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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

This week we have migrated all our attendance data and student details on to the new Compass system used in schools through the Kaartdijin Project. If parents/carers have changed their mobile phone numbers or address details, please make sure you let the front office know as soon as possible.

There have been many activities that our students have been participating in, and at all times they have shown the Parkfield Way of demonstrating respect and self-discipline. These virtues are important at this time of the year as workloads increase and weather gets warmer.

Congratulations to our P&C on their brilliant Cookbook Fundraiser. It is an amazing keepsake with delicious recipes for all families.

Student Councillors 2025

The 2025 Student Councillors 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 2025 students will continue the great work of former Student Councillors.
Congratulations to the students below:

Zalia Luvis	Jett Smith
Ella Nagel	Elara Gould
Phoebe Baum	Matilda Ridge
Isla Germon	Zoe Knight
Lucas Woods	Madeleine Butcher

House Captains for 2025 will be announced on Friday at our Presentation Assembly.

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, a Pension Concession Card or Grandparents caring for grandchildren.
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.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

A big thank you and congratulations to Mrs Dyer, 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 in all events.

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.

Toys and Trading Cards

All students are requested to leave their toys and trading cards at home please. We are concerned about the number of valuables coming to school unnecessarily.

Reporting to Parents

There will be some changes to the reports that come home for 2024 and beyond. There will be generic year level comments for English and Mathematics instead of individual comments. Grades will stay the same and individual comments for each child will be completed in the general section as previous.
School reports will go out on Friday the 6th of December.

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.

Class Placement Requests

Requests for 2025 are closing on Monday the 18th of November 2024. No more requests will be taken after that date.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

During Week 5 selected students from Years 4 – 6 competed in the **Tuart Division Athletics Carnival.** 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 106 events. An outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to **Tennessee George-Winder** (Year 4) for being **R/U Champion** and to **Jackson Burch** (Year 5) 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. Congratulations to Bunbury Primary who won.

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

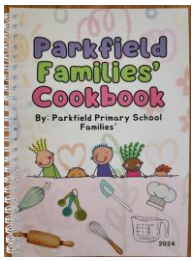
A BIG thank you to Mrs Campbell, Ms Brown, Mrs Hogan, Mrs Lee, and Mrs Pippin for the various ways they assisted on the carnival days and helped with the team.
Thank you also to the parents who came along to cheer on our athletes. They sure did put on a tremendous show for you.

Levi Spencer and Savannah Walton with the shield.

Thank you,

Deb Dyer – PE Teacher

P&C Cookbook Fundraiser



The Parkfield Families' Cookbook has been completed and is ready for ordering.

The 60 recipe cookbook is available on Qkr now **for $15.00** with $4.00 from each book going back to the school. Only 150 copies are available before Christmas, so get in quick.

Thank you to all the families that contributed to this Fundraiser.

Book Fair

Dear Students, Families and School staff,

We're thrilled to announce our Term 4 Book Fair will be occurring during week 7! This is a wonderful opportunity for our young readers to explore new books and ignite their passion for reading!
Please join us.

When:
Week 7 (Monday 18/11 to Thursday 21/11)

Opening Hours:

- **Morning:** 8:00am - 8:30am
- **Afternoon:** 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Where:
Parkfield Primary School Library

Why Attend?

- **Wide Selection:** Browse a fantastic variety of books across all genres, reading levels and price ranges ($5 book sale!!).
- **Support Our School:** Proceeds from the fair will help fund new books and resources for our library.
- **Encourage Reading:** Help your child discover new authors and series they'll love!

We can't wait to see you there! Happy reading!
Warm regards,

Ms Pullen - Library Officer

It's DISCO time

The final disco for 2024 will be held on Wednesday November 20th.

The **Junior Disco** (PP-Year 3) will be between 5:00 and 6:00pm with entry just $4.00.

The **Senior Disco** (Year 4 – 6) will be between 6:15 and 8:00pm with entry just $5.00.

The canteen will have plenty of drinks and snacks on offer.

Musical Notes

Hello families, ☺

We have had even more fun than usual in the music room over the last 2 weeks ... is this even possible?!

The students have been working hard on their singing lately as we work on "Wandjoo my friend" and our songs for the Christmas Singalong. We have also been singing a couple of Kidz Bop songs that are creating some competition amongst classes, who strive to be the best singing class at Parkfield. We are working on sharing the story, the passion, and the energy of a song - this is important due to the fact that music is another means of communicating feelings, emotions and thoughts amongst ourselves and others.

Music works across other learning areas in students' education. Music is another language - we tell stories, we interpret, and we use skills of poetry through writing and singing songs. Music also draws on our Mathematical skills - counting and even using fractions! Parkfield students have been quite surprised at times when our lessons have leaned more towards Mathematics and Literacy - and even Science! The mix of surprise, curiosity and thoughtfulness always creates a great vibe in the room!

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to **Bunnings Treendale**, for the buckets they kindly donated to us for our bucket drumming. Our drumsticks arrived, and this last week we spent part of our lessons learning about Japanese Taiko drumming - learning some of the rhythms and techniques. I think I can safely say the kids had a lot of fun, and I can see their personal growth and development improving, as well as their skills in timing and togetherness.

Happy Music Making!

Kind Regards,

Rachael Thompson - Music Teacher

Zonta Art Calendar Competition

Congratulations to **Alyssa Byass** from Year 2 and **Anabel Maher** and **Ella Nagel** from Year 5 who had their pictures chosen to feature in the 2025 Zonta Respect Calendar. They attended a presentation event on the 7th of November with their families at the Stirling Street Arts Centre to receive their awards.

Pictured with Amanda Whittle president Zonta Bunbury

Chaplain Chat

Greetings wonderful Parkfield community,

Unbelievably, this week marks being halfway through our last Term! How did that happen? Things of course always seem busy these days, however, 'traditionally' this is the start of even busier times as we begin to prepare for all the activities that we do to wrap up another year of commitment, unity and purposefulness. How are you all traveling?

Hopefully you are remembering to make good choices with your health and time and are using your 'open and positive mindset', listening to your 'inner coach' and using your 'tools and strategies' to 'reset and self-regulate' - parts of our whole school approaches. It is tough, but super necessary and useful in these times of challenge. Please stay connected with your 'support crew' and don't forget to reach out if you need to.

Until next time,

Go well, take care and be kind - to yourself too.

😊 Jo Campbell

Chaplain

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning

LESCHENAULT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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!

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.

Embrace Kids

Film Screening & Parent Session
7PM TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024
THE OLD LYRIC - Victoria Street Bunbury

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. Please scan the QR code for more information.

FROM THE YEAR 5 PLUS CREW

Hi, Fellow Students, Parents and Guardians,

We are from the Year Five PLUS CREW. PLUS stands for Parkfield Learning and Understanding Sustainability. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs D.S and Mr Jefferys for organising the Year Five and Year Six PLUS Crews so that Parkfield can have a cleaner, healthier environment.

This term, members of the Year Five PLUS CREW, along with Ben T from the Year Six Crew, have taken on the roles of journalists, designers of promotional material, photographers and videographers. These students give up their lunchtime every Wednesday to make informative videos and posters to promote our environmental messages around the school.

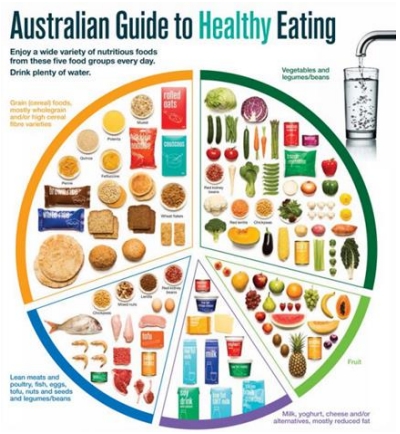
Our names are Ella Nagel, Anabel Maher and Aurora Rogers and we have taken on the role of journalists. Our role requires us to write articles for the newsletter about different environmental topics we wish to promote.

This fortnight's topic is Waste Free ('Nude' food) lunchboxes. Did you know that having Waste Free items (those bought in bulk) in your lunchbox is cheaper than buying individually packaged items?
Our school recognises students who have Waste Free lunch boxes with an award during assemblies. This could be you! Keep an eye out for the Year Five PLUS Crew who will also be rewarding you for helping our environment with specially made cards. More about this in the next newsletter!

PLUS CREW'S WASTE WISE LUNCHBOX

YES

- Nude food (whole food)
- Healthy balance of food



NO

-Lots of plastic wrapping
-Lots of unhealthy snacks

MEET THE PLUS CREW!

Year Five: Back row: Ellie M, Matilda R, Madeleine B, Lana S, Phoebe B. Front row: Ethan B, Anabel M, Aurora R, Ruby F, Ella N.

Year Six: Back row: Isabelle H, Ben T, Marcus S, Skyla-Lee W, Kristyn C. Front row: Hunter W, Jack K, Mason C, Jeremy G.

We're looking forward to sharing our Waste Wise messages with you in the next few newsletters so more students know why it is so important to keep our environment clean and healthy and how they can help us achieve this.

By Anabel Maher, Aurora Rogers and Ella Nagel