

Diary Dates:

February

Tuesday 2

- Acquaintance Night
Sausage Sizzle from 5pm
Classes open from 6pm
AGM 7pm

Wednesday 3

- Year 6/7 Aquatics

Friday 5

- Assembly hosted by LA2-5 & LA2-6
- Dresscode meeting 8am

Tuesday 9

- **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Thursday 11

- Canteen Committee 2pm

Monday 15

- Governing Council 7pm

Friday 19

- Assembly hosted by LA1-10

SMS Absence Number

0476 857 224

SA Term Dates for 2021

Term 1	27 Jan to 9 Apr
Term 2	27 Apr to 2 Jul
Term 3	19 Jul to 24 Sep
Term 4	11 Oct to 10 Dec

School Values

Bravery
Care
Challenge
Trust

Traffic Monitors

Week 2

Morning: Hayden & Brodie
Afternoon: Nic & Oscar/Will

Week 3

Morning: Eddie & Calum
Afternoon: Katie & Matilda

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.

This week we welcomed 51 new Receptions and their families to our school as well as 8 children from local, interstate and overseas schools. At our welcome assembly on Wednesday morning we acknowledged their bravery for starting in a new setting.

The new Reception families were involved this week in a comprehensive Orientation to School Program involving various workshops, and our Reception educators met with each family to build their understanding and relationship with each child and their carers.

This year we commence the year with 21 mainstream classes and one Speech and Language class and we welcomed back the following staff to our school:

Class Teachers:

- Reception - LA1-1: Elise Mack; LA1-2: Lillie Gepp-Blunden
- Reception/Year 1: LA 1-3: Vicki Hodgson
- Year 1 - LA 1-4: Ainsley Haddow; LA 1-5: Sharon Kuchel
- Year 1/2 - LA1-6: Bethany Harris (0.6) and Tracey Bennett (0.4)
- Year 2 - LA 1-7: Kirsty Arnold; LA 1-8: Charlie Jarman
- Year 3 - LA 1-9: Robert Pearl; LA 1-10: Jo Scott-Watherston; LA1-11: Vic Edwards
- Year 4 - LA 4-3: Sarah Fowles; LA 4-4: Eleanor Freeth (0.8) and Bec Martin (0.2)
- Year 4/5 - LA 2-7: Ebony Wilkey
- Year 5 - LA 4-1: Annette Reid; LA 4-2: Ivan Cooper
- Year 6 - LA 2-2: Donna Williams (0.8) and Amy Pickburn (0.2); LA 2-10: Daniel Mills; LA 2-11: Clint Durbridge
- Year 7- LA 2-5: Georgii Staben (0.8) and Katie Dixon (0.2); LA 2-6: Jon Osborne
- Speech and Language Class - LA 3-1: Harinder Kaur

Specialist Teachers:

- Lena Lloyd (0.7 Learner Support)
- Michelle Burton (1.0 PE)
- Bronte Ellison (0.6 Mon-Wed) and Mathieu Dennis (0.4 Thurs-Fri) (LOTE)
- Steph Hammond (1.0 Performing Arts)
- Kelly Mitchell (1.0) and Belinda Snell (0.2 Wednesdays) (Science)
- Bec Martin (0.2) Aboriginal Education Teacher

School Services Officers

SSOs: Susan Lane (Business Manager), Erica Staude and Linda Chambers (Front Office), Annette Stagg (Front Office and Class Support), Anne Dingle (Library Manager), Melanie Milne, Deb McLennon, Brant Eustice and Caroline Cobb (Classroom Support), Anita Trainor (Speech and Language Class), Lisa Merritt (Aboriginal Community Education Officer), Lisa Goodings (Canteen Manager), Alastair Taverner (IT Systems) and Douglas Brookes (Groundsperson).

Leadership

Leanne Prior (Principal), Tracey Bennett (Senior Leader R-2 sub school and whole school literacy), Margy Holland (Senior Leader 3-5 sub school and whole school mathematics), Jamie Meredith (Senior Leader 6-7 sub school and whole school learner engagement and wellbeing) and Georgii Staben (0.2 Wednesdays Technology Coach).

We are so fortunate to have such a highly committed and professional staff across our school and I am confident that your child is in for a fabulous year.

In other staff news we congratulate Lillie on her engagement to her long term boyfriend, James. With Anita Trainor's successful application for the SSO position in the Speech and Language Class, the Pastoral Care Worker position is currently vacant and will be advertised for merit selection this term.

Acquaintance Night

This term's activities begin with Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 2 February following a format initiated by the Governing Council. An email with all the details was sent to families on Thursday 28 January, with a summary provided here for your information. Please note the following COVID-19 restrictions are in place:

- Do not attend if you are unwell
- Bring coins for purchasing drinks (\$2) - the sausage sizzle is free
- Maintain physical distancing (2 metres) at all times
- Only one parent per child in a classroom/specialist area

At this stage parents will not be required to check in using the school's QR code, as all metropolitan primary schools are required to introduce this on Monday 8 February (refer information later in this newsletter).

Acquaintance Night program:

5–6pm	Sausage Sizzle adjacent to the canteen
6–6.30pm	R-3 visit specialist teachers 4-7 meet the class teacher
6.30–7pm	R-3 meet the class teacher 4-7 visit specialist teacher

Following the Acquaintance Night, all families are invited to join us in the **Gym** (please note change of venue due to COVID-19 restrictions) for the **Governing Council AGM**, which commences at 7pm and will conclude no later than 7.45pm. At the AGM the school's achievements in 2020 will be shared, and the Student Voice Executive for 2021 presented.

Paringa Park has an active and committed Governing Council and we are seeking new members! We meet regularly, twice a term to talk about the direction for the school.

Benefits of being on Governing Council include:

- You get to share your thoughts and opinions
- You hear what other people think
- You become well informed about what is happening in our school
- You get to know other parents
- You get to understand how the school works
- You learn how things "fit together" at school

You don't work alone when you are on a Governing Council. You and the Principal have shared responsibilities, but your day-to-day involvement is different.

Some differences between governance and day-to-day management:

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan (which refers to the education outcomes/priorities)
- be the employing authority of some services such as the canteen

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- give educational leadership outcome
- carry out the site's policies
- carry out the site improvement plan

Our Governing Council has a number of **sub-committees** which meet and discuss certain aspects in detail. These sub-committees are where you can really get involved. **This is where the action is!** Sub-committees are convened by a Governing Council member; however, parents and interested community members are welcome to join a sub-committee without being on the Governing Council. Sub-committees report back to Governing Council and any recommendations from sub-committees are discussed and decided upon at Governing Council. Our sub-committees include **Parents and Community, Dress Code, Finance, Canteen, OSHC, Out of School Sports and Parent Innovation**. Attached to this email is an overview of all of these sub-committees, their roles and dates and times of meeting for this year.

Governing Council members need to be positive, respectful, confidential, and be part of a team to work proactively with other Governing Council members, school leadership, staff and students to ensure our school continues to be a quality education facility which maximises opportunities for all our young people.

More information can also be found on the Department's Governing Council portal:

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>

Our **School Priorities 2019-2021** are documented in our Site Improvement Plan (available on our [website](#)). Over the past 2 years our focus has been on increasing student achievement in Writing and Reading. We will continue to maintain the excellent evidence based practices we have put in place in all classrooms in English in 2021, as our focus now moves to increasing student achievement in Mathematics. Margy Holland will be leading this improvement area, which commences with our **Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 9 February** with Professor Di Siemon.

In September 2020, the Department released a suite of materials to support curriculum implementation in our schools. Our staff have already commenced using these resources to document their yearly planning for 2021 and Term 1 Overview, in their year level teams. Every parent will receive a **Term Overview** from their child's class teacher by the end of Week 2 each term. The first overview will be distributed to parents by Friday next week and will provide an overview of the learning for Term 1.

Parent Code of Conduct and Complaints

Governing Council approves the Parent and Volunteer Codes of Conduct which we are including in the email with this newsletter. These outline the principles of behaviour and respect for all people in our school community and are reflective of our 4 core values of Care, Trust, Challenge and Bravery. I encourage all parents and volunteers to take a look at these documents as they form the basis for our partnership in learning and education in our school community.

From time to time parents have concerns which they would like to raise with a teacher in the school. As a staff we are committed to working together to resolve concerns or complaints and should this occur parents are asked to follow the "Raising a complaint with DECD" process. It is not always convenient to have a conversation with teachers immediately before or after school and as documented in the process we ask that you make a time to talk to the teacher involved to discuss your concerns either in person or over the phone. Putting them in writing in an email or

letter is also appropriate. Staff strive to respond to such correspondence between 48 hours of receipt (Mon-Fri) of such communication within the school term. This timeline has been endorsed by Governing Council.

The **Capacity Management Plan** that was in place for our school has now been officially revoked.

We are thrilled to welcome Rebecca Mumford, who heads up the **Greenhill Garden Living Program** to our school. Rebecca is going to be working with classes on further developing our school garden. Please refer information from Rebecca in the email attachments with this newsletter. Rebecca will be here working in the garden three days a week each term. Her dates for Term 1 are: Friday 29 January, Monday 29 March and Thursday 1 April. Parents who have met all the department requirements for volunteering are welcome to come along and assist.



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.

*Kind regards,
Leanne*

QR Code COVID-Safe Check-in

SA Health is rolling out the COVID Safe Check-in across all schools. From **Monday 8 February**, COVID Safe Check-in will be in effect at our school.

All adults (including parents) entering the school must check-in by scanning the QR code displayed at all entry points into the school, or by completing the paper recording log which will be located at the front office. Children and students do not need to check-in.

You will be required to check in whenever you come on site, ie at drop off and pick up, and if volunteering or visiting for any other reason.

Please note the COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Front Office Information

Our friendly front office staff are able to assist you with any queries between 8:30am – 3:30pm.

For payment of accounts our preferred method is Qkr, or alternative options include cash sent with your child, BPoint (via our website), telephone payment or over the counter payments Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am (we are unable to accept in-person payments outside of these times).

A reminder that payments for all excursions and events close at 3pm on the last day to pay. We aim to give families as long a timeframe in which to pay as possible, but due to administrative requirements we strictly adhere to the cut off times and dates. No late payments will be accepted.

If payment of any accounts or events causes financial difficulty for your family, please contact our finance officer.

Qkr!

We encourage families to make use of the Qkr! app to pay for most invoices and excursions, as well as ordering uniforms and canteen lunches. Please remember, Qkr! is not personalised. This means that anything available for payment across the school is visible to all users and items will not disappear once paid. Please only pay for items relevant to your child and only pay once per item. If you are unsure if you have paid, you can check in the “activity” menu or contact the front office.

Have you updated your child’s class information in Qkr yet? It is crucial that this is done at the start of each year. Please ensure you have done this before making any payments in 2021.

School Card

For those families who may be eligible for school card assistance, a reminder that all applications can now be completed online via www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard Please see the website for more information or contact the front office for assistance.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop operates via Qkr only, however we will be open for in-person sales on Friday in week 2 only from 8.30am to 9.30am.

Uniform purchased on Qkr by 5pm will be delivered to your child the following day. We are happy to exchange sizes provided all tags remain attached to the garments. If you do not use Qkr, please contact the front office for alternative purchasing methods.

Credits

A reminder that many families will have a credit sitting against their account from the swimming and aquatics events which were cancelled last year due to COVID-19. Please contact the front office if you are unsure if you have a credit, or to have it applied against your child’s school fees, excursions, uniform purchases or any other invoiced item.

Have you seen our new website? Head to www.paringpkps.sa.edu.au and check it out!

Are you on **Facebook**? Check out our page for lots of up to date information and handy links @paringaparkprimary



Student Safety



For safety reasons, the staff/visitor car park is OUT OF BOUNDS. We ask that parents **do not use the carpark as a thoroughfare** when walking your children to and from school. There are pedestrian gates on Bowker Street near the crossing and on Margaret Avenue. Please note the car park is

reserved for staff and visitors only and is **not to be used by families** when dropping off or collecting children.

We would also like to remind families that the streets surrounding our school do have a 25km/h limit when children are present. Please be aware of children walking and riding near the school and be mindful of no parking zones. Police and the Holdfast Bay Council conduct regular patrols around all schools.

Out of School Hours Sports

There has been a change to the nomination process for Out of School Hours Sports this year. All nominations will take place at our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 2 February.

All queries relating to sports can be directed to the coordinators via the following email addresses:

Cricket
Coordinator – Steve Bartlett
PPPScricket@gmail.com

T-Ball
Coordinator – Sallyann Mugford
PPPSball@gmail.com

Basketball
Coordinator – Jess Venning / Cara Gagliardi
PPPSbasketball@gmail.com

Netball
Coordinator – TBC
PPPSnetball@gmail.com

Volleyball
Coordinator
Jacinta Loy, Kellianne Wapper, Kylie Hamblin
PPPSvolleyball@gmail.com

Football
Coordinator – Lauren Thompson
PPPSfootball@gmail.com

Soccer
Coordinator – Graham Smith
PPPSsoccer@gmail.com



Health Information

Nut Awareness

Paringa Park Primary is a nut aware school. We acknowledge that due to food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as “Nut Awareness”.



Staff will discuss nut awareness with children and will inform parents if there is a child in their class with a known allergy. In any case, families are requested to send food to school that does not contain any type of nut or nut based product. Children who bring food containing nuts will be required to eat that food away from other children.

We appreciate your cooperation in providing a safe school environment for all members of our community.

Medications and Care Plans

As much as possible, we encourage children to take medication outside of school hours, eg medication required three times per day can be taken in the morning before school, afternoon straight after school and bedtime. If medication needs to be taken at school, it must be kept securely in the front office and will only be administered by front office staff. The only exception to this is ventolin puffers which are to be kept in the classroom or the child’s bag and can be administered under teacher supervision. Children should not bring any other medications to school, including over the counter pain relief (eg paracetamol) or cold/flu products.

Please check the expiry dates on any medications that need to be held at school (including Epipens & asthma reliever medication) as out of date medications will not be administered to children. **It is a requirement that all medications (including puffers) be in the original pharmacy container and be pharmacy labelled with the child’s name and dosage.** All medications at school must have a medication authority or care plan from a doctor, and a reminder that **all children with asthma (even if only mild or occasional) need an asthma care plan.** Please ensure that all care plans are up to date and provide a copy to the front office.

If your child’s health support needs change in any way during the year it is important that you communicate this to the front office in a timely manner.

Front office staff are always available to discuss your child’s health care needs at school.

Chromebook Parent Portal

All children from years 2 to 7 have the option to bring their own Chromebook to use at school. Chromebooks are managed by the school and we have thorough privacy and security measures in place.

If you are thinking about buying a Chromebook you may like to check out the [order portal](#) on our website which links to Learning with Technologies.

Please contact Alastair.taverner19@schools.sa.edu.au with any questions.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent or late to school, please advise us by 9am via text to our dedicated absence line:

0476 857 224

Please only use this number for absence notifications.



Drink Bottles

We have closed all of our "bubbler" water fountains for the health and safety of all children. Taps are available for children to refill their drink bottles. **Please make sure that your child/ren bring a named drink bottle to school every day.**

OSHC Information

Hi all,
It's Elly here, the new OSHC Coordinator of Camp Australia Paringa Park Primary School OSHC. Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Just a few reminders for OSHC:

- New enrolments are to be completed online by registering your child, confirming the days and morning or afternoon session you'd like your child to be booked in. This can be completed on our registration website <https://www.campastralia.com.au/families/oshc>
- OSHC hours run from 7am-9am and reopen at 3pm-6pm.
- Breakfast is provided in the morning from 7am-8:30am
- Afternoon snack is provided following Camp Australia's healthy eating cook book full of delicious foods
- Please ensure to bring a hat for outside play

This week's theme is 'getting to know you', the children will be engaged in some ice breaker activities along with child lead based learning of their choice.

Please feel free to visit the OSHC room and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you all.

Thanks,
Elly



SPORTS DAY

Friday 26 March
Bowker Street Oval

Introducing our New Staff

A very big welcome to our new staff members joining us at Paringa Park this year!



Kirsty Arnold

Kirsty is teaching year 2 in LA1-7. She joins us from Alberton Primary School and has a special interest in bookmaking, science and baking! Great to have you with us Kirsty!



Mathieu Denis

Mathieu will be co-teaching French with Bronte Ellison and will be in class on Thursdays and Fridays. He is a native French speaker having grown up in Canada but has been living in Australia for a number of years now. In his spare time Mathieu loves all things to do with the ocean – especially diving. Welcome Mathieu!



Sharon Kuchel

We welcome Sharon as a year 1 teacher in LA1-5. She previously taught at Solomontown Primary School in Port Pirie and has also spent some time teaching in England. Sharon loves singing and musical theatre and we are looking forward to hearing her talents soon. Welcome Sharon!



Amy Pickburn

Amy joins us as a new graduate teaching year 6 on Fridays in LA2-2. You may recognise Amy as she completed her university placement here at Paringa Park last year. Amy has a special interest in health and wellbeing and we are excited to have her on our team!



Doug Brookes

Doug joined us last year as our groundskeeper; you may have seen him around the school yard. Did you know Doug is a top level lacrosse player? He was selected in the Australian Under 19 Mens team.



Brant Eustice

Brant joins the SSO team at Paringa Park and will spend most of his time supporting the year 6/7s. He has previously worked at Glenelg Primary School and Marrayatville High School and has a special interest in music and drama. Great to have you on board, Brant!



Angela Martins

Angela joined us last year as part of our SSO team and we are thrilled to have her back this year. Originally from South Africa, Angela is studying primary education and special needs at Flinders University. It's great to have her back working with the junior primary team.

What is OSHC and why is it right for your family?

OSHC stands for Outside School Hours Care. Camp Australia's OSHC service provides enrichment and care for primary school-age children outside school hours and during the school holidays. Depending on your school, it can cover Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

At Camp Australia, our vision is *To support families in achieving their dreams* and our promise is that we will *Guide Your Child's Growth*.

To do that we take a unique approach to OSHC based on over 30 years of experience.

Enriching experiences that children love

Our experienced educators involve your child in designing the experiences that make up our OSHC program. Our industry leading approach to program development ensures that your child is at the heart of what we do each day.

A place for friendships to form

OSHC is a great place for your child to meet new friends and bond over shared interests. We design programs that bring children together so they can connect and grow outside school hours.

Easy, hassle-free care

Our service is available to all families, no matter the need. Our extended hours offer peace of mind so you can manage work, health, study and more stress-free. Plus, our industry leading Parent Portal gives you unrivalled access to make and manage your bookings.



FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal at pp.campastralia.com.au

Are you eligible for the Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. If you're unsure about your eligibility contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Introducing our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone

Earlier this year, we conducted customer focus groups to get direct feedback from parents regarding their experience with Camp Australia.

This research highlighted the need to have a streamlined way for parents to access their accounts and manage their bookings and enrolments; and informed the design for our brand-new Parent Portal app for smartphone.

- Easy booking features.
- Simple booking calendar overview.
- Track your spend.
- Contact your service Coordinator.
- Update your and your child's details.



Search for **Camp Australia Parent Portal** on the App Store or Google Play, download the app and register free with us now.