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Dear Students, Teachers, Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a safe and peaceful holiday and are rested and ready for a busy term. We would like to especially welcome all our new families to Parkfield and congratulate all staff, students, and parents on the smooth start to Term Three.

We do have a number of staff away taking their long service leave or on leave this term and I would like to sincerely welcome all our new staff to Parkfield.

This term we welcome;

- Mrs Katie Closey - Kindy 1
- Miss Jordan Sheedy - PP 2
- Mrs Liz Boccia - PP 2
- Miss Beth Gallagher - Year 1/2 Room 4
- Ms Deanne Ludlam - Year 4 Room 19
- Mrs Melinda Golinski - Science Teacher
- Miss Brittany Fisher - EALD Support
- Mrs Paula Trigwell - Deputy Principal

Chicken Pox Outbreak

We have been informed that a case of Chicken Pox has been confirmed in a Year 5 class. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your doctor or Hudson Road Health Centre for advice on 9795 2888.

Well done Mrs Dunbar-Stuart and the Bush Block Team

On the first Saturday of the holidays, Mrs Dunbar-Stuart 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.

2027 Kindergarten Enrolments – Spaces still available

Applications for Enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2027 school year are **now** being taken. If any of our Parkfield Community knows 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.

Appropriate footwear for school

Society has many fads and often they are fun and practical. Wearing crocs to school, no matter how decorated, is not one. We must have sneakers/ joggers for our PE lessons, dance lessons and for safety at all times.

Attendance is Critical Every Day!

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depends on consistent attendance and participation. Every day at school matters because students can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available.

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.
Thank you.

Change of Details

Please inform the front office if you have changed your address or mobile phone numbers - crucial information to have in case of an emergency at home or at school.

Parkfield Primary School Alumni

At Parkfield Primary School, we take great pride in our vibrant and engaged alumni community. For over 30 years our school has nurtured young minds, fostering a culture of excellence, creativity and lifelong learning. Our former students have gone on to achieve success in a wide range of fields, and we would like to celebrate the diverse paths they have taken since their time at Parkfield.

Whether you are looking to reconnect with classmates, sharing your achievements or giving back to the next generation of Parkfield students, we invite you to be part of our growing alumni network.

Alumni - Parkfield Primary School (live link) or https://parkfield.wa.edu.au/alumni/

Thank you to Cathy Smith at CATCO Enterprises for getting this site started.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

Sports Update

Starting in Week 3 on the 4th of August a new form of running club will begin every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:50am on the school oval. The focus will be on 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m sprints open to Year 3 – 6 students.

This Term we have two athletic events occurring in Week 10. The 800m event will take place on Monday 21st September at 2:00pm. This event will be for selected Year 3 – 6 students representing their house. The throws event will take place on Tuesday 22nd September with vortex/shotput events held throughout the day. The vortex event will include selected Year 3 – 6 students and shot-put selected Year 4 - 6 students representing their house.

Kind regards,
Bryden Sumich - PE teacher

WA Student Assistance Payment
Don't miss out

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school. You can claim **$150** for each Kindergarten and Primary student and **$250** for each Secondary student.

Claim now through the Service WA app, online or by post.
Claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.

Visit wa.gov.au/WASAP2026 for eligibility information and how to claim.

Daffodil Day 2026

Thursday 20th of August

Once again, Parkfield Primary School will be supporting the Cancer Council by selling fresh daffodils. They are available for $12 a bunch. Orders must be placed by this Thursday, 30th of July. Delivery will be on Wednesday 19th of August.
To support the 'yellow' theme for Daffodil Day, Thursday the 20th of August is 'Dress Yellow' day. Be creative, have fun, but most importantly BE YELLOW. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.
Frances Scibilia

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a merit award at the assembly last term: Aizen Grover, Nevaya-Faye McCaughan, Niklas Menz, Oscar Dorant, Nevaeh Parrington, Grayson Pullen, Alice Hanusova, Aurora Nixon, Remi Dyer, Riley Pianta, Angus Evans, Kyson Woodley, Aivah Foreman, Kiaan Hosking, Fionn Geoghegan, Rielyn Murphy, Sarah Puafisi, Hudson Carter, Jude Edwards, Ashtyn Hitchcock, Spencer Smith, Jordan Hosking, Charlotte Crispin, Everly Brandis, Quinn Chapman, Zara Rogers, Lincoln Swinburne, Zharlee Allen, Kayla Oliver, Flynn Connor, Zoey Leyshon, Alyssa Byass, William Butcher, Patricia Mullaney, Lenny Fletcher, Dani Hay, Zavia Dashwood, Zaylia Stripe, Sadie Clark, Harriette Davies, Austin Gould, Mila Hewett, Edie Pola-Diplock, Hamish Scott, Lola Edwards, Remi Faulkner-Cullen, Jake Pedder, Ethan Powell, Lily Pienaar, Emy Sala-Tenna, Fern Amundsen, Torin Kempton, Kohan Fenemor, Harrison Stopps, Rocco Christian, Luella Baldock, Joel Greenmount, Bonnie Rhodes, Lincoln Russell, Sophie Dobson, Mailey Cobby, Connar Cook, Zachary Hendricken and Olivia Yates.
Specialist Awards – Science; Zachary Hendricken. **Music;** James Sutton, Noa Kata, Will Hausen and Coen Mills. **Visual Arts;** Willow Ernst, Savannah Gibbons and Izaac Suckling. **Physical Education;** Tayla Diable, Cleo Dagostino, Francis Anderson and Jordan Hosking. **Japanese;** Otis Rhodes, Holly Read and Luella Baldock. **Measurement;** Millie Lee and Quinn Webber.

UNIFORM SHOP

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 at the Uniform Shop.
For any queries please ring Amber during shop hours on 0413 234 002. Thank you.

P&C News

Wood Raffle
Thank you to everyone that bought tickets in our 2026 Wood Raffle, we appreciate your support. We sold a total of 727 tickets.
Congratulations to our Wood Raffle winner Mrs South. **Thank you to Giovanetti Firewood Bunbury for donating the wood.**

Father Day Donations
The Parkfield P&C are requesting donations towards our upcoming Father's Day raffle which will be held in Week 6 and 7 of Term 3. We appreciate all donations made big or small and are happy to take cash donations if you so wish. Your business/family will be advertised through our school newsletter and P&C Facebook page. All donations can be dropped at the front office any time before the 28th of August.
We thank you for your support.

Jodi Smith & Teegan MacLaughlin
Fundraising Executive Sub-Coordinators
Parkfield Primary School P & C
parkfieldpandcfundraising@gmail.com

Chaplaincy Program

Mr Vryda Holmes our school Chaplain is available three days per week for our Parkfield School community. If you think your child would benefit from some time with the Chaplain, please complete a Chaplain Referral Form at the office.

Thank you.

YouthCARE

Musical Notes

Dear Families,

We have a big week ahead – this Friday the 31st of July is the **Performing Arts Assembly**. This will start at 8:55am.

This event is special as it gives our students a chance to share what they have been working on, and achieved, in their dance and music lessons, and ensembles. All of these students show a strong commitment to our music program at Parkfield. By having these students perform and share, it allows other students in the school to see what musical opportunities are available for them to try, and to work towards.

There will be around 100 students performing on the day in a range of music and dance ensembles, choirs and instrumental performances. There will be some lunch time rehearsals during the week. Classroom teachers will be notified of these and will let the students know accordingly.

On Friday, those students performing in the assembly will have a tiered arrival time…these are as follows:

8:00 - IMSS
8:10 - Ukulele Ensemble
8:20 - Recorder and Percussion Ensemble
8:30 - Junior and Senior choir

The benefits of Music: We learn more and more about this as people continue to study music and the brain. Studies show that the "self-discipline required for sustaining musical practice may enhance executive function, self-regulation and concentration" while also showing that "music heals your heart, soothes your soul and lowers stress and anxiety" (Bigger Better Brains, 2026). Based on these proven facts, we can see that by encouraging and supporting our children in music endeavours, we support their learning and growth across other subject areas too.

If any students are inspired to join any ensembles after watching the Performing Arts Assembly on Friday, they are most welcome. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

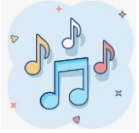
Times are as follows:
Mon 3:00 – 3:45pm Percussion Ensemble – Yr 3-6
Tues 1:15 – 1:55pm Recorder Ensemble – Yr 4-6
Wed 8:00 – 8:40am Junior Choir - Yr 1-3
Wed 3:00 – 3:45pm Ukulele Ensemble – Yr 4-6
Thurs 8:00 – 8:40am Senior Choir – Yr 4-6

Please be aware there will be very limited seating for parents/carers due to all students from Years 1 – 6 attending this event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the assembly.

Kind Regards,

Rachael Thompson – Music Specialist



FREE TERM 3

PARENT WORKSHOPS

REGISTER NOW

We are offering **free, live online workshops** to help parents and carers support their children.

Healthy habits in a digital world

Practical strategies to help children and teenagers develop healthy screen habits, balance online and offline activities, and use technology safely and responsibly. **2 workshops**

Building confident, resilient kids

Learn evidence-based parenting strategies that build emotional resilience, confidence and coping skills, while supporting children through worries, anxiety and challenges such as bullying. **3 workshops**

Supporting school success

Gain practical tips to help children confidently transition into school, develop independence, build friendships and establish the skills they need to succeed in their first years of learning. **2 workshops**

Evidence-based, practical sessions designed to give parents and carers simple strategies they can use every day to support their child's wellbeing, learning and development.

Delivered by School Psychologist Consultants from the Department of Education

A Huge Thank You to Doug and Gail Hovell

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Doug and Gail Hovell, grandparents of Henry Hovell in PP1, for their incredible generosity and craftsmanship.

Doug recently built and donated two amazing new wooden tables for our outdoor play area, replacing our old, splintered tables. Made from wood and recycled materials, the new tables are not only beautifully crafted but also highly practical, featuring wheels and handles so they can be easily moved around the yard.

The tables have already become a wonderful addition to our outdoor space, and the children and staff absolutely love them. We are so grateful for the time, effort, and care that went into creating them.
Thank you, Doug and Gail, for helping make our play environment even more enjoyable for everyone!

P&C Facebook Page

A reminder to families to please follow the P&C Facebook page as community events and information for families are regularly posted on their page. Thank you.