

Diary Dates:

February

Monday 17

- Governing Council AGM 7pm

Thursday 20

- SAPSASA Swimming

Friday 21

- Assembly hosted by LA1-6 & 2-7

Tuesday 25

- Parent Forum 6pm
Year 7 to High School – for parents of current year 5 & 6 children

Wednesday 26

- LA4-1, 4-2 & 1-9 Beach Day

March

Monday 2

- Environment committee 4pm

Tuesday 3

- P&C Quiz Night meeting 6pm

Thursday 5

- Parent Workshop 9am & 6pm
Phonological Awareness

Friday 6

- Pupil Free Day

Monday 9

- Public Holiday

Friday 27

- Sports Day

SMS Absence Number

0476 857 224

SA Term Dates for 2020

Term 1	28 Jan to 9 April
Term 2	27 Apr to 3 July
Term 3	20 Jul to 25 Sept
Term 4	12 Oct to 11 Dec

School Values

Bravery Care
Challenge Trust

Traffic Monitors

Week 4

Morning: Annabella & Adele
Afternoon: Cody & Kai

Week 5

Morning: Reuben & Mitchell
Afternoon: Mahika & Hermione

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families visiting our school last Tuesday evening to meet with our educators as a part of our **Acquaintance Night**. The feedback from parents and staff was really positive with many people stating that they enjoyed the informal picnic on the oval and the opportunity for children to be involved in visiting classes.

A reminder that our PPPS Governing Council **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 7pm on Monday 17 February 2020 in the library and I would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. The AGM is a wonderful opportunity to hear the achievements of the school over the past year and to learn about the school's current priorities. All families are invited to come - you do not have to be nominating for a position on the Governing Council in order to attend, although it is a good opportunity to offer your expertise, become involved at the school and contribute towards future directions. The AGM will be followed by a short meeting of the new Governing Council.

A very special welcome to our **Reception children and their families!** The children have settled in remarkably well over the past 3 weeks, being brave and accepting the many challenges that come with beginning school. Children have now experienced not only how the classrooms works, but also PE with Mrs Burton, Science with Ms Mitchell, French with Mdme Dupont and Performing Arts with Ms Hammond, not to mention managing themselves at recess and lunch. These children have been so well supported by their families during this time of transition, and by their Reception educators, Elise Mack, Chanelle Pomeroy, Nanette Virgo and Vicki Hodgson with support from our SSO team Mel, Deb and Caroline, who have all done everything possible to ensure every child has a successful start to their time at our school.

One of the strategies we use successfully at our school to support engagement and a sense of community is our **Buddy Class** system. This year the Buddy Classes are as follows:

- LA1-1 Elise Mack (reception) & LA2-11 Clint Durbridge (y6)
- LA1-2 Chanelle Pomeroy/Nanette Virgo (rec) & LA2-5 Ebony Wilkey (y5)
- LA1-3 Vicki Hodgson (rec/y1), LA3-1 Harinder Kaur & LA4-1 Annette Reid (y5)
- LA1-4 Ainsley Haddow (y1) & LA2-10 Jon Osborne (y7)
- LA1-5 Lillie Gepp (y1) & LA1-10 Margy Holland/Eleanor Freeth (y3/4)
- LA1-6 Sarah Fowles (y2) & LA2-7 Georgii Staben (y7)
- LA1-7 Robert Pearl (y2) & LA1-9 Paul Adler (y5/6)
- LA1-8 Charlie Jarman (y2) & LA2-2 Donna Williams/Jamie Meredith (y6/7)
- LA4-3 Victoria Edwards (y3) & LA4-2 Ivan Cooper (y5)
- LA4-4 Jo Scott (y3) & LA2-6 Daniel Mills (y4)

In **staffing news** we have welcomed back Anita Trainor as our Pastoral Care Worker and she is working Tuesdays and Wednesdays this year. Please refer to further information later in this newsletter regarding Anita's role in our school. We also are thrilled to have Lisa Merritt, our Aboriginal Community Education Officer, who is working Wednesdays and Fridays to support our ATSI children. This week we also appointed Bec Martin to our Aboriginal Education Teacher role and she will be working closely with Lisa to implement our Aboriginal Strategy. Kelly Mitchell will commence her Technology Coaching role next Tuesday and will be backfilled by Bel Davies who will be taking Science classes each Tuesday. This week we also welcome David Smith who won the groundsperson position for this term.

Congratulations to our newly appointed **Student Voice Executive** who, I am sure, will have a positive influence on our school throughout 2020. This years SVE is:

Aryan A, Angus B, Ella B, Chelsea C, Tyler C, Olivia C, Che D, Katie L, Paris M, Rhys M, Harry P & Piper S.

Kind regards, Leanne Prior

Literacy Improvement for All Library news!

“If you want intelligent children, give them a book. If you want more intelligent children, give them more books.” - Jackie French

Welcome back to the 2020 school year!

Our library continues to be a much loved, busy hub of the school. Every reception-year 7 class has their own ‘browsing and borrowing time’ across Monday-Thursday which gives children a chance to browse our huge range of texts and borrow books to take home to read. Some classes are using this time to meet with their buddies and it is wonderful seeing the younger children working together with the support of their big buddies on all things literacy.

During lunch time the library is open for all children to enjoy from 12:55 - 1:15 pm. We also have clubs that meet at lunchtimes in the library. A sign will be going up on the front door soon to let you know which clubs are on which days.

Our library is also open every morning from 8:30am and after school till 3:25 pm (except Friday afternoons). Please feel free to pop in to borrow a book or sit and read a book with your child.

We look forward to seeing you in the library soon!

Tracey, Anne and Caroline

Wellbeing and Engagement

Kidsafe SA Child Accident Prevention community presentation

Come along to this free, informative session on child safety and injury prevention for new parents, carers and other interested community groups. Topics include safe infant sleeping, prevention of burns and scalds, child car restraints, and unsafe products + much more! Presented by Kidsafe SA.

Morning tea provided. Not suitable for children – adults only.

Friday 21 February 10am–11.30am
Cove Civic Centre
1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove

This is a free presentation but **bookings are essential:**
[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Assembly Acknowledgements

Congratulations to the following children and classes who were acknowledged at the last assembly for upholding our school values:

- **All new receptions**
For being brave about their first two weeks of school and challenging themselves to try new things.
- **Hayden Z & Arthur C (LA1-7)**
For settling in so well to the class and displaying all of the school values over the last two weeks.
- **Emily C (LA3-1)**
For showing care by helping new students during recess and lunch times.

Bravery Care Challenge Trust

Absences and Communication

Any child who is not in their classroom at 8.45am is considered late and must present to the front office to sign in and collect a yellow late slip to give to their teacher. If your child needs to leave school early, parents/caregivers are asked to come into the front office to sign their child out. We will call the class for your child to meet you at the office.

The number to text for student absences is 0476 857 224. Please text this number by 9am if your child will be late or absent from school and include a reason for their absence. The marking of attendance is a legal document. All absences, be they 2 minutes late or two days, are marked as unexplained unless parents provide the school with an explanation (via telephone, text or written note). A text message will be sent to parents/guardians if a child is late or absent without an explanation.

Should you need to get a message to your child during the day, all communication must be made through the front office by calling 8296 8904. We will attempt to contact the class teacher to pass on **urgent** messages only. Parents are kindly asked to make personal arrangements before school as much as possible to limit the disruption to classes. Please note, the absence text message line should not be used for other purposes. Any general communication to your class teacher should be done via Seesaw or email.

We also ask that if you need to drop anything off during the day (forgotten lunches, homework etc), please do not go to the classroom, rather drop it to the office and we will get your child to collect it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Parent Workshops

Year 7 to High School Tuesday 25 February 6-7pm

We invite families of current year 5 and 6 children to come along to an open forum to be held in the library. At this meeting families will get the opportunity to share all the things that they believe we need to take into consideration in supporting our children with the transition of year 7s to high school. This will not be a time for answers but an opportunity to share your concerns, issues and thinking.

Oral Language and Phonological Awareness Thursday 5 March

All families are invited to attend this workshop presented by Kathryn Anderson, our department speech pathologist. There will be 2 sessions on this day: 9am-10.30am and 6pm-7.30pm. Kathryn will share with families the importance of oral language, explain what phonological awareness is, and discuss strategies parents can use to support their child at home. We look forward to seeing you there.



Excursion & Event Payments Due

Preferred payment method is via Qkr!

Payments can also be made at the front office from 8.30am – 9.30am Monday to Friday.

Please contact the front office for any payment queries.

Late payments will not be accepted.

- **Year 7 Canberra camp deposit**
\$100 due 3pm Thursday 5 March

Introducing our New Staff

In the last newsletter we introduced you to the two new members of our leadership team, Margy and Jamie. This week we introduce several more new faces (including one or two who you may recognise!).



Paul Adler

Paul is teaching year 5/6 in LA1-9. He joined us in term 4 last year and has worked in the Lutheran school system for many years as a teacher, deputy principal and principal. Paul enjoys gardening and spending time with family.



Belinda Davies

Belinda will be teaching science on Tuesdays. She has worked as a contract and relief teacher at Paringa Park for a number of years and has a special interest in health and wellbeing.



Gemma Dupont

We welcome Gemma as our French teacher while Bronte Ellison is on maternity leave. Gemma, who is half French, has been teaching languages for many years and has just returned from living in Paris for 6 years.



Eleanor Freeth

Eleanor is teaching year 3/4 in LA1-10 along with Margy Holland. She will be here on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Eleanor joins us from Burnside Primary School where she taught science and junior primary. Eleanor is very pleased to be at Paringa Park.



Bec Martin

Bec has been appointed as our Aboriginal Education Teacher for 2020 and will be working on Wednesdays. Bec has worked at Paringa Park for a number of years as a contract and relief teacher and it's great to have her back again this year.



Deb McGlennon

Deb is one of our SSOs and will be working across a number of classes. She has been working as an SSO at Paringa Park since last year. You may know Deb from her work with Camp Australia. We are very pleased to have Deb back this year.



David Smith

David is joining us this term as groundsperson while Murray is on long service leave. He also works at the School of Languages and will be at Paringa Park on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Great to have you on board, David!

Year 8 Information

Attention year 7 families! Early next term you will receive information about starting high school. This year the process will be completed online for placement in a government school. Attached to this newsletter is more information from the department.

What do you need to do now?

Update your contact details with your primary school

Make sure your email and residential addresses are up to date with us. Please see front office staff if you need to update these.

Check high school open days & tours

High schools will soon be having their open days/nights. You will need to contact the schools which you are interested in or check their websites for information about open days and school tours. Be mindful that if you are thinking of applying for a special entry program for your son or daughter, closing dates for applications do vary between schools and many have their closing dates during term 1.

Contact the front office if you require any more information.



Assemblies 2020

Check the roster for when your child's class is hosting assembly and pop the date in your diary. We love to see parents/caregivers/grandparents come along!

Term 1

Week 4 – LA1-6 & 2-7

Week 6 – no assembly, pupil free day

Week 8 – LA1-10 & LA3-1

Week 10 – LA4-3

Term 2

Week 2 – LA2-2

Week 4 – LA1-9

Week 6 – LA4-4

Week 8 – LA1-7

Week 10 – LA2-6

Term 3

Week 2 – LA2-11

Week 4 – Science Assembly

Week 6 – LA2-5

Week 8 – LA1-8

Week 10 – LA1-4 & 1-5

Term 4

Week 2 – French Assembly

Week 4 – LA1-1, 1-2 & 1-3

Week 6 – LA4-1 & LA4-2

Week 8 - SVE

*NB LA1-6, 2-7 & 2-10 have already hosted.

Lost Property

Already we are seeing a large amount of lost property! Please make sure you name all of your child's belongings, including lunch boxes, jumpers and hats using **both their first and last names**. We will return items which are clearly named.

Anita's Corner

Welcome to all new families at Paringa Park and welcome back to the old ones!

I thought it would be good to introduce myself and tell you about my role. I am the school's Pastoral Care Worker. I have a Bachelor of Education and over 15 years experience as a teacher. I have been here at Paringa for 2 years.

There are six dimensions to my role and they are:

- Social and Emotional Support
- School Engagement
- Community Engagement
- Extra-Curricular Contribution
- Spiritual Support
- Mentoring and Role Modelling

In practice at Paringa Park Primary I spend my days helping out in classrooms, running small groups for children (predominantly social skills or emotional wellbeing), working individually with children and meeting with parents to offer support. In term 3 I run Paringa's Got Talent, our annual talent show. What amazing talent there is at this school! I also like to check in with the lovely staff here and encourage them in their roles.

We are fortunate to have the support of Reverend Barb from St Philip's Anglican Church, Brighton. Barb is on the Governing Council and actively supports the Paringa Park community.

As parents and families I am also here to support you. I believe it is important for school and home to work together. This means that if you have any concerns, either at home or at school I would be happy to be of assistance if I can. It might involve referring you to other resources, listening over a cuppa or following through some of your ideas to support your child.

I am at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You can contact me via email or through the front office. My office is in the same room as lost property so feel free to pop in for a chat.

Take care,

Anita Trainor

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Fun and Games

Each year we run a "fun and games" motor coordination program for all reception children aimed at developing and extending children's gross motor skills, ball skills, listening and concentration skills and social skills such as working cooperatively, sharing and turn taking.

The program runs in the mornings and the children are placed in small groups and complete separate activities. The planned activities incorporate the learning focus for the term. Whilst the children really enjoy fun and games, the program allows staff to monitor children's development in a range of areas.

Our program is facilitated by volunteers and we are always looking for extra helpers. Please email Tracey if you are interested in helping out.

tracey.bennett463@schools.sa.edu.au

PARINGA PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE PARENTS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
ARE GETTING READY FOR THE 2020

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15th August

We are after volunteers to join the Quiz night committee and/or help with odd jobs (e.g., wrapping hampers, collect donations, set up and/or run games on the night).

**First Meeting 3rd March,
6pm, Staff Room**

CONTACT ANTHONY (0416052425) or LEIGH (0481411152) FOR ANY QUERIES

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Scholastic Book Club

Please note, orders from the Scholastic Book Club catalogues can only be completed online. The school does not accept cash orders. Thank you.

**BRIGHTON
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**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*

Tuesday 24 March 2020, 6.30 to 7.30pm
Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

**For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons 8375 8215
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