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Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

After two very successful school House Athletic Carnivals in the last fortnight, I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents, and community members for their patience with the postponements and then their participation on these great days.

We would like to sincerely thank Mr Sumich for his comprehensive organisation of the events.

On both days our Parkfield students showed outstanding sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to all our enthusiastic spectators who made the atmosphere so positive.

Thank you to our amazing hardworking staff, parents, and P&C staff and volunteers who kept the two days ticking over so efficiently. Thank you everyone.

Year 6 Orientation Day
Students attending Australind Senior High School in 2026 will be involved in a Year 6 Orientation Day in Week 9 on Wednesday 10th December 2025.
Students need to be at ASHS by 8.30am in full Parkfield school uniform, where they will be met by their Parkfield class teachers.

2026 Swimming Lessons
We have been notified that swimming lessons will be very early next year for our Year Four to Six students. They will start in Week Two the 9th of February 2026.

Smith Family Learning For Life Scholarships
Parkfield Primary School is a partner with The Smith Family foundation. We can offer a large number of Learning for Life scholarships for any families in possession of a Health Care Concession Card or a Pension Concession Card for grandparents caring for their grandchildren.

If you are eligible and are committed to education (i.e. children attend school regularly) please contact the Parkfield PS front office or Renae Giblett on 0466 946 003 for an application form as soon as possible.

2026 Student Council and House Captain Elections
Over the next fortnight our students will be electing new Student Councillors and House Captains for 2026. We are very proud of all our nominees, and we would like to acknowledge the leadership they have already shown to be eligible to apply.

Class Placements for 2026
It is that time for parents to assist us in placing students in classes for 2026. The information that we are requiring is to help us in making the best placements for all students. This is a difficult and complex process for 665 students.
Issues such as student conflicts, parental conflicts in the community, extended family issues, twins, court orders etc. are all relevant.

Please note:
1. This is an opportunity for Parkfield parents to communicate with us their appropriate requests and with it comes a responsibility.
Please do not come and see us at the beginning of 2026 to question placements. You must take the opportunity to write to us now.

2. Teaching placements are subject to change for next year. Therefore, naming individual teachers **will not** be acknowledged as this makes the complex task of placements unmanageable and will result in requests being disregarded.

3. Due to the confidential nature of the written requests, we will not be sharing the information. Therefore, a level of trust in our professional judgement is required. Requests will not be replied to.

4. Previous arrangements are null and void and **parents must reapply each year** as circumstances do change.

Parents are invited to submit written submissions only with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to **"The Principal" and marked "Confidential", or via email to Parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au**
Submissions for 2026 will close **3:00pm Monday the 17th of November 2025.**

Late submissions will not be considered.

Thank you.

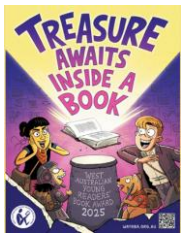
Charlie Serravite
Principal

Book Fair

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!
Get ready for a quick pop-up Book Fair in **Week 6!**
Whether it's a bedtime story, a shared laugh over a funny book, or discovering a new favourite character, sharing books fosters connection and helps children grow into confident, curious learners!

Come visit the library before school (8:00–8:30am) or after school (3:00–3:30pm) from **Monday 17th November to Thursday 20th November** to browse and buy some exciting new reads.
Your support enables us to purchase new resources for the library and is greatly appreciated!
Guessing Competition- How many Capybaras are in the jar?

All students from Kindy to Year 6 can take part in our fun guessing game during Weeks 4 & 5!
Winners will receive a voucher to spend at Book Fair!
I can't wait to see our school families in the library sharing the joy of books together.



Happy Reading!
Ms Pullen - Library Officer

Let's Play Cricket

Junior Sports Carnival

We'd like to congratulate and commend all competitors for the excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown during the carnival days. A sincere thank you goes out to the family members, the dedicated Parkfield staff, Year 5 students, and Year 6 leaders whose assistance ensured the carnivals ran smoothly and successfully. We especially appreciate the parents who volunteered as place judges. Your help is greatly valued! Thank you also to the spectators who attended; your cheering significantly enhanced the atmosphere.

Congratulations to Geographe - Junior Athletic Carnival winners for 2025!

DATES TO REMEMBER
• Tuart Interschool Athletics Carnival Field Events -Jumps, Throws, 800m (Years 4 - 6) - Week 5, Tuesday November 11th
• Tuart Interschool Athletics Carnival (Years 4 - 6) - Week 5, Friday November 14th

Thank you
Bryden Sumich
PE Teacher

P&C Fundraising News

On behalf of the Parkfield P&C we would like to thank all the amazing volunteers for helping in the stall over the sports carnivals. Without your help, our wonderful stall would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who donated delicious treats for our cake stall and to our community for supporting and purchasing items from our stall.

We hope everyone had a fantastic day at the carnivals. It was so wonderful to see all the smiling faces from not just the children, but everyone involved.

Year 6 Leavers

Available on Qkr! now until Friday 28th November
Shirts will be delivered Monday 15th December

Magpie Breeding Season

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions would like to remind families that the magpie breeding season is underway. It is not uncommon for magpies to defend their nests and young during Spring, by swooping intruders.

The season may last for six to eight weeks during late August to December.

Try to avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. Remember magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks.

Please visit the department's website at www.dbca.wa.gov.au for further tips.

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.

Please Help Us Plan for 2026

If your children will not be attending Parkfield next year, or you know of children who are currently not enrolled for 2026 and plan to attend, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Chaplain Chat

Greetings to you all wonderful Parkfield Community,

Wow and phew - what a fortnight - full, fun, challenging and unifying. We had both of the Sports Carnivals - with the weather requiring a change in day, and in who could be there, for both… We saw an excellent example of understanding, flexibility and resilience as we adjusted days; and commitment, perseverance, unity and humility for all of our participants and winners!! WELL DONE and CONGRATULATIONS to all; students, staff and families and thank you to our great P & C, Galley Gals and families for their stall and yummy food once again. Woo Hoo!

Last Wednesday, we had our AMAZING Parkfield's Got Talent Grand Final - such courage, commitment and excellence - huge CONGRATULATIONS to all involved; on the stage and behind the scenes (the applause and cheers so very well deserved for all!).

Last Thursday, our Year 6's participated in the community Reconciliation Bridge Walk event. We gathered with many other schools and the wider community at the pre-walk activities at Wardandi Boodja Statue, Koombana Bay; listened to great singing and were a part of the many inclusive activities there. We walked over the bridge to the Graham Bricknell Shell to be a part of the event. The 2025 theme was 'Bridging Now to Next – reflecting on the past and moving forward together; with welcome to country, flag raising ceremony, truth telling guest speakers, dance and live performances. It was once again so connecting and inspiring.

It is truly an honour and a privilege to be invited and to be a part of all these amazing happenings and events. Another big THANK YOU to all involved… Our students continue to 'walk the talk' of The Parkfield Way, shining with a whole array of virtues at every turn and each event even when they are working through 'teachable moments'. Again, well done – more reasons for being very proud.

Go well this fortnight and take care everyone…

Until next time,

Jo 🤗 Campbell
YouthCARE Chaplain
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Year 6 Reconciliation Walk - Thursday 30th of October

Staff and Year 6 Students in front of the Wardandi Boodja statue

Walk in progress

Virtue For The Fortnight - Reliability

RELIABILITY means that others can depend on you to keep your commitments. **RELIABILITY** is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you practice **RELIABILITY**, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your **RELIABLE** hands. When people are **UNRELIABLE**, others trust them to keep their promises. If airplanes, trains or buses are late, passengers can miss important appointments. If someone keeps forgetting to do what they said they would do, they let people down. When you are **RELIABLE**, people can trust you to show up on time, be where you promised to be, to put tools away, to get the job done. You practice **RELIABILITY** by making agreements you can keep. Then do everything in your power to do what you agreed to do. Give your best effort to every job, and take your responsibilities seriously. Plan ahead and leave enough time to finish what you start. If problems arise, find another way. Return what you borrow. Most of all keep your work.

What would RELIABILITY look like if…

- You agreed to be home by a certain time and a friend invites you to do something fun?
- It is your turn to do the dishes and you're not in the mood?
- Your part of a team report is due tomorrow and you fell too sleepy to finish it?
- You borrowed one of your father's tools?

Signs of Success are when you…

- Make promises you can keep
- Treat your agreements seriously
- Plan ahead
- Do your best
- Finish on time
- Find another way if obstacles occur

Affirmation: I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best.