# Parkfield Press

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**Growth Through Knowledge - 智識 の 成長**

10 March 2026 #3 Term 1

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,

As a school we are now over 670 students and I would like to welcome all our new families and students. Thank you to everyone for making our new students feel part of our school community so quickly.
Thank you to Mr Alan Roberts from Main Roads WA for getting the lines and directions in our carpark repainted.
Thank you to Chris Shree and the crew at Naturalist Turf for changing our mowing times to first thing in the morning and hopefully finished by 8:30am in most areas.

**Year 6 Camp to Camp Dare**
Our Year 6 students and staff are to be congratulated on the purposeful beginning they have had to the 2026 school year. They have actively displayed collaboration, cooperation and kindness, all of which will stand them in good stead for the upcoming camp.
We would like to wish all the very best to our Year 6 students, staff members and parent helpers who leave this week for the annual three-day camp to Camp Dare. It is a highlight on the calendar for our Year 6 students, and the agenda is packed full of exciting and challenging activities.
A special thank you to Mr Maher, Mr Jefferys, Mrs Howe, Mrs Knight, Mrs Harper, and Ms Jones for all your hard work in preparing every detail for the upcoming camp.

**P&C AGM tonight at 7.00pm**
We are very fortunate at Parkfield to have such a supportive P&C, and our students have benefitted greatly from their efforts. Please come along and hear what is planned for this year and show your support.

**Bus Bay**
Do you drive through the bus bay and take the risk of hitting a child that only expects to look for big orange and green buses or do you drive around the school and find a safer place to park? How is your self-discipline? We have a couple of Nissan Patrols that may need to look in the mirror!

**Year 5 & 6 Swimming Carnival**
Thank you to Mr Sumich and all the staff that worked so hard to organise the swimming carnival. Well done to Naturaliste for being the winning house and to all the individual medallists on the day.

Like all things, we will review the current format and have a look at what other schools around us are doing for 2027.

**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 2026.

*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.

**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*.
All **$60** per child contributions are used to purchase much needed resources for our children.

Current Contribution rates

- K – 54% paid
- PP – 46% paid
- 1 - 6 – 46% paid

We are aiming to have 75% of all our families paying their contributions by the end of first semester.

**Easter Raffle**
This year's Easter raffle will run again at the end of the term. To make this a success, we are asking for donations of Easter gifts such as chocolates, toys (new with tags), stationary etc. Please bring your donations to the front office. We appreciate your support.

**Lace Up for the "Parkfield to Bunbury Challenge"**
To gear up for the Term 2 Cross Country, we're continuing a running program from last year, the Parkfield to Bunbury Challenge. Parents are also welcome to join in and support their children. Further details are in the newsletter.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

# Sports Update

The Parkfield House Swimming Carnival took place last Friday. We were thrilled by the high level of student participation and the supportive atmosphere poolside. The results from the day's events were:

1st place was Naturaliste with (238 points)
2nd place Marshall (187.5 points)
3rd place Henton (178 points)
4th place Geographe (122.5 points)

Well done to all the swimmers who represented their House on the day. The Champion Swimmers for the day were:

**Year 5 Girls Champion** – Cleo Dagostino – Henton (20 points)

R/U Champion – Emily Hester – Henton (6 points)

**Year 5 Boys Champion** – Rico McKeown– Marshall (13 points)

R/U Champion – Ethan Powell – Geographe (8 points)

**Year 6 Girls Champion** – Hildie Menz - Marshall (15 points)

R/U Champion – Alyssa Woods - Marshall (11 points)

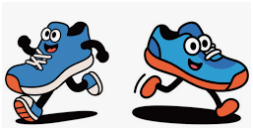
**Year 6 Boys Champion** – Joe Hanus - Naturaliste (20 points)

R/U Champion – Jai Crosby – Naturaliste (12 points)

Our Swimming Carnival was a fantastic display of school spirit and poolside fun. A massive **thank you** to the parent volunteers who rolled up their sleeves to help - we truly couldn't run these events without you. We also appreciate the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the cheers from our spectators. High fives to **Harvey Pool** for being such excellent hosts!

**Lace Up for the "Parkfield to Bunbury Challenge"**
To gear up for the Term 2 Cross Country, we're continuing a running program from last year, the **Parkfield to Bunbury Challenge**.

**When:** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 8:15am.
**Where:** Oval
**The Goal:** To build cardiovascular fitness through a running challenge that lasts until Week 6 of next term.
**Track Your Progress:** Students can use a running log to keep track of their laps and total kilometres. Running trackers available on the day at the sports shed.



Kind regards,
Bryden Sumich - PE Teacher

# Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the last assembly: Kai-Lewis Anderson, Sophie Cannizzo, Corbin McKeown, Elle Ross, Harrison Nisbet, Elizabeth Read, Lia Powell, Dennis Menz, Alys Heath, Ember Hathaway-Pearce, Francis Anderson, Nev Cobby, Riley Park, Alfie Tomlinson, Savannah Gibbons, Bodhi Lamkin, Ryleigh Hill, Jace Treloar, Elsie-Joy Moloney, George Adlam, Coen Mills, Mia Wigmore, Natahlia Holding, Darcy Lanzini, Silvya Morris, Evie Jones, Noah Roberts, Quinn Youngman, Charlie Silver, Zarnthia Robson, Joel McDonald, Hudson White, Declan Dagostino, Daeshuarne Fraser, Xavier Lord, Shae Wolff, Austin Smith, Khyra Carmichael, Willow Piggott, Liam Trigg, Casey Vicary, Harris Lever, Sophie White, Mikey Alvarado, Ella Dent, Tainn Gordon, Clark Walton, Josie Andeson, Sienna Dagostino, Theo Hausen, Lachlan Campbell, Xavier de Haas, Fletcher McGill, Muhammad Naveed, Sydney Oliver, Aliyah Peterson, Gibson Hastie, Hildie Menz, Matilda Webber, Jaden Ernst and Dylan McDonald.

**Specialist Awards – Music;** Harper Mill-Hoon, Levi Waite, Lola Edwards and Joe Hanus. **Visual Arts;** Ella Nell, Mervyn Cole and Ayla Dobell. **Physical Education;** Bodhi Lamkin, Zachary Moxon and Delcan Dagostino. **Measurement;** Grace Dobell and George Wilkinson.

# Lost Property

Please take a moment to check the lost property trolly located outside the deputies office. There are many lunchboxes, drink bottles and a variety of uniforms still to be claimed. The items are not labelled, which makes it impossible to get them returned in a timely manner.

There are also several towels, bathers and rashies left over from swimming lessons and the swimming carnival.

All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of or given to the Uniform Shop at the end of the term.
Thank you.

# Musical Notes

2026 has started really well with all year levels working on singing our school songs and creating a soundscape to a story. Students are encouraged to practise the songs for our ANZAC service Advance Australia Fair and God Defend New Zealand at home if they can. In our lessons, students have been encouraged to touch and play all of the different instruments in the room, playing these the traditional way and discovering other ways to play them. This creates a depth of understanding of sounds, how they are made, and how feelings and meaning are created by music.

Ensembles and extra music activities have all started and if your child would like to try any of these, they are most welcome to do so for the remainder of this term. After this, a commitment for the remainder of 2026 is expected and I will add you to the seesaw group. If you have not been added, please let me know, along with your child's name. I share important information about the ensembles, practise parts and upcoming performances on seesaw.

The times for extra music activities are:

**Monday 3:00 – 3:45pm**
Percussion Ensemble – Years 3 – 6

**Tuesday lunchtime 1:15 – 1:50pm**
Recorder Ensemble – Years 4 – 6

**Wednesday 8:00 – 8:40am**
Junior Choir Years 2 – 3 (Year 1 students may join from Term 3)

**Wednesday 3:00 – 3:45pm**
Ukulele Ensemble – Years 4 – 6

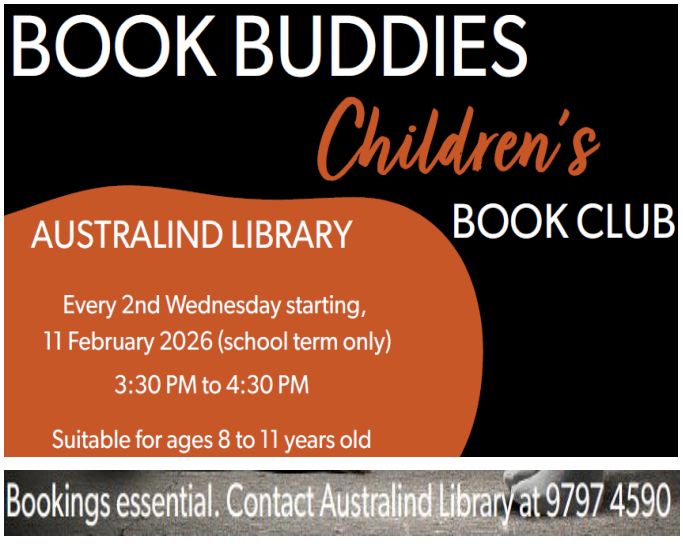
**Thursday 8:00 – 8:40am**
Senior Choir – Years 4 – 6

**Friday lunchtime 1:15 – 1:50pm** Free play in the music room - please bring your lunch 😊

**Busking:** If anyone has children who learn a musical instrument inside or outside of school, can play a song well, and would like to busk at lunch time twice a term, please get in touch with me.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: parkfield.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist




# Premier's Reading Challenge
## 23rd of March to 12th of June 2026

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program established in 2022. It aims to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels. Anyone from Kindergarten to Year 10 can register to take part.

By logging books, your child can be in the running to win fantastic weekly prizes. Parents can register their child/children online by selecting the 'Sign up' option, on the website www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au.

We cannot wait for you to join us on this year's reading journey.

Parkfield's Challenge Champions
Mrs Spaull and Mrs Howe

# Easter Raffle

The Parkfield P&C Easter raffle will be held from **16th March** until 6pm **27th March**.
Tickets can be purchased through QKR!

**$1** Raffle Tickets

## Hop to it! Donate today

To make the Easter raffle possible we are asking for donations.
Easter eggs, baskets, toys (new with tags) are all wonderful items that can be donated.
Please place all donations into the tub located at the front office by Friday 27th March
Donating to the raffle is an Egg-cellent idea

# Hot Cross Buns

Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns
**$9.50 per packet**
**$2 per packet is donated to our school**
Traditional, Choc Chip, Apple & Cinnamon, Mocha & Fruitless

***Order yours now on QKR! Before orders close Monday 23rd March at 6pm***
***Orders will be delivered to classrooms Monday 30th March***

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

**Auskick** and **Super kick** seasons kick off on the 30th of April and runs for 12 weeks. This year super kick unfortunately has a fee but we couldn't do it without your support. Please use the link above to register and any questions please feel free to email katoneill6233@gmail.com

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Monday 8:30 – 9am
Thursday 2:45 – 3:15pm
Located in Block 4

Contact Amber during shop hours on 0413 234 002

# Youth Week 2026

The Shire of Dardanup have a big week lined up for Youth Week 2026!

**The Full Send, CREATE - SKATE - ACTIVATE** program all based at the Eaton Skatepark

**CREATE** – Design It Skateboard workshops, giving young people the opportunity to personalise a skateboard, expressing creativity. Dates April 7th and 8th

**SKATE** – Skatepark Coaching Sessions, happening on Thursday the 9th April and Friday the 10th

**ACTIVATE** – Skatepark competition at YouthFest on Saturday the 11th April

For further information about the entire program, please search: The Full Send 2026 | Skateboard, Scooter & BMX Events or visit www.dardaup.wa.gov.au

KIDS CONNECT

AUSTRALIND LIBRARY

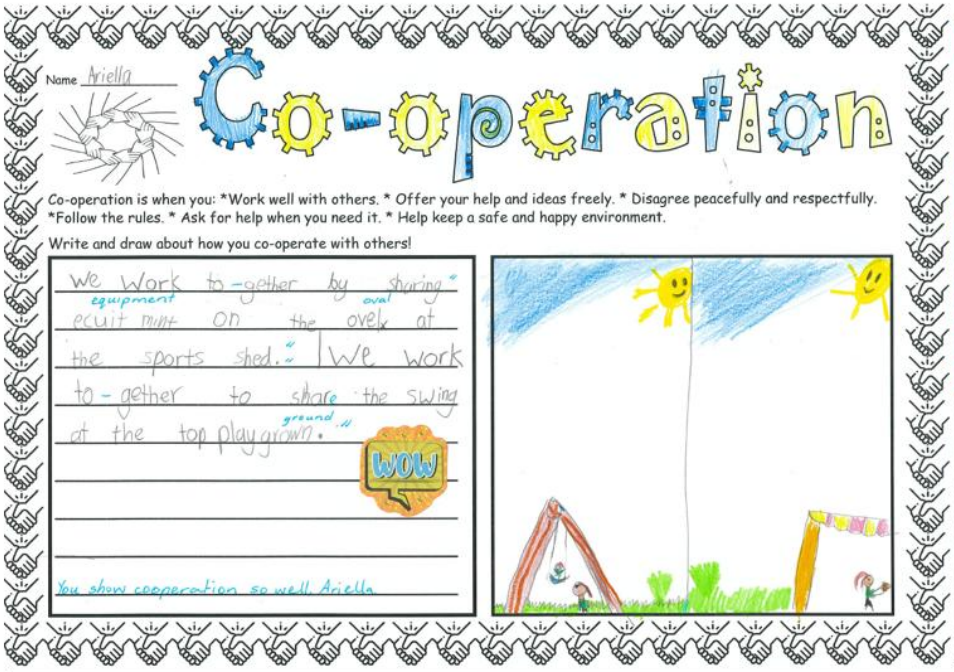
Every 2nd Thursday, starting 5 February
(school term only)

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Suitable for ages 8 to 11 years old

For more information,
please contact Australind Library at 9797 4590

# Virtue For The Fortnight – Cooperation



Room 4 consistently demonstrates wonderful cooperation in everything they do. They work thoughtfully with others, follow the rules, and are always willing to share their help and ideas with classmates. Through their teamwork and positive attitudes, they help create a safe, supportive, and happy learning environment for everyone.

Thank you, Room 4 — you are truly amazing!