

Diary Dates:

February

Friday 1

- Road Crossing Training
- Volunteer Induction & RAN Training 9am

Monday 5 – Friday 9

- Year 6/7 Aquatics

Monday 5

- Acquaintance Night

Monday 19

- AGM 7pm

SMS Number for Absences
0427 016 460

SA Term Dates for 2018

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| 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 start of the school year! I trust that you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the year ahead! I know that our staff are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Today we welcomed 68 new Receptions and their families to our school as well as 24 children from interstate and other schools. At our welcome assembly on Monday we acknowledged their bravery for starting in a new setting. The new Reception families are involved this week in a comprehensive Orientation to School Program involving various workshops and our Reception educators are meeting with each family to build their understanding and relationship with each child and their carers.

This year we welcome the following staff to the school:

- Harinder Kaur who has Year 1s in LA1-6
- Charlie Jarman who is working in LA1-8 with a Year 2 class
- Victoria Edwards with Year 3s in LA1-10
- Katie Smith (0.4) who is sharing the Year 6 class in LA2-2 with Donna Williams
- Sarah Fowles (0.2) working with Ebony Wilkey in Year 5 in LA2-5
- Anita Trainor as our new Pastoral Care Worker for 8 hours per week
- Kaitlyn Maxwell-Davis (0.2) working with Annette Reid for Term 1 in LA1-1

I am sure you will join me in welcoming these staff to our school. I know they will all love working at Paringa Park Primary School with such a fabulous, cohesive and supportive staff team in a supportive school community.

Staff were invited to be involved in a Restorative Practices workshop on Tuesday of last week, and as this was prior to their required day to return to school, attendance was optional. However, 33 of our staff attended which was outstanding and exemplifies the dedication our staff have to continual improvement and embracing new learning. More information will be shared with you throughout the year either via your child's teacher or in the newsletter, but an outcome of this workshop is that you will see a lot more "Morning Circles" happening across the school as we use this as a tool to foster social emotional learning and embed a culture of thinking across our school.

This year we commence the year with 20 mainstream classes and one Speech and Language classes. As you are aware we under a Capacity Management Plan for this year due to enrolment pressures and we are awaiting the arrival of 2 new dual classrooms sometime during the year. There is no timeline at this stage for the arrival of the classrooms but I will keep the school community informed as information comes to hand. We are also looking forward to receiving the first draft of our Environment Master Plan and once this is received we will be seeking feedback from children, staff and parents prior to the plan being finalised.

On the following page is a summary of all staff and roles across the school for your information and reference.

This term's activities begin with **Acquaintance Night** on Monday 5 February. More information is included in your Welcome Pack and I encourage all families to attend.

Our **Governing Council AGM** will be held on Monday 19 February at 7.00pm in the Library at which the Annual Report will be presented outlining the school's achievement and progress in 2017. Paringa Park has an active and committed Governing Council and we are seeking new members, so please consider nominating via the form included in this newsletter or make contact with Erica in the Front Office to register your nomination. Governing Council meets twice a term on Monday evenings and sub committees at times negotiated. Please consider getting involved either on Governing Council, sub-committees or both – it is a great way to get involved and support your child's school as well as get to know other parents.

Parent Workshops

We have a number of parent workshops planned for this term in addition to those offered through our Orientation to School program which are open to all families as well as parents of new Reception children. Parent workshops this term include:

- Tuesday 27 February 9-10am & 7-8pm: *Restorative Practices*
- Tuesday 6 March 7-8pm: *Think U Know Cybersafety workshop*
- Tuesday 13 March 2-3pm or 7-8pm: *The Big 6 of Reading*
- Monday 9 April 9-10am or 7-8pm: *Phonological Awareness with Melanie Porter (Speech Pathologist)*

Non-DECD service providers in preschools, schools and educational programs

It is at the discretion of the DECD site leader to determine whether a NDIS provider can access the site to provide therapy supports to students. This will be dependent upon:

- qualifications of the provider
- ensuring relevant screening and training has been completed
- the provider holding the correct insurance
- receipt of details where limitations or restrictions have been placed on professional practice
- ensuring there are available facilities
- ensuring there is 'line of sight' with the student at all times
- volume of requests
- educational needs of the student.

Schools are obligated to provide a mandated amount of instructional time and have a duty of care for students therefore is it **important** that service providers and families are aware that schools **cannot guarantee** that non-DECD service providers can provide services on a school site during/after school hours.

School Priorities

Our School Priorities 2018 are a continuation of the improvement agenda from 2017 following a review by staff at our Pupil Free Day in Term 4 2017. More detailed information regarding these priorities will be shared with the school community over the course of the year but in summary they are as follows:

- To continue to develop a **Culture of Thinking**: How do we leverage the 8 cultural forces (expectations, language, time, interactions, environment, modelling, opportunities, and routines) to make thinking, valued, visible and actively promoted? This priority is under the leadership of Paul Taylor.
- **Embracing innovative pedagogies**: Educators and children access learning anywhere anytime to explore within and beyond the classroom environment to deepen their understanding and connections to learning. This priority is under the leadership of Tracey Bennett.
- **Whole site approach to Literacy**: Developing and implementing a Literacy Agreement (Spelling, Reading and Writing). What are the evidence based high impact teaching strategies in Literacy? This priority is under the leadership of Leanne Prior.

2018 Staffing

Leadership:

Principal: Leanne Prior

Deputy Principal: Paul Taylor

Assistant Principal – Innovative Pedagogies: Tracey Bennett

Class Teachers:

- Reception: Kelly Mitchell, Vicki Hodgson, Shana Staude
- Year 1: Nanette Virgo (0.8) and Tracey Bennett (0.2), Harinder Kaur
- Year 1-2: Ainsley Haddow (0.8) and Jacquie Grover (0.2)
- Year 2: Elise Baldwin, Charlie Jarman
- Year 2/3: Robert Pearl
- Year 3: Victoria Wood; Annette Reid
- Year 3/4: Andrea Moss (0.8) and Paul Taylor (0.2)
- Year 4: Ashley Jupe
- Year 4/5: Ivan Cooper
- Year 5: Daniel Mills, Ebony Wilkey (0.8) and Sarah Fowles (0.2)
- Year 6: Clint Durbridge, Donna Williams (0.6) and Katie Smith (0.4)
- Year 7: Jon Osborne (0.8) and Nathan Betts (0.2), Georgina Staben
- Speech & Language – Nancy Shaw

Specialist Teachers:

- French - Bronte Ellison
- Performing Arts/Choir - Steph Hammond
- PE - Michelle Burton
- EALD/Student Support: Lena Lloyd
- Library: Jacquie Grover (0.2)
- Student Wellbeing Leader: Jon Osborne

Student Support Officers:

- Classroom - Vivonne Amoy, Caroline Cobb, Jane Davies, Melanie Milne, Annette Stagg
- Library - Anne Dingle
- IT Systems - Alastair Taverner
- Grounds - Murray Oliver
- Business Manager - Susan Mott
- Front Office - Linda Chambers, Erica Staude, Annette Stagg
- Pastoral Support Worker: Anita Trainor
- Canteen Manager: Leesa Turner

In other staff news we congratulate Nerida Menzel and her husband Luke, on the birth of their first child and son, Benaiah Andrew Menzel on 28 December 2017, and congratulate Elise Baldwin on her engagement to her partner James, and congratulations also to Katie Smith and her partner Lincoln on their engagement.

I am privileged to be the Principal at Paringa Park Primary School which is such a wonderful school with a fabulous and supportive school community and I look forward to the possibilities and opportunities that the year ahead brings for us all.

Regards

Leanne Prior

Governing Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Paringa Park School community will be held at school on Monday 19 February 2018 from 7 to 8pm in the Library.

I would highly recommend that you attend the A.G.M, as it will provide you with information about our school's achievements this year.

Parents interested in nominating for the Governing Council vacancies for 2018 are asked to submit their name and telephone number to the front office on the included nomination form. Nominations close at 9am on Monday 12 February.

We urge you to consider the possibility of being a member of Governing Council. It is through the Governing Council in particular that the Principal and Staff of the School are able to remain informed about the wishes of the local school community. Also, as a member of Governing Council, you personally will become much better informed about the operation of the School and the quality of State education, and be able to actively contribute to the future directions of the School.

As a locally managed school, the constitution of the Governing Council outlines the following membership guidelines:

- The majority of councillors must be elected parents of the school.
- At the time of election, nomination or appointment, persons who are DECD employees must not comprise the majority of elected parent members and must not comprise the majority of councillors.
- A person is not eligible for election, appointment or nomination to the Council, if the person is an undischarged bankrupt or is receiving the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors or has been convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.
- Councillors will be elected for a two-year term.
- Only parents of the school may vote to elect councillors.

Governing Council meets twice each term from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, on a Monday night.

Parents will receive a summarized copy of the Governing Council Annual Report for 2017. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting, or by request at the front office. Following the meeting the Report will also be accessible on the school web site.

Governing Council Committees

The Governing Council also has a number of Committees, which include: Finance, Environment, Parents and Community, Sport, Dress Code, Canteen, and OSHC.

To be on a Governing Council Committee, it is not necessary to be a member of the Governing Council. Membership of Committees may include Governing Council members, non-Governing Council members, staff and interested school community members. Parent representation is essential on these committees to ensure that a wide variety of viewpoints is received.

Governing Council members on Committees report back to the Governing Council. If you would like to be a member of any of the above Committees, could you please indicate on the nomination form and return to Erica as soon as possible.

Paringa Park Primary School
Governing Council & Sub-Committee Nominations 2018
Nominations Close 9am Monday 12 February 2018

Name: (please print) _____ Phone No: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class Room _____

SECTION 1 – GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION

I nominate to join the Governing Council

Signed: _____

Seconded:

Name: _____

Signed: _____

- ◆ Positions on the Governing Council are nominally for a term of 2 years. Only half the positions become vacant each year, so that there is continuity.
- ◆ Currently there are 9 vacancies. In the event that more than 9 individuals are nominated, elections will be held. Nominees may be required to give a brief statement of why they should be elected.
- ◆ Council Members are expected to belong to at least one (1) sub-committee. They are not required to be Convenor or Chairperson of that committee but are required to represent that sub-committee at Governing Council meetings.
- ◆ Please see overleaf for further information.

SECTION 2 – SUB-COMMITTEE NOMINATION

I do not wish to nominate for Governing Council but I am interested in the following Sub-Committees:

- Facilities
- Out of School Hours Care
- Canteen
- Parents and Community
- Dress Code
- Out of School Hour Sports
- Finance

Nominations must be received by the Front Office by 9am Monday 12 February