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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

We have a wonderful and generous school community and this week's newsletter highlights activities that have already been done and other activities we are looking forward to.

The virtue of the fortnight is a staff favourite, Kindness. The highlight of this fortnight being Ahlia's Kindness Day on Friday. While we all have numerous stressors in our lives, please save a little bit of time to show kindness to others. If our huge school community shows one little bit of extra kindness per person this week, that cumulatively will make Parkfield an amazing place to be!

Best wishes to Mrs Thompson and all our musical teams performing at the 2025 Bunbury Eisteddfod on Friday and Monday night. They have all been putting a great deal of time and effort into their practice. Good Luck to all involved.

We are fortunate to have the West Coast Eagles in town this week and members of the AFLW team will be coming to Parkfield to work with our students this Friday. West Coast players Ella Roberts, who is from the Southwest and previously played with Peel Thunder, and Charlie Thomas, will speak with all Year 4, 5 and 6 students at a Senior assembly. This will be followed by a training session with our Year 5 and 6 girls who regularly play football at school. We are looking forward to the visit and thank Mel Toia from the West Coast Eagles for her organisation.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Mr Joshua Berndt to Parkfield PS. Josh takes over as our Network Support Officer replacing Mr Peter Adams-Shawn, who has left for work in the city. Josh has a very wide experience in all things ICT and we are very lucky to have him on board.

House Cross Country – Postponed

Due to the inclement weather, the decision was made today to postpone the House Cross Country until **Monday the 9th of June,** when the weather forecast is more favourable.

P&C Meeting next Tuesday 10th June at 7pm – New members needed.

Parkfield is very fortunate to have an outstanding P&C, who not only fundraise but organise many creative activities throughout the year. We are currently in need of new members. Joining the P&C is a wonderful way to meet people, and a lot of fun can be had. If you can support these amazing people with your time or effort, please join us next Tuesday evening.

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.

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

DRESS IN BLUE for a good cause Friday June 6th

This year our school will again join others in the local area in marking Friday June 6th as **AHLIA'S KINDNESS DAY**. Ahlia was a Year One student from Eaton Primary school who passed away in 2020 from DIPG, an aggressive form of brain cancer.
We will be supporting the day and honouring Ahlia's memory in two ways:

Dress in blue. Friday June 6th will be Blue Day. We are asking for a gold coin donation from those who dress in blue (and preferably baby blue) which will go towards the charity RUN DIPG.

Showing some kindness. Classes will participate in activities aimed at spreading some extra kindness over the week.

BOOK FAIR

Heartfelt Thanks for Your Support!

Dear Families,
Thank you for attending our recent Book Fair. It was wonderful to meet so many of you and feel the vibrant energy you brought to the library. It was a pleasure to see students and parents exploring new books together! Your participation will provide valuable resources for our library, enriching the reading experience for our students.

A special thank you to those who purchased books to donate. Your generosity ensures that our library continues to grow, offering a diverse selection of books for students to borrow and enjoy.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing the positive impact these new resources will have on our students' love for reading.
Warm regards,
Ms Pullen – Library Officer

Pre-Primary Number Tracks

Last Thursday, Parkfield's amazing Allied Professionals (Education Assistants) from across the school came together to paint number tracks on the pavement in front of the Pre-Primary block. We now have a vibrant 1-20 number ladder, as well as a snake for practising counting backwards from 20-1!
A huge thank you to Tim O'Donoghue from Treendale Bunnings for generously donating all the bright paint that made this possible. We are so grateful for your support.
We are excited to announce that we plan to add another colourful feature soon—a crocodile with numbers 1-20 arranged sideways, for whole class use.

Climbing Frame Repairs
We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Steve Bartlett for his expert welding work on our damaged climbing ladder. Additionally, we are grateful to both Steve and Kristie for supplying and installing wheels on our climbing frames, which will make it easier for our staff to move them during morning setup.
Your support and efforts are greatly appreciated.
Kind regards,
Pre-Primary Staff

WA Student Assistance Payment

Don't forget to get your claims in for the WA Student Assistance Payment which closes on Friday 4th July 2025**. Parents and carers can claim $150 for each kindy and primary student and $250 for each secondary student**.

Claim now through the Service WA app or visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Better Health Coaching Service for Western Australians

The Better Health Coaching Service is a free, telephone-based health program designed to help adults in Western Australia prevent or manage chronic health conditions. Are you looking for support to make a healthier food choices, be more active, manage stress better, improve your sleep routine, drink less alcohol, quit smoking, build social connections with family and friends or manage health conditions like diabetes, heart disease, or cancer. You are eligible for free support if you are: over 18 years of age, living in Western Australia, looking for healthy lifestyle support to prevent or manage a newly diagnose health condition. Talk to your GP to see if this service
is suitable for you or sign up by phone 1300 822 953 or visit betterhealthcoaching.com.au/wa

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Musical Notes

The Music room is buzzing constantly at present, and you can all be a part it in some form or another!
Students in Year 3-6 who are in the Senior Choir, Percussion Ensemble and Year 6 Concert Band have all been preparing for their upcoming performances at the **Bunbury Eisteddfod**. Performing times are:

Friday 6th June at 6:00pm – Senior Choir
Monday 9th June at 6:30pm – Year 6 Concert Band, and the Percussion Ensemble

Tickets are available from the BREC website under "Bunbury Eisteddfod". The students would love your support!

Kind Regards,
Rachael Thompson – Music Teacher

Chaplain Chat

I hope everyone enjoyed our WA Day long weekend. The focus over the past week has been on Reconciliation Week with the theme of Bridging Now to Next - reflecting the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

This coming Friday we have Ahlia's Kindness Day. Created in honour of Ahlia this promotes and encourages compassion, thoughtfulness and consideration through random acts of kindness - with her quote of 'In a world where we can be anything we want - be kind!' How great to move from our Virtue focus last fortnight of understanding to this fortnight's focus on Kindness!

With understanding and kindness, take care

Jo Campbell 😊
YouthCARE Chaplain

Be Part of the Conversation – Australind Senior High School Annual General Meeting

ASHS invite parents, carers, and community members to join us for their 2025 Annual General Meeting of the ASHS School Board.

Time & Date: 5.00pm, Tuesday 10 June 2025
Location: Egret Wing, Australind Senior High School
Parking: Across the road from the school entrance on Break O'Day Road, Australind
RSVP: not required, please come on the day

The AGM is a chance to hear about the school's progress, priorities, and plans for the year ahead. It's also a great opportunity to connect with their School Board and Leadership to learn more about how they work together to support student success.

Everyone is welcome.

For any enquiries, please contact the school on 9797 4400, or the Board Chair, Cassie Wilson on casswilson89@gmail.com

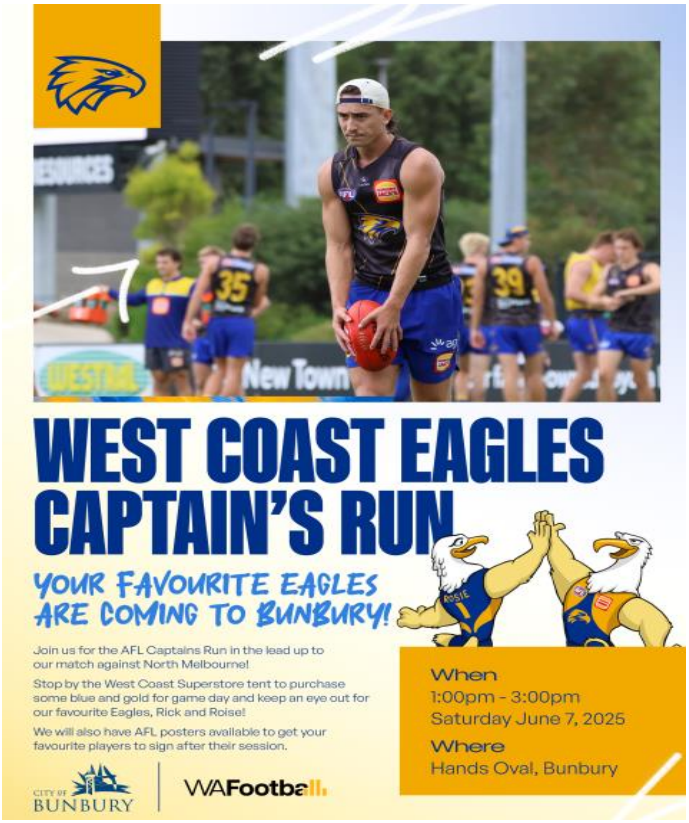
Merit Awards

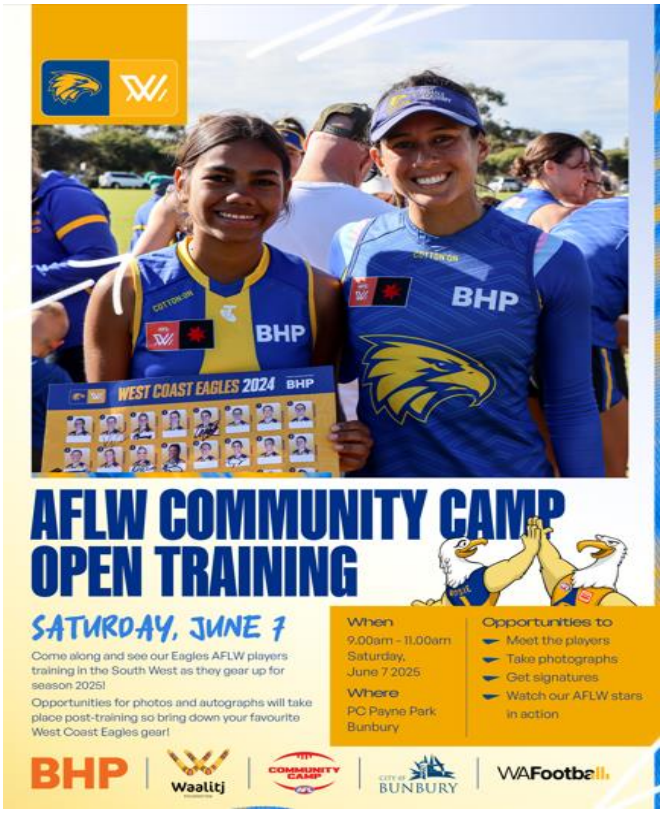
Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Lyla Russell, Will Hausen, Trigga Howe, Georgina Shaw, Deagan Jones, Harvey Dalton, Savannah Gibbons, Lincoln Walton, Skyla Humble, Ava Ross, Willow Piggott, Logan Gibbs, Austin Smith, Serina Gelmi, Zaylia Stripe, Clark Walton, Jace Tozer, Remi Cullen, Logan Knight, Ellie Grantham, Tyler Sandy, Edie Pola-Diplock, Tainn Gordon, Azaria Waters, Aiden Wilkes, Vanessa Dogaru, Paige Biddle, Daniel Farrell, Alexis Foreman, Lincoln Russell, Aliyah Petersen, Olivia Yates, Zac Hendricken, Matilda Webber, Olivia Rodgers, Victor Mills, Tayla Diable, Liam Trigg, Anna Bickford, Ava Dye, Leighton Moxon, Kaidence Mowday, Keenan Lane, Charlotte Drury, Jack Geoghegan, Lauren Hester, Daisy Thurston, Mia Melvin, Japnaam Chahal, Cody Charteris, Zoe Knight, Bella Loe, Seth Roberts, Malachi George, Lexi Carver and Mailey Cobby.

Specialist Awards – Science; Tanner Russell, Declan Byass, Rocco Christian and Madeleine Butcher. **Visual Arts;** Anabel Maher and Noa Kata. **Japanese;** Rylan Edwards, Noa Kata and Sienna Dagostino. **Music;** Zara Rogers, Flynn Connor, Matilda Branchi and Jace Rawson. **Physical Education;** Tayla Diable and Casey Vicary.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check for labels on all property but especially those lovely warm school jumpers/ jackets as there have been quite a few back in the 'lost property wagon, along with hats and water bottles.





Parkfield Primary School App

Please check that you have the correct School Parkfield App.
The one with the green background is now obsolete.
Please make sure you have the one with the black ship and white background.

PARKFIELD

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

Orders can be placed via the Qkr! app and are delivered to your child's classroom.

EFTPOS is available with minimum limit of $10.00.
Amber can be contacted on 0413 234 002.

Virtue For The Fortnight – Kindess

KINDNESS is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. **KINDNESS** is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. **KINDNESS** is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. Without **KINDNESS,** no one would listen when people or animals need help. Everyone would be looking out for themselves. The world is lonely without **KINDNESS**. When someone reaches out to another in an act of **KINDNESS**, it helps them both. People's lack of **KINDNESS** to the earth damages the air, water and the land. This causes people and animals to suffer too. Being **KIND** allows us to feel connected to everything and everyone. You practice **KINDNESS** by noticing when someone or something needs care. Become sensitive to the world around you. Use your imagination to think of things that give others happiness. Find out what habits harm the earth and choose kinder ways to live. When you are tempted to be cruel, to criticize or tease, decide not to do it. Speak **KINDLY** instead. Greet people **KINDLY**. Take good care of your pets.

What would Kindness like if…

- A new student comes into your class and looks lonely?
- You start teasing your brother and he is getting upset?
- Some kids you have been playing with start teasing a boy with big ears?
- Your cat has some burs in her fur?
- You see someone in a wheelchair coming toward you?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Give tender attention to someone who is sad or needs help
- Do things to give others happiness
- Resist the temptation to be cruel
- Accept people who are different
- Practice habits that help the environment (reduce, re-use, recycle)

Affirmation: I am kind. I look for ways to help others. I show kindness to any person or animal I see. I do all I can to take care of the earth.