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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

After a relatively quiet period for COVID, it is back in force at Parkfield. We have many staff and students testing positive and unwell. Please make sure you don't send sick students to school and that families are regularly tested. Please follow the Health Department of WA guidelines.

House Captains for 2024

Congratulations to the following students on being selected to be House Captains for 2024;

Geographe	Lucy Pedder and Sam Turner
Henton	Lilah Dagostino and Ben Kashyap
Marshall	Annie McCarthy and Elliot Gargallo
Naturaliste	Scarlett Scott and Mita Bell

We are sure that they will be excellent representatives for their respective House factions and school leaders.

Evacuation Practice 4th December 2023

On Monday the 4th of December we will be having a full school Evacuation Practice. This is an annual event and with the advent of summer and associated fires we believe this is very timely. This will happen around 12:00pm and all people on site will be involved.

2024 Swimming Lessons

We have been notified that swimming lessons will be very early next year for our Year Four to Six students. They will start in Week Three the 12th of February. Unfortunately bus costs have gone up nearly 50% and swimming lessons will be around the $45 mark. We are very disappointed with this large hike and are trying to find the best deal possible for our Parkfield community.

Smith Family Learning For Life Scholarships

Parkfield Primary School is a partner with The Smith Family foundation. We can offer a large number of Learning for Life scholarships for any families in possession of a Healthcare Concession Card or a Pension Concession Card.
If you are eligible and are committed to education (i.e. children attend school regularly) please contact the Parkfield PS front office for an application form as soon as possible.

Term Four Disco

The final disco for the 2023 year will be held in the undercover area this Thursday 30th of November.

The **Junior Disco** (PP-Year 3) is held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm with entry just $4.00. We are going to trial opening the courtyard and allowing this area for sitting down and eating only. There will be no running or climbing games at the disco.

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, where they will be met by their Parkfield class teachers.

Christmas Singalong

Our Christmas singalong will be held on Thursday 7th December 2023 in the undercover area starting at **9:15 am**. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. There will be limited space due to this being a PP to Year 6 event.

Class Placement Requests

Requests for 2024 are now **CLOSED**. No more requests will be taken.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Summer Holiday Maths - Use It or Lose It!

The summer holiday break is such a long period of time without formal lessons, and it is quite common for children's Maths skills to regress during this time if they are not being used. Please be mindful of this and give your child a head start for next year just by getting them to use some of their skills every now and again over the holiday period.

- Take note of comments that teachers might make in reports about areas that need improvement eg recall of basic facts.
- When your child's Maths Book or Journal comes home at the end of the year, don't throw it out but look through for examples of skills that they have been developing. Have your child read over their work and do some of the work again.
- Some important skills for practising are listed below.
    - Commencing Pre-Primary – Counting objects to 5 and saying numbers to 10.
    - Commencing Year 1 - counting skills by 1s and 2s and counting to 20.
    - Commencing Year 2 – counting skills to one hundred, counting coins, facts for ten.
    - Commencing Year 3 – counting skills by 2s, 5s and 10s, facts for ten, other addition and subtraction facts, x 2 and x 5 tables facts, solving simple money problems with coins.
    - Commencing Year 4 – counting skills into the thousands, addition and subtraction facts, x 2 x 5 x 3 and x 4 tables facts, mental calculating of simple addition and subtraction problems, including with money.
    - Commencing Year 5 & 6 – counting skills into the thousands then millions, addition and subtraction facts, all tables facts, mental strategies for calculating of addition and subtraction, calculating multiplication and division problems.
- Utilise apps, computer software or internet sites that give children basic facts practice.

Judy Brooks – Mathematics Specialist Teacher

Bunbury Medicare Urgent Care Clinic

Medicare UCCs give you and your family more options to see a doctor or nurse when you need urgent, but not life-threatening care. This is a free bulk billing service. **Open 7 days a week**, from 7am to 8pm, 365 days a year. Public holiday hours are 8am to 6pm. **Conveniently located in The Health Hub at Eaton Fair. Phone number 9785 6009.**
For further information please visit www.urgentcareclinicbunbury.com.au

Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly. Jamilia Cole, Leandro Smith, Macy Larkin, Rocco Christian, Archer Fry, Bryson Hoult, Dominique Street, Aiden Wilkes, Joe Hanus, Sadie Jones, Hudson Mas, Athol Hansen, Isla Rossiter, Evi Jennings, Harley Ramsay, Trey Mynors, Toby Haskett, Eden Amundsen, Ella Nagel, Hunter Fry, Isla Burns, Joel Greenmount, Joshua Fahey, Ella Kilmartin, Adalind Wilsonham, Russell Jetta, Elquira Garlett, Cooper Dyer, Zoe Filipich, Tyreece Farrell, Daniel Sullivan, Toby Branchi, Lacey Brown, Isabelle Hausen, Quinn Kimber, Rubin Tann, Indiana Tingwell-Crew, Peyton Vicary, Annie McCarthy, Elliot Gargallo, Devin Jaroka, Callum Stevens, Noah Rogers, Tommas Hamersley, Brady Docherty, Sian Ramsay, Daphne Harberts, Taite Walton, Ajay Smith, Phoebe Christian, Gemma Gorham, Anna Rosenhart, Kobi Jennings, Antonio Smith, Jackson O'Neil, Taylor Buck and Tyler Butson.

Specialist Awards – Science; Ella Nagel, Scarlett Rob, Toby Branchi and Fletcher McGill. **Drama Arts;** Leah Ingram, Toby Branchi, Bonnie Rhodes, Jett Smith and Scarlett Scott. **Physical Education;** Bill Brown and Jordan Birch. **Visual Arts;** Ella Kilmartin, Zoe Filipich and Skye Marley. **Japanese;** Lincoln Russell, Isabelle Hausen, Tyson Reid and Ruby Fraser.

Congratulations to all these students.

Down in the Art Room.....

My favourite time of the year has arrived. No, it's not the impending holiday break, it's the release of the 2024 Bunbury Summer School schedule!

There are over 90 classes available this year, with the best line-up of activities for children that has ever been organised. Running from the 6th - 14th January 2024, the Summer School classes encompass everything from drama to drawing. With the majority of the classes aimed at beginners, it is a wonderful opportunity to try something new. Book the kids into one class, yourself into another!

The full list of classes can be found on the Stirling Street Arts Centre website. I will have a limited number of brochures available as well.

Julie Astill – Visual Arts Specialist

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.

The School's Veggie Garden

This year has seen a resurrection of our school veggie garden with the help of some amazing Year 6 students and sponsorship from Bunnings Australind. I would like to acknowledge and thank **Joshua Gelmi**, **Max Hook** and **Travis Wilsonham**, who have been a major part of the transformation and given up numerous lunchtimes to set up and maintain the garden. I also want to thank all the other members of the **P.G.G** (Parkfield Garden Gang) for keeping up with the watering demands during this warm Spring. And last but not least, **Christie from Bunnings** for providing us with everything we need.

The garden is booming now and our green thumbed students cannot wait to tuck into some of their home-grown goodies. Only thing being, that every time the students go to pick a fresh zucchini, cherry tomato or broad bean that should be ready, they are no longer there. After a long investigative process, we have eliminated all magpies and cabbage moths from being the culprits due to their inability to snap them off with the precision that has being shown. We have the C.S.I, F.B.I and Z.A.F (Zucchini Armed Forces) on standby and we ask that produce be left for our eager students to enjoy.

Mitchell Jefferys Year 6 Coordinating Teacher

Chaplain's Chat with Mrs Campbell

Greetings lovely Parkfield Community,

A big congratulations to one and all, we are nearly there! Unbelievably we have just over two weeks to go before we complete another great term and year, of commitment, unity, excellence, perseverance, and resilience. **Well done** on how you have all navigated, and are navigating, the challenges and trials of life. Thank you to those who have asked for some contacts of services from the **Services Support Directory** and for following up with me. Be encouraged to stay strong and connected.

A focus of our Chaplain Chats is often about choice, action and consequences and looking at both the positives and negatives and considering the options at hand. Then, tying this in with our Virtues and Zones of Regulation programs and growing our resilience and positive mindsets. For our senior students, lots of chat is about online choices and safety. May I do a reminder here and encourage all to have a look at the eSafety website - google **eSafety Commissioner – online safety** for relevant information. This site has helpful resources and processes to follow for enjoying the positives safely. It is so relevant for all students and families. There is a lot of information there with free access.

Until next time,
Warm regards,

Jo Campbell 😊
YouthCARE Chaplain

Lost Property – We have had two watches handed into the office. Please check and see if they may belong to your child. Thank you.

#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.
harvey.wa.gov.au

What's On The Noticeboard

JV Music Tuition - Qualified, experienced music teacher, keyboard, piano, drums, and songwriting sessions for all ages. Based in Australind. Cost $33 per half hour session or $280 for 10 sessions.
Please contact Jacqui Verhaar on 0417 058 028 or visit jvmusictuition.com.

Dinghy Training – Start sailing 1 & 2 – Teens/Adults. 15th – 19th January 2024. $250 per person. No sailing experience is required, and you don't have to be a member of Koombana Bay Sailing Club to participate. Junior participants will receive a complimentary membership for the remainder of the sailing season and adult/students can join as crew for a 50% discount. All equipment is provided. Other sail training is available for ages 7 – 12 years. For further information or to register visit www.koombanabay.com/sail-training.

City of Bunbury presents - Summer lovin' from 1/12/23 – 31/1/24. A jam-packed program of exciting events to keep everyone entertained during the summer months. Visit the City of Bunbury website and download the full program of events.

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 -Joyfulness

JOYFULNESS is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. **JOY** is inside us all. It comes from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. **JOY** comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humour in things. **JOY** is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad. Without inner **JOY**, all our feelings are determined by what is happening to us. When things are going well, we feel glad. When things are going wrong, we feel bad. Without **JOYFULNESS**, when the fun stops, our happiness stops. When we are **JOYFUL**, things still happen to us, some good and some bad. If we are **JOYFUL** down deep we stay calm and serene. We look forward to thing changing for the better. **JOYFULNESS** is looking forward to your day, knowing it will be good. Whatever you are doing do it with a **JOYFUL** heart. Find ways to have fun in your work and in your play. When good things happen to you, enjoy them fully. When sad things happen, let the sadness come and then let it go. Find the gift in what is happening – is this a way to become stronger? Something new to learn? Enjoy your life!

What would Joyfulness look like if…

- Your father asked you to clean out the garage?
- A friend you like a lot moves away?
- You have a difficult homework assignment?
- You feel sad and down?
- You have a free day with no plans?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Look inside for happiness
- Enjoy whatever you are doing
- Appreciate the gifts in your life and in yourself
- Find creative ways to enjoy your time
- Have a good sense of humour
- Feel an inner peace even when things are tough

Affirmation: **I am thankful for the joy I feel inside.** **I enjoy my work and my play.**
I appreciate the gifts this day holds for me.