

Diary Dates:

March

Monday 19

- Governing Council 7pm

Wednesday 21

- **Harmony Day**

Thursday 22

- Pico Puppets (JP classes)

Friday 23

- **Sports Day**

Monday 26

- Environment Committee meeting

Wednesday 28

- Camp LA1-1, LA1-2, LA1-10
- SAPSASA Football / Netball

Thursday 29

- Monarto Excursion LA1-7, LA1-8

April

Wednesday 4

- SAPSASA Lacrosse

Monday 9

- Phonological Awareness Workshops 9-10am & 7-8pm

Friday 13

- Early Dismissal 2.05pm

2018 Pupil Free Days

Tuesday 22 May

2018 School Closure

Friday 7 September

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

Traffic Monitors

Week 8

Morning: Abby & Anja
Afternoon: Jack & Tara

Week 9

Morning: Madz & Caitlin S
Afternoon: Jackson & Carter

Dear Families,

Over the last couple of weeks we have been working on aligning and refining our Strategic Plan for the next 3 years as well as developing a Site Improvement Plan for 2018. This process has been significant in response to greater clarification of DECD expectations by our new Education Director, Chris Sheldon and increasing accountability at a system level. Our school's Strategic and Site Improvement Plans are one stage in DECD Improvement Planning processes all focussed ultimately on delivering the key priorities for South Australia's children and young people. We are required to take into consideration and align our site priorities with:

1. The **Public Education Statement** and the **Public Education Action Plan**. These priorities include:

- Great Start
- High Achievement
- Fairness for all
- Learning in Partnership
- Better Future



DECD Learning Improvement through the DECD Strategic Plan, also sets certain standards and expectations for all sites:

2. The **Partnership Improvement Plan** which is informed by the Partnership data and the Partnership review recommendations which articulates the following priorities:

PRIORITY 1: Develop expert teachers across the Holdfast Partnership who have the skills, knowledge and support they need to perform at their highest level every day.

PRIORITY 2: Create expectations and opportunities for all students to be more responsible for and engaged in their learning through learner voice and student agency, so that both staff and students are accountable for improved learning.

PRIORITY 3: Engage with parents/carers and communities to support children's learning and development.

Our school level planning is expected to have clear connections with these directions and includes a **Strategic Plan** which includes values, vision and 3-5 year goals for the school. The **Site Improvement Plan** describes the improvement priorities for the current year. This is informed by the evidence/data produced in the site review processes and in the site external review directions. This external review, conducted in May 2015 provided clear directives for our improvement agenda:

- Raise the level of learning for all students by developing and implementing teaching agreements that ensure high quality curriculum planning and evidence based teaching practice R-7
- Increase the proportion of students achieving and sustaining higher levels of learning by monitoring each student and measuring performance against specific criteria, individual goals and site targets that are evidence-based and aspirational
- Increase student participation and and parent engagement with the learning program by actively and openly involving each child and their parents as partners in their child's learning

The staff have been involved in reworking our Strategic Plan through the Site Improvement Lead Team over the past couple of weeks and all staff this week considered improvement priorities for this year. This will also be discussed at Governing Council at their meeting next week, as the representative parent body.

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Our Strategic intent over the next 3 years sits under 3 main headings:

- **Expert Teaching:** Develop expert teachers who have the skills, knowledge and support they need to perform at their highest level every day.
- **Improvement and Accountability:** Create opportunities for professional collaboration and consistency to improve achievement and growth.
- **Engaged Parents and Community:** Engage with parents/carers as partners in children's learning and development.

We look forward to sharing this year's plans with you as they are finalised over the next couple of weeks

Prime Minister's 'Bullying' Letter

The recent letter from Mr Turnbull in regard to bullying is yet another initiative to assist in dealing with bullying and harassment. As a school we continue to work with our children in this space, especially helping them to differentiate between when others are being rude, mean or bullying - it is not always that the latter is the case. In relation to Mr Turnbull's comments, the assumption that the school is now responsible for the '24 hours/7 days per week' conduct of its children, especially online, is clearly flawed. The school alone should not and cannot be responsible for the '24/7' conduct of its children. However, if parents, carers, peers and school staff work in collaboration for early intervention, then positive outcomes can be achieved. Only by working together, and this includes at family level, can we even dream of diminishing such behaviours. It is timely also to remind parents that children should not have a presence on social media until age 13, and we encourage you to be vigilant about what your child is doing in the online space as you may "Think U Know", but do you?

Harmony Day

We are excited to be celebrating 'Harmony Day' as a whole school on Wednesday March 21st. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March, the Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs', aiming to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster sense of belonging. **Children are invited to dress up in orange for the day** and will be involved in a special assembly starting at 9am and hosted by LA1-11. Our thanks go to Vicki for her leadership in co-ordinating this celebration.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to our Sports Day next Friday 23 March and hope that many families are able to join us to encourage and support their child's participation. **A reminder that the expectation is that children attend for the whole day (ie there is no early dismissal)** and are there for the presentations at the end of the day. Hope to see you there!

Outdoor Learning

Last week every education site across South Australia received a free copy of a document developed collaboratively by Nature Play SA and all education sectors entitled *Outdoor Learning*. This was very timely for us as we undertake our Master Plan for the redevelopment of our Outdoor Learning Environment and reflects many of the principles which underpin our initiative. A reminder that if you haven't already provided feedback about the plans then please do so by Friday March 16. The Environment sub-committee will be meeting on Monday 26 March from 4-5pm to consider all the feedback.

*Kind regards,
Leanne Prior*

ICAS

Students from Years 2 to 7 have the opportunity to participate in a range of International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Attached to this newsletter is more information, including an entry form which needs to be returned to school by Monday 26 March if your child would like to participate.

*Paul Taylor
Deputy Principal*

ThinkuKnow Parent Presentation

On March 6, a number of parents attended a cyber safety workshop presented by Carrie Foster. Carrie outlined the importance of having cyber safety conversations with your child and how important it is to support your child in using technology safely and respectfully. She discussed speaking to your child about respectful relationships and creating a Family Online Safety Contract.

Knowing what your children are doing online, who they are friends with, and who they may be talking to is extremely crucial for all parents.

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet for your reference. There is also a wealth of information on their website...

www.thinkuknow.org.au

*Tracey Bennett
Assistant Principal*

Parenting SA Seminar

The first instalment of Parenting SA's seminars for 2018 will take place on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

The seminar will cover 'Raising brilliantly behaved children' and will be presented by Jodie Benveniste, psychologist, parenting author and speaker.

Jodie will talk about a variety of topics including:

- dealing with challenging behaviour in ways that bring out your child's strengths and true character
- alternatives to discipline and punishment
- encouraging cooperation rather than conflict.

Parents can attend the free seminar at the Adelaide Convention Centre or view a live webcast.

Contact: Dorian Marsland-Smith, Senior Health Promotion Officer Parenting SA, phone 8161 7159

Sports Update

Swimming

Congratulations to 3 of our students who have been selected in the South West District Swimming Team: Logan – 50m Butterfly; Noah G – 4x50m relay; Emma S - 4x50m Relay. They will compete in the State Trials soon. Well done on your selection and good luck at the State Champs!

*** SAPSASA STATE TRIALS ***

If you are **not** turning 13 this year, and have a talent in a particular sport, you are able to try out for the SAPSASA State Teams. You need to go to the SAPSASA website and follow the nomination process. I am happy to help if you need it, but it is up to parents to nominate their child. Nominations for most sports close soon!

(There may be an age exception for some teams like girls cricket, so check the website to be sure!)

Coming Events:

- District Netball Trial/Carnival (Year 6/7 only)
Wednesday 28 March
- District Football Trial/Carnival (Year 6/7 only)
Wednesday 28 March
- Southern Lacrosse Carnival (Year 5-7)
Wednesday 4 April

SPORTS DAY

Friday 23 March

All students have now been placed in their teams for Sports Day.

Class teachers make 4 even ability teams (as much as possible) so that each class has a close and fair competition on the day, without a team dominating the events. This is particularly important in the R-3 tabloid events where they compete in classes, but all classes in the school follow the same process.

This means that there is sometimes some friendly rivalry among siblings if they are in different teams! All this adds to fun friendly competition on the day. Students are encouraged to wear their team colours on the day!

It is an expectation that ALL students attend Sports Day and stay all day. It is a designated school day.

Further information, including the program, will be sent home soon.

House Captains

Congratulations to our 2018 House Captains:

HOVE:	Emily A and Gabriel H
SOMERTON:	Kaitlin R and Liam R
BRIGHTON:	Jackson S and Emerson
WARRADALE:	Olivia B and Carter

Michelle Burton

Be in the Library Loop... with Anne and Jacquie

Did you know the **Mall's balls** and **Colonel William Light** are visiting our school? They are somewhere in the library. Can you find them? These icons of our state feature in the Premier's Reading Challenge publicity for 2018, so Anne arranged for them to be permanent fixtures at PPPS for 2018. That's some clout!

And speaking of the **Premier's Reading Challenge... have you started?**

Here is the link to the recording sheet:

http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/files/pages/2018/Student%20Reading%20Records/2018_R_7_SRR.doc

Remember; you can fill the sheet out and submit electronically to:

library.prc698@schools.sa.edu.au

The PRC display area in the picture book room of the library is looking absolutely fabulous (see picture below). **Thanks, Vivonne.** Every class has a coloured ribbon on which to stick their book cut-out to represent PRC books read. When you have completed the Challenge, see Anne for your sticker of a book, and put it on your class ribbon to signify you are done!



Chelsea C. from LA1-9 you are the first to finish the PRC for 2018 at PPPS.

We will acknowledge PRC completions in every newsletter – so look out for yours and if we are remiss, then remind us, gently, so we can fix our faux pas. (Anne has been on leave for some days, so if you have submitted your form last week or in the last few days, your name will appear in the next newsletter.)

Happy reading, everyone.

Jacquie and Anne





Clean up Australia Day is a special day when we look after our environment, including our school.

On Friday 2 March we had a successful Clean up Australia Day.

Every class helped clean up our school including learning areas, the playgrounds, oval, the basketball courts and kiss and drop. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the clean up!

Our school yard looks clean so please try and keep it this way by putting your rubbish in the right bin. As Clean up Australia says "With rubbish gone nature can carry on".

Student Environment Action Team

Staff Meeting

Just a reminder that teachers are generally fairly flexible with their time to meet with parents before/after school across the week except for Tuesdays which is our staff meeting night. We appreciate your understanding that staff are required to be at staff meeting for a 3.25pm start so unless it is an emergency, we seek your cooperation in negotiating an alternative day/time. Thanking you in anticipation.

Parents & Community Committee Update

The P&C committee are seeking new members. They meet twice a term on a Thursday evening and are primarily involved in organising fundraising activities for the school, amongst other things. Upcoming events include the Election Day barbecue, Sports Day cake stall and Easter raffle. Joining this or any other committee is a great way to be involved in the school, meet new people and have a bit of fun too!

If you are interested in being a part of a passionate team, let the front office staff know who will pass your details on.

After School Sports

Netball

We are looking for any interested netballers to fill both our school netball teams. The season starts in the 2nd week of term 2 and finishes at the end of August. The year 3/4 team plays on Thursdays at 4pm and year 5/6/7 team plays Wednesdays at 4pm. All enquiries contact Sharon on 0409954990.

Football

Hi everyone – hope you are all having a great term and looking forward to our 2018 season!!

Thank you to all those parents that have already returned their 'Out of Hours Sports Nominations Forms' to the front office. Although football does not start until next term I am already busy planning the teams, fixtures, checking the kit and arrangements and have already attended the first meeting for the Tiger League which is based at Glenelg Football Club.

Chris Hamer, Football Coordinator

Staff Profile

Charlie Jarman

Role in the school: Year 2 teacher

Pets: Rabbits called Minty & Pepper

Favourite food: Vietnamese Noodle Salad Bowls

Favourite holiday destination: New Zealand

Favourite TV show: Kath & Kim

Favourite musician/band: Beyonce

If you could relive one day of your life which one would it be? The first day of the long Christmas holidays again and again!

If you could invite any four people (past or present) to dinner, who would they be and why? Peter Rowsthorn & Fiona O'Loughlin for a laugh, and Beyonce so she could sing for us.

What's your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far? I have a great class and the many morning teas!



Brighton Secondary School Year 7 - Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials

The Initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Monday 7th May (Term 2, Week 2) at the following times:

10:00am or 11:30am

Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the Final Trial on Monday 21st May at an advised time.

**If you would like to attend the trial, you must ring
Brighton Secondary School Ph 8375 8200
to book a trial time and request an application pack.**

Applications must be received Monday 30th April.

Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Years 6 & 7

*Everything you need to know about auditioning for the
Brighton's Special Interest Music Program*

Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 6.30 to 7.30pm
Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

**For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons
Brighton Secondary School on 8375 8215
or email: pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au**