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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

The first three weeks of the term have flown by and we are very pleased with how our students have settled into their new classes and routines. Students can be seen showing our focus virtue of Respect in the way they act and speak. Special congratulations to our leaders of the school, our Year Sixes, who have made such a wonderful start to their final year of primary school.

Swimming lessons have begun with beautiful weather. A reminder to Year 5 and 6 parents that students cannot participate in the Parkfield Swimming Carnival unless they have been to swimming lessons. Leschenault is a water paradise, and it is critical that students learn to be safe in their surroundings. Again, congratulations to the students as they display perseverance, commitment, and courage with their swimming lessons.

As a school community we are always looking to improve in all areas and this week in the newsletter we have highlighted some habits where we can get a little better.

After School Routines

We have had some inappropriate behaviour by students in our playgrounds after school because of the lack of adequate supervision from parents.

- All students to leave premises immediately after the bell.
- Parents that stay to watch their children play must closely watch their children. It is a privilege not a right to use school grounds after hours.
- School rules still apply after school on school grounds e.g. no sword fights with sticks, no wrestling, no climbing trees and no sand fights.

Toilets are locked straight after school so our wonderful cleaners can get on with their important tasks safely and without interruption.

Walking Wheels through School

Any bike, trike, scooter, or skateboard must be walked through the school boundary at all times. This includes parents and younger siblings. With limited space and many young students, we want to avoid any unnecessary accidents.

Smart Watches

The Christmas season again saw a large number of students receive smart watches. A reminder to all students and parents that these are to be used as time pieces only and nothing else at school. Like mobile phones, they are not for messaging, photos or calling at any time during the school day. Please set them to aeroplane or school mode until the school day has finished.

Year 6 Camp – Election Day Sausage Sizzle!

Our amazing Year 6 families will be firing up the BBQ on election day to raise much-needed funds for the Year 6 camp.

When: Saturday 8th March 8:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Parkfield Primary, outside the library

What: bacon and egg breakfast burgers, sausage sizzle and cakes.

So, when you come to cast your vote, don't forget to grab a bite to eat!

Cyber Safety Parent Information Night

Monday 10th March: 5:30PM – 7:00PM Australind Senior High School, Lecture Theatre.

All parents in the local community are invited to attend an informative evening on the risks young people face when accessing the internet. The session will be led by Mrs Candise Adams from Safe Counselling Australia, a highly experienced professional specialising in trauma and online safety.

If you are interested in attending, please email: Jessica.inman@education.wa.edu.au

School Contributions

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage those families who still have contributions outstanding, to consider payment *as soon as possible*. All **$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children.

Smith Family

We still have some Learning for Life Scholarships for any families on Healthcare Cards, Pensions, Centrelink, or grandparents having custody of their grandchildren. Our Smith Family Coordinator, Ms Gardenia Pepworth, looks forward to supporting our families and we thank her for her involvement in our Breakfast Club every Friday.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite - Principal

NAPLAN Timetable

Below is the timetable for our testing for NAPLAN. These occur in **Week 6 and 7 for Year 3 and 5 students only.** As you can see, if your child is away during the testing period, they can sit the test when they return to school. Year 3 and 5 students received information earlier in the year, but if you would like to know more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au

NAPLAN
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

		Wednesday 12/3/25 Writing	**Thursday** Catch ups (Writing) Reading	**Friday** Catch ups (Writing & Reading)
Monday 17/3/25 Catch Ups (Writing) Conventions of Language	**Tuesday** Numeracy	**Wednesday** Catch Ups (all areas)	**Thursday** →	**Friday**

Sports Update

This term, students in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Parkfield PS House Swimming Carnival. In anticipation of the carnival, students in Year 5 and 6 who nominated to trial for the 50m championship events will take part in these during swimming lessons this week. All remaining students will contend in 25m races with the addition of fun swimming relays. Students will receive a permission slip for the carnival closer to the date.

KEY DATES

House Swimming Trials – Week 4 during swimming lessons

House Swimming Carnival – Week 8, Friday March 28th

The Carnival will be conducted at the Harvey Swimming Pool. We hope to see a large audience at the event, as it significantly enhances the atmosphere and inspires and supports the students. Admission is free for observers, and sheltered areas are provided.

VOLUNTEER PARENTS REQUIRED

As with all sports carnivals, parental volunteers are crucial to assist with the running of the event. We require four place officials, a placing recorder, and a ribbon distributor. If you can volunteer at the Parkfield PS Swimming Carnival, please contact the school administration and provide your name and contact details or approach me at school. Assistance will be greatly valued and needed.

Kind regards

Bryden Sumich - PE Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

Orders can be placed via the Qkr! app.
EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00.
Amber can be contacted on 0413 234 002
Please ensure all uniforms are labelled clearly for easy return if misplaced. 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.
If your child returns to school, please call into the office with your child so we can amend school records and issue a "Return to Class" slip.

Late students to school – Please call into the office and collect a "Late Pass" prior to going to class.

Kindy Health Screening Forms

Kindy Parents

Please complete and return the School Entry Health Assessment Forms as soon as possible. These forms were sent home with all Kindy children at the beginning of the school year. Thank you.

School Nurse

KIDSPORT

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

All Western Australian children aged 5 – 18 years with a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can claim up to **$500** per financial year towards club fees, playing equipment and uniforms. For more information and how to apply please visit www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport

Australind Junior Soccer Club

Registrations are now open and will close on the 9th of March. Please visit the AJSC website for further information.

Down in the Art Room...

It's wonderful to be back in the Art Room again this year! I've enjoyed meeting many new faces and it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm our students have for the Arts across the school. Art Club will be starting soon. The Year 3 students will be the first to attend for 2025 and we will be working on an exciting new project. I will be meeting with those students who are interested in participating later this week to outline the activity we will be working on and the expectations I have for those attending.

If you have a budding artist at home who would enjoy diving into further projects, there are a number of opportunities available within the community. **The Stirling Street Arts Centre, Bunbury Regional Art Gallery and Checkmate**, all offer after-school classes for a range of ages. It is worth looking at their websites to see if these classes could be of interest to your child. Most classes generally run over a series of weeks, within the school term.

We will soon be completing the first of our projects for the year, and our efforts will be on display in classrooms and other locations within the school. We are looking forward to sharing our efforts with you.

Julie Astill - Visual Arts Specialist

Chaplain Chat

Hello again Everyone,

How are you? How has the last fortnight been for you? I hope things are settling back into routine, and the usual nerves and common anxious separation moments have been worked through together. Don't forget I am here for a chat or a friendly, safe ear and support if needed. To contact me please Seesaw message the class teacher, call the office on 9796 5900, or email parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au

I am trusting that our whole school approaches of The Virtues Project, The Zones of Regulation and The Parkfield Way of choosing respect and kindness every day are giving you all a common baseline to move forward from the challenges that may come up for you and your child. If you're not sure of any of these, be sure to ask your child, their teacher or me. The Virtue insert at the bottom of our fortnightly Parkfield Press Newsletter is always an encouraging reminder and a great place to start. It has been wonderful moving around the school hearing and seeing the virtues being used during the usual hive of activity at the start of the new school year.

Thank you for all the hellos and check ins of this fortnight. I look forward to many more and meeting those of you I haven't yet…

Until next time.
Warm regards always,

Jo Campbell 😊
Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Musical Notes

Dear Families,

We are off to a fantastic start! It has been extremely busy, and I am grateful for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we begin the year still needing to purchase instruments, loan instruments, and with the setup of and changes in timetables.

Our focus remains on culture and folk music, which we are having a lot of fun with. Last week we discussed some of the acts featuring in this year's South West Multicultural Festival.

We plan to have a local group called "Tartan Tempest" come to school and perform a lunch time concert on the 17th of March. I play in, and perform regularly with this group, and we will invite our Year 1 - 6 students to come and enjoy a lunch break listening to some Irish and Scottish folk tunes.

Throughout 2025, I would like to encourage students to perform regularly. Starting this term, I will be planning some regular busking opportunities, with no exchange of money, just the pleasure of performing, in a relaxed setting. This will take place outside the music room and will support the opportunity to share music that students have been practising, and to build confidence in performing in front of people. If students are interested, they can come to me and fill out the expression of interest form. Their pieces need to be well practised and performance ready and can be singing or instrumental (though my preference is instrumental). Students can perform solo or with a group. This opportunity will be offered to students from Year 4 - 6 initially. Younger students will have an opportunity to join in later in the year.

Don't forget about Choirs and Ensembles. If you would like to try any of these, please come along and join us.

If you have anything you would like to share about your family's culture, I'd love to hear from you! Please email me or drop in to the Music Room if you'd like to chat about this, or anything else.

And to finish with a quote from Billy Joel:

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

Kind Regards,
Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist

Specialist Clubs

Lunch time Specialist Clubs will be **starting from next week.** 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 Specialist 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

Japanese Sister School - Mooka Elementary School

At the end of last year our Year 5 students, currently Year 6 students, wrote pen pal letters to students at our sister school in Tokyo Japan, called Mooka Elementary School. In their letters they wrote a simple self-introduction in Japanese as well as things they like and dislike etc.

Last week our Year 6 students were delighted to receive replies to their letters! The letters are a mix of Japanese and English so great practice for students at both schools.

Our students also created some indigenous inspired art works of Australian animals. The art is labelled in English, Japanese and Noongar. Mooka ES will display our artwork around their school. すばらしい。

WILD ADVENTURES
WITH WEST OZ WILDLIFE

Saturday 1st March – Monday 3rd March

11:00am – 3:00pm Bunbury Centrepoint Mall area.
An opportunity for families to engage in an unforgettable wildlife experience. You can expect up close wildlife encounters, hands-on interactions with koalas, snakes and lizards and more. Family friendly fun with a perfect combination of education and adventure suitable for all ages. No bookings are required. For further details kindly visit https://www.facebook.com/events/581785204619797/

P&C Car Wash Tokens

The P&C has teamed up with Titanium Wash for you to buy Xtremewash **Car Wash** tokens at a discounted rate throughout the year. The cost is **$15.00** per token

Dog Wash tokens are also available at a cost of **$8.00**

Please place your orders via the Qkr! app. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Thank you for your support.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Self-Discipline

SELF-DISCIPLINE means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, you take charge of yourself. When you practice **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, you are controlling your own behaviour so others don't have to. **SELF-DISCIPLINE** brings you freedom. You get things done efficiently and have order in your life. Without **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, we procrastinate. We eat things we shouldn't. We lose control of our emotions. Then people feel hurt. With **SELF-DISCIPLINE**, life is more peaceful. Observe your feelings and thoughts, then decide how you are going to behave. If you feel angry, instead of yelling or hitting, you can acknowledge your anger, then use a calm voice to tell someone you are angry and why. It is your choice.

What would Self-Discipline look like if…

- You have put off doing a big job for some time?
- You are really angry when your brother starts wrestling with you?
- You keep getting punished for breaking a rule?
- Your family has a rule of two lollies after school, but no one is watching?
- You notice you are watching too much TV and feeling lazy?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry
- Get things done in an orderly, efficient way
- Create routines for yourself
- Do what is expected without people having to watch over you
- Do things on time

Affirmation: I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.