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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

Selflessness and Service are two important virtues that go together. On the weekend our Year Six Parkfield school community displayed these in large amounts by delivering a terrific Democracy Sausage Sizzle on Saturday.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students that contributed in any way to the successful fundraising event.

Year 6 Camp to Camp Dare

Our Year 6 students and staff are to be congratulated on the amazing beginning they have had to the 2025 school year. They have actively displayed collaboration, cooperation and kindness, all of which will stand them in good stead for the camp in Week 7.

We would like to wish all the very best to our Year 6 students, staff members and parent helpers who leave next week for the annual three-day camp to Camp Dare. It is a highlight on the calendar for our Year 6 students and the agenda is packed full of exciting and challenging activities.

A special thank you to Mr Maher, Mr Jefferys, Mrs Howe, Mrs Gray, Mrs Docker, Miss Sullivan and Ms Jones for all your hard work in preparing every detail for the camp.

Parkfield PS doesn't have a big fence but…

We are still one of the few schools around Australind that doesn't have a 2.1 metre (7 foot) fence around it, so our community can enjoy all our facilities but……

We have again had poor student behaviour straight after school last week. Parents, you must supervise your children to play sensibly on our school grounds. Pulling branches off trees is not sensible, neither is climbing goalposts.

Students without parents on site must leave the grounds as soon as possible. It is not a place for students to loiter.

Weekend vandalism is also very frustrating as it costs the school and taxpayers a great deal to repair and replace.

This weekend, our sirens were turned off externally, which in an emergency could have serious consequences. Please ring the **Police immediately**, if you see people on the roof of our buildings or trespassing near the school buildings.

P&C AGM tonight at 7.00pm

We are very fortunate at Parkfield to have such a supportive P&C, and our students have benefitted greatly from their efforts. Please come along and hear what is planned for this year and show your support.

Kiss and Drop Pickup - Keep moving

Please keep moving if you are waiting for your children and they have not yet turned up. We have 645 students exiting the school and again common sense prevails when there are not individual parking spots for every family.

Parents, please don't park or drop students off in the Bus Bay at any time. **Bus bays are for buses only**. Our students are not expecting cars to be travelling in the bus bay and if they don't see a bus may not take the extra precaution of worrying about a car.

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.

Current Contribution rates

- K – 50% paid
- PP – 42% paid
- 1 - 6 – 36% paid

Attendance is Critical Every Day!

Notes will be coming home to ask parents for unexplained absences. Attendance is the key to success at school.

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.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

Our Years 5 and 6 students are preparing for the House Swimming Carnival, taking place on Friday, **March 28th** at the Harvey Town Pool. Thank you to Mr. Brooks for organising the 50m championship trials.

Permission forms will be sent home this week. We invite everyone to join us and create a supportive environment for our young swimmers.

Parent volunteers are crucial for the carnival's success, and we particularly need a couple more helpers. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. Please contact the school office is you can assist.

In addition for Year 6 students, there are currently SSWA U/12 state nominations flyers for gifted and talented students desiring to trial in a variety of team sports displayed on my office window outside Block 3. There is a fee of $20 - $25 paid to SSWA online and all trials are completed in the Perth area. Please scan the QR code for more information if interested.

Kind regards

Bryden Sumich - PE Teacher

Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities 2025

Preparing young people for the many pathways and opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students

Tuesday 18 March 2025 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Bunbury – Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse – Koombana Room, 2 Marlston Drive Bunbury.

Wednesday 19 March 2025 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Harvey – Harvey Recreation & Cultural Centre, Tom Latch Drive, Harvey.

This is your chance to join in an **inspiring, free event** where you and your young people can dive into a conversation about post-school options and hear directly from our **industry experts**. Whether you're curious about career pathways, university options, or training opportunities, this event has something for everyone!

Don't miss out – reserve your place today by booking through the link below:
https://www.education.wa.edu.au/en/careerconversationevents

Shaping the future

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

The Year 6 Camp Sausage Sizzle on Saturday was a huge success! The smell of sizzling onions was enough to lure in hungry voters, who were treated to what was, undoubtedly, the best Democracy Sausage around!

A special thank you to those Year 6 families and Parkfield staff who took time out of their Saturday to cook and serve at the stall, and to those who brought in fabulous home baked cakes and slices.

The day would not have been possible without the incredible organisation and energy of Sharon and Veeta, our amazing Galley Girls. Thank you both so much! Also, a big thank you to **Woolworths Eaton and Treendale, Coles Australind and PFD Foodservices for their donations.**

All funds raised will go towards making our Year 6 camp one to remember!

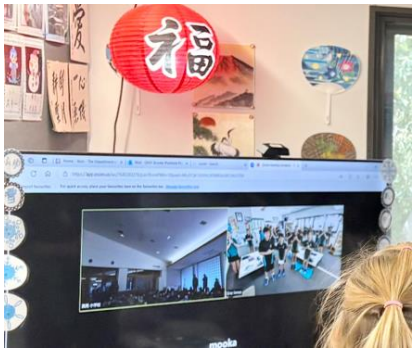
Easter Raffle

This year's Easter raffle will run again at the end of the term. To make this a success, we are asking for donations of Easter gifts such as chocolates, toys (new with tags), stationary etc. Please bring your donations to the front office. We appreciate your support. More information on the raffle will be in the next newsletter.

Thank you,

Sam Mortley, P&C Fundraising Coordinator

Mooka Elementary School - Live Zoom



On Wednesday 5th March, the Year 6 students from Room 20 were fortunate enough to participate in a live Zoom with Year 6 students at Parkfield Primary's sister school in Japan, Mooka Elementary School. The Mooka ES students shared some origami they had made and the Japanese game called Kendama. They also sang a song and played the recorder for us. Parkfield students sang the Parkfield school song and shared some popular Aussie snacks - Lamingtons, Vegemite Sandwiches and Fairy Bread. Thank you to these Year 6 students who had a go at speaking Japanese during our Zoom - Aiden, Dylan, Isla, Ava, Anna, Phoebe, Keenan and Abbey. Most of the class did volunteer to speak as well so they will get another opportunity later in the year. A big thank you to Mr Serravite who joined us on the Zoom and also Mrs Condello who helped with a couple of IT issues. ありがとう　ございます。 (Arigatoo Gozaimasu – Thank you very much)

Gray Sensei – Japanese Teacher

HARMONY WEEK

Musical Notes

Dear Families,

This fortnight's focus is Irish and Scottish songs and culture - perfectly suited to the upcoming Harmony Week and St Patrick's Day! We are learning to sing some Irish and Scottish songs, seeing the patriotism of other nations, whilst understanding our Australian culture and all of the amazing things we have here.

This coming weekend Bunbury has a St Patrick's Day Festival over Saturday and Sunday. If you get onto Facebook or the Southwest Irish Community Group website, you will find all of the events and activities taking place - so many fun things to experience - dancing, music, cooking, history, language.... it'll be an experience!

If you enjoy listening to Irish music, there is an Irish session once a month on a Sunday, in Bunbury from 1pm - 4pm which anyone can attend. This is free and family friendly, kids can dance and sing along to the music - and adults too!

In light of these great celebrations, we will have some activities happening at school on Monday the 17th of March. At recess time, some of our dance students will perform some Irish dancing in the undercover area. At lunch time, "Tartan Tempest" a Scottish fiddle group that I play regularly with, are going to come and do a small lunch time concert for students. We will talk about Scottish culture and play some Scottish and Irish music.

All IMSS lessons, band and ensembles are back to normal after the completion of swimming and all timetables remain on the Music Room doors. Students still have two weeks to trial the choirs and Ukulele and Percussion ensembles before committing to the rest of the year. Come and give it a go! We have new music in the choirs and will be committing to the pieces we will be working on for the rest of the term. If your child is in these ensembles or IMSS and you are not in the seesaw group, please come and see me for a code. I regularly post updates about any changes, performances and also send through practise parts.

Lunch time busking will start soon - students from Year 4 - 6 will be invited to express their interest first. These pieces will have to be well known by the performer and well-rehearsed in order to perform for these events. Any interested students can come and see me in the Music Room and put their name down this week.

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions you may have regarding anything music.

Kind Regards,

Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist

Sun Smart – No Hat Play in the Shade

We are a Sun Safe school therefore broad brim hats are a necessity. It is very important for students to wear the correct broad brimmed hat to fully protect themselves from the sun. Our Uniform Shop has these in stock. Thank you.

Chaplain Chat

Hello lovely Parkfield Community,

The last fortnight (the start of the second half of term…) has been a big one! We have finished the Years 4 – 6 swimming lessons and returned to our regular timetable. We have had lots of opportunities to be using and growing our Virtues, particularly our self-discipline. Great news is – we have had lots of 'gold slip' acknowledgements! Go Team Parkfield! I have to say, I am so thankful for our focus on, and grounding in, the Virtues Project here at Parkfield, I have so enjoyed the discussion on our **'strength'** (easy for us) and **'growth'** (hard for us) virtues, around the school; before and after school and at break times, and, in our 'Chaplain Chat' times. As you know, we started off our school year with Respect, then moved on to Self-discipline and now this fortnight's virtue is **UNITY** - all for one and one for all!

Can I please encourage you to ask and check in with your children that they have their name labelled on their things for school especially hats, jumpers and water bottles. Please regularly check the Lost Property Trolley outside the first green door of the Office/Admin building across from the Library. I would love and appreciate a check in for any hats labelled 'CHAPLAIN' too, as the Chaplain Room Spare Hat box is currently empty. THANK YOU 👍

Looking forward to the next fortnight chat with you already - especially with news about the Year 6 camp next week…

Take care and keep well and reach out if needed.

Jo Campbell 😊

YouthCARE Chaplain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

PARENTING DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES

A workshop for parents and anyone working with children who would like to understand how to relate based on personality.
How does personality and temperament impact you daily?
Have you ever wondered why some children are easier to deal with than others?
Are you faced with tantrums, meltdowns or blank looks when trying to communicate with your children?
Join us for a two session workshop of fun and engaging activities learning about the four personality types.
Find out why you react to situations the way you do and gain a deeper understanding of who you are.

FREE TO ATTEND **FREE CRECHE AVAILABLE**

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March
Child and Parent Centre, Carey Park
12 noon to 2.30pm

Registration is essential on 0405 116 553 or email badmin@parentingways.com.au

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Virtue For The Fortnight – Unity

UNITY helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice **UNITY,** you feel connected to everyone and everything. **UNITY** brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra. **UNITY** comes when we value each person. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all. Without **UNITY**, differences scare people and drive them apart. Without **UNITY,** each person stands alone. When we come together in **UNITY**, we cooperate. We work together to accomplish more than any one of us could by ourselves. We feel a sense of **UNITY** with all living things and do our part to care for the earth. When you practice **UNITY**, you look at your prejudices and are willing to let them go. **UNITY** doesn't mean being the same. Just as every leaf on a tree has a unique design, each person on this earth is someone special. When you practice **UNITY**, you see the specialness in each person, not as a reason to fight or be scared, but as a gift. Working in **UNITY** with others gets things done efficiently. **UNITY** is solving conflict peacefully by listening and finding solutions.

What would Unity look like if…

- The teacher gives you an assignment to do with a group?
- You overhear someone teasing a child of a different race and calling her names?
- You notice that all your friends toss their trash into the creek?
- You become angry with a brother or sister and feel like saying hurtful things?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things

Affirmation: I am in unity with others. I appreciate differences. I do not support prejudice. I am a peacemaker. I care for the earth and all living things.