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#1 Term 2

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents,
Welcome back to what is an ever changing landscape in our lives and in education.

I would like to especially welcome all our new families to Parkfield and congratulate all staff, students and parents on an extraordinary effort to have a smooth start to the term whether you have started home schooling or students are at school. Today we had 72% of students attending face to face lessons.



The P&C have a new executive team that have been working very hard behind the scenes during the holidays. Our new President Belinda Williams has been a great advocate for our P&C. This week is our P&C Mother's Day Stall and I would like all our community to get behind this very important school activity. Thank you to Maddison Olsen and her wonderful fundraising team for their preparation.

Important COVID -19 Messages

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

- School is open for normal face to face teaching in normal classroom situations.
- The school is operating its normal timetable.
- Students working from home are getting a similar curriculum to those at school for the first 2 weeks.
- Home schooling packages from Week 3 onwards are developed by the Department of Education not Parkfield Primary School.
- Parents are **not to enter** the school grounds when dropping off and picking up students before and after school.
- If students have appointments that necessitate them leaving the school during the day, please go directly to the front office. Students will be brought to the front office as parents are not to go to classes.
- The school has employed extra cleaners and we have a cleaner on site all day. All playgrounds are disinfected before and after all breaks.
- Students returning from Home Schooling are to bring their packs back to school.
- All students to bring their own water bottles to refill rather than drinking from taps.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments



Applications for enrolments for children entering Kindergarten in the 2021 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. Boundaries **do not** apply to students enrolling in Kindergarten.

Never Stop Reading

Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for their rest of their life – so why stop when they are just getting started?



Recent research by literacy expert Dr Margaret Merga found that over half of parents stop reading aloud with their children once they begin to start reading themselves.

Reading aloud with your children throughout their primary school years has significant, positive effects on their learning and reading skills. Listening to your child read together also builds their social skills and confidence as they engage with you, and the quality time that you spend raises their mood and sense of wellbeing.

Give your child the best start for a life of learning and discovery, **Never Stop Reading!**

education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading is where you will discover more.

The Smith Family

In 2019, Parkfield Primary School joined the *Learning for Life Program* sponsored by The Smith Family.



This was a coup for our school and means that we are able to offer support to needy families for the duration of a child's school life; primary, secondary and tertiary. Selected parents need to meet the criteria to be eligible for a Smith Family scholarship. If you have a **Centrelink** or **Healthcare card**, please contact the school on 97965900 to discuss your eligibility.

Thank you.

Charlie Serravite
Principal

PRIDE - 誇り

RESPECT - 敬意

INITIATIVE - 自発

Sports Update

During term two, there are normally three sporting events that take place. Our House Cross Country, which involves all students in Years 3-6, an Interschool Winter Carnival, which involves all our Year 6 students and The Bunbury Districts Interschool Cross Country. Due to the current restrictions in place around all schools in the state, we are unsure when, or if, these events will take place. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, I encourage all students to get outdoors and keep active.

Thank you.

Trevor Sleight - PE Teacher



P&C NEWS

Easter Raffle Update

We wish to thank everyone who donated Easter eggs and purchased raffle tickets. There were a total of 20 prizes on offer. The lucky winners were listed on the Parkfield App. \$840.00 was raised from the raffle, and \$74.00 raised from the hot cross bun fundraiser. A fantastic outcome.

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held this **Friday 8th May 2020. Kindys 1, 2 & PP/K5** will be able to purchase their gifts from the stall on **Thursday 7th May**. Thank you to NewsXpress in Treendale for their donations to our stall.

We also have four lovely prizes donated to **raffle** which can be seen on the P&C Facebook page, so please remind your children to **purchase a ticket**. Prizes are donated by Kokedama Crazy, Danielle Butt, Australind Florist and Zoey's Macrame Zen. **Raffle tickets are 50 cents each and gifts range from 50 cents to \$6.00.** We thank you for your support and hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day.



The Parkfield Primary School P&C is excited to share the **new Executive Committee** with you: **President** - Belinda Williams **Vice-President** - Jo Pippin **Treasurer** - Natalie Turner **Secretary** - Kim Lewis **Fundraising Coordinator** - Maddison Olsen **Canteen Coordinator** - Michelle Moore **Canteen Manager** - Eryn Cowcher **Uniform Shop Coordinator** - Danelle Farrell.

As a team we are excited to build on the amazing foundation that we have been granted and continue to support PPS with its fundraising goals to support our children's education. If you have any ideas or feedback, please reach out to us on Facebook at Parkfield Primary School P&C or feel free to join us at **the next P&C meeting on the 12th May 2020**. If you aren't following our Facebook page, please check it out as we are hoping to share lots with you over the coming year. It's a great way for you to stay up to date with what the P&C are doing.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Uniform Shop Update

The Uniform Shop will remain closed until the government advice confirms parents are allowed back on school grounds.



Orders may be placed by contacting Danelle by email at parkfieldpandcuniformshop@gmail.com or by phone on 0423 079 342. Orders must be paid for in **cash** in an envelope to the office where you can collect your orders. Please enter the office from the top car park. Thank you.

Virtue for the Fortnight - Thankfulness

THANKFULNESS is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you and within you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life. **THANKFULNESS** brings contentment. It helps you find the good things in whatever happens. Without **THANKFULNESS** people can become negative. They wish things were different. They whine and complain when they don't have everything their own way. They envy other people. With **THANKFULNESS**, we keep a positive outlook. We can see the good in our lives and in whatever happens. Being **THANKFUL** is appreciating the thing you have and the people you care about. Show your appreciation when someone does something kind for you. Focus on the good things about your life and count your blessings often. Even when things go wrong, you can be **THANKFUL** if you find the lessons to be learned. Let others give to you. Expect the best in every situation.

Chaplain's Chat

Greetings lovely Parkfield Community,

Welcome back to you all for Term 2 – both here and at home. Thinking of you all.

During these past few weeks, I have been grateful for having the time and space to reflect on things. I have been thinking about my 'pre COVID' life, 'current COVID' life and 'post COVID' life. Thinking about how I can keep the best of my 'pre COVID' life, the positives of my 'current COVID life and move forward to enjoy a new, more balanced and sustainable 'post COVID' life. I know there has been and still is, some sad and worrying times and lots of uncertainty. My thoughts are with you all during this time of extra challenge and especially with those who have really been struggling with the impact of isolation, health scares and financial uncertainty. We can only work with the facts and with what we can control and with the attitude we will deal with it. Hoping and trusting you are all doing as best you can, trying to focus on the positives and getting the help you need for support. I hope you have had some time to reflect for you too.

Until next time, take care.

Warm Regards always,

Jo Campbell ☺
Chaplain

