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#1 Term 1

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We have had an extremely smooth start to the 2024 school year and we greatly appreciate the efforts of parents, students and staff in ensuring a happy transition to the beginning of the school year.

A warm welcome to the numerous new families and students to Parkfield Primary School. We are pleased that you have come to Parkfield and are confident that your time with us will be rewarding. Our school numbers have remained consistent at around 640 students.

There have been a number of changes in the staffing structure of the school and we look forward to a very successful 2024 for our students.

New Parkfield Staff

A special welcome to our new 2024 staff members, Mrs Maureen French, Ms Rachael Thompson, Mrs Neeshia Delaporte, Mrs Emma Lee, Mrs Lynette Wakeling and Mr Mark Bradley. We all look forward to working with you.

Thank You Coles Australind and Zonta

I wish to thank Coles Australind and Zonta on behalf of our school community for their very generous donation of school supplies. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Before School Parent Supervision

Parents who come to school with their child before 8:30am can sit with them outside their classroom and are responsible for their child. *No playing* outside classrooms please. Friends need to go to the undercover area or oval. Your support with this is appreciated.

Students who **need to** arrive at school before 8.15am must go straight to the undercover area with their bag and sit on the benches.

Breakfast Club begins at 8.00am. It is a free service, thanks to Foodbank. We greatly appreciate any donations of Milo, milk, bread or tinned spaghetti and baked beans.

If the weather is fine students will be dismissed to the oval at 8.15am. We have teachers on duty in the undercover area and on the oval at the notated times.

Change of Details

Please inform the front office if you have changed your address or mobile phone numbers - crucial information to have in case of an emergency at home or at school.

Seesaw App

This year all classes at Parkfield will again be using the Seesaw App to communicate classroom happenings to families. This is a tool for teachers and parents to share the many successes that occur on a weekly basis at the school. However, Seesaw is not to take the place of the important face to face discussions that need to occur when personal situations arise.



Parents, please don't park or drop students off in the Bus Bay at any time. Bus bays are for buses only.

Parkfield App

A reminder to families that the school has its own App. To download, search for "**Parkfield Primary School**" in the App/Play Store. It is an important method of regular communication to parents. This is also critical in the event of a power outage during Summer in our community.

Attendance is Critical Every Day!

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depends on consistent attendance and participation. Every day at school matters because students can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available.

Children build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year. We have a target of a minimum of 90% attendance for every child in 2024.

What happens if my child is absent from school?

All absences from school must be explained within three days of your child being away, whether in writing, by phone or via the Parkfield App. This is a legal requirement under the Education Act of WA. Thank you.

Term One Executive Team change

Finally, Mrs Harper will be taking leave for most of this term. Mrs Judy Brooks will be Deputy Principal for that time, and I thank her for her commitment to Parkfield Primary School.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal



PRIDE - 誇り

RESPECT - 敬意

INITIATIVE - 自発

Swimming Lessons Year 4 - 6

Students in Years 4 – 6 will be participating in Education Department Interm Swimming lessons at Koombana Bay commencing next **Monday 12th February** and running for a total of 10 days. **The cost is \$35.** Enrolment forms and payment need to be submitted urgently to allow sufficient time for classes to be arranged. We apologise for the short 'turnaround time'. Please ensure your child comes with all the necessary items such as bathers, towel, goggles, extra underwear, sunscreen, and hat.



Sports Update

This term, students in **Years 5 and 6** will be participating in the **House Swimming Carnival**. In preparation for the carnival, students in Years 5 and 6 wishing to enter the 50m championship events will be required to participate in trials. Swim trials for the 50m championship events will be taking place in Week 4 during swimming lessons. All other students will compete in 25m events and various novelty relays. Students will be given all the relevant information during their sport sessions and permission notes will go home closer to the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- House Swimming Trials – Week 4 (During swimming lessons)
- House Swimming Carnival – Week 8, Friday 22nd March.

The Swimming Carnival will be held at the Harvey Town Pool. We hope to see a good crowd at the Carnival, as it really adds to the atmosphere and certainly motivates and encourages the students. Entry is free for spectators and shaded areas are available.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

As with all Carnivals, parent help is vital to assist with the smooth running, or should I say swimming, of the event. We need a **chief judge, four place judges, a place recorder and ribbons presenter**. If you can help out with the Swimming Carnival, please contact the school office and leave your name and contact number or catch up with me at school. Help will be greatly appreciated and certainly needed.

Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher

School Contributions and Charges

Contribution and Charges information will be sent home to families this week. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage payment as soon as possible. Families who may experience difficulty with payment of contributions and charges, and are in receipt of a Centrelink payment, can arrange to complete a Centrepay Application, which is a free direct bill paying service. This form is available from the office.

The **\$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children. Thank you.

Procedures for collecting students during the school day, Kindy to Year 6

When parents/carers need to collect children from school during school hours for any reason, you are required to stop in at the office and complete a yellow "Student Release Form". The form is then presented to the class teacher who will then release your child into your care. If you are collecting a child during **recess** or **lunchtime**, the form is still required. Once you have found your child in the playground, the form must be handed to the teacher on duty or returned to the office so the class teacher can be advised. Please do not place the form on the teacher's desk in the child's room. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Notes from the Music Room

Music is off to a wonderful start, and I am very excited to have joined Parkfield and to teach music to your children!

To the Year 5 and 6 parents of INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC students: All lessons start this week. A note will be coming home tomorrow with the Year 5 students, to give you more information about what to expect and what happens regarding the program and instruments for the year.

Please see the following times for your lessons, ensuring that you bring your musical instrument and books on these days:

Year 5 Brass: Monday

Year 6 Brass: Tuesday



Year 5 and 6 Flute and Clarinet: Wednesday

Year 5 and 6 Percussion: Thursday

Choir and Instrumental ensembles will be beginning shortly. Students will be notified when expressions of interest are available, and these lists will be in the music room for students to add their names to.

If you have any queries or would like to talk to me about anything, please feel free to come and see me in the Music Room between 8:30am and 8:45am or send an email to

Parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au.

Warm Regards

Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist



Chaplain's Chat with Mrs Campbell



Welcome back everyone.... And a very big **welcome** to our new families joining us here at Parkfield Primary School. It is so wonderful to have you come join us.

My days are the same this year as they were last: **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning**. Please remember to find me to say hi, introduce yourself, or to let me know if there's anything you need help or support with.

Have a terrific Term 1 and a wonderful 2024.

Warm regards always,

Jo Campbell 😊

YouthCARE Chaplain



Sport Registration Time

REGISTER NOW



YEAR 3-12

H.B.L.J.F.C.

AUSKICK



ALL NEW AND PAST PLAYERS WELCOME!
AGES 6 THROUGH 17
MIXED AND GIRLS ONLY COMPETITIONS
**REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY!**
KIDSPORT Approved!

**AUSTRALIND JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
2024 SEASON SOCCER
REGISTRATIONS**

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Open Mondays
8.30am – 9.00am
Wednesday
2.45pm – 3.15pm



EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of \$10.00.
There is no PayPass. Sarah can be contacted on
0400 716 544.

Sun Smart – No Hat Play in the Shade

We are a Sun Safe school, therefore broad brim hats are a necessity. It is very important for students to wear the correct broad brimmed hat to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock.



Musical Theatre Classes @ The New Lyric Theatre Bunbury

LIMITED VACANCIES

classes are held each Friday of the school term

3 classes- junior (yr1-yr4)
intermediate (yr5-yr8)
senior (yr9-yr12)

classes help your child grow in confidence and skills furthered
prepares your child for future performing arts goals eg WAAPA
safe space to be themselves
make life long friends
lots and lots of fun

please email
mtclasses7@gmail.com to
enrol your child now

Shire of Harvey Library Services Literacy Festival 2024 Creative Writing Competition

Open to all students in Years 4, 5, and 6
Submit your original short story for a chance to win a prize!



Topic: Through the Magic Door

Prizes for each year group
First Prize - \$100
Second Prize - \$50

All participants will receive a certificate

Closing date: Friday, 23 February 2024

Winners announced on Thursday, 7 March 2024

For more information please call Ruth Campbell-Hicks
at Harvey Library on 9729 0390.

Back again for another year the Waratah Support
Centre Fundraising Dance



*Waratah
Fundraiser Dance*

March 9th, 2024
Settlers Hall
Leschenault
Tickets from Eventbrite
7-11pm
Nibbles and bubbles
All other alcohol BYO

Labelling Property

Please ensure that you label ALL your child's belongings. We have a huge amount of lost property unnamed and therefore we are unable to return it to its owner. Any items that remain at the end of each term will be disposed of.

What's on the Community Noticeboard

Bunbury Tennis Club, Hay Park Bunbury.

Term 1 - various programs on offer. Pre-Kindy & Kindy skill development. Pre-primary, Years 1 – 3 multi sports.

Junior Tennis Lessons – All age groups. Go to the website play.tennis.com.au/bunburytennisacademy or contact Tanya on 0400 373 147 for further information.

Heroes Academy – is hosting a free no strings attached Mega Play Date for Primary School aged children with additional needs (and their siblings) from within the community on Saturday 23rd March. For more information contact Ebony on 0419 933 640 or info@heroesacademy.com.au

Relationships Australia – various courses on offer, e.g. Bringing Up Great Kids, Communication in Relationships, Mums Raising Teenage Boys, Dads and Daughters and lots more. Please visit www.relationshipswa.org.au for all courses.

Term One Planner 2024

| Wk | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sun |
|----------|---|---|--|------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| 1 | 29 Jan Teachers Return School Development Day | 30 School Development Day | 31 Students resume | 1 Feb | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 5 Feb | 6 Newsletter Staff Meeting | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 3 | 12 Feb Interm Swimming Years 4 - 6 | 13 P&C Meeting 7pm Library | 14 | 15 | 16 PP – Year 2 West Coast Eagles Assembly | 17 | 18 |
| 4 | 19 Feb Interm Swimming | 20 Newsletter Staff Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 5 | 26 Feb | 27 | 28 | 29 | 1 March | 2 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 March Labour Day | 5 Newsletter Staff Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 Senior Assembly Rooms 13 & 14 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 11 March | 12 P&C AGM 7pm Library | 13 NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5 Year 6 Camp | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 8 | 18 March NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5 | 19 Newsletter Staff Meeting | 20 | 21 | 22 Swimming Carnival Years 5 & 6 | 23 | 24 |
| 9 | 25 March | 26 | 27 DISCO | 28 Students last day | 29 Good Friday | 30 | 31 |
| H | 1 April Easter Monday | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| H | 8 April | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |