

Diary Dates:

December

Friday 15

- End of Term
- **Early Dismissal 2.05pm**

January 2018

Tuesday 23

- Uniform Shop open 9-11am

Monday 29

- **School resumes**

2018 Pupil Free Days

Monday 19 February
Tuesday 22 May

2018 School Closure

Friday 7 September



Wishing you all a safe
and happy holiday!

SMS Number for Absences
0427 016 460

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

Dear Families

Welcome to the final newsletter for this year. And what an amazing year it has been! I feel privileged to have been in the role of Principal this year and have been appreciative of the support of families and staff in my first year at the school. I have seen significant growth and achievement in the children's learning, both in terms of their cognitive development but also in their dispositions for learning throughout the year. I have been amazed at the number of opportunities that our educators provide for all children, within the teaching and learning program and in extra curricular activities that the school offers. These experiences allow for high levels of learning and growth and encourage each child to be the best they can be. The strong sense of community in this school is integral to our school's success and your support is very much appreciated and valued by all staff. I look forward to our continuing journey together in 2018!

Parent Workshops 2018

As a part of our Orientation to School program for parents of new reception children, we are offering a range of workshops throughout Week 1 of term 1. These workshops are open not only open to new parents, but to any other parents who may be interested in attending. The workshops are as follows:

Monday 29 January 9-10.30am Introduction to our school This will include general information about the school, our Vision for the school and how this relates to our practices, improvement priorities and information about the Australian Curriculum Facilitated by Leanne Prior

Tuesday 30 January 9-10.30am Early childhood development and learning What does it look like? What does it mean in practice? How can I help? What is Literacy and Numeracy? How does my child learn to read? Facilitated by Leanne Prior

Wednesday 31 January 9-11am Volunteer Induction and Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training Facilitated by Leanne Prior and Jenice Zerna (South Australian Association of School Parent Communities)

Thursday 1 February Healthy Eating and Wiping Out Waste – What role can I play? How can I help? Facilitated by Belinda Davies and Jo Hendriks

Friday 2 February Parent meetings with reception teachers (Reception parents only in lieu of Acquaintance Night)

In addition we have won a Parent Initiatives in Education grant which will be used to support parent workshops around the Google Platform. Watch the newsletter early next year for more information.

We have also organised for Mel Porter (speech pathologist) to run 2 workshops on Monday 9 April, 9-10am and a repeat from 7-8pm around **Phonological Awareness** – one of the integral parts of the Big 6 which form the critical skills for learning to read. More information early next year.

Celebration Concert

Wow! What a fantastic night we all had last Friday night!! The performance by the children was just brilliant and the feedback from families so far has been extremely positive. A survey link has been emailed to all parents this week and I encourage you to get online and provide us with feedback so we can build on this event in 2018. I would like to acknowledge Steph for her initiative and leadership, and her supporting committee comprising of Ashley, Vicki, Bronte, Michelle and Kelly who assisted with making things happen. Great job by everyone!

Class Placements

We had a very successful 'Moving Up Day' on Monday with children visiting their classes for 2018. Thank you to all families for your support with the change in the process this year and for approaching the transition to a new class with optimism and an opportunity for children to enact the school values of bravery and challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Kind regards

Leanne

Governing Council Report

The last Governing Council Meeting for 2017 was held on 4 December. The meeting opened with Kate and Anna, our Student Voice Representatives (SVE) discussing their meeting with SVEs from schools within the partnership at St Leonards Primary School. They outlined plans to hold joint future fundraising projects in 2018, and noted that it had been useful to meet regularly throughout the year and learn how other SVEs operated.

A reminder to the school community that the AGM will be held on Monday 19 February 2018 with the key dates being:

- Friday 2 February 2018: Look out for Information regarding the AGM
- Monday 12 February 2018: 9am – nominations for GC close
- Tuesday 13 February 2018: If there are more nominations than positions vacant, parents are requested via email to write a short statement of introduction
- Friday 16 February 2018: 12noon – Closing date/time for statement.

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

Governing Council ratified the budget for 2018, the Fundraising Policy and Out of School Hours Sport Policy.

With 2017 coming to a close, the Governing Council would like to thank all of the staff, volunteers, parents and community that make the school the success it is today. With your help, patience and feedback the school and its community have been able to grow and instil the values of Bravery, Care, Challenge and Trust.

Wishing one and all a very safe and merry festive season.

Darren Fong
Deputy Chairperson

French

Bonjour! I would like to thank the Paringa Park School community for your wonderful support of the French programme during my nine years here.

During this time, there have been many highlights:

- Lots of students have been keen to enter the Pétanque and Poetry competitions run by the SA French Teachers' Association, with great success
- Many students have been keen to bring Show and Tell associated with French
- There has been ongoing support for the Coffee and Croissants morning teas, where parents and family members have enjoyed learning more about the French programme
- The annual French assembly, hosted by the Student Voice Executive, has been an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning in French
- The yummy croissants that families have been able to order each year
- The strong association that our school has had with student teachers from Reunion Island, in 2013 and 2014, coming to teach at our school

- The innovative way of teaching French through the AIM (Accelerated Integrated Method), using a core body of the most frequently used vocabulary and gestures, to help students interact with others more easily in French

I have been very fortunate to have taught in wonderful school communities during my 39 years in teaching, and have very much valued my interactions with students, colleagues and family members.

I will miss you all very much! Now onto the next stage of my life. Oh la la!!

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)

Amitiés (Regards)
Lea Garrett

In the Library Loop...

You may have seen the YouTube clip from a few years ago showing a disgusted 3 year-old opening a present and discovering he has been given books for Christmas,

"That's not toys, that's books. Books for Christmas?" he shouts to his parents.

But have you seen the follow up clip from a year later? He is a 4 year-old with an attitude change.

"Look, I got books!" He now likes books for Christmas.

Anne and I still remember some of the books we received as Christmas gifts – Sooty Annuals, The Muddleheaded Wombat, The Horse Annuals (every year from 1969 – 1973). Unlike 'the olden days' the range of books available for young readers today is as broad as their range of interests.

Books are fabulous gifts – even for grumpy 3 year-olds.

School is over for the year, but the chance to return library books is not. Bring them in next week or next year – it's never too late. Find them, put them in a prominent place so they aren't forgotten again, then bring them back.

In 2017 26,500 books were borrowed from the library – about 50 items per student. Let's aim for more in 2018.

Until next year...

Jacque and Anne

SVE News

Back in term 3 a casual day was held across our partnership schools to raise money for the Women's and Children's Hospital. A total of \$3500 was raised and Madalen represented Paringa at the hospital on 6 December to receive a certificate of thanks. Click on the link here for more information from the hospital:

<http://www.wchfriends.net.au/schools-casual-day-provides-a-christmas-gift-to-the-hospital/>

WOW - 'Wipe Out Waste'

Paringa Park PS has been involved in many initiatives this year including the redistribution of bins and the signage to improve knowledge around the types of waste collected and for what purpose. Students from LA1-7 worked on using photographs of items directly from the canteen to show where exactly they fit into our recycling structures and place them on the top of each relevant bin so it would be easier to identify what waste goes into each specific bin.

We also won a grant to include nude food lunch boxes in our reception Welcome to School packs (thank you Holdfast Council), so that we can work towards minimising the amount of packing our school sends to landfill. We are hoping this will continue each year so that eventually every student will have had the chance to own and use a nude food lunch box.



We recently had a whole school waste and recycling audit conducted by KESAB to check the impact our Wipe Out Waste program has had this year, which included collecting all of the outdoors and inside bins for collation at the end of a day. We also checked paper and card, 10c containers, food scraps, co-mingled recyclables, toner cartridges, fluorescent tube disposal, electronic and IT equipment disposal, batteries and garden material recycling.

We answered questions around our collection systems and how effective they were, how frequently were the collections, who collects it, total capacity and cost of the services. It was a very thorough process with some very pleasing results. The audit showed a 60% reduction in waste across the school and we were commended on the process put into place to help reduce our environmental impact. As a result of this we were recognised at the Annual KESAB Presentations with an award for environmental impact in schools through the Wipe Out Waste program. We were presented with a wheelie bin trophy that is currently in the cabinet in the front office.



Congratulations to all of the WOW Team, you have all done a brilliant job this year.

*Paul Taylor
Deputy Principal*

Sports Update

Athletics

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Harper and Kaitlin R represented SA at the Pacific School Games. The results they achieved were outstanding and a credit to their hard work.

Harper – 2nd in Medley Relay; 3rd in Long Jump Relay; 4th in Discus, Shotput and 100m relay; 9th in 100m. Harper also created 2 new Pacific Games Records for his division: 17.89m in 11 year Discus & 6.20m in 11 year Shotput.

Kaitlin – 4th in 4x200m Relay; 7th overall in multi event; Personal Best in both Shotput and 100m

Well done to you both and I hope you had a fantastic week!



Weightlifting

Just an update on Luke's results. Last weekend he broke his own SA U15 State Records by 3-4 kg each lift! Well done Luke and we look forward to hearing more about your success next year.

Tae Kwon Do

In recent weeks some of our students were among a group of 14 that were involved in their Tae Kwon Do grading held here in the school gym. Congratulations to all students who participated and successfully passed their grading to move onto their next belt. A special mention to Mikah who was awarded with the overall trophy for the most consistent performer, well done Mikah. Fantastic effort everyone, looking forward to more training in 2018!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We have had a very busy SAPSASA Sports year! Looking back we have had over 156 students from years 4-7 participate in a SAPSASA event, many of them multiple times! But we wouldn't be able to go to any of the competitions without the HUGE support from the parents. Once again I thank all of you who transported, coached, scored, cheered and supported the students this year!

To the year 7 students and their parents, thank you for your support over your primary years, and all the best as you move onto your future sporting achievements!

Michelle Burton

2018 Information

Pupil Free Days 2018

Governing Council has approved the following dates for Pupil Free Days in 2018:

- Monday 19 February (Term 1 week 4)
- Tuesday 22 May (Term 2 week 4)

The school closure day will be **Friday 7 September** (Term 3 week 7).

Medication Reminder

All students' medication will be returned to them on the last day of school. Over the break could parents please check the expiry dates on all medications to ensure these will be correct for use in 2018. Out of date medications cannot be administered to children. Please also ensure that all care plans are up to date. All medication and any new medical forms or updated information will need to be returned on Monday 29 January for the first day back for 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday 23 January 2018** from **9am to 11am** if you require items before school resumes.

Vaping

I have had an enquiry from a parent in regard to adults using e-cigarettes when transporting children to school related events. As I understand it at this current time there is no DECD Policy regarding this; however the following is an excerpt from SA Health for your information: <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/protecting+public+health/tobacco+laws+and+businesses/proposed+regulation+of+e-cigarettes+in+south+australia>

Proposed regulation of e-cigarettes in South Australia

The Final Report of the South Australian Parliament's Select Committee on E-cigarettes has recommended that e-cigarettes be regulated in the interests of public health. The Final Report proposes that the sale, use and promotion of e-cigarette products be regulated in line with the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 (the Act).

The South Australian Government accepts those Select Committee recommendations that can be implemented legally and effectively through amendments to the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997. The Government proposes to regulate the sale, use and promotion of e-cigarettes in South Australia.

It is important to note that the Government's response in regulating e-cigarettes in South Australia is focused on protecting the community from the potential harms of e-cigarettes and reducing the likelihood that children will be attracted to these devices. It is not intended to limit the sale of e-cigarettes if they were approved to be sold as quitting aids in the future. Any individual or company can make an application to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to have a product approved for commercial supply in Australia as a therapeutic good.

What will the proposed changes mean?

The Government proposes to regulate e-cigarettes by making amendments to the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997. The Tobacco Products Regulation (E-Cigarette Regulation) Amendment Bill 2017 would amend the Act to define e-cigarette products separately from tobacco products, but apply similar regulation.

Under the proposed changes in relation to sale, use and promotion, it would be an offence:

- to sell or supply e-cigarette products to a person under the age of 18 years;
- to sell e-cigarette products by retail without a licence;
- to advertise and promote e-cigarette products, (including through sponsorship, competitions and rewards);
- for e-cigarette products to be displayed at the point of sale;
- to use e-cigarettes in public places that are currently smoke-free under the Act, including in a motor vehicle if a child under the age of 16 years is present;
- to sell e-cigarette products by indirect orders (including as internet sales);
- to sell e-cigarette products from temporary outlets, sales trays and vending machines.

To view the [Tobacco Products Regulation \(E-Cigarette Regulation\) Amendment Bill 2017 \(PDF 73KB\)](#)

Merry Christmas Word Search

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.

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sack
lights
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glitter
angel
stocking

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Santa
tree
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Christmas
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