

TERM 1

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Diary Dates:

April

Thursday 13

- Last day of Term 1
- LA1-10, 3-3 Expo
- Easter Assembly 1.45pm
- **EARLY DISMISSAL 2.05pm**

May – Term 2

Monday 1

- Term 2 begins

Wednesday 3

- SAPSASA Cross Country

Pupil Free Days

Monday 24 July

Friday 10 November

School Closure Day

Friday 8 September

SMS Number for Absences

0427 016 460

Term Dates For 2017

Term 1 30 Jan to 13 Apr

Term 2 01 May to 07 Jul

Term 3 24 Jul to 29 Sep

Term 4 16 Oct to 15 Dec

School Values

Bravery - Care – Challenge - Trust

Traffic Monitors

Week 1 – Morning Kate & Jade

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that the end of term is upon us and what a fantastic term we have had! There has been so much happening throughout the term for children and staff it's no wonder we are looking forward to the break! This includes: numerous camps and excursions, training and development with Steph Lane in Scaffolded Literacy, Kym Brown and Harvard online workshops around Powerful Learning, 3 Pupil Free Days, working with our partnership colleagues, a staff review of our Site Improvement Plan, changes to our ICT infrastructure and staff training, new staff and new roles, new children and families, assemblies and newsletters, various sports activities including Sports Day, Running Club and SAPSASA, choirs established, Petanque played, Governing Council AGM and meeting, Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences held, Harmony Day celebrations, school photos, Mindlab, induction meetings, data reviewed, Developing Performance plans and meetings held, finance training, gardening working bee and so it goes on. In addition there has been an outstanding level of commitment from teachers and SSOs to plan and implement rigorous, relevant and challenging learning programs that engage children to be powerful learners. A sincere acknowledgement and thank you to all our staff and children for their hard work and commitment this term, and to parents for supporting their child's learning.

Sports Day

What a fantastic day we had at Sports Day! There was a wonderful community atmosphere and a high level of participation from all children which was great. Thank you to all the parents who made a donation or assisted at the cake stall, Julie and Leesa for running the canteen, staff for their involvement and especially Michelle and Nanette for their outstanding leadership and organisation on the day. Check out the photos in the newsletter!

Communication

In our efforts to continually improve our communication with families, we are excited to announce that we now have an official School Facebook Page and Twitter account. Please refer to more details from Tracey later in the newsletter.

Site Improvement Plan

The Site Improvement Plan (SIP) which drives our improvement agenda at the school and underpins our commitment to improving teaching and learning aligned with DECD Directions, Holdfast Partnership priorities and the School review recommendations. Over the last couple of weeks the staff have reviewed the 2014-16 SIP and made recommendations for our plan for 2017. This is currently in draft and will be returned to staff at the beginning of Term 2 prior to tabling at Governing Council. A summary will be provided to the school community mid next term.

Volunteer Policy review and training

We have been considering the processes we have in place in the school, aligning these with the DECD Volunteer Policies and Practices and putting together a policy for our school. We have organised for face to face Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training for volunteers for **THURSDAY JUNE 1**. This workshop will commence with a Volunteer Induction 6-6.30pm which is a requirement for ALL volunteers followed by the RAN training from 6.30-8.30pm. If you already have your RAN training but have not been to a school induction session then you are invited to attend 6-6.30pm. Please contact Erica in the Front Office to register your interest in attending the induction and/or RAN Training. A copy of the full updated policy will be distributed to all families once it is finalised.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your warm welcome into the school this term and for your ongoing support of our staff and all that they do for your children. I hope that you have a wonderful Easter and holiday break and we look forward to continuing our journey together next term.

Leanne Prior, Principal

Library News

Once upon a time there was a girl called Anne. She worked in a library surrounded by books and often, children. She helped the children find titles to read, she reminded them gently about over-dues, and she carefully covered new books and displayed them, lovingly in the new book area.

One day, Anne said to Jacquie, "We have money to spend! The children need more books! Let's go to Pegi's bookshop and choose some texts." Jacquie thought for a moment, then replied.... (to be continued)

More students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. (The little 'E' denotes sent in by email.) Some students have completed multiple challenges!

Phoebe W LA3-3	Coco Ch LA2-5	Naomi E LA3-3	Che' D LA3-3
Sienna SW LA3-3 1 st & 2 nd	Coco Ca LA2-5	Miles E LA3-3 2 nd	Harper D LA1-6
Henry M LA1-2	Grace F LA3-3	Alec M LA1-10	Alex V LA3-3
Ava S _E LA1-1	Hugo L LA1-2	Ebony W LA3-3	Leila A LA1-3

Have you borrowed a good book or 2 for the holidays? Ask Leanne what she plans to read during the April Break. I know she borrowed a stack!

Jacquie & Anne

Paringa Park Primary School Facebook page

We have set up a Facebook page to establish a controlled, professional presence on social media. Facebook is an excellent opportunity for our school to connect with families and share information rapidly. We will be consistent in keeping the information updated and accurate. Students and families will likely come to rely on the Facebook Page as a resource to find information about what's going on at the school.

Next term you will be receiving a permission form regarding Facebook protocols. Until then no children's images will be put on our page.

Click on the following URL and like our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Paringaparkprimary/>

For those who don't use Facebook we have linked all our posts to our Twitter account

<https://twitter.com/ParingaPPS>

Please email any questions or comments to

Tracey.bennett463@schools.sa.edu.au

Promoting Public Education

Last week I attended a state-wide leader's conference at which Professor Alan Reid presented information about a Public Education Statement he has been developing at the request of the Government. This statement is the first of its kind nationally and has been launched this week. You can view this document at <http://decd.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/i/9AB7358A5C243A4B/E9014F2A1BF131321A21C02EB51F5606> and access a short video which highlights what public education offers at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugmxkTWGLhM>

Leanne

Sports Report & SAPSASA

SAPSASA Softball

Last week Abby S, Ella L and Kaitlin R represented the South West District in the State Softball Carnival. They were very successful, going through the competition undefeated. Great job girls! This will mean that our district will move to a higher division next year. The girls said they had "an awesome week" and learned a lot while making new friends.

This was the first time Abby and Ella had played softball so well done for being brave enough to try out for the team, and Kaitlin has not played at this level before so well done for challenging yourself!



SAPSASA Football

Oops! I left Ty out of the boys that were selected in the squad for the District Football Team. Sorry Ty, and good luck for the next trials.

Lacrosse

Two weeks ago 7 teams from Year 5-7 played in the Southern Area Lacrosse Carnival. All the teams played well as a team and showed great sportsmanship. The games were played at quite a high skill level and the teams learned a lot during the carnival, especially those students who had never played before!

Two teams, Year 4/5 Boys Team 2 and Year 6/7 Girls Team 3, made it to the Grand Finals, but unfortunately they were postponed due to the heavy rain! So this week we travelled to Brighton to play the finals. Both games were very close and the teams were playing at a high standard. The Year 4/5 boys were runners-up in a close match and in an equally close game the Year 6/7 girls won! Well done to both teams.

Thank you to all the parents who transported, coached and supported the teams on both days! Your support for these events is greatly appreciated!



Westminster Challenge

Last Saturday a team of 8 Year 7 students entered in the Westminster Primary School Challenge held at the Westminster School Fair. The challenge is an obstacle course made up of going over high jump mats, under army nets, and sliding along a slip-n-slide! They had a great time and improved their time by more than 30 seconds in the second heat! Unfortunately this time did not put us in the final! Thank you for the students who were willing to attend and to their parents for getting them there on a Saturday!



Water Polo

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Holly P is heading off to Queensland this week to represent SA in the U14 National Water Polo Championships. Good Luck Holly! Hope you have a great competition and we wait to hear the results when you return.

Michelle Burton

Out of School Sports

Cricket has finished for this term with all teams finishing with some great results.

16 March - C Grade Yellow 103 def Stella Maris 85 with Kelly 12 runs, Lucas 13 runs and Beau and Lucas both with 2 wickets. C Grade Green 73 def SPW 55 with Reuben 22 runs Alec and Gus with 9 runs. Mason smashed it with 5 wickets and Miles 1 wicket. A Grade 115 def Hallett Cove 55 with Ryan 40 n/o Jed 16 n/o, Max and Liam both with 2 wickets.

23 March - C Grade Yellow 50 lost to Brighton 85 with Kelly 12 runs Lucas 8 runs, Beau and Lisa 1 wicket each. C Grade Green 81 def Stella Maris 65 with Reuben 19 runs Trey 10 runs, Mason and Trey both with 2 wickets.

A Grade a close game 102 against Brighton 105 Jed 25 runs Max 18 n/o with Jed 1 wicket.

30th Mar - C Grade Yellow 55 lost to Immanuel 69 Kelly 6 runs Lucas 4 runs, Kelly 2 wickets Lucas 1 wicket. C Grade Green 54 def Brighton 51 Reuben 10 runs Trey 5 runs with Miles 2 wickets. A great job to all our cricketers this term, as well as our up and coming stars from Kanga.

Sharon Schubert – Cricket coordinator

French News

What a great night it was on Thursday April 6 at the SA French Teachers' Association (SAFTA) Pétanque competition!

This year we had two teams representing Paringa Park Primary School. Team 1 comprised Ruby, Holly, Adam, Marcus and William. Team 2 was made up of Charlotte, Bella, Lucy and Emily. The venue was the Unley Park Sporting Club, where volunteers from the club and from SAFTA gave up their time to ensure a well-run evening.



Each team played rounds of about 10 minutes, with the winning scores added up throughout the night. There were lots of good skills shown, team discussions on strategies and delicious sausages eaten throughout the evening! What a great atmosphere, with teams from all the schools showing good sportsmanship!

Well done to both of the Paringa Park teams for their wonderful efforts. They both played against each other in one of the semi-finals.



The team of Ruby, Holly, Adam, Marcus and William got into the grand final where they played against Trinity College, Gawler River 1. It was a gripping contest, with Trinity eventually winning a well fought final.

Thank you so much to the family members who supported the players on the night, and who helped me with the organisation of the teams. It was very much appreciated, and it was great to have them all there!

Amitiés, (Regards)

Lea Garrett.

Finance

Thank you to everyone that has paid their school fees, made a payment plan, or applied for school card assistance. Early next term I will be sending out final notices for all other outstanding debts. Debt collection procedures will be put in place soon after this.

If your child is participating in Out of School Sports programmes please ensure that payment for fees is made as soon as possible. All outstanding amounts may result in your child being unable to participate.

In order to help streamline Administration procedures, from Week 3 next term the office is open to take payments from 8.30am to 9.30am Monday to Friday. Out of these times we encourage you to use Qkr, or Bpoint to make payments.

Uniforms can be bought on Fridays from 8.30am to 9.45am – however they can be ordered on Qkr at any time and we will process them as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation in assisting us through this process

The Administration Team

School Banking

I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank **Kristy Colicchio** for all her efforts in promoting and processing students' school banking. There are now approximately 140 families that are banking regularly and Kristy's organisation and commitment has played a huge role in this!

Kristy is passing the mantle on to **Sallyann Mugford and Holly Bamford** who I know will continue to ensure the banking program continues to thrive and encourage regular saving by our students

Susan - Business Manager

Garden Club

Last Friday we had a productive afternoon in the School Garden, weeding, sweeping, mulching and general tidying up. If you haven't walked past this week go and check out or refer to the photos included in the newsletter! Thank you to Murray



and Paul and parents who worked tirelessly in the clean up – Shelley, Rebecca, Sarah, Alison, Lisa, Cindy and Tao. Next term we will be completing the tidy up of this area and hope to access a skip to clear out some of our unwanted items. Next term Sue Mauger and Katie Dixon will be leading the Garden Club which currently has a list of 38 children and 13 parent volunteers which is fabulous! If you are still interested in volunteering to help on a Wednesday or Friday lunchtime (12.45-1.20pm) please come along to the meeting on May 3 at 3.15pm in LA1-5 to find out more!

Also if you have any items you would like to donate to the school to assist in getting our Garden Club up and running that would be most appreciated. This could include seeds, gardening gloves, gardening tools, pots, seedling trays etc – please send these to the Front Office.

Leanne & Sue

PARINGA PARK STAFF 2017: Staff Profile

Name: Nathan Betts

Role in the school: Year 6/7 Teacher

Pets: 1 Cat called Nala

Favourite Food: Homemade pho

Favourite holiday destination: Nice - France

Favourite sporting team: Chicago Bulls

Favourite movie: Creed / A New Hope

Favourite TV show: Star Trek – Next Gen

Favourite musician/band: Macklemore

Hobbies or interests: Basketball, programming, reading, VR

Do you have any other hidden talents: Spin a ball on my finger.

What's your favourite subject to teach/activity to undertake? Science – Earth and Space

If you could relive one day of your life which one would it be? Skydiving over the Swiss Alps.

If you could invite any 4 people (past or present) to dinner, who would they be and why?

Greg Popovich, Kevin Durant, Elon Musk, Donald Glover – all my guests are masters of their fields but have interests other than basketball, music etc. Diverse thinking.

What's your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far? Friendly, welcoming staff and students.



Sigatoka Fiji Update

Later this year we will be travelling to Sigatoka Fiji where we will be taking the sport equipment (pictured below) that has been a joint project between St Philip's Church and Paringa Park Primary School. It is a wonderful privilege we have as a School and Church to be able to help another school in another country, where children like ours, need to be nurtured, cared for, educated well and need good sport equipment to help exercise and enjoy a good game.



Pictured in this photo are Rev. Barb and Andrew, Lesley and John Morton, Pauline and Bob Geekie (from St Philip's), Leanne Prior, Principal and Nerida PSW.

Every blessing
Rev Barb



PARINGA'S GOT T★LENT

It's that time of year again! Auditions will be held during lunch times in Term 2, finishing off with the Grand Final in Week 10. If your child has signed up for Paringa's Got Talent they will have brought home a note with details about their audition. I'm excited to see what talent this year has to offer. Happy practicing over the holidays!
Nerida Pastoral Care Worker

Family Support

DECD have requested that we provide the following information to families for the school holidays as a reference point for students at risk, during the time when normal school supports are unavailable.

Phone Counselling

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Headspace 1800 650 890

Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636

Online Counselling

www.kidshelp.com.au

www.headspace.org.au

For at risk students it is important parents are aware that if they are concerned about their child's risk of suicide or self-harm, they can take them directly to the Women's and Children's Hospital for a mental health assessment or contact their local community CAMHS to request an immediate/urgent appointment.

National Volunteer Week events

A range of activities are planned to celebrate National Volunteer Week, held from **Monday 8 May to Sunday 14 May 2017**.

National Volunteer Week parade

Walk in the parade with DECD volunteers and staff.

Date: **Monday 8 May 2017**

Time: 10.00am

Where: Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide

National Volunteer Week DECD thank you event

A free morning tea for DECD volunteers and staff who coordinate volunteers.

Date: **Wednesday 10 May 2017**

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Where: DECD Gallery, 31 Flinders Street, Adelaide

Parenting SA seminar: Understanding the boy code

Parenting SA has engaged Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist, to help parents understand what it means to be a boy in today's world. His free presentation will be held on **Tuesday 30 May 2017** from 7pm – 9pm and will address:

the 'boy code'

- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media & celebrity culture
- helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves.

Contact: Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, [Dorian Marsland-Smith](mailto:Dorian.Marsland-Smith@parentingsa.gov.au), phone 8161 7159

Register for the seminar [here](#)

Further information is available [here](#)

Parents and Community Meeting Dates

Term 2 – Week 3 Tues 16 May, Week 6 Tues 6 May.

Term 3 – Week 3 Tues 8 August, Week 6 Tues 29 August.

Term 4 – Week 2 Tuesday 24 October, Week 6 21 November.



SPORTS DAY

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in making Sports Day such a success! This includes the canteen people, cake stall organisers, Murray, the staff who set up and packed up so efficiently, the parents who supported the events and of course the students who competed with enthusiasm, great sportsmanship and loads of energy! It was such a great day and so pleasing to see everyone working together and having fun. A special mention to our House Captains who showed positive leadership skills with their preparation, and also their energy on the day. Well done to ALL the students who competed - you showed a great effort in doing your best!

CONGRATULATIONS to **BRIGHTON** who won the R-7 Relay and **EXTRA CONGRATULATIONS** also to **BRIGHTON** who won the overall trophy!

