

Diary Dates:

November

Monday 20

- Welcome to School Family Evening

Tuesday 21

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

Friday 24

- Assembly hosted by LA2-5

Sunday 26

- Glenelg Pageant

Monday 27

- Environment Committee 4pm

Tuesday 28

- Canteen Committee 2.30pm
- Sports Committee 5.15pm
- OSHC Committee 6.00pm

Wednesday 29

- New Receptions orientation

December

Friday 1

- Finance Committee 8am
- Dress Code Committee 9.30am
- LA2-5 & LA2-6 Art Auction

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 6

Morning: Ava & Steph

Afternoon: William & Marcus

Week 7

Morning: Ruby & Bella

Afternoon: Hannah & Ella

Dear Families

Next week we welcome our families of children starting Reception in 2018 with a Welcome to School Family Evening on Monday 4-5.30pm. This is a new initiative this year as we have "re-imagined" our Orientation to School program and aligned it with the DECD position paper (2013) on effective transition incorporating a range of activities for children and workshops for parents in Term 1 Week 1 next year. We recognise that transition to school from prior-to-school settings is a critical time in the life of a child and their family and as such, we are committed to a range of practices based on the 6 principles of effective transitions. These are:

- *Acting Intentionally* - We understand that transition is a process and plan to strengthen it, to ensure children are supported and their wellbeing enhanced
- *Being responsive*- Building on children's prior and current experiences helps children feel secure, confident and connected. Successful transition involves planned, professional conversations about each child in which the contributions of all parties are valued. Learning, development and wellbeing are central to successful transition.
- *Pedagogy and Play* - Young children's play allows them to explore, identify, negotiate, take risks and create meaning. Children who engage in quality play experiences are more likely to have well developed memory skills, language development and are able to regulate their behaviour, leading to enhanced school adjustment and academic learning (Bodrova E & Leong, DJ 2005)
- *Wellbeing for learning* - When we attend to children's physical, cognitive, spiritual, emotional and social well-being, we foster their confidence, optimism, perseverance and resilience – they are more able to concentrate and co-operate, and their learning potential is maximised.
- *Building partnerships* - Building genuine partnerships with families based on reciprocity and respect, is in the best interests of children
- *Professional Collaboration* - Children and families are more likely to experience positive transitions when leaders and staff across sites and services collaborate. This collaborative engagement across the care, education, health and family services adds to the holistic approach in working together with families and children.

Our Reception intake next year has a record number of siblings - 62% in fact, and we encourage these families, despite already having a child in the school already, to engage with the Orientation to School Program both this term and early next year, as it is significantly different to what you may have experienced previously. At the commencement of the program early next year we will be seeking feedback from families, so that we can reflect upon our practice and continually improve how we support both families and children in their transition to school.

Kiss and Drop

As a school we are fortunate to have a Kiss and Drop area located on the school grounds to provide a safe access for parents to pick up and drop off their child/ren at school. This area is designed to be efficient and time saving for parents and families and we seek your co-operation in supporting your child to be independent in this area (eg have their bag in the back of the car with them so they can quickly and easily get out of the car; explaining to your child the importance of being at this zone immediately after school so that when you arrive they are there ready to go as this is a "No waiting" zone). Whilst we encourage children to be completely independent with getting in and out of the car, at times parents do need to get out of their cars to assist very young children which can cause some minor delays. We seek your co-operation with being patient if this occurs.

Pupil Free Day (PFD)

Last Friday staff engaged in a day of Self-review where we considered a range of Literacy and Numeracy data, reviewed the staff, student and parent opinion surveys and heard from our specialist teachers and leaders across the school. I was most impressed with the manner in which all staff engaged in the day and worked towards providing recommendations for our future improvement agenda. This information will now be synthesized and considered by the Site Improvement Team as we form our Site Improvement Plan and structures for 2018. Please note that this day was in lieu of the PFD that has been held over the past few years on the last day of Term 4 as has been published in our school newsletters since Term 1 Issue 5.

End of Year Concert

Enclosed in this newsletter is information regarding our end of year celebration concert which this year will be held at Brighton Secondary School. The decision to move this event was based on feedback that I understand the school had received from parents over the past few years regarding lack of space, overcrowding and sound and weather issues. I am fully supportive of this initiative and am looking forward to encouraging the children with their performances, which I know they are working hard on under the direction of our Performing Arts teacher, Steph Hammond.

Kind regards, Leanne Prior

Governing Council Report

The Governing Council meeting on 6 November opened with an outstanding presentation from Oliver K on how the students' coding club operates, and included a demonstration of some of the work he is doing with Arduino devices.

In my last report I mentioned Council will establish an Annual General Meeting working party, formed of interested Governing Councillors to look at the processes and timelines around the AGM that is held in term 1. The AGM will be held on Monday 19 February 2018.

The working party met on 31st October and established communication timelines for the AGM. Key dates are:

- Friday 2nd February 2018: Information re AGM distributed to the school community via email and in newsletter
- Term 1 Weeks 1 and 2: Post on school Facebook page reminders re nominations and AGM meeting
- Monday 12th February 2018: 9am – nominations for GC close. 5pm – consideration of nominations and process if there are more nominations than positions available
- Tuesday 13th February 2018: If there are more nominations than positions vacant, parents are requested via email to write a short paragraph including their connection with the school, why they want to be on GC and what they bring to the position
- Friday 16th February 2018: 12noon – Closing date/time for paragraphs. Paragraphs to be collated and printed for reading out by Chair at AGM

Elected parent councillors' terms of office are 2 years. There will be 9 positions that will become available on Governing Council when expiring terms of office become vacant at the 2018 AGM. If there are more nominations than positions vacant then a ballot must be held to fill the vacancies.

Following an engaging See, Think, Wonder exercise, a revised Responsible Behaviour Policy was presented to Governing Council. Council moved the policy be accepted following an inclusion of a reference to the Digital Citizenship Agreement.

The next Governing Council meeting will be held on Monday 4 December.

Tim Munn
Chairperson

End of Year Celebration

A note was sent home earlier this week about our concert to be held on *Friday 8 December* at the Brighton Secondary School Performing Arts Theatre. All children are performing at both sessions, with the exception of our reception children who will only be at the 5pm concert. Due to seating capacity we are limiting sales to 2 tickets per family to enable as many mums and dads to see their children perform as possible. Tickets are on sale now for \$2 each from the front office **until sold out**. We look forward to a wonderful celebration with some amazing performances by our talented children!

Steph Hammond



Be in the Library Loop

Have you seen the Remembrance Day display in the library? We have many books related to different aspects of the World Wars – battles, loss of life, servicemen's personal stories etc. And try reading 'In Flanders Fields' or the Gallipoli books for emotional accounts of the reality of war.

The Jacarandas are flowering so that means we are one or two hayfever sneezes away from last borrowing for 2017. Anne will put the 'No More Borrowing' sign up at the end of week 7 (Friday, December 1). Meanwhile, you can choose to make a head start on the returning books process... search for misplaced books, then return them to the chute in the library.

In week 8 we will be asking for all books to be returned so the process of reshelving texts can take place.

Just to recap...

1. Continue borrowing books during weeks 6 and 7
2. Make a concerted effort to find any books which are misplaced
3. During week 8, return all the books you have borrowed
4. Find those lost items
5. Keep searching for lost books
6. Return the recently found books.

Jacquie and Anne

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 Mager and Elise Baldwin

Technology and Digital Citizenship

At Paringa Park Primary School, we acknowledge that technology has transformed education and work to incorporate digital technologies into classroom life in meaningful and effective ways. While the school offers access to a range of devices from Reception to Year 7, students from Year 3 onwards are encouraged to purchase a Chromebook to ensure ready access to technology when required throughout the school day.

We adopt a Digital Citizenship approach, supporting students to not only act responsibly when using digital technologies, but also to model creative and engaged technology use.

1:1 Chromebook Program

Paringa Park encourages families of students from Year 3-7 to purchase a Chromebook to support their child's learning through the middle and upper primary years. The Chromebook is a relatively inexpensive device that provides access to a range of programs and applications linked with each child's school account.

Running the Google Operating System, all students at Paringa Park Primary School utilise Google Apps for Education to research, record, present and organise their learning. Google Apps for Education are cloud-based, meaning that each student can access, add to and refine their work from any device with an Internet connection.

Families have the option of purchasing their Chromebook through the schools IT support provider Learning with Technologies, or purchasing privately.

For more information on the Chromebook program and device usage, please refer to the Digital Citizenship Agreement and 1:1 Handbook on our website.

Tracey Bennett

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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

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 the auction.

Sports Update

Cricket

Congratulations to Max G for his selection in the South West District Cricket Team. He will play in the State Carnival next week. Well done Max and good luck during the carnival.

Skipping

Last weekend 12 students from the school's skipping team competed in the State Skipping Championships. It was a completely new format this year as it is being aligned with the Skipping Australia Competitions. Each small group competed in both speed and freestyle events, and for the first time at state level a double dutch freestyle event. These events were a challenge for the competitors but they performed exceptionally well. All of the skippers won a medal in a freestyle event which was a great achievement and a fitting result for all their extra hours of training especially over the past month. Well done to all the skippers who competed and to their parents who got them to Wynn Vale early Saturday morning!



Michelle Burton

Beachfront Hub Music

Attached to this newsletter is some information for parents of current year 3 and 4 students about the Beachfront Hub Music program. They offer lessons on selected instruments on Wednesday mornings, and you are welcome to attend an upcoming information session on Wednesday 29 November at Brighton Secondary School.

Jon Osborne

