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26 August 2025 #3 Term 3

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

Despite the record rainfall and cold weather we have still had a very successful first half of Term 3. The students have worked very hard and are showing the Parkfield Way in the manner that they approach their schooling and display our Virtues.

We do have a great deal of student illness at the moment, and we greatly appreciate parents and carers not sending sick children to school.

Our School Colour Fun Runs have again been a success and enjoyed by everyone. We would like to express our gratitude to Maddy Olsen who over the last six years has coordinated all our Colour Runs. We will certainly miss you at Parkfield in the future Maddy.

Our NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 continue to be pleasing and we have easily met our targets against like schools in all areas except spelling. We are implementing a new spelling program (PLD) in 2025 and beyond that we are sure will remedy this area of concern.

Congratulations to all our PP to Year 3 classes for braving swimming lessons at this time of the year. We can assure parents this is not our first or second choice of times to be involved in the rotation of In-term swimming for our students. The times are allocated centrally from Perth.

Upcoming Events for Term 3

Term 3 is a highly active term with a great number of events. Please see the list below as a reminder.

- **Book Week Dress Up Day 2nd September**
- **Father's Day Stall 4th and 5th September**
- **Year 6 Basketball Slam 5th September**
- **Rooms 2 & 3 Assembly 5th September**
- **P&C Meeting 9th September**
- **School Photos 10th, 11th, 12th September**
- **Open Night 17th September**
- **800m event 22nd September**
- **Throwing events 23rd September**
- **Disco 25th September**

Science Week

Thank you to Mrs Brooks for coordinating our Science Week activities. We were also very fortunate to have Mrs Macnish from ASHS Science Department bring over some ex-Parkfield students to conduct science experiments with our PP and Year 4 students. Thank you also to the Chamber of Minerals and Energy for inviting a large group of Year 5 students to participate in STEM activities at ASHS. It was a terrific experience for our students.

Father's Day Stall Next Week

The Father's Day Stall will be taking place next week on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September. Further information will be going home with students early next week.

Open Night Is Coming

One of the major events for the year is our Parkfield Open Night. It is a wonderful time for all families to come to school, observe their children's work and have a look around the school and see what other classes, particularly our specialist classes, are achieving.

Open Night is on **Wednesday 17th September 2025 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm.**

The Parkfield Galley Gang will be cooking a Sausage Sizzle as per normal.

2026 Australind Senior High School Enrolments

Australind Senior High School are currently finalising enrolments for 2026 Year 7 students and would like to remind families to submit their enrolment documents to ASHS as soon as possible. Please contact the high school on 9797 4400 if you need further information.

Parking

We encourage all parents to drive safely around the school at **all** times and respect the road rules. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

"**Kids Teaching Kids"** - The Year Six students organized Science activities for small groups of Year One, Two, and Year Three students. Some interesting Science based toys were built and tested, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Pre-Primary and Year Four classes had special Science visitors from ASHS. Kathryn Macnish and her student helpers provided some fantastic hands-on science learning including chromatography experiments, natural indicator testing, magic milk experiments, using microscopes to view interesting specimens, chemical reaction powered bottle rockets and using a wind tunnel to test our floating / hovering paper designs.

A big contingent of **Year Five students** attended a STEM event at ASHS. Moving micro:bit vehicles around a track, programming Bee-Bots, and modelling the "bulletiness" of light with nerf guns were just a few of the activities. Students also built catapults from pop sticks and elastic bands.

We would like to thank Australind Senior High School for their contributions to our successful Science Week celebrations.

Judy Brooks – Science Specialist

Book Week is Coming!

Book Week Dress - Up Day is next week on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. All students are invited to come dressed as their **favourite book character** on this day. This year's theme is "Book an Adventure", but don't worry - costumes don't need to match the theme. Any book character is welcome!
I can't wait to see everyone's costumes and to share the joy of reading together!

Book Donation Request
I've had many kind people approach me about donating books to the library, and I truly appreciate the generosity and support for our young readers. At the moment, we are well stocked in most areas — however, some of our most-loved books are ready to be retired and replaced due to wear and tear.
If you happen to have any of the following titles in new or gently used condition, please consider donating them to help us keep these favourites available for everyone to enjoy:

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (any in the series)
- *Hey Jack!* by Sally Rippin
- *School of Monsters* by Sally Rippin
- *Polly and Buster* by Sally Rippin (1,2 or 3)
- *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey (any in the series)
- *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey (any in the series)
- *Do Not Open This Book* by Andy Lee (any in the series)

These titles are always in high demand and well-loved by our readers!
Thank you again for your continued generosity and support! 💛
Happy Reading!
Ms Pullen - Library Officer

P&C Fundraising News

Father's Day Raffle

The Father's Day raffle commenced on Monday 25th August at 9am and will close on QKR Thursday 4th September at 6pm. Tickets will still be available to purchase at the stall on the Friday. The raffle will be drawn after lunch on Friday 5th September and prizes will be delivered to the classrooms. **The cost of the tickets are $1 each.** We are still calling out for any donations for raffle prizes if anyone can donate. Good luck and may your ticket be the winning one.

Father's Day Stall Help

We are calling out for parent volunteers to help at our Father's Day stall on **Thursday 4th September** from **8:45am to 1:15pm** and **Friday 5th September** from **8:45am to 12:30pm**. Without parent volunteers we are unable to hold these wonderful events for our children to enjoy, so your help would be greatly appreciated. If you can help on any of these days, please private message the P&C Facebook page or email us parkfieldpandcfundraising@gmail.com

Father's Day Stall

The Parkfield P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on the following days:

Thursday 4th September
Kindy 1 & 2, PP, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 6

Friday 5th September
Kindy 3 & 4, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5

Gifts prices range from
$1.00 - $10.00
$1 Raffle Tickets

Can you please provide a small bag for your child to put their purchases in.

The Parkfield P&C would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

VacSwim provides children 5 – 17 years of age with the opportunity to develop and progress their swimming and water safety skills during the school holidays across the State. There are programs for beginner, intermediate and advances swimmers.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Maya O'Brien, Logan Fitzgerald, Connor Spaull, Antoinette Golden, Baylee Shepherdson, Archie Tomlinson, Kristian McCaughan, Nazare Henderson, Jonathon Coghlan, Evie Scarlett, Logan Brooks, Archie O'Donoghue, Chester White, Elira Robson, Keiji Daver, Olivia Cannizzo, Enid Sawyer, Isla-Rose Van de Berg, Keeley-Jayne Perks, Lola Thurston, Grace Hall, Torvi Robinson, Joel Turner, Jayde Hansen, Arlo Horton, Sataya Skelton, Ryland Combes, Phoenix Tingwell-Crew, Willow Dower, David Dogaru, Harrison Grantham, Havana Coyle, Jaxon Kinnell, Nev Cobby, Jett Reely, Luce Matsuura, Charlotte Sanders, Nevaya McCaughan, Abigail Gaffney, Elle Ross, Taimana Harmer, Isabella Taylor, Jayden Heuvel, Elijah Bradshaw, Tayla Read, Logan Hinsbey, Willow Ernst, Bryce Mulcahy, Remi Dye and Spencer Smith.

Specialist Awards – Science; Quinn Webber and Sataya Skelton. **Measurement;** Vera Papalia and Huxley Renton. **Visual Arts**; Claire Sandy, Grace McGill and Emily Gerritsen. **Music;** Maize Hastie and David Dogaru. **Physical Education;** Travis Booth, Amelia Harbour, Taimana Harmer and Fionn Geoghegan. Well done everyone.

Monty's Colour Fun Run

Wow! What an amazing community we have, **$54061** was raised from the two Colour Fun Run events. This money will be used for air conditioning in the Pre Primary and the Year 6 Block. The senior school run was a success, and the kids had a fabulous time. Thank you to the parents who participated and paid to join in, we hope you enjoyed it as much as the kids.

Prize Ordering has now closed. We will advise once we have received the prizes and when they will go home with the kids.

Congratulations to Liam Wilkes who raised $1760. He and his brother Aiden have decided to donate their prize choices, with the main one being a Nintendo Switch, to the Perth Children's Hospital. Congratulations to Malakai Dick on 2nd place with $1510 and Bryce Mulcahy on 3rd with $1320. Top class went to Room 3 with $4506 raised, PP1 with $2974, closely followed by Room 10 on $2971. We would like to thank everyone who raised funds. The incentive prize promos will be drawn at an assembly at a later date.

Thank you to Mr Brooks and everyone behind the scenes on setting up and creating the obstacles on the days. I know the kids are very thankful. As this is my last year at Parkfield I would like to thank everyone who has contributed and been a part of the three Colour Runs over the years. It's been such a success and a pleasure to be involved in.

Maddy Olsen - Coordinator

Chaplain Chat

Greetings Parkfield Community,
Wow - we are halfway through Term 3 already - how is it going for you? Thank you to those who have been checking in. I have been thinking of you all with more heats for Parkfield's Got Talent and the second round of swimming lessons in this weather. We have been busy with our acknowledgements of our expected behaviours of students; and with discussion, reminders and refocus on useful tools, strategies, resilience skills and virtues for our 'teachable moments' here. If you are not sure of what I am talking about, may I encourage you again to ask your children, or follow up with their teachers, or with me; as we are all one here and need each other. A big thank you to those who have been sharing how helpful the 'Virtue of the Fortnight' insert at the end of our fortnightly Newsletter is. I do love those, and the reminder of the Choose Respect/Parkfield Way signs around our great school as I come into work.
Until next time, please take care, keep well and safe.
Warm regards,

Jo 😊 (Mrs Campbell)
YouthCARE Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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A social cricket program being run at the Leschenault Recreation Park which offers a family friendly opportunity to learn and play cricket on Friday evenings. Please contact Shane Jamieson at shane.jamieson@cewa.edu.au for further details.

Daffodil Day 2025

A BIG thank you to the students, staff, parents and the wider community of Parkfield Primary School for your tremendous support of Daffodil Day 2025. Together we raised a **total of $2552.75!** This money goes directly to the Cancer Council and is used for vital cancer research and support. A special BIG thank you to the children in Room 8 for their commitment and service in supporting Daffodil Day.

Frances Scibilia - Coordinator

Virtue For The Fortnight - Creativity

CREATIVITY is the power of imagination. **CREATIVITY** is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. **CREATIVITY** is using your imagination to bring something new into the world. Without **CREATIVITY**, life would be boring. There would be no inventions or advancement in the world. Things would just stay the same. We wouldn't have cars, planes, computers, dance or music. The arts bring joy to the world. Sciences bring cures for disease and new ways to get things done. **CREATIVITY** helps us to be all we can be. You practice **CREATIVITY** by developing your gifts to the fullest. Find out what interests you and what you are good at. Learn and practice, so your talents will get better and better. Do ordinary things in creative ways. Expose yourself to beauty in nature and in the arts. Be open to inspiration. Remember to take time for dreaming.

What would Creativity like if…

- You wish you could play an instrument?
- You get an idea for designing a new toy?
- You wonder if you could write a poem?
- A friend is having a birthday, and you don't want to spend much money on a gift?
- You are spending too much time watching?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Use your imagination
- Take time for dreaming
- Do things in your own creative way
- Think of new ways to make things work better
- Discover your gifts
- Use knowledge and training to grow

Affirmation: I am creative. I have special gifts, and I am willing to develop them.
I use my imagination. I am open to inspiration. I am happy to be myself.