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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

It is a very hectic time of the year for all our families and staff at school and I would like to congratulate everyone for their flexibility and cooperation.
A reminder that students are expected to be at school every day until the end of the year and to continue to uphold the Parkfield expectations too.
We are closing in on 670 students and I welcome all our new families to Parkfield at this late stage of the year.

House Captains for 2025
Congratulations to the following students on being selected to be House Captains for 2025;

Geographe	Ethan Berkshire and Ruby Fraser
Henton	Blayne Connor and Eleanor Templeton
Marshall	Lana Simpson and Abbey McEvoy
Naturaliste	Aiden Gale and Anabel Maher

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

2024 Leaders Excursions
Our Green Badge Leaders will be going on their annual reward excursion on Thursday and our Student Councillors and House Captains will be going on their "Amazing Race around Perth" on Friday. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their tremendous service this year.

2025 Kindergarten Letters
This week the 2025 Kindergarten class placement letters and class requirements are being posted out to families. Parent Meetings will be taking place in Week 10. Please refer to your placement letter for further information. There are limited places still available for the 2025 Kindy intake. Please enrol as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Year 6 Orientation Day
Students attending Australind Senior High School in 2025 will be involved in a Year 6 Orientation Day in Week 9 on Wednesday 4th December 2024.
Students need to be at ASHS by 8.30am in full Parkfield school uniform, where they will be met by their Parkfield class teachers.

2025 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 17th of February 2025.

Thank you - Grind Hard Stump Removal
A huge thank you to Adam for coming in on the weekend and grinding the stumps in Kindy. We are so fortunate to have such generous parents supporting our school and I would ask our school community to reciprocate where possible.

Disco – Thank you
A huge thank you all the Parkfield Staff that gave of their time freely so our students could enjoy the last Discos of the year. Both Discos were very well attended and lots of dancing and fun was had.

Christmas Singalong
Our Christmas Singalong will be held on Friday 6th December 2024 in the undercover area starting at **9:15 am**. Parents and carers are welcome to join us but there will be very limited space due to this being a Pre Primary to Year 6 event.

Parent Parking
Parents, please do not park in the staff car park or use it as a drop off point. We are a very busy, big school before and after school and this practice is quite dangerous for your children.
We have two dedicated 'kiss and drop' zones in the school. We still have ample parking spaces in our top car park.

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 Health care Concession Card or a Pension Concession Card and grandparents caring for their 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.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

The Smith Family
Learn today, change tomorrow.

Community Coffee and Carols Family Event
Saturday 7th December from 5pm – 7pm at the Big Swamp Playground (near the Bunbury Wildlife Park).
BYO picnic, chairs, and rug. The Jitterbug coffee van will be in attendance. Printed lyric booklets will be available. A gold coin donation is welcome.

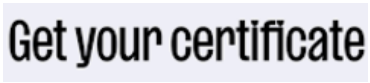
Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly, Austin Gould, Elijah Williams, Chevena Mullaney, Aoibheann Kallis, Olivia Rodgers, Sadie Clark, Eli Pember, Liam Trigg, Isla Burns, Bryson Hoult, Saviz Madadi, Evan Italiano, Jace Tozer, Ryley Cowcill, Van Irving, Adalind Wilsonham, Alexander Leyshon, Clark Walton, Bill Brown, Lincoln Gibbons, Tjay Birch, Sophie Gerritsen, Charlee Hanson, Zav Gabriel, Maddie Miller, Shiloh Scott, Spencer Towerton, Bonnie Murray, Eithan Borellini, Keenan Lane, Mikey Alvarado, Neiv Davis, Cooper Bozanich, Noah Smith, Rubin Tann, Rosie Scott, Sam Turner, Callum Stevens, Leon Yorath, Mason Cook, Gina Brockwell, Hunter Wheeler, Zac Zivanovic, Rhys Haskett, Donny Italiano, Harley Worthington, Elijah Williams and Saviz Madadi.

Specialist Awards – Music; Latrell Jetta, Matilda Webber, Charlee Hanson and Clarissa McNally **Japanese;** Holly Read, Isaac Pattinson, Anabel Maher and Jack Kashyap **Science;** Memphis Robson, Holly Bregazzi, Avarlee Stephenson and Lachlan James **Physical Education;** Declan Byass, Cooper Hamersley and Olivia Nijjar **Visual Arts;** Oliva Rodgers, Aiden Wilkes, Patrick Pattinson and Lacey Brown. Congratulations to all these students.

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates

Certificates are now available to download on The Premier's Reading Challenge website (www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au). Students who have successfully completed the challenge by reading 12 or more books will receive a Certificate of Completion, and students who read 1 to 11 books receive a Certificates of Participation. You can download certificates in the student's profile, under the "Achievements" tab. Thank you.



Leanne Spaull – Coordinating Teacher

A great gift idea for Christmas

Library News

A Big Thank You to Our Parkfield Community!
I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair! Thanks to your generous purchases, we can bring in new resources and books for the library. It was wonderful to see so many families visiting the library and supporting this event. Thank you for once again making Book Fair a huge success!

Library Books Reminder – All Books Due Back in Week 9
As we approach the end of the year, please take a moment to check all the places where library books might be hiding and ensure they are returned in Week 9. Here are some common spots to look:

- **Backpacks** – Check all compartments!
- **Classroom desks and big trays** – Sometimes books get left behind in the excitement of the school day.
- **Home** – Many books end up on shelves, bedside tables, or in reading nooks.
- **Under the bed or in the car** – It's easy for books to get misplaced in unexpected places.
- **In book piles** – At home or in the classroom, books sometimes get stacked up in a corner.

Thank you to everyone for taking such wonderful care of our library books this year. Your respect and responsibility for our collection has been truly appreciated.

Happy reading!

Ms Pullen - Library Officer

Chaplain Chat

Hello lovely Parkfield Community… greetings to you all!

Unbelievably, we are in Week 8, and we only have 3 weeks to go of 2024! Is anybody else wondering where the year has gone?

We have had another great fortnight with lots to celebrate - well done to our new House Captains for 2025 and well done to all who put themselves forward – I did see your courage, perseverance, and resilience!

Just a quick check in to see how you are all travelling and holding up in these busy times. Hopefully you are all connecting with your support networks and accessing your self-regulation tools, coping strategies and self-care plans; taking time to breathe deep, count to 10 and reach out if needed. Let's finish off 2024 as well as we began it… with an open mindset in unity, connection and focused on our 'Parkfield Way' - showing respect and kindness each, and every day. Go Team Parkfield!

Until next time!

Kind regards
Jo Campbell 😊
YouthCARE Chaplain

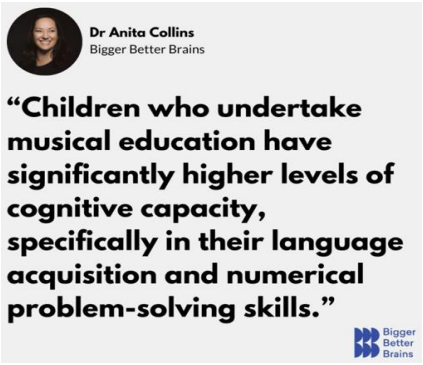
Musical Notes

Hello Families,

As we draw closer to the end of 2024 and my first year at Parkfield, I want to say a big thank you for your support of the Music program. I have had an amazing year, and I am excited to keep working on some really great things in the classroom as well as continuing the current extra curricula programs that we have at our school.

We will always open the door to new, enthusiastic members of our ensembles. If you are a current Year 3 student, next year you will move up to Senior Choir. We can't wait to have you! I will post more information about this at the beginning of 2025.

I love to share culture through music and singing. We have been singing some Australian Aboriginal songs and learning how to pronounce the words quite well. There has been a big emphasis on realising the importance of music in sharing information and telling stories, and how to do this with pride and passion.
If you have a strong family culture and some music, songs or instruments that you'd be willing to share with us, I'd love to hear from you! Next year we will be exploring the meaning of our national anthem and school songs, and why they are so important to us.



The quote attached shows the impact of music on student success across all areas of learning. Music doesn't just teach Music, it teaches Maths through counting, measuring of time and fractions. Language is used in singing and our intonation and expression transfers directly to reading and writing skills. Students have recently been composing and creating their own pieces, discovering what genres appeal to them, what rhythms sound good and fit into the beat, what combination of pitch and word rhythms work together to create a textured and interesting piece of music.

This week, on Thursday, students from the Australind SHS Music Program will be coming to play for us. This will be a great opportunity for Parkfield students to see such outstanding young musicians, some of which will likely be ex-Parkfield students. A massive thank you to the teachers for bringing your classes to watch, and to the ASHS Music teachers for organising this visit.

The Christmas Singalong will be on the **6th of December**, and we are all working hard on learning the songs so we can join in! We will have our Instrumental Music students playing, the combined Junior and Senior Choir and the Year 6 Band performing pieces for us also. **On this date, the students can wear a Christmas shirt and/or hat to bring the Christmas spirit to the morning.**

Happy holidays!

Kind Regards,
Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist

Year 6 Basketball Incursions

During Week 6 and 7, the Year 6 students were lucky enough to participate in the Binar basketball incursions. The Binar team ran lots of fun drills and games to help improve our basketball skills.

The Year 6s were very grateful to have these wonderful sessions, and everyone would like to thank the members of the Binar Basketball Association for spending their time teaching us. We all had so much fun! Special thanks to Troy, Tahlia, Tyson, Malakai and Eli.

Isabelle, Fatima and Elquira (Year 6 students)

Binar is the Noongar word for meteor.

This term our **PLUS Crew** made our red boat into a marvellous garden bed. Smashing piece by piece they got it cleaned out. We got blue metal and soil from Australind landscaping. Luckily, we had the beautiful flowers donated by Christie from Bunnings. A HUGE thanks to Christie. We also want to give HUGE thanks to all our students that helped to build this. Feel free to check out the flowers whenever you want.

From Mason C, Jack K and Hunter W. (Yr. 6 students)

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00. Orders can also be place via the Qkr! app. Sarah can be contacted on 0400 716 544.
Please ensure all uniforms are clearly labelled.

Next year will be the biggest ever Clean Up on Sunday 2nd March 2025 to celebrate 35 years of Cleaning Up local communities across the country. Now is the perfect time to register and get involved.

It's a simple way to take practical action for the environment. You can get your family, friends and the local community involved. It's fun and makes you feel good knowing you've done your bit. Even better, if you register to host a Clean Up Australia Day event before the 31st of December 2024, you will automatically be entered into the Early Bird Competition, where three lucky winners will each receive a donated $1,000 Coles voucher.

Visit: register.cleanup.org.au for further information.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Thankfulness

THANKFULNESS is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you and within you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life. **THANKFULNESS** brings contentment. It helps you find the good things in whatever happens. Without **THANKFULNESS** people can become negative. They wish things were different. They whine and complain when they don't have everything their own way. They envy other people. With **THANKFULNESS**, we keep a positive outlook. We can see the good in our lives and in whatever happens. Being **THANKFUL** is appreciating the thing you have and the people you care about. Show your appreciation when someone does something kind for you. Focus on the good things about your life and count your blessings often. Even when things go wrong, you can be **THANKFUL** if you find the lessons to be learned. Let others give to you. Expect the best in every situation.

What would Thankfulness look like if…

- You felt sad and defeated because of your problems?
- You wish you were more like a popular person you know?
- You go for a walk in a place of beauty?
- Your mother does something kind for you?
- You worry that you don't have the right clothes?
- You are thinking about your day?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Have an attitude of gratitude
- Are receptive to gifts
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- Appreciate the beauty of this world
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn

Affirmation: I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life.