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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 Mrs Debbi Dyer and Mrs Emma Lee 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 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.

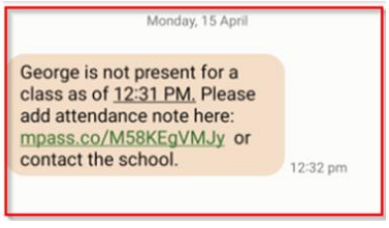
Project Kaartdijin

Parkfield Primary School is transitioning to a new system, this means all Attendance SMS messages will now come from a new contact **ParkfieldP.**

The new system will notify parents, guardians, and caregivers of unexplained absences or late arrivals.

What will change for Parents?

The new system starts on **12/11/2024**. It will send parents an **SMS** on their mobile phone when their child is marked absent without an explanation. Parents should use the link provided to explain the absence.



More information will be sent out very soon.
Kaartdijin is the Noongar word for Knowledge.

2025 Kindy Parent's Meeting number 2

The second **Kindy Parent's meeting** is this week on **Wednesday 30th October at 9am** in the Library. If possible, we would appreciate your attendance without your children. However, if this is not possible, there will be a creche operating in the library.

2025 Student Council and House Captain Elections

Over the next fortnight our students will be electing new Student Councillors and House Captains for 2025. 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 2025

It is that time for parents to assist us in placing students in classes for 2025. 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 660 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 <u>do not</u> come and see us at the beginning of 2025 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 **<u>parents must reapply each year</u>** 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 2025 will close **3:00pm Monday the 18th of November 2024.** 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 all displayed on the carnival days.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all family members, our wonderful Parkfield staff, Year 5 students and Year 6 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. It is greatly appreciated! 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 – **Geographe** (391 pts)
2nd – Naturaliste (390 pts)
3rd – Marshall (382 pts)
4th – Henton (379 pts)

Senior House Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 - 6

1st – **Naturaliste** (630 pts)
2nd – Marshall (563 pts)
3rd – Geographe (433.5 pts)
4th – Henton (406.5 pts)

THE CHAMPIONS

Year 4 Girls - **Tennessee George-Winder** (15 pts)
R/U – **Alyssa Woods, Skye Diable and Ruby Hansen** (10 pts)

Year 4 Boys – **Hudson Mas** (24 pts)
R/U – **Elijah Borellini** (23 pts)

Year 5 Girls – **Lana Simpson** (30 pts)
R/U – **Ava Dye** (24 pts)

Year 5 Boys – **Japnaam Chahal** (25 pts)
R/U – **Jackson Burch** (23 pts)

Year 6 Girls – **Fatima Naveed** (25 pts)
R/U – **Laura Bogar** (14.5 pts)

Year 6 Boys – **Leon Yorath** (30 pts)
R/U – **Lucas O'Driscoll** (21 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 the Bunbury Athletic Stadium, Hay Park on Tuesday 5th November 2024 and the track events and team games at the Bunbury Athletic Stadium, Hay Park on Friday 8th November 2024. 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, Deb Dyer, – PE Teacher

EMBRACE KIDS

Film Screening & Parent Session

7PM TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

THE OLD LYRIC - Victoria Street Bunbury

Join us for a **Parent Community Screening of Embrace Kids** essential viewing for Parents who want to support kids of any age in maintaining positive self-image in a world where many messages are thrown their way. Scan the QR code below for more information.

Chaplain Chat

Wow… what a fortnight!! Sports, sports, sports! It is so hard to find the right words to express the 'amazingness' of the jumps day and the last two Fridays; the Junior Athletics Carnival and the Senior Athletics Carnival. GO PARKFIELD COMMUNITY! Well done everyone, starting with the planning and the set up by the Parkfield staff, the Galley Girls, P&C, and student leaders. Then to the students for their participation, behaviour, unity, perseverance, and resilience when things didn't go the right way, or the placing wasn't the one they were wanting or expecting. Also, to the parents for supporting, helping, encouraging and being part of the joy, fun and achievement. The opportunity to celebrate success humbly, and work through 'teachable moments' positively is so important and is character building and the foundation of 'The Parkfield Way'. It was so colourful, so fun and so rewarding to be a part of what was a showcase of all the whole school approaches of The Virtues Project, The Zones of Regulation and the Parkfield Resilience program. The 'Low Tides' and 'High Tides' were navigated so well by so many students. Such proud moments to be part of with the Parkfield Community.

I hope and trust that you had a wonderful weekend of rest and relaxation to move on forward to being almost halfway through Term 4.
Go well and take care.
Until next time,

😊 Jo Campbell

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

Orders can be placed via the Qkr! app.
EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00.
Sarah can be contacted on 0400 716 544.

Free Counselling at Lifeline WA

"Around 1 in 4 children will experience parental divorce or permanent separation before the age of 18, and 1 in 20 will experience the death of a parent". (ABS,2011)

Family separation and bereavement can bring forth many different types of emotions for both parents and children. Feelings of loss, anger, anxiety and confusion may come and go during this challenging transition. It can be even harder if the circumstances surrounding the separation or bereavement were unexpected or traumatic.

How can Lifeline WA help?

The Lifeline WA Counselling service is free and available across Western Australia. Counselling sessions are available face to face at our Subiaco office, or via Zoom or phone. **We provide individual support of up to 12 counselling sessions over a maximum of 12 months for children, young people, and parents** impacted by separation or bereavement.

Visit the Lifeline counselling website for further information.

Musical Notes

Hello Families!

Music has been a bit different this term as we have started looking at Instrument Families, and Genres of music. We are also all working on our improvisation and composition skills, and learning the rules that are associated with this - it can be tricky! All the students here at Parkfield show confidence and perseverance when attempting these tasks - they just put themselves out there and give it a go!

Towards the end of the term, students will be having a try of some different instruments that we have been studying in videos and discussions.

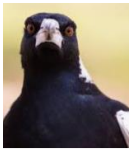
There is a buzz in the Music room at lunch time on Wednesdays as more students start to come in and enjoy playing the instruments. This is a time for students to have a go on most instruments (there are always exceptions ☺) and for those who want to practise things they are working on in ensembles or music lessons. Cups are all the rage now as many of us are learning the "Cup Song" at choir lessons.

Before and after school ensembles will continue all term at the usual times. I am loving the commitment that students are showing to these groups, so thank you parents who are helping your children attend these and get here on time!

Kind regards,
Rachael Thompson
Music Specialist

Magpie Breeding Season

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions would like to remind families that the magpie breeding season is underway. It is not uncommon for magpies to defend their nests and young during spring, by swooping intruders.



The season may last for six to eight weeks during late August to December. Try to avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. Remember magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks.

Please visit the department's website at www.dbca.wa.gov.au for further tips.

BIC'S best in Class Free Recycling Program

Our school is now registered for BIC's Free Recycling Program, so if you have any of the following items for recycling, then please send them down to Room 16 and we will post them off to Terracycle.

Items for recycling - All brands accepted:

- Pen soft plastic packaging
- Mechanical pencils and eraser pens
- Empty correction fluid tape
- Empty correction fluid pots
- Markers
- Hi-lighters
- Pens

DADS - TUNING INTO KIDS

Are you a Dad or Male Influence in the life of a child (aged between 3 and 12 years)

<u>Would you like to:</u>

Meet with other Dads?
Connect better with your child?
Help your child manage when things get tough?

Then join our **FREE** 7 week Parenting Program.
Mondays 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Starts 28 October 2024

Bookings essential: 0402 116 553
Email: admin@parentingways.com.au
At the Child & Parent Centre Carey Park

LESCHENAULT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY DAY

The Leschenault Progress Association are hosting our FREE Community Day at the Settlers Hall on **Sunday 24TH November 9am - 1pm.**

The **FREE** event supported by the Shire of Harvey includes:
- Lions Train
- Face painting
- Old McDonalds Farm
- Display from the local Leschenault Bush Fire Brigade
- Laser tag
- Inflatable bouncy castle
- Display from Settlers Playgroup
- Live music
- Market stalls
- Community displays and much more!

Supported by the SHIRE OF HARVEY

Food and coffee vans available to purchase your morning tea!
Bring a picnic rug for a family morning out on the grass. See you there.

MyTime groups are for parents and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, and chronic medical conditions. Children are welcome to attend.
It's **FREE** to attend and we always have a yummy morning tea for parents and kids! MyTime is a place where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand the rewards and intensity of caring for a child with additional needs.
CHILD & PARENT CENTRE CAREY PARK
Thursdays 9am-11am

MyTime Supporting parents of children with disabilities

Does your child wet the bed?

WA Country Health Service offers a Nocturnal Enuresis (Bedwetting) Program for children aged 5½ to 17 years. The program runs over 6 – 8 weeks with specialised support from a Community Health Nurse.

Are you and your child ready to take action to achieve night-time dryness?

The first step is to make an appointment with a doctor for a medical check-up and referral to the program.

For more information, please contact the Enuresis Nurse Coordinator at Community Health, 24A Hudson Road Bunbury on 9795 2888.

P&C Facebook Page

A reminder to families to follow the P&C Facebook page as community events and information for families are regularly posted on their page.

Play Cricket

Sign up for **Cricket Blast** today at your nearest Cricket Blast Centre. Enjoy one hour of fun games and activities each week. Learn cricket skills in fun modified games. Free participant pack for all registrations. For ages 5 -10 years. Register via the QR code now for your chance to play on the WACA or Optus Stadium this BBL season.

Junior Cricket Registrations
open for players 10+
sign up today at play.cricket.com.au

PLAY CRICKET

CRICKET BLAST

Virtue For The Fortnight – Tact

TACT is telling the truth kindly, with consideration for how your words will affect others. It is knowing what to say and what is better left unsaid. **TACT** is thinking before you speak. When you are tactful, you don't tease or point out people's differences to embarrass them. You are as careful about others' feelings as you would like them to be of yours. When people do not practice **TACT**, they are rude and blunt. They go around saying whatever pops into their heads. They may tell the truth, but they do it in a way that hurts or embarrasses others. People get mad. You can lose friends if you forget to act with **TACT**. When you are tactful, others find it easier to hear what you have to say. **TACT** builds bridges. You practice **TACT** by being kind when you tell the truth. Stop and think before you speak. Don't react – act with **TACT**! **TACT** is especially important when you feel angry or upset. Rather than just shouting out your feelings, take time to calm down, and then share your feelings diplomatically. With **TACT**, you can tell people almost anything and they will be thankful to hear it.

What would Tact look like if…
- You meet someone who has a handicap?
- You feel really mad at your brother about something?
- You get upset when your teacher does something you think is unfair?
- Your friend asks you if you like her strange haircut?
- You are hugging your father and notice he has bad breath?

Signs of Success are when you…
- Think before you speak
- Often keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself
- Become sensitive to other people's feelings
- Tell the truth kindly and gently
- Treat people who look different as you

Affirmation: I act with tact. I think before I speak. I am considerate of other people's feelings. I tell the truth kindly and gently.