# Parkfield Press

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**11 February 2025** **#1 Term 1**

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We have had a smooth start to Term 1, 2025 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.

Thank you to our P&C Uniform coordinator Amber Mickel and Sarah Bosustow who came in to support our families. Your work is greatly appreciated

There have been a number of changes in the staffing structure of the school and we look forward to a very successful 2025 for our students.

**New Parkfield Staff**
A special welcome to our new and returning 2025 staff members, Mrs Gemma Knight, Mrs Justine Hounslow, Mr Bryden Sumich, Mrs Elaine Griffiths, Mrs Erin Fortescue, Mrs Abbey Taylor, Ms Julie Astill, Miss Sophie Clifton, Mrs Kelly Coppen, and Mrs Shellie Anderson. We all look forward to working with all of you.

**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 or in playgrounds 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 the generosity of Foodbank and our volunteers, including the Lions Club of Australind. We greatly appreciate any donations of Milo, milk, 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.

**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.

**New Parkfield App**
A reminder to families that the school has a new App. To download, search for **"Parkfield Primary School"** in the App/Play Store. It is an important method of regular communication to parents.

**Footwear at School**
It is most advisable that all students in Years 1 to 6 wear sneakers/joggers every day due to the specialist classes students participate in.

**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 2025.

*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.

**Bus Bay**
Parents, please don't park or drop students off in the Bus Bay at any time. Bus bays are for buses only. We must keep our students safe at all times.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

# Year 6 Camp - Election Day Sausage Sizzle!

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, March 8th**, polling booths will be set up in the **Parkfield Primary library** for the **WA State Election**—and we've got something sizzling for you!

Our amazing Year 6 families will be firing up the BBQ, serving up delicious sausages, and raising much-needed funds for the Year 6 camp.

Camp is one of the biggest highlights of the year—an unforgettable experience for our students. Every dollar raised will help make it an exciting and fun-filled adventure for all!

So, when you come to cast your vote, don't forget to grab a "democracy sausage" and support our incredible Year 6 students. See you there!

## Volunteering in the Classroom Important Information

All parent volunteers are required to complete a Parent and Child Volunteer Declaration form annually and complete an induction process which can be done on your phone or iPad in the front office. This includes classroom helpers, canteen volunteers and sport day volunteers.

**Please be aware that Grandparents, other family members and friends (over 18 years of age) who do not meet the definition of a parent are required to apply for and hold a valid Working with Children (WWC) Check to volunteer in any capacity at a school.**

We apologise for the inconvenience, but we must follow the government policy and rules.

## Specialist Clubs 2025

The Specialist Teachers are very excited to share the structure of this year's lunch time Specialist Clubs. All clubs will be **starting from Week 5** - after swimming lessons. Clubs are an optional activity for students but as we will be completing little projects, we would like students to commit for the term if possible.

**TERM 1 SPECIAIST CLUBS are as follows:**

- **Monday:** Dance - Years 4 and 5 with Mrs Coppen
- **Tuesday:** Japanese - Year 6 with Gray Sensei
- **Wednesday:** Games Club - All years in the Meeting Room with Mrs Sellenger
- **Thursday:** Art Club - Year 3 with Mrs Astill
- **Friday:** Music Club - Year 1-6 with Mrs Thompson

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant Specialist.

# Musical Notes

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had an amazing break! It's great to be back at school and seeing all the students and parents again!

In Music, we are starting on some really fun, new things! The older students will be working in small groups on their piano and other instrumental skills, learning to use a looping pedal and continuing to work on their theory skills. This term, all year levels will have a focus on Folk Music, listening to and learning to sing and play songs from Australia and other countries.

If you have knowledge, or a special skill related to your own culture and background, I'd love to hear from you. Also, if you have a skill in a particular musical background and would like to share, please get in touch.

All ensembles will start in Week 2 and times will remain the same as last year. If you had a child in Year 3 last year, as they are now Year 4, they will attend Senior Choir in 2025.

If your child did not attend last year but would like to try any of these ensembles, they are most welcome to do so. Please just come along at the correct time and give it a go! At the end of Week 6, students will need decide if they want to commit for the rest of the year, or if it's not for them. We will have some performance opportunities coming up which require consistent attendance and commitment.

The times for the ensembles are as follows:
**Monday 3:00pm-3:45pm** - Percussion Ensemble - Year 3-6

**Wednesday 8:00am-8:40am** - Junior Choir - Year 2-3 (Year 1's can join in Term 3)

**Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm** - Ukulele Ensemble - Year 4-6

**Thursday 8:00am-8:45am** - Senior Choir - Year 4-6

IMSS (Instrumental Music School Services) for the selected Year 5 and 6 students will begin very soon. If your child is in this program and you are not on our Seesaw group, please come and see me for a QR code as I send regular communication home this way. All of the students are excited to get their instruments and get started.

Have a fantastic term, and please don't hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any queries.

Kind Regards,
Rachael Thompson

## Change to Uniform Shop Opening Days

- **Monday** 8:30am – 9:00am
- **Thursday** 2:45pm – 3:15pm
  Located in Block 4

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00. There is no PayPass. Amber can be contacted on 0413 234 002. Thank you.

# Chaplain Chat

Hello Lovely Parkfield Community,

Welcome back to our 2025 new school year – to those who are already a part of our Parkfield community and to those new families who have come to join us here, for another year of connection, learning, fun and being the best we can be!
It has been wonderful meeting those of you I have, and I am looking forward to meeting those of you who I haven't!

**My workdays this year are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.** The process for chaplain referral is the same as previous years. Please ask your teacher or me if you are not sure.

I look forward to once again being here to be a friendly face, a safe, listening ear and extra support, sharing your child's Parkfield Primary School journey with them and you. Go 'Team Parkfield!'
Until next time,
Take care and go well….

Jo Campbell🤗
YouthCARE Chaplain

## Swimming Lessons Years 4 - 6

Students in Years 4 – 6 will be participating in Education Department Interm Swimming lessons at Koombana Bay **commencing next Monday 17th February** and running for a total of 10 days. **The cost is $25**. 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.

## BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

**Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?**

Is your child……

- 6 -12 years old?
- Above a healthy weight?
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The Better Health Program is a free, 10-week healthy lifestyle program for you and your child. Weekly discussions include topics such as good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program is available in online and face-to-face formats.
Both versions, include a bunch of great freebies, and a reward at the end!

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1300 822 953

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## Term 1 Workshops at the Stirling Arts Centre

The Stirling Arts Centre is offering a fabulous range of standalone workshops for adults, kids and teens. The workshops get underway on the 17th of February 2025. Please follow the link below for further details https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stirlingstreetartscentre or scan the QR code.

## Associates Hockey Club Bunbury

# Term One Planner 2025

| Wk | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat | Sun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 Feb<br>**School Development Day** | 4<br>**School Development Day** | 5<br>**Students resume** | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | 10 Feb<br>Swimming lesson forms due back in | 11<br>Newsletter<br><br>Staff Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 3 | 17 Feb<br>Interm Swimming Years 4 - 6 → | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 → | 22 | 23 |
| 4 | 24 Feb<br>Interm Swimming → | 25<br><br>Newsletter<br><br>Staff Meeting | 26 | 27 | 28 → | 1 Mar | 2 |
| 5 | 3 March<br>**Labour Day** | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7<br>State Election and Year 6 Sausage Sizzle → | 8 | 9 |
| 6 | 10 Mar | 11<br>Newsletter<br><br>Staff Meeting | 12<br>NAPLAN Testing Years 3 & 5 → | 13 | 14 → | 15 | 16 |
| 7 | 17 Mar<br>NAPLAN Testing → | 18 | 19<br><br>Year 6 Camp → | 20 | 21 → | 22 | 23 |
| 8 | 24 Mar | 25<br>Newsletter<br><br>Staff Meeting | 26 | 27 | 28<br>Swimming Carnival Years 5 & 6 | 29 | 30 |
| 9 | 31 Mar | 1 April | 2<br>DISCO | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10 | 7 Apr | 8<br>Newsletter<br><br>Staff Meeting | 9 | 10 | 11<br>Anzac Service | 12 | 13 |
| H | 14 Apr | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18<br>**Good Friday** | 19 | 20 |
| H | **Easter Monday** | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25<br>**Anzac Day** | 26 | 27 |