

Diary Dates:

April

Wednesday 4

- SAPSASA Lacrosse

Monday 9

- Phonological Awareness Workshop 7-8pm

Wednesday 11

- Year 7 French excursion

Friday 13

- **Casual Day** for CanTeen
- Early Dismissal 2.05pm

May

Wednesday 2

- SAPSASA Cross Country
- Bike Ed starts Year 4

Friday 11

- Nature Play excursion LA1-9, LA1-11 & LA3-2
- Dresscode Committee Meeting 8am

Monday 14

- Nature Play excursion LA2-5 & 2-6
- Environment Committee meeting 4-5pm

2018 Pupil Free Days

Tuesday 22 May
Monday 3 September
Friday 2 November

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 10

Morning: Finn & Lachie
Afternoon: Emerson & Isabella

Week 11

Morning: Ruby H & Isabella
Afternoon: Jasmine R & Emily

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that it is Easter already! I sincerely hope you enjoy the 4 days over Easter and take the opportunity for family time.

Sports Day

What a fabulous Sports Day last Friday! I was most impressed with the high level of participation by the children and the spirit in which they engaged in the range of physical activities and athletics. I was also impressed with the team spirit and the encouragement children showed their team members! It was also fabulous to see so many families involved and supporting their children. A special shout out to the Canteen managers, Trisha and Nicole and the parent volunteers in the canteen and to the Parents and Community Committee and their volunteers for their efforts in keeping us all fed and watered throughout the day! I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful collaborative effort of all the staff who played their role in making the day a success. This was all of course under the fabulous leadership and co-ordination of Michelle Burton, with thanks also to Robert Pearl and Nanette Virgo who organised the tabloids and equipment for the R-3 children. What a fabulous community we have here at Paringa Park Primary School!

Loose Parts

Last year children had the opportunity to engage in play with junk materials for a week when we had a trailer of materials provided by Climbing Tree and they loved it! As a result of this experience staff have initiated a space to provide children with loose parts play from the start of Term 2. Loose parts are defined as flexible or moveable parts that children are able to use in any way they like, therefore providing opportunities to manipulate and adapt in many ways which encourages creativity, problem solving, creativity and imagination. The benefits also include an opportunity for social interaction, problem solving, testing theories and understanding and building curiosity. There is a phasing in period for loose parts in the first 2 weeks of term 2 which will include children documenting the benefits and risks associated with this type of play.

Master Plan feedback

On Monday afternoon the Environment sub-committee met to consider the feedback from the school community in regard to the Master Plan for our outdoor learning environment. Thank you to all those people who responded as the feedback was most constructive and has been collated and fed back to the landscape architect for consideration. The next step is to have a detailed drawing completed for the first area we will look at redeveloping which will incorporate the relocation of the existing nature play space to allow for the installation of additional accommodation, which DECD will be providing later this year. We are excited and hopeful of seeing some significant progress this year!

Kiss and Drop

It has been brought to our attention by a parent that some parents are 'parking' in the Kiss and Drop area at the end of the day and getting out of their cars to look for their children. Please note that this area is a 'drive through' area only. If your child is not at the Kiss and Drop please keep moving and 'do a loop' around the block and return. We appreciate your consideration of others who use this area.

New State Government

With a change of government the inevitable changes to education occur, and this week we welcomed our new Education Minister John Gardner. The Liberal Government have a clear agenda for education that potentially will impact on the work of schools over the time to come and is available for your perusal at the following link: <https://strongplan.com.au/our-plan-for-south-australia/> One of the agenda items for the Liberal Government is the move of Year 7s to High School settings which we understand will take place from the beginning of 2021. What exactly this looks like and how it will roll out is yet to be determined but I will keep you posted!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter.

Kind regards
Leanne Prior

Chairperson's Report

The Governing Council meeting on 19 March opened with an informative presentation from Ella and Issy on their upcoming excursion to the Adelaide Convention Centre for the National Young Leaders Day. They shared an insightful promotional video for this year's event and discussed the Student Voice Executive role.

It was proposed that the Governing Council agenda includes a Voices of the Community item whereby councillors can report on items voiced by the broader community. Council will continue to consider options for the tools the community can use to present constructive ideas.

Following a comprehensive presentation of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2020, Council reviewed the Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for Governing Council and Sub-Committees. Council also voted to approve Pupil Free Days on Monday 3 September and Friday 2 November, and a School Closure Day on Friday 7 September.

The next Governing Council meeting will be held on Monday 21 May.

Tim Munn
Governing Council Chairperson

National Leaders Day

On Tuesday 27 March, the S.V.E. (Student Voice Executive) was lucky enough to attend the 2018 National Young Leaders Day. All the student leaders in our Partnership were also there.

National Leaders Day is basically where school leaders gather to help us become young leaders. We met some amazingly inspirational people including John Coutis who gave a fantastic speech about overcoming your obstacles and that you can do anything you put your mind to. We also met Jules Sebastian (Guy Sebastian's wife and stylist) who told us all about being who you are; Matt Cosgrove who taught us about the power of imagination and integrity, and Nathan Bazley (Former BTN host, one of the creators of Koko VR) who helped us to realise that no matter what anybody says you can push forward through problems as long as you believe in yourself.



For more information please click on the links below...

<http://www.halogen.org.au/>

<http://www.celebrityspeakers.com.au/john-coutis/>

<https://www.mattcosgrovebooks.com/about/>

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/adelaide/programs/mornings/nathan-bazley/9228104>

SVE and Tracey Bennett

Cultures of Thinking

On 1 June this year Ron Ritchhart is coming to Adelaide to work with our partnership sites who have not yet had the opportunity to be involved with any professional learning around the Cultures of Thinking. Parents may be interested in checking out the following Facebook page which has been recently established by our Holdfast Partnership to share Ron's work and resources prior to the workshop in June.

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

Principles of the Cultures of Thinking

Skills are not sufficient; we must also have the disposition to use them. Possessing thinking skills and abilities alone is insufficient for good thinking. One must also have the disposition to use those abilities. This means schools must develop students' inclination to think and awareness of occasions for thinking as well as their thinking skills and abilities. Having a disposition toward thinking enhances the likelihood that one can effectively use one's abilities in new situations.

The development of thinking and understanding is fundamentally a social endeavour, taking place in a cultural context and occurring within the constant interplay between the group and the individual. Social situations that provide experience in communicating one's own thinking, as well as opportunities to understand others' thinking, enhance individual thinking.

The culture of the classroom teaches. It not only sets a tone for learning, but also determines what gets learned. The messages sent through the culture of the classroom communicate to students what it means to think and learn well. These messages are a curriculum in themselves, teaching students how to learn and ways of thinking.

Paul Taylor
Deputy Principal

Garden Club

Next Thursday 5 April (week 10) I will be working in the garden with small groups of children in order to get it up and running more productively. We are looking for a handful of parent helpers who may be free from 11:15am to come along and help during the day. If you are available can you please let me, Ainsley Haddow, Charlie Jarman or Shana Staude know so we know who may be coming along.

We hold Garden Club every Wednesday and Friday at lunch times, and would love some parent helpers if you would like to come along between 12:55 and 1:30pm on those days.

In addition to this we are looking for some parent helpers to come and water the garden on non-club days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings) 8:45am-9am, and during school holidays. If you are interested and available please let me know via dl.0668_info@schools.sa.edu.au so we can put your name on the roster.

Thank you
Bronte Ellison

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

Anne is helping students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge to record their efforts on their class ribbon with a stick-on book (see picture below). Eleven more students have completed the challenge. Congratulations to those people and I hope they complete many more challenges this year.



Amy S. 1-9	Ruby L. 1-10
Maddison P. 1-7	Olivia S. 1-9
Chelsea C. 1-9 (2 nd)	Ellie K. 1-9
Sienna S.W. 1-9	Harper D. 1-8
Ariana C. 1-7 (1 st and 2 nd)	Lucille T. 1-2 (1 st and 2 nd)
Hermione C. 1-9	

Every week Anne displays new books on the 'New Books' stand just inside the library door. Teachers read the books to students during borrowing and browsing time. These books are available for borrowing the following week.



Look out for the Commonwealth Games display, too. Anne has raided the stacks for books related to the sports we will see on show on the Gold Coast.

And lastly, a reminder... help your child keep track of the books they borrow and remind them to return within 2 weeks so they can keep borrowing.

Jacquie and Anne



Qkr! Reminders

Please ensure that you have updated your child's class number in Qkr. This is particularly important for lunch orders as the canteen will send the order to the class indicated. We also ask that you are careful to select the correct child when paying for excursions as the consent you are signing must be for the child who is attending the excursion. If you have any queries with the Qkr app please ask the front office staff who will be happy to assist. A reminder also that excursions will be taken off of Qkr on the "last day to pay" date as we are not able to accept late payments. Thank you.

Casual Day

In week 11 Miss Jarman from LA1-8 is cycling from Adelaide to Melbourne. She is raising money for CanTeen which supports young people who have cancer in their world. This ride is 1060km and will take Miss Jarman and her friends 7 days. Each class has been set a challenge to either walk or run their way to Melbourne around the oval during week 11. Who will make it first???

To support the cause the last day of school, Friday 13 April will be a casual day, with a gold coin donation going towards CANTEEN.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Update

SAPSASA Swimming

Last week Emma S, Logan and Noah competed in the State Metro Swimming Championships. They were all very pleased with their swims and times. Logan was 6th in Butterfly, Noah's relay team finished 4th and Emma's relay team finished 3rd with a Bronze medal. Well done!

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the South West District Softball Team. They will play in the State Carnival held in week 11 of this term. Well done on your selection and good luck in the carnival: Ella, Bayley, Kaitlin R, Jamie, Abby and Jasmine N.

SAPSASA Football & Netball

The District Carnivals were held on Wednesday for both Football and Netball. Our teams played against the other schools in the district as the players tried to impress for selection in the squad for the district teams. The footballers won 3 games against some tough opposition. The boys who have been selected for the district squad are Jed, Jackson and Kai. The netballers also had a successful day and played well as a team. The girls who have been selected for the district team are Ella L, Chelsea M, Jamie, Skye and Olivia B. Congratulations to all those who have been selected.

SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to everyone who joined in and had a great day last Friday. I have heard great reports from many teachers that students in all year levels were well behaved and showed great sportsmanship. We saw some great efforts in the long distance races in the afternoon, and the team support for the runners was loud and I am sure it helped the runners!

Congratulations to all the students who ran in the R-7 Relay, and thank you to Ada and Alec who stepped in to help out their teams when some runners were sick and unable to compete. Well done to the BRIGHTON team who won the race: Alvah, Max B, Charlie B, Ava W, Oscar, Harry R, Raphael and Jackson. (Is it because there are 3 sets of siblings in this team??)

CONGRATULATIONS to **BRIGHTON** for winning the overall shield – which I think is 2 years in row!!

Thank you to the House Captains for their work on the day and also for their preparation leading up to Sports Day.

Michelle Burton

Staff Profile

Katie Smith

Role in the school: Year 6 teacher (Thursday & Friday)

Pets: Fish & a cat

Favourite food: Chocolate

Favourite holiday destination: New York

Favourite sporting team: Port Adelaide

Favourite movie: I love a Jim Carrey movie

Favourite TV show: Offspring

Favourite musician/band: I just love good music – a range of genres

Hobbies or interests: Spending time with my 2 year old; sport and exercise; going out for coffee

Do you have any other hidden talents: I can water ski on one foot!

What's your favourite subject to teach/activity to undertake? I love teaching PE and Literacy

If you could relive one day of your life which one would it be? That feeling I had when I met my little girl for the first time

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

- Jon Bon Jovi – big fan
- PaPa – my grandpa who has passed away
- Kate Middleton – love her
- Heath Ledger – inspiring actor

What's your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far? The welcoming and friendly staff



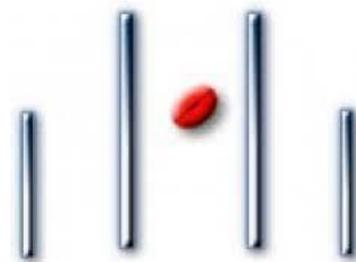
Canteen News

You may have noticed a change in staff at the canteen. We welcome Nicole Mathee as assistant manager, who will be working alongside our manager Trisha Jones. Trisha and Nicole would love to have some more volunteers, so please pop in and say hello if you are able to help out, either weekly, fortnightly or even monthly – all help is greatly appreciated.

Out of School Sports

Football

The preparation for the new season continues and it would be great if we could have any remaining nomination forms back as soon as possible please. I encourage all players in years 6 and 7 (especially those who played in the SAPSASA carnival this week) to put themselves forward as we are still short and are now talking to Glenelg Primary about a joint team.



We also need coaching support in the year 2/3 and 6/7 teams and if you can assist in any role please contact myself, Steve Diercks or Jamie Steer who would really appreciate your help. Last year we had a number of people put their hands up to do this and this meant only a very small amount of work.

Many thanks in advance for your support – stay tuned for more information about a special 6/7 game appearance at Adelaide Oval in the Showdown soon and a possible player visit to the school.

As you may know this will be my last year as footy coordinator for the school after 3 years – Maria Welsby has very kindly offered to take over next year – if anyone else is able to assist (and shadow this season) please let me know.

Chris Hamer

PPPS School Footy Coordinator

P&C News – Mother's Day Stall

Following the great success of the Father's Day stall last year, the Parents and Community Committee will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May (week 2 next term). Children will be able to select from a great range of well priced gifts for their mums. More details will be out soon!



Soccer

Welcome everybody to 2018 PPPS Soccer and thanks to everybody who has nominated to play. We have around 70 players this year, so will again field 5 teams – a great effort!!

We do need 3-4 more players each for our U8s (year 2) and

U11s (year 5), so if you have a student who would like to play, please contact Graham Smith on 0419 400 328 or gr.smith@bigpond.com ASAP.

Games will be held Saturday mornings with a mix of home games at PPPS and away games at other south-western schools, and the season runs through terms 2 and 3 commencing 19 May. Team placement sheets will be sent out soon. Thanks also to those fantastic parents who have already volunteered their time for coaching and managing the teams.

Graham Smith

Soccer Coordinator

