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29 July 2025 #1 Term 3

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

The school has been a hive of activity recently with incursions, excursions and assemblies. The students have been outstanding with the commitment to their work from the first lesson this term. Thank you to all our new families for embracing the Parkfield Way and helping their children settle into our school so well.

A highlight already this term was our Performing Arts Assembly. Last Friday's assembly was an outstanding showcase of our many Performing Arts groups. A huge congratulations to Rachael Thompson, Kelly Coppen and the IMMS teachers for preparing our groups so well and giving them the confidence to perform. Thank you to Mrs Knight for coordinating all the acts and making the assembly run so smoothly. The student audience was excellent, and we can be very proud of our students.

Monty's Colour Fun Run

We only have **one week to go** so we need everyone to get online and start fundraising. 2026 kindergarten students and parents are welcome to join in the fun too.

Parkfield School Community facilities partnership with Leschenault Cricket Club

In conjunction with the Leschenault Cricket Club, we have successfully applied for a grant from the state government to upgrade our facilities. This will allow us to replace the cricket pitch with a new one, further upgrade the cricket nets and provide storage for Junior cricket gear at Parkfield. Thank you to Mr Angelo D'Agostino and Mrs Leah McGill for their work in supporting our application.

Intruders and Vandalism

Thank you to all the community members that continue to support our school and call the police on 131 444 to report intruders and vandalism.

Again, on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, we had intruders on site trespassing and damaging property. We are very frustrated by these offenders but thank our community for highlighting the issue to the police. We would like to thank the WA Police for their prompt attendance to the problems.

Well done Mrs Dunbar-Stuart and the Bush Block Team

On the first Saturday of the holidays, Mrs Dunbar Stuart and her buddy class teacher Mrs Narelle Pickering organised our annual Parkfield Bush Block Busy Bee. A huge thank you to all the staff, former students, current students and parents that attended the day. The Bush Block area looks fantastic and is always a favourite place for our students to play at lunchtime. Your service to improve our school is much appreciated.

Wet Weather – Thank You

This term we have had quite a bit of wet weather occur at afternoon release siren time. I would like to sincerely thank our Parkfield community for their patience, tolerance and common sense. We have over 700 people on site every day and our 3:00pm rain showers add to the complexity of so many moving parts around the school. Please continue to slow down, take your time and be vigilant of our students during these times when so many people are exiting the one location.

Thank you for not driving through the bus bay as students are not expecting cars to travel down there at any time so only look for buses. The staff carpark is **not** a safe or appropriate place to drop off and pick up.

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.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of unclaimed lost property at school. The lost property trolley is located outside the Deputies' office. Please encourage your child to check the box if they have misplaced any school items. Please ensure you label all belongings with your child's name for easy return if misplaced.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Junior Swimming Lessons

Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Leschenault Leisure Centre commencing **Monday 18th August** and finishing on **Friday 29th August.** Enrolment forms have been sent home. The cost of this series of lessons is **$65** for the 10 days. Please return forms and payment as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for classes to be arranged.
Thank you.

Monty's Colour Fun Run

What an incredible effort and dedication from everyone. Let's keep the momentum going in our last two weeks of fundraising. We have currently raised $28,000 to go towards air conditioners. Raising as little as $10 covers the powder, headband and sunglasses for your child on the day and you even get a prize in that price bracket. Jump online and create a profile at myprofilepage.com.au

The Current Leader Board
1st place - Room 3, **2nd** place - Room 14 and **3rd** place - PP1. Each student who raises over $100 will receive a handball. The highest fundraising student from each year level will win a Mini Monty Speaker and the highest fundraising student will win a show bag full of goodies.
Another prize on offer is a Nintendo Switch Lite.

Parents wishing to participate on the day will need to purchase the $5 Parent Participation Fee on Qkr! This fee goes towards the extra powder that is needed.

The sessions are as follows.
2pm Thursday 7th August
Kindy 1 & 2, Pre Primary to Year 2

2pm Friday 8th August
Kindy 3 & 4, Year 3 to Year 6.

Don't forget to wear your white shirt. This can be worn to school on the day.

Simply go to myprofilepage.com.au and click to register.

Father's Day Donations

Our Father's Day Stall and Raffle is coming up in Week 7 of Term 3, so we are asking now for your consideration of donations to our raffle and stall. If you can donate, or know of any business that can, please get in contact with us or drop donations off to the front office.
Many thanks from the Fundraising Committee
parkfieldpandcfundraising@gmail.com

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Alby Howe, Julian Whittle, Evie Wilkinson, Amelia Harbour, Mahleya Hoggett, Charlie Delaney, Kohen Nisbet, Jensen Whittle, Caiden Burns, Kylah Martin, Shani Smit, Jayden Hansen, Camden Russell, Alexander McMullen, Sophie Humble, Harley Bartlett, Anthony Jones, Ariella Gorham, Hope Skirving, Jye O'Neill, Cruz Gordon, Phoenix Harvey, Isla Hill, Taharna Smith, Cassidy Coghlan, Malakai Dick, Nathan McGowan, Evie Fantasia, Sophie Cannizzo, Ruby Hodgkiss, Henry Fenton, Seth O'Neill, Aubree Angel, Quinn Chapman, Sophie Fahey, Madelyn Mason, Thomas Brooks, Kai-Lewis Anderson, Alfie Tomlinson, Jack Macnish, Aurora Nixon, Isla Piggott, Olive McCarthy, Caspian Young, Aivah Foreman, Alice Hanusova, Jaycee Whitwell, Spencer Smith, Dennis Menz, and Eli Bailye.

Specialist Awards – Science; Isla Cope and Ember Hathaway-Pearce. **Measurement;** Isobel Watson and Casey Turner. **Visual Arts;** Graycen Whitwell, Savannah Westbrook and Aurora Nixon. **Music;** Aivah Foreman and Harrison Nisbet. **Physical Education;** Honore Berger and Harper Smith.
Well done to all these students.

Down in the Art Room

We had a very busy (and delightfully messy) time in the Art Room last term. We have now finished creating our clay projects and they are in the process of being fired, ready for collection on Open Night.
I have had many people asking for opportunities for further art classes outside of school hours. The Bunbury Art Gallery, Checkmate and the Stirling St Arts Centre all offer after school classes for students of varying ages and interests. Their websites offer further details, and I have included the latest information from Stirling St Arts Centre on the back page of today's newsletter. It is wonderful to see our students seeking out these opportunities to further their knowledge of, and enjoyment in, the Arts.

Julie Astill – Arts Specialist

Labelling Property – Please ensure you label ALL your child's belongings. We often accumulate many unnamed lost property items and therefore we are unable to return it to its owner. Any items that remain at the end of each term are disposed of. Thank you.

Musical Notes

What an amazing school Parkfield is! Musically, we have had a really busy year this year already and I can see everyone's commitment, perseverance, and enthusiasm towards IMSS, bands, choirs and ensembles and I am grateful for this. By having such committed students, and parents that support them, it makes it a lot easier to prepare for ensembles and rehearsals and even more so, for performances.

Last term, three of our groups performed at the Bunbury Eisteddfod – on the big stage at BREC. The Senior Choir, Year 6 Concert Band and the Percussion Ensemble all attended, and a fun experience was had by everyone. The percussion ensemble was invited back to play for the Gala Night and opened the show – what an honour. I would like to say a massive thank you to the students in these ensembles – they put in extra practise at recess and lunch times before the event, and also to the parents who brought their children to the nighttime performances – you were on time and prepared, and the children well presented.

This term, we jumped straight into the Performing Arts assembly and wow, what a wild ride. It went well and the performers did an exceptionally good job. I would like to say a heartfelt congratulations and thanks to all of the amazing students - they showed so many virtues that I can't list them all. This is one of the reasons the assembly ran so well. To the Instrumental music teachers: Kaye Ihms, Michelle Bracken-Perks, Jayden Williamson and Geoff Ogden, thank you for preparing your students for this performance. To all staff at Parkfield, especially Mrs Coppen, thank you.

Following the assembly, I would like to invite any newcomers to the ensembles and choirs. Year 1 students are welcome to join the Junior Choir for the remainder of 2025, and into 2026 if they wish. If you saw something you loved in any of our groups – the choir, percussion or ukulele ensemble and would love to join us, there is no need to do anything first, just come along at the following times (these are also listed on the music room door):

Monday: Percussion Ensemble (Year 3 - 6) 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Wednesday: Junior Choir (Year 1 - 3) 8:00am -8:40am
Wednesday: Ukulele Ensemble (Year 4 - 6) 3:00pm - 3:45pm
Thursday: Senior Choir (Year 4 - 6) 8:00am - 8:40am

I have big dreams and aspirations for bringing back the amazing sounds of the recorder – if you aren't convinced, look on YouTube at recorder ensembles, they are really great. Based on significant interest from the students, I will run a recorder ensemble on Tuesdays at Lunch time from 1:15pm – 1:55pm for students from Year 4 - 6.

Just a reminder that rehearsal times for all groups continue the same as always, from Week 1 all the way to Week 10. If there are any changes, I'll always put this in a message on Seesaw. If you aren't on the Seesaw group for ensembles or IMSS, or can't message me for some reason, then please let me know and I'll add you or fix this problem. My door is always open, drop in if you need to or get in touch via Seesaw or email any time.

We will continue our Busking on Wednesdays (except when Parkfield's Got Talent is on). I am opening this up to students from Year 1 to 6. Please note that all performers must currently learn an instrument and need to come and see me and show what they are wanting to perform. Singing is a possibility but again, they have to know what they are doing and be prepared. I encourage all students to record themselves playing and listen back first. If students want to play the piano, I can set a keyboard up for them. Once they have met with me, we will determine whether they can busk now or will need to practise a little more. Thanks again.

Rachael Thompson
Music Specialist

Chaplain Chat

Welcome Back to Term 3 everyone…

How are you all? I hope this finds you well, rested and not too cold and wet. Thankfully I'm one of those lucky ones who love all types of weather (well – not thunder and lightning), especially when there's little bursts of sunshine and pockets of warmth here and there. I do appreciate and understand though that there's many that don't; so, for those of you, I am hoping and trusting it is not too bad for you.

It has been wonderful to return and catch up with many of you and your holiday stories. I look forward to doing more of this over the next fortnight. It was also great to see and hear all of the continuing rehearsals for our Performing Arts and Awards assembly last Friday – I hear it was another wonderful one – congratulations to all involved. Then, of course, looking forward, there's more great class assemblies, the Colour Fun Runs, and so much more. So please be encouraged to keep reading the fortnightly Parkfield Press Newsletter and your class SeeSaw messages for all the information and details. There is a lot though, so if you are finding it all a bit much, remember to reach out and check in if you need to.
Take care and go well.
Until next time,

😊 Jo Campbell
YouthCARE Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

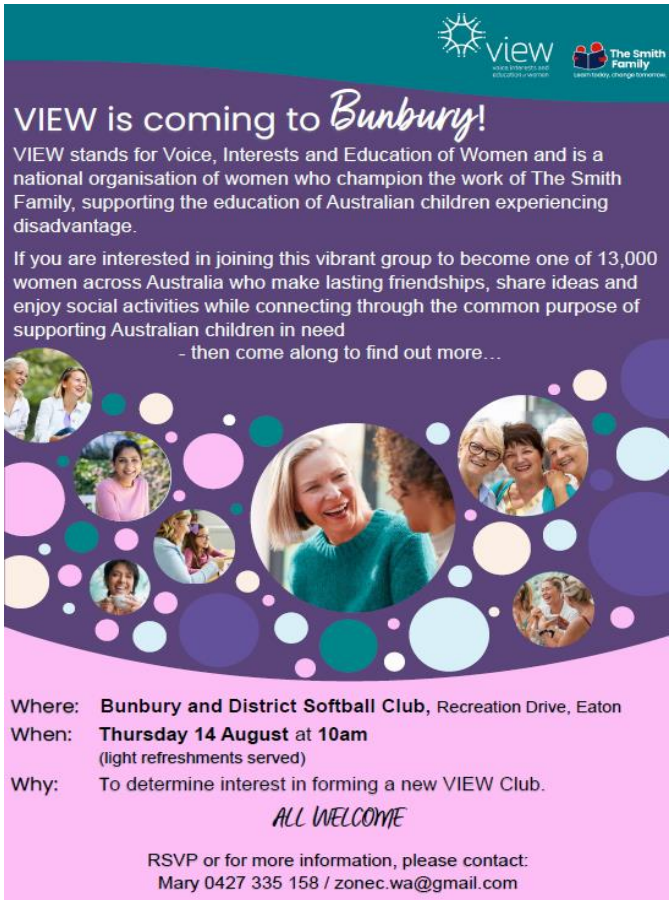
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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.

Classes available at the Sterling St Arts Centre



Car Wash & Dog 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 - Friendliness

FRIENDLINESS is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome. When you are **FRIENDLY**, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. **FRIENDLINESS** is the best cure for loneliness. **FRIENDLINESS** keeps you and others from feeling lonely or left out. It helps people feel that they belong. When something good or bad happens, it feels good to share it with a friend. **FRIENDSHIPS** don't just happen – they are made by people who are willing to be themselves with each other. **FRIENDLINESS** begins with liking yourself and believing you have something to share with others. Be kind to people you don't know. You can be **FRIENDLY** just by walking down the hall, looking into people's faces, and smiling. They will probably smile back. Show your friends you are glad to see them, by asking how their day is going and sharing your news with them.

What would Friendliness look like if...

You see someone who is new at school looking lonely?
You wish you could make friends with a popular student at school?
Your parents invite a family to dinner whom you have never met?
One of your friends looks like she has been crying?
You are walking past someone who looks strange and dresses differently?
You wish you had more friends?

Signs of Success are when you….

Like yourself and realise you have a lot to offer
Smile and greet someone you don't know
Get to know someone and let them get to know you
Show an interest in others
Show caring when a friend needs you
Are friendly to people who look and act different

Affirmation: *I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I give my best to whatever I do.*