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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

As a school community we have much to celebrate from events over the past two weeks. You will see in this fortnight's edition of the newsletter that staff and students continue to forge ahead and support the activities with respect, pride and initiative.

The last four weeks of term are incredibly important and we want to make sure our whole school community does not have a drop in any of the high standards we expect. Attendance and diligence to work are crucial to consolidating the great effort put in so far this year.

Senior Presentation Assembly

We have a Senior Presentation Assembly this Friday. It is our final assembly for the year. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Student Councillors 2024

The 2024 Student Leaders have recently been elected and we look forward to working with these students. This is a very prestigious position in our school and we are sure our 2024 students will continue the great work of former Student Councillors.

Congratulations to the students below:

Levi Spencer	Maya Westley
Leon Yorath	Rubi Jo Cullen
Toby Branchi	Clarissa McNally
Savannah Walton	Ivy Clark
Ava Serra	Cooper Dyer

House Captains for 2024 will be announced on Friday at our Presentation Assembly.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

A big thank you and congratulations to Mr Sleight, staff and students who participated in the Tuart Interschool Athletics Carnival held at Hay Park. As expected, all competitors showed great sportsmanship and eagerness to do their best. Our students were acknowledged as the best behaved by community members from other schools. Well done everyone. We were only **four** points away from winning the carnival, a great achievement.

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.

Term Four Disco

The final disco for the 2023 year will be held in the undercover area on Thursday 23rd of November. The **Junior Disco** (PP-Year 3) is held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm with entry just $4.00.

Parents, please encourage your children to always stay in the undercover area. We do not want children playing outside as we cannot supervise adequately outside of the disco area.

The **Senior Disco** (Years 4-6) is held from 6:15pm to 8:00pm with entry just $5.00.

The canteen will have plenty of drinks and snacks on sale. Please note: Only students from Parkfield P.S. are permitted to take part in these activities. Students can only attend the disco that is appropriate to their year level.

Parents, please drop off and pick up in person at the undercover disco entrance and exit. We will only release students into the care of an older guardian.

Year 6 Orientation Day

Students attending Australind Senior High School in 2024 will be involved in a Year 6 Orientation Day in Week 9 on Wednesday 6th December 2023. Students need to be at ASHS by 8.30am in full Parkfield school uniform.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

During Week 5 selected athletes from Years 4 - 6 competed in the **Tuart Division Athletics Carnival**. Over the two days, athletes competed in shot put, vortex, long/triple/high jump, 800m, 400m, 200m, 100m, relays, leaderball and passball. There were many highlights and success stories for many of our athletes. Over the two days there were 140 events. Our athletes placed in the top four for 97 events. An outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to **Lucy Nell** (Year 6) for being **R/U Champion**. An awesome performance! Well done to all our athletes for the enthusiasm and determination that they showed when competing and the positive team spirit that they displayed. There were eight schools involved and **Parkfield finished second** overall with 329 points. Congratulations to Tuart Forest Primary who won with 333 points. Yes, only by 4 points!

Parkfield won the **Meritorious Shield** for '**Most Improved Performance**' over three years. A fantastic achievement!

Year 6 Relay Team

A BIG thank you to Mrs Dyer, Mrs Pippin and Ms Brown for the various ways they assisted on the carnival days and helped with the team. Thank you also to the parents that came along to cheer on our athletes. They sure did put on a good show for you. Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

Book Fair - Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families who supported our Book Fair last week. It was such a fabulous success. Thanks to you, we will be able to buy lots of new books for our students to borrow from our Library collection. Once again you have shown an appreciation and love for reading and have given your child something precious to hold in their hands!

BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU MRS BALLANTINE

After many busy years of being Parkfield's Book Club Coordinator - Mrs Megan Ballantine has decided it's time to retire from the position. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Megan has shown this role. Without Book Club we wouldn't have an amazing source of books for our students to buy for their own use and as many books on our Library shelves that we have now. Thank you, Megan!

We would like welcome Mrs Carly O'Donoghue to be our new Book Club Coordinator. Carly is one of our Mums and is excited to be helping us in our school with this very important role. Thank you, Carly!

Mrs Moran and Mrs Pullen
Library

Chaplain's Chat with Mrs Campbell

Hello lovely Parkfield Community,

I know you've heard me say this before, but it's something I'm happy to keep repeating – it has been another fortnight where I am very proud to be part of the Parkfield community. We've had lots of good things happening with Interschool sport days and a huge Parkfield Awards Assembly. On the other hand, many have had increasing challenges to face. I'm so grateful that we have the benchmarks of 'The Parkfield Way', the 'Zones of Regulation' and 'The Virtues Project' to focus on and help support us to move forward with the 'teachable moments' and our tough times. I am hoping that these programs are as much help and support to you at home as they are at school, as we are all about working together and being there for each other.

Until next time,
Jo Campbell 🤗
YouthCARE Chaplain

Please Help Us Plan for 2024

If your children will not be attending Parkfield next year, or you know of children who are currently not enrolled for 2024 and plan to attend, please let the school know as soon as possible.

JAPANESE - MOKA CITY DELEGSTION VISIT

On Wednesday 1st November we welcomed a delegation from Moka City to Parkfield Primary School. The delegation included the Mayor of Moka City, Mr Shinichi Ishizaka, officials from Moka City Board of Education, English Teachers and members from the Shire of Harvey.

SIMCOA Operations is a big supporter of our Japanese program and Mr Kikuo Nakajima (Managing Director) and Mr Kees Visser (Operations Manager) were also able to attend.

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The group was escorted on a tour of our school, visited the Japanese classroom and enjoyed some Aussie snacks which included vegemite toast, crackers with vegemite and cheese and lamingtons. There was an exchange of gifts and letters from students at Moka Elementary School. Our Year 5s are going to be busy writing replies to these letters.

Gray Sensei – Teacher of Japanese

Zonta Choose Respect Calendar Competition

On the afternoon of November 1st, the winners of the Zonta 2024 Choose Respect Calendar Competition gathered at the Stirling Street Arts Centre with their families, where their artistic skills were rewarded with a delicious afternoon tea and the presentation of their prizes.

Ava Richardson and Jaden Ernst from Year Three, and Zoe Filipich and Isabelle Hausen from Year Five, were all very proud to receive their awards from the Zonta Women's Group, which acknowledged the time, creativity, and effort that they had put into their artwork.

Thank you to all the other students who also put considerable time, thought and effort into the creation of their posters. Your posters and Certificates of Participation have now been delivered to your classrooms.

Julie Astill – Visual Arts Teacher

#YOUTHCHELLA

Let's celebrate summer!

Are you ready for an afternoon of fun and entertainment at Youthchella?

The iconic Shire of Harvey Youth Festival returns on **Friday 15 December at Ridley Place Foreshore, Australind, from 3pm to 6pm.** The day is designed for young people aged 10 to 18. The event will offer a mix of exciting activities and delicious food. It will be bigger and better than the last one, with henna tattooing, 3-point basketball competition, bungee jump trampolines, rock climbing, silent discos, live DJs, roving performances, live art installations, second-hand shop for charity and so much more. Don't miss out on the fun!

Donations for the Youthchella Second-hand shop
Why are we collecting clothing items? Youthchella is collecting clothing items for a second-hand clothing shop on the day. The proceeds will go to the customers preferred charity that assists young people in Australia with a range of challenges they face daily. **Please drop off your donations at the Youthchella second-hand shop on the day.** What will be accepted? Clothing items that are in good condition. Shirts, tops, skirts, shorts, jeans, hoodies, jumpers, jackets, hats, accessories (bracelets, necklaces etc.), sunglasses, hair accessories. The target age is for young people between 10 to18 years.
Thank you.
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DISCO

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THE WEEKEND TRADITION

WOODSIDE NIPPERS

Woodside Nippers is a great way for kids to be part of a fun, active community, making new friends, gain water confidence and develop vital surf skills. Registration is still open for ages 5 – 12 at a Surf Life Saving Club near you. To find out more information please visit nipperswa.com.au.

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 -Cleanliness

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body **clean**, and wearing **clean** clothes. **Cleanliness** in your mind is concentrating your thoughts on things that are good for you. You can '**clean** up your act' by deciding to change when you have done something you aren't proud of or have made a mistake. Staying **clean** also means keeping your body free of harmful drugs. Keeping yourself **clean** makes you nice to be around. **Cleanliness** protects you from disease. Washing your hands before you eat and after you go to the bathroom keeps away germs that cause disease. When a room is **clean** and orderly, your mind feels **clean** and uncluttered too. A **clean** mind keeps you feeling peaceful. **Cleanliness** is washing often and brushing your teeth. It is putting things away after you use them and keeping things in order. If you make a mistake, **clean** it up. Make amends and then act differently. Avoid looking at, listening to, or eating things that harm you. Only put into your body and your mind things that make you healthy.

What would Cleanliness look like if…

- You haven't been able to find your shoes for three days because your room is so messy?
- It is time for bed and you're so sleepy you don't feel like brushing your teeth?
- Your desk at school is cluttered with papers?
- You notice that unwelcome thoughts are sticking in your mind?
- You broke a promise to a friend?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Keep your body fresh and clean.
- Put things away after you use them.
- Do your share to keep your home neat and clean.
- Put only healthful things in your body.
- Use clean language.
- Clean up your mistakes.

Affirmation: I keep myself fresh and clean. I put my things and my life in order. I am willing and able to clean up my mistakes.