keep my agreements and treat others with respect.* *I live by the virtues.* *I care about doing the right thing.*