

## Diary Dates:

### November

#### Monday 6

- Governing Council 7.00pm

#### Tuesday 7

- Year 4/5 & 6/7 Footy Clinic
- Junior Primary Circus Day

#### Thursday 9

- Thinking Carnevale

#### Friday 10

- Pupil Free Day**

#### Tuesday 14

- Lab on Wheels LA2-7 & LA2-10
- Footsteps year 6/7

#### Wednesday 15

- Beachfront Hub Band Performance

#### Friday 17

- SAPSASA Beach Volleyball
- Christmas Seminar

#### Tuesday 21

- Outdoor Environment Community Consultation 3.30-4.30pm
- Parents & Community meeting 6pm

### **Pupil Free Days** **Friday 10 November**

### **SMS Number for Absences** **0427 016 460**

#### SA Term Dates for 2017

Term 4 16 Oct to 15 Dec

#### SA Term Dates for 2018

Term 1 29 Jan to 13 April

Term 2 30 Apr to 6 July

Term 3 23 Jul to 28 Sept

Term 4 15 Oct to 14 Dec

### School Values

Bravery - Care – Challenge – Trust

#### Traffic Monitors

##### Week 4

Morning: Zali & Alex

Afternoon: Shelby & Elsie

##### Week 5

Morning: Lochie & Toby

Afternoon: Laylah & Shelby

Dear Families

We are only 3 weeks into Term 4 and already there has been lots happening!

#### Site Improvement Team

Last Wednesday, the Site Improvement Team which is made up of representatives from each Professional Learning Team (PLT), met off site to engage in a workshop to review our 2017 data in preparation for our Pupil Free Day (PFD) on November 10. This team, comprising of Michelle Burton, Elise Baldwin, Ebony Wilkey, Daniel Mills, Clint Durbridge, Caroline Cobb and Donna Williams was joined by Vicki Hodgson (Reception) and Lena Lloyd (Special Education). We spent the afternoon reviewing and analysing relevant cohort data to identify trends and commenced discussions about what it means for classroom practice and implications for our PLTs in 2018. Data was made available electronically on Google sheets and docs and all participants prepared information which they will use to lead discussions with their staff teams on the PFD. I really appreciated and valued this team's commitment to the data analysis - they were highly engaged all afternoon and really embraced the challenge and leadership responsibility of this task.



#### Pupil Free Day (PFD)

The format of this year's Term 4 PFD is different from previous years and will be a time when we can reflect on our achievements in line with our Site Improvement priorities (Literacy, Numeracy, Cultures of Thinking and Learning Innovation), review our Literacy and Numeracy achievement and growth data and celebrate our value added programs such as PE, French and Performing Arts. In addition to this, Nancy Shaw will be highlighting achievements and successes with the Speech and Language Class this year, Jon Osborne will be reporting on attendance, behaviour and wellbeing data and Lena Lloyd will be presenting information about the growth and achievement of our EALD and ATSI learners and children receiving support throughout 2017. From this day, each Professional Learning Team will be making recommendations for our targeted areas for improvement in 2018 which will then be synthesized by the Site Improvement Team to form the basis of our 2018 Site Improvement Plan. It should be an action packed self-review day, but one in which we can acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of all staff and children while at the same time identifying areas for continual improvement.

#### School Community Consultation

A reminder that we have our community consultation with Simon Hutchinson from Climbing Tree on Tuesday November 21 from 3.30-4.30pm in the gym. I encourage all families to come along and have a say about what they would like to see in our outdoor learning environment master plan.

#### Partnership Collaboration

Last Wednesday Georgii Staben and Jacquie Grover were our representatives who worked with site leaders and their colleagues from our Partnership primary schools, (Warradale, Brighton, St Leonards and Glenelg) to develop Partnership Assessment and Reporting protocols and drafts of consistent report formats to be used across all Primary schools in our partnership from 2018. The afternoon was most productive and provided an excellent opportunity for collaboration across our sites. This information will be shared with staff at the beginning of Term 1 2018 for feedback and further consultation, with the view to implement the protocols and formats in 2018.



Kind regards  
Leanne Prior

## News from DECD

A number of announcements have been made by DECD which form part of the state government's new [Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future](#).

### **New attendance strategy to help South Australian students excel**

A new [attendance strategy](#) has been developed to ensure the state's 168,000 public school students achieve the best possible education.

To support the strategy, an additional 11 attendance and engagement social workers will be available to help schools work with students and their families, with this 50% increase bringing the total of workers to 33.

The attendance strategy will guide the efforts of preschools and schools to engage children and young people to stay at school.

### **More special options places for students with disability**

A further 154 places in special options (disability units/special classes) will be created for children and young people with disability over the next 2 years.

A consultation process is underway to select the preschools and schools that will offer these options. The placement process and eligibility criteria for placing a child/young person in a special option has not changed. If you need more information, contact your local school or preschool.

The state government is also introducing a new \$3.2m statewide service available to all school sectors to manage complex and challenging behaviours through consultation and intervention, with health support planning for families.

### **More support for students to achieve their best**

New funding of \$27m over the next 4 years will go towards supporting our most vulnerable students and their families. As part of this, an extra 16 wellbeing practitioners will be employed to support children and young people most at risk. In addition, 3-quarters of public schools will receive more support from student wellbeing leaders.

In another announcement, more than \$16 million will go towards helping public schools better support students with complex behaviours. An extra 10 behaviour coaches will be introduced to the existing 30 currently working in schools. The reforms will also provide therapeutic intervention for high needs children and support will be provided for students experiencing severe trauma or chronic stress.

This work will be underpinned by a new anti-bullying strategy.

### **Supporting our teachers and leaders to deliver great results**

The state government has announced a range of new initiatives to support our teachers and leaders to deliver great results for your child.

Teachers and leaders will be supported by:

- the recruitment of an additional 10 education directors
- the development of a Teaching Excellence and Leadership Academy in SA to lift school and preschool performance
- a new \$2.85 million Employee Wellbeing program to enhance the range of support offered to teachers, leaders and support staff.

### **Be in the Library Loop**

The Premier's Reading Challenge people have an apology for us. They are having difficulty with the entry of data for this year's Reading and Be Active Challenge, so the medals for student achievement will take a bit longer to reach us. As soon as we receive them, we will present medals at an assembly.



*Take a look at this image.  
What do you see, think and wonder?*

On Tuesdays, I work with Anne in the library as well as work with some students in classes. This term the students of LA2-11, Mr Durbridge and I are creating poems using picture prompts like the one above to inspire us. We are aiming to create images in the mind of the poem reader, by employing similes to compare and describe. Here are some examples of student learning...and there will be more on display in the front office foyer and the library.

#### **They are...**

The sea darkens like a bottomless pit,  
The sky is as creamy as milk,  
The clouds are as fluffy as a kitten,  
The rock is slippery like ice,  
The fins on the surfboard are like shark teeth,  
They are...surfers in the shadows.  
*by Campbell*

#### **They are...**

The rock is as black as charcoal,  
The sky is as colourful as a rainbow,  
Their hair is as smooth as glass,  
The grommet is as experienced as an infant,  
They are as thin as matchsticks.  
*by Kaitlin*

*Jacquie and Anne in the Library*

## Thinking Carnivale

On Thursday 9 November, 10 Year 7 children will be attending a Thinking Carnivale at the Lakes Resort in West Lakes with other children from our portfolio schools.

Children representing over 30 schools will be participating in what is expected to be an exciting and rewarding day.

The intention of the day is for the students to bring along an issue for which they would like to develop a solution, in order to make an improvement to their school community.

They will be using the 6D Solution Fluency thinking process, which is the ability to think creatively to solve problems in real time by clearly defining the problem, designing an appropriate solution, delivering the solution and then evaluating the process and the outcome.

The children will be sharing their learning with the school afterwards.

*Tracey Bennett*  
*Assistant Principal*

## End of Year Celebration

It's almost time for our annual end of year celebration! This year we will be having two performances, at 5pm-6pm and 7pm-8pm on Friday 8 December at the Brighton Secondary School Performing Arts Theatre. All children are required to perform at both sessions, with the exception of our reception children who will only be at the 5pm concert. Due to seating capacity in the theatre, parents are only able to attend one session. A note will be sent home next week with details for purchasing tickets. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with some amazing performances by our talented children!

*Steph Hammond*



## A Picture of Hope Art Auction

LA2-5 and LA2-6 are hosting an art auction on Friday week 7 to raise money for "Beyond the Orphanage" which is a home that provides clean water, food, education, health care, clothing, emotional support and shelter for orphans/children whose parents cannot care for them in some way or another. Mrs Wilkey's and Mr Mills' year 5s will be auctioning art works created by students, family members and teachers from Paringa and our community. The art works will be on display in the office and LA2-6 until week 7. We will also be holding a cake stall where we will be providing a variety of yummy homemade treats to buy on the afternoon.

How can you help?

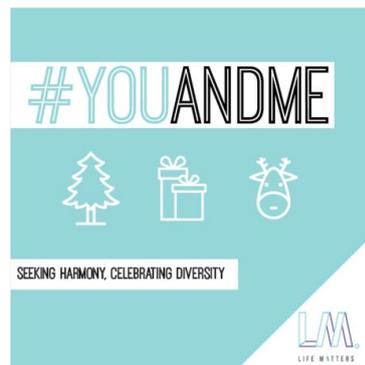
Please feel free to donate an art piece of your own, knowing that it will most likely be sold to somebody else. All works of art must be framed or on a canvas so it can be hung ready for the auction. Please spread the word and come along on the day.

For any other information or if you would like to donate money or an art piece, please come and see us in LA2-5 or LA2-6 or contact Mr Mills at [Daniel.mills898@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Daniel.mills898@schools.sa.edu.au)

Looking forward to seeing you there on Friday 1 December (week 7) in the school gym. Viewing will begin at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm start to auctioning.

## Student Christmas Seminar

While respecting diversity in our community, we invite all children from Reception to Year 5 to join us for the presentation of the Christian story of Christmas on Friday 17 November.



Please note that a child may be exempt from attending the program where a parent/caregiver makes a note to your child's teacher in the child's diary, or via email.

Please contact me at school for more information about this year's program.

*Nerida Menzel*  
*Pastoral Care Worker*

## News from Fiji

During the last week of September 2017, Rev Barb, Andrew, John & Lesley travelled to Sigatoka, Fiji to deliver the sporting equipment that was jointly provided by Paringa Park Primary School and the people of St. Philip's Anglican Church.

The children and Mr. Gounder (Head-teacher/Principal) were very grateful and were full of praise for us all with heartfelt thanks.

The children were very excited to receive the many small balls, soccer balls, footballs, cricket bats, skipping ropes, individuals and large ones, and many other sports items that were given.

We were privileged to give the items out to the children and then join in with them playing various ball games, cricket and skipping with a large group using the large skipping rope.

The children were very happy and excited to receive these gifts of love from Australia as the Korotogo Andrah School in Sigatoka, Fiji had no sporting equipment at all until Paringa Park Primary School and St. Philip's Anglican Church jointly gave these amazing gifts to this school in such need.

We were also privileged to speak to some of the classes about 'world peace', and I was also asked to speak to the upper primary school children as they were preparing for their exams.

What a wonderful privilege we have to 'do good' for another school in another country and to see the delight and joy on their beautiful faces. It was very heart warming to help the children of Fiji.

Every blessing  
Rev Barb

## Glenelg Christmas Pageant

Our school will once again be taking part in this year's Glenelg Christmas Pageant on Sunday morning, 26 November. All families in the school are welcome to take part.

The theme for our pageant float this year is THE NORTH POLE. Elise Baldwin has made an amazing winter wonderland house covered in sweets and snow which will be our centre piece on the float. Some costume suggestions would be elves, reindeer and snowmen. PLEASE no Santas at the pageant's request as he is only on the last float. Also, we are not allowed to hand out any lollies or flyers.



Parents are welcome to walk with us but will need to be dressed up as well.

We will be led by a banner with our school name. We will need a couple of parents to pull the castle and some older children to carry the banner. Please see Sue on the day.

All children will need to wear an armband which will be available when you arrive.

We will meet at Glenelg on the day at about 10am as the pageant begins at 10.30am. We are usually on Rose Terrace, just off Jetty Road. If not, just look for our float on the trolley.

Don't forget sunscreen and water bottles! If your children are walking alone, please let a teacher know and make sure you meet us at the beach end of Augusta Street immediately after we have finished walking, NOT at the end of the pageant.

Looking forward to another fun pageant waving to the crowds!

*Sue Mauger and Elise Baldwin*

## Remembrance Day at Mitcham

Mitcham Council is offering a fantastic opportunity for children to honour our fallen soldiers and hear about some lesser known stories of the district's history. On Friday 10 November there will be a children's camp sleep out (for 9-13 year olds) in a recreated army style training village featuring conversations with older community members and children about our history, letter writing from the camp, poppy wreath making, movie under the stars. Then on Saturday 11 November the wider community is invited to a Remembrance Ceremony followed by community activities.

For more information head to [www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) or telephone 8372 8888.

## Sports Update

### Softball

Early this term a group of year 5 girls participated in a softball clinic with girls from Marion Primary and Warradale Primary. The clinic was run by the Rebels Softball Club who worked with the girls on their skills before coaching

them in 2 games. The girls had a great time and learned a lot from the day. I think they were surprised at how good they were ... especially at batting! Thank you to the Rebels players who worked so well with the girls and also thank you to Trisha, our T-Ball coordinator, who invited us to the clinic.

### AFL 9s

Last Friday, 30 year 6 students played in an AFL 9s Carnival which was run by students attending Flinders University. We had 2 girls teams and 1 boys teams. All the teams showed great skills and played well as a team. The girls both went through undefeated and the boys won 5 out of 6 games. Well done to all the players. It was a great day! Thank you to the parents who transported and supported during the day and to Jamie who coached the boys team.

### BMX

Last Sunday 2 students from our school competed in the BMXSA State Championships at Happy Valley.

Kody competed in the 8 year boys and had a hard day against 25 riders. He finished with a 1st, 4th and 3rd to qualify for the semi-final where he finished 4th and qualified for the final. He finished 7th and walked away with 7SA Plate, putting him in the top 8 riders in SA for his age group! What a great result Kody! Congratulations.



Ty competed in the 12 year boys races and rode well all day. In his early rides he finished 1st, 1st and 2nd which meant he qualified for the final. In the final he came 1st, walking away with the 1SA Plate. This means that Ty is the fastest 12 year boy, and therefore State Champion! Fantastic result Ty! Congratulations! (Thank you Nikita for passing on the results of the championships)

### Cricket

Congratulations to Lucy, Bella and Juliet who have been selected in the SAPSASA Western Zone Girls Cricket Team. They will play in the state carnival in two weeks' time. Well done girls and good luck in the carnival.

*Michelle Burton*

## Fundraising News

The Parents and Community Committee have registered our school with "Stuck on You", an online company which produces personalised items including labels, bags, drink bottles, lunch boxes and more, as well as seasonal ranges (Christmas, Easter, Back to School etc). If you are thinking about purchasing these types of items have a look at their website using the link below as every order earns a commission for our school:

<https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/PARINGAPARKPRIMARYSCHOOL>