

Diary Dates:

December

Thursday 9

- R-2 beach walk
- 6/7 Aquasplash

Friday 10

- Last day of school!
- **Early dismissal 2:05pm**

January 2022

Thursday 27

- Uniform Shop open 9am-12pm

Friday 28

- Uniform Shop open 9am-12pm

Monday 31

- **School resumes**

February

Wednesday 9

- Year 6 Aquatics

SMS Absence Number

0476 857 224

School Values

**Bravery - Care
Challenge - Trust**

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 31 Jan to 14 Apr
Term 2 2 May to 8 Jul
Term 3 25 Jul to 30 Sept
Term 4 17 Oct to 16 Dec

**Wishing all of our Paringa Park
Community a safe and happy
holiday!**

See you in 2022!

Dear Families and the PPPS Community,

This year has unquestionably had a number of significant highs and lows for all of us in the community. We all sincerely hope that next year is not impacted by COVID-19 like last year and this. Everyone at Paringa wishes all students, families and staff a relaxing Christmas break over the weeks ahead!

With the school having R-6 enrolments instead of R-7 in 2022, our school will certainly have a different look next year. We look forward to commencing 2022 with 17 mainstream classes and one Speech and Language class. Our classes and staffing next year will be:

- Speech and Language Class – Vicki Hodgson
- 2x Reception classes – Elise Mack, Chanelle Pomeroy (0.6) and Tracey Bennett (0.4)
- 2x Year 1 classes – Ainsley Haddow; Harinder Kaur
- 2x Year 2 classes – Kirsty Arnold, Sharon Kuchel
- 1x Year 2/3 class – Annette Reid
- 2x Year 3 classes – Victoria Edwards; Charlie Jarman
- 2x Year 4 classes – Ivan Cooper; Clint Durbridge
- 1x Year 4/5 class – Ebony Wilkey
- 2x Year 5 classes – Donna Williams; Eleanor Freeth (0.8) and Kelly Mitchell (0.2)
- 1x Year 5/6 class – Jon Osborne
- 2x Year 6 classes – Georgii Staben; Robert Pearl (0.8) and Michelle Burton (0.2)

Specialist teachers:

- French – Lillie Gepp (0.7)
- PE – Michelle Burton (0.8)
- Performing Arts – Steph Hammond (1.0)
- Science – Kelly Mitchell (0.8)

Additional teaching staff:

- Learner Support – Lena Lloyd (0.4)
- Aboriginal Education – Bec Martin (0.2)

We are relieved and excited to be able to announce that all of our permanent SSO staff are returning next year; Linda Chambers, Caroline Cobb, Anne Dingle, Brant Eustice, Susan Lane, Melanie Milne, Annette Stagg and Erica Staude. We are also very pleased to welcome back our Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Chantelle Young, and our grounds person, Nathan Hand. In addition, we will be welcoming new staff Emma Neilson (administration) and Craig Mudge (IT support) to our school for 2022, while we are still awaiting staffing information regarding our Pastoral Care Worker (currently Mary Spence).

Staff farewells

A very sad part of the end of any school year is when we need to say goodbye to some staff. This year in particular, with no year 7s and also less receptions starting in 2022, we have to say goodbye to a large number of staff members. We would like to acknowledge the amazing contributions these staff members have made at Paringa Park. In alphabetical order:-

Amy Pickburn

Amy has been a year 6 teacher in 2021, working in partnership with Donna Williams after finishing her 4th year placement with Donna and Jamie last year. This year she has also taken on working with Victoria Edwards as a year 3 teacher for one day a week along with the year 6s with Donna. Amy's amazing enthusiasm and passion for teaching in her first year is evident and in the past 12 months she has made many connections that will stand her in good stead for her career, and we wish her well.

Angela Martin

Paringa Park has been very lucky to have Angela with us over the last two years supporting our students as she juggles studying for her teaching degree and raising a family. A quiet achiever, Angela has ensured that our students "are the best they can be". We wish her all the best as she moves into her final year of study and hope to see her back at Paringa Park one day in a new and exciting role.

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Belinda Snell

Bel has this year been providing science lessons for the R/1 classes each Wednesday. She has been a valuable member of our staff over the years, where she has undertaken many contracts covering all class levels, showing her broad skill set, flexibility and adaptability. She has previously coordinated a whole school healthy eating program, supporting students to be healthy and happy at Paringa Park. We wish Bel every success in her future teaching journey.

Beth Harris

Beth has co-taught in a year 1/2 class in 2021. She is highly regarded as an outstanding teacher by staff, students and parents. In 2020 Beth worked with small groups to help children gain confidence with their numeracy knowledge. She began our Numicon journey, where in 2020 she ran workshops showing ways we could use this fabulous resource in our classrooms. She has worked closely with Margy to bring Numicon into our school and influence the numeracy skills of our JP students this year. We wish Beth well as she spends time with her new child in the first part of 2022.

Daniel Mills

Daniel has been a year 6 teacher in 2021. He has worked as a teacher in the primary years at Paringa Park since midway through 2015. He is passionate about mathematics and its teaching and has strong, real world experience in teaching fitness/wellbeing. He is also a skilled artist with a passion for teaching art and offering lunchtime art clubs. With his leadership, his classes have held multiple art auctions over several years with all profits generously going to charity. He has been greatly appreciated at Paringa and we wish him every success with his teaching journey which takes him to Coorara Primary School teaching a year 5/6 class in 2022.

Deb McGlennon

Deb joined our team of SSOs this year and in her unique laid back style established excellent working relationships with not only the team but particularly with the children. She has gone above and beyond to make sure that the students she works with are supported and encouraged in all aspects of their learning. Her love of family and of travelling will see her heading off to great adventures as she travels Australia in 2022. Have fun Deb!

Jo Scott-Watherston

Jo has been a year 3 teacher in 2021. Since beginning her time at Paringa Park as both a temporary relief teacher and a parent, she has worked in multiple classes across the school. Her students appreciate her for making learning fun and she has strived to support students to become better writers through the Brightpath program, Jo continuously applies a number of new techniques to her teaching kit to improve the numeracy skills of her students each year. Jo is always willing to try new initiatives and stay up with educational trends to ensure her skill set continues to evolve. We wish Jo every success in her future teaching journey.

Katie Dixon

This year Katie worked as a year 7 co-teacher with Georgii Staben. As a parent and a contract/TRT, Katie has been a familiar face at Paringa Park for many years. Katie is a highly flexible teacher with the ability to relate to students of all year levels and is highly trusted by our staff as a TRT. She is much sought after due to her creativity, resourcefulness, passion for learning and initiative. Katie's passion for student wellbeing has seen her take a strong role in this area in whatever class she teaches.



We know Katie will be an asset to any school. We hope to see her as a TRT again next year, and wish her all the best for the future.

Mathieu Denis

Mathieu has been our French teacher for 2021. He has been a wonderful asset to our school where he has shown his passion for French and its integration across the school. He has also taken our current maths whole school journey into his French classroom with great results which he has shared with staff. The children love going to French where they always look forward to fabulous new learning opportunities with the

incorporation of technology into Mathieu's lessons. Mathieu is always looking for ways to develop student engagement in French lessons. He has won a permanent position at Edwardstown Primary School starting in 2022 and we wish him all the best.

Owen Davies

Owen's passion for education and student learning has been a real asset to Paringa Park in 2021. Studying for his teacher's degree he has shown real dedication and enthusiasm in his relationships with our students. He has used the time with us to gain insight to early learning. All the best Owen in 2022.

Sarah Fowles

Sarah is a dedicated and passionate teacher who has worked at Paringa Park for a number of years. She is enthusiastic about supporting students to work collaboratively and models this through collaborative teaching with colleagues. Sarah's compassion and empathy towards her students is outstanding. Sarah consistently seeks to engage her students in new and challenging ways of thinking and learning. She thrives on developing her class into a cohesive unit of focused learners. Sarah has won a permanent teaching position at the brand new Aldinga Payinthe College and we wish her every success with the transition to her new school in 2022.

Sasha Fraser

A welcome addition to our team, Sasha has stepped easily into her role supporting our young learners in 2021. Her flexible easy going nature has ensured that our most vulnerable children have been well supported. She has shown a genuine love of her role and a willingness to adapt to any situation. We wish her and her family a well-deserved break and thank her for all her efforts in 2021.

Vivonne Amoy

Vivonne's amazing talents are displayed everywhere you look around our school. Her murals and art work are highly acclaimed and commented on by all in our community and are examples of her exceptional talent. Her commitment to our students and her relationships with them has been highly valued. Many of these students are now moving on to high school, well prepared because of the wonderful support Vivonne has provided.

Anthony Fischer

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Paringa Park community. We have such a great school and I have certainly enjoyed the last two terms here. I had intended to write here that the school is in fantastic hands with the return of Leanne in 2022, but events of the last few days have seen that change. Nevertheless, I still have complete faith in the system to find an excellent leader who will take over here in 2022, while I head back to Glenelg Primary School. Thank you to the passionate and hardworking staff, the enthusiastic parents and the terrific students. There is so much that I will miss about this excellent school.



Upcoming Payments Due

Preferred payment method is via Qkr!

Please contact the front office for other payment options and for any payment queries.

All school payments are due at 3pm on the last day to pay. Late payments will not be accepted.

- **Year 6 Aquatics**
\$32 due 3pm Friday 4 February
Payment can be made via Qkr from Monday 10 January, or at the front office during the first week of term (from Monday 31 January).

Year 6 Art Auction

We'd like to acknowledge all of the talented artists we have in year 6 for the amazing Art Auction which was held in week 7. We raised \$1,751 which is being forwarded to The Smith Family to support their work with disadvantaged children. Thank you to all of the families who supported our children and a special mention to Daniel Mills for his coordination of the event.



2022 Information

Uniform Shop

The front office will be open for uniform sales on **Thursday 27 & Friday 28 January from 9am-12pm.**

Pre-order and avoid the queues!

We encourage families to pre-order their uniform needs via Qkr and we will have all orders packed ready for collection on the dates above. Pre-orders can be made via Qkr until the last day of term (Friday 10 December) when we close Qkr to enable our end of year processes to be completed. We will re-open Qkr on Monday 10 January for families to continue to pre-order uniforms.

Qkr!

Qkr will be closed off at close of business Friday 10 December. This is to enable our end of year processes to be completed. We will open Qkr again on Monday 10 January 2022 for pre-orders of uniforms and payments for year 6 aquatics.

Medications at School

All children's medication will be returned to them on the last day of school. Over the break we ask parents to check the expiry dates on all medications to ensure these will be correct for use in 2022. Out of date medications cannot be administered to children. Please also ensure that all care plans are up to date (including asthma care plans). All medication and any new medical forms or updated information will need to be returned on Monday 31 January for the first day back for 2022.

Assembly Acknowledgements

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

- **Ashton B (LA1-1)**
Challenge – well done on creating such a fun waterfall, dam and lake. You are very creative and very friendly with the other children. I enjoyed being the water pumper for you (Mrs Reid).
- **Harvey D (LA1-2)**
Challenge – well done Harvey for working so creatively on building a lake and dam with Ashton during lunchtime play.
- **Eloise D (LA1-7)**
Bravery, Care, Challenge, Trust – for consistently living the school values throughout the 2021 school year and reminding others how they can display these values.
- **All of LA1-6**
Bravery & Challenge – congratulations to everyone in LA1-6 for recognising that we all fall into the learning pit at times but we call on our strategies of bravery and challenge to climb out of the pit. An amazing year of discovery and growth. Well done! From Tracey, Beth and Lillie.
- **All of LA4-1**
Bravery, Care, Challenge & Trust - we have had such a great year together and I want to thank you all for your commitment to our learning. We have had fun, you are creative, you are curious, you are a team and you inspire each other. You will be awesome Seniors next year. Trust yourself, you are all very capable of great things.
- **All of LA4-3 & LA4-4**
Care & Trust – you made your teachers proud with your behaviour on our zoo excursion. You engaged in all the activities, showed care and respect for the environment and demonstrated school values.

Bravery Care Challenge Trust

End of Year Concert

