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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

At Parkfield, we pride ourselves on staff and students showing the *Parkfield Way* whether at school or in the public arena. On Friday, our Year 6 students attended their 2025 Winter Carnival, and we witnessed all the virtues that we expect: Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Initiative. A heartfelt thank you to all the parent helpers and dedicated staff that contributed so positively for a memorable experience for our students.

P&C Day WA Friday 23rd May

This Friday we celebrate the marvellous work of the Parkfield P&C. Our P&C is a small band of incredible people that exemplify the Virtue of Service. In a time when this is becoming rare in public schools we would like to say a huge thank you to our P&C executive and their amazing band of volunteers.

If you are able, please consider sending them a positive message on their Facebook site or email a thank you. It will be greatly appreciated!

Year Six Reconciliation Walk

On Tuesday the 3rd of June, students from Year Six, will travel by bus to participate in the City of Bunbury Reconciliation Walk. They will travel to Koombana Bay and join other schools and community groups in walking along the footbridge to the Graham Bricknell Memorial Music Shell. We will be there for a flag raising ceremony, story sharing, and activities all aimed at raising awareness and to educate around the importance of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation Week is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can contribute to achieving Reconciliation.

House Cross Country Participation

It is an expectation that all students in Years Three to Six will participate in the House Cross Country event in Week 6, unless they have a medical certificate and an obvious medical condition.

We encourage all students to do their **personal best** and be part of the whole senior school activity. Students attending school with no formal medical condition will be participating.

Attendance at School

Attendance is a key indicator of success and we have a Department of Education goal of all students attending over 90% of the school year.

Many students are falling below this target and families will be getting reminders in the next few weeks.

2026 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2026 school year are **now** being taken. If any of our Parkfield Community know of families that are eligible to enrol their children, please inform them to come to the school as soon as possible to fill in an application form. Please pass on this information to first time parents who may not be aware that they need to enrol now.

Pre - Primary Enrolment 2026

All current Kindy students have received Application for Enrolments Forms for Pre-primary 2026. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible. There is **no guarantee** of enrolment due to students in the local boundary getting priority.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Year 7 ASHS 2026 Information Night

Australind Senior High School warmly invites all Year 6 parents and carers to attend their Year 7 Information Night in preparation for next year.

Choose the session that suits you best:

- **Wednesday 25 June** | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- **Thursday 3 July** | 4:30 – 6:00 pm
  Location: Egret Wing, Australind Senior High School, 12 Break O'Day Drive, Australind
- **Parking:** Break O'Day Drive, Australind across the road from the school's entrance.

This is a great opportunity to learn about:

- Year 7 curriculum and programs
- How to apply for their specialised Academic, Music and Sporting Programs
- Student support and wellbeing
- Co-curricular activities
- Q&A with school staff

For more information or enrolment enquiries, please contact their team on (08) 9797 4400.

BOOK FAIR

The bookcases are here, and the books are calling! Come to the **Library** between **8.00 - 8.30am** or **3.00 - 3.30pm, Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May** to see all the great new books we have available during Book Fair. There will be popular book titles starting from $5! Every book you buy goes towards getting new books for the library.
Thank you for your continued support.

Happy reading,
Ms Pullen – Librarian

Premier's Reading Challenge

It has been fantastic to see so many new readers register for the Premier's Reading Challenge. We currently have 130 dedicated readers participating!

Congratulations to the following students who were entered into the draw for Book Fair vouchers by registering for the Challenge and recording their reading. Well done on your commitment to reading!

Kindy - Jai Pullen
Pre-primary - Archie O'Donoghue and Kristian McCaughan
Year 1 - Ellis Rowlands
Year 2 - Quinn Tilbrook and Luce Matsuura
Year 3 - Flynn Waylen
Year 4 - Wyatt Maher and Holly Read
Year 5 - Bonnie Cook-Smith
Year 6 - Madeleine Butcher

Let's keep Reading!!

Parkfield's Challenge Champions – Mrs Howe and Mrs Spaull.

Specialist Clubs

Term 2 Specialist Clubs are as follows:

Monday Recess: JAZZ Year 3 with Mrs Coppen

Tuesday Recess: TAP Year 5 with Mrs Coppen

Tuesday Lunch: IRISH Year 4/5 with Mrs Coppen

Wednesday Lunch: JAPANESE CLUB Year 1- 6 with Gray Sensei

Thursday Lunch: ART CLUB Year 6 with Mrs Astill

Friday Lunch: MUSIC CLUB Year 1-6 with Mrs Thompson

Don't forget RUNNING CLUB with Mr Sumich on **Wednesday - Friday mornings** from 8.15am to 8.30am.
If you have any questions, please see the relevant Specialist teacher.

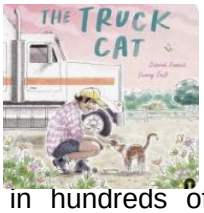
A BIG THANK YOU goes to all these wonderful Specialist teachers who run these clubs in their own time to provide our students with an amazing variety of activities, opportunities and experiences.

Dress-up for National Simultaneous Storytime

Tomorrow – Wednesday 21st May

Parents and Staff are very welcome to join in the fun.

Parkfield will again be joining in with schools from around Australia to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual event aimed at promoting a love of reading. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in hundreds of schools around the country. This year's book is ***The Truck Cat.*** It is story of a truck driver (and his cat) who dreams of his home country.



To celebrate the book and help add context to the story we are holding a themed dress-up day.

The theme is: Flannos and far-away lands
Yacoub, the hero of the story of the story, is a flanno wearing truck driver who was born in another country. Costumes for the day could be flannos (or other work clothes) or national/cultural dress from your family's homeland.

Sports Update

This term all students in Years 3 - 6 will be competing in the Parkfield Cross Country. It will be held in **Week 6 on Wednesday, June 4th commencing at 1:15pm on the school oval.** The distance for the Year 3 and 4 students is approximately 1000m. The Year 5 and 6 courses will be approximately 2000m. There will be separate races for each gender and each year level. Further information will follow closer to the event.

This term students have been doing some training before school during morning fitness via the **Parkfield to Bunbury run challenge on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays at 8:15am**. I encourage all students to partake if not already doing so. The last day for the Parkfield to Bunbury challenge will be in Week 5, Friday 30th of May. Well done to those students who have completed the challenge and are on phase two of the challenge. If you need a running tracker, please see Mr Sumich.

Well done to all the Year Six students for demonstrating the Parkfield Virtues so well during the **2025 Winter Carnival** last week. Parkfield PS had three netball teams, three soccer teams as well as a football team representing the school on the day. The feedback about their sportsmanship and fair play across all teams has been exceptional. A heartfelt thank you to all the Parkfield parent volunteers and staff for helping make the day such a memorable and successful event for our Year Six students.
Kind regards,

Bryden Sumich - PE Teacher

Keep Australia Beautiful Bin Sticker Competition

Last term, Mr Jefferys and Mrs Dunbar-Stuart coordinated the Keep Australia Beautiful WA Clean Schools Design a Bin Sticker Competition. We were so impressed by the huge number of entries received, and the passion displayed towards keeping our environment clean. Congratulations to the artists responsible for these amazing designs.

What's Been Happening in Japanese……

On the 5th of May Japan celebrated a festival called "Children's Day" (Kodomo no Hi こどものひ). It is an annual celebration for families to wish good health and happiness for their children. In Japan you will see many Carp kites (Koinoboriこいのぼり) on display leading up to the festival and warrior helmets will be displayed inside the Japanese home.

During our Japanese lessons last week, we celebrated the festival by having the Year 3 students make origami warrior helmets and the Year 4 students are designing and decorating their own Carp to put in a collective class Koinobori display. In Japanese Club, Year 5 students have started making miniature Koinobori flags.

We also learnt about the Aboriginal and Torres Islander Children's Day celebrated in Australia on August 4th. We learnt about the similarities and differences between the two celebrations. In fact, both celebrate the good health of children and connection to community.

Gray Sensei – Japanese Teacher

Chaplain Chat

Greetings Parkfield Community,

I hope this finds you all well, happy and not too busy. If life is throwing you some challenges, as it seems to be doing more so these days, keep connected and getting the support you need. Please remember that my workdays this year are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, if you need a chat or check in, look out for me before or after school, or call or drop me a note at the front office.

It has been another full one here with the lovely Mother's Day Stall, a special Awards Assembly, and the Year 6 Winter Carnival, added to our ongoing special extra Music groups before and after school and the added Cross Country running training before school. Go Team Parkfield!

Please take care, keep well, and have a wonderful fortnight full of understanding as we move on from our focus on diligence.

Until next time,

Jo Campbell 😊 – YouthCARE Chaplain

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Back for 2025!

Do you have a special talent?

The Parkfield Student Council would love to give you an opportunity to share your talent live on stage at our 2025 ***Parkfield's Got Talent*** competition*.*
Heats will be held at lunchtimes with the winner of each heat going into our ***Parkfield's Got Talent*** grand final.
We are looking for **individual** or **group** performances. So, if you sing, dance, play an instrument or have any other talent that you'd like to share, fill in an entry form which is available from your class teacher.

You can enter a limit of one individual and one group act.

Place your completed entry form in the box outside Mr Brooks' office. Only one entry form needed for group entries. **Entries close Friday May 30th.**

Tuart Winter Carnival Thank you

On Friday 16th May, the Year 6 students attended the Tuart Winter Carnival. Well done to everyone who participated in our soccer, football and netball teams. Everybody had a go and played really well. Thank you to all our teachers: Mr Maher, Mrs Howe and Mr Jefferys. You were great coaches. Thank you also to the parent helpers for giving up your time to help us in every way and make it such a fun experience!

Zoe Knight Year 6

P&C Fundraising Update

On behalf of the P&C Fundraising Committee, we would like to thank all the wonderful children and teachers that visited our Mother's Day stall. Thank you to the parents and volunteers, it wouldn't run smoothly without all your help. Thank you also for all the lovely donations that we received.

We sold a total of 1938 tickets for our raffle and made an amazing **profit total of $5051** to go towards resources for our school.

Prize winners

1st Hudson C – Room 9	7th Henry H – Room K4
2nd Hunter M – Room 2	8th Levi C – Room 5
3rd Savannah W - Rm 1	9th Marley H – Room 3
4th Trigga H – Room 8	10th Piper M – Room 20
5th Katarn S – Room 16	11th Harry G – Room 4
6th Elijah W – Room 12	

Donating Businesses and Individuals

We would like to thank all the wonderful people and businesses who donated to our Mother's Day stall: Woolworths Treendale, Unique Creations for Hair, Hoyts Bunbury, Beautopia Hair & Beauty, Gagiano's Cakes, Alicia Petersen, Emporium C.I.N Designs, The Big Coffee Van, Australind Beauty Works, Emma Hamersley, Little Jade Designs, Jayde Scott, Integrity Auto Electrics, Barbara Miller, Samandala Designs and Flickr.

P&C Facebook Page

A reminder to families to follow the P&C Facebook page as community events and information for families are regularly posted.

Virtue For The Fortnight - Understanding

UNDERSTANDING is thinking clearly. It is using your mind so that you can see the truth about things. It is paying careful attention and thinking about things in order to see their meaning. **UNDERSTANDING** is also having empathy and showing compassion. **UNDERSTANDING** gives us the power to think and learn and also to care. Without an **UNDERSTANDING** mind, there would be no learning. People who don't practice **UNDERSTANDING** don't use their minds fully. Life is dull and boring because they just do the least amount of learning or thinking. People who use their heads to **UNDERSTAND** and solve problems, have great insights and wonderful ideas. People who use their hearts to **UNDERSTAND** show compassion and forgive people for their mistakes. To practice **UNDERSTANDING**, you pay close attention. Look, listen and think. When faced with a difficult problem, you reflect and reason it out until the answer becomes clear. You resist distractions. You concentrate your mind to help you see the whole picture and to **UNDERSTAND** the meaning of what you see. You open your heart to **UNDERSTAND** how people feel and put yourself in their shoes. You **UNDERSTAND** that we all make mistakes. You are willing to be forgiving.

What would Understanding like if…

- You are listening to a story?
- You have a difficult math problem?
- Your teacher is explaining how to do something new?
- You are trying to do your homework and watch TV at the same time?
- Your mother has been irritable for a week?
- Your friend forgets to meet you after school?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Concentrate and pay close attention
- Reflect on the meaning of things
- See the whole pictu5re
- Resist distractions
- Put yourself in other people's shoes
- Forgive others and yourself when you make mistakes

Affirmation: I have an understanding mind. I concentrate and pay attention so that I can think clearly. I have an understanding hear. I have empathy for other peoples' feelings.