



# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates:

### February

Monday 21

- Governing Council nomination forms due

Monday 28

- Governing Council AGM 7pm
- Governing Council meeting 7:45pm

### March

Monday 7

- School photos

Monday 14

- Public holiday - Adelaide Cup

Thursday 31

- Sports day

### April

Thursday 14 April

- Last day of Term 1 - school finishes at 2:05pm

### Traffic Monitors:

Week 4

Morning: Jessica & Portia  
Afternoon: Georgia & Harper

Week 5

Morning: Mateo & Jake  
Afternoon: Tija & Isla

### School values

Bravery - Care  
Challenge - Trust

**2022 Term Dates**  
**TERM 1:** 31 Jan to 14 April  
**TERM 2:** 2 May to 8 July  
**TERM 3:** 25 July to 30 Sept  
**TERM 4:** 17 Oct to 16 Dec

**SMS ABSENCE NUMBER**  
**0476 857 224**  
Please SMS by 9am



# Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

Dear Families,

A very special welcome to our children and families who are now all back to school. I would like to acknowledge all of our amazing teachers who have worked tirelessly either face to face or coordinating remote learning. It certainly was a different start to the year.

The new reception 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 their classroom works, but also PE with Mrs Burton, Science with Miss Mitchell, French with Miss Gepp and Performing Arts with Mrs Hammond, not to mention managing themselves at recess and lunch. These children have been strongly supported by their families during this time of transition. Their reception educators, Elise Baldwin and Chanelle Pomeroy with support from our SSO team Mel, Deb, Annette and Caroline, have done everything possible to ensure every child has a successful start to their time at our school.



## **New Senior Leader - Leading Learning, Reception to Year 2 Subschool and Whole School Literacy**

We would like to announce that Deb Tune has won the Senior Leader position. Deb has had previous experience as an Assistant Principal and she brings a high level of skills, knowledge and abilities to work with staff. She has led the implementation of quality English and Literacy pedagogical practices using reflection and data to guide planning, monitoring and evaluation of teaching and learning programs. Deb will be working in collaboration with Chanelle Pomeroy in Reception LA 1-2 on Thursdays and Fridays.

## **Keeping our children safe**

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to support your children to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school by establishing a consistent travel/care routine and ensuring they do not walk or ride alone. Our teachers are revisiting relevant, age-appropriate aspects of the Child Protection Curriculum with their classes this week, and school duty staff are exercising extra vigilance with regards to interaction between students and adults before and after school. A duty staff member is located on Margaret Ave and at our Bowker Street school crossing every morning and afternoon. Students awaiting parent/guardian pick-up should remain with and/or seek support from the staff on duty if they are unsure about their pick-up arrangements or encounter any difficulty at any time.

## **Annual General Meeting Monday 28 February 2022**

Please be advised that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 28 February 2022 from 7pm. At this time, it looks like we will be conducting the AGM via teleconference using Microsoft Teams. Our Governing Council nominations forms have been emailed to all families. If you would like to nominate for a position on the Governing Council, please complete the nomination form and email back to Erica marked confidential. [erica.staude25@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:erica.staude25@schools.sa.edu.au)

Nomination forms must be received by Monday 21 February 2022 by 9.00am.

Our Governing Council AGM will commence at 7pm and will conclude no later than 7.45pm. At the AGM the school's achievements in 2021 will be shared. A Governing Council meeting will follow the AGM and will be held from 7:45pm to 9pm.

### Principal's Welcome continued...

Paringa Park has an active and committed Governing Council and we are seeking new members! We meet 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 get to know other parents
- You get to understand how the school works
- You learn how things "fit together" at school
- You become well informed about what is happening in our 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 subcommittees 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 the Governing Council and any recommendations from sub-committees are discussed and decided upon at the Governing Council. Our sub-committees include:

- Parents and Community
- Dress Code
- Finance
- Canteen
- OSHC
- Out of School Sports
- Environment

An email will be sent to families with an overview of all of the above sub-committees.

Governing Council members need to be positive, respectful, confidential, and proactively work as part of a team with other Governing Council members, school leadership, staff and students to ensure our school continues to be a quality educational facility which maximises opportunities for all our young people. More information can also be found on the [Department's Governing Council portal](#)

Have you seen our website lately?  
Head to [www.paringpkps.sa.edu.au](http://www.paringpkps.sa.edu.au) and check it out!  
There's lots of helpful information and keep an eye on the calendar for all upcoming events.



Are you on Facebook? Check out our page for lots of up to date information and handy links  
[@paringaparkprimary](#)

# Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

## Routine + Food- Social media x Sleep= Learning success at PPPS

I was in a year 6 class this week and they were doing a circle time activity where they had to get up and move seats depending on the amount of sleep they had. It was very interesting to correlate the level of sleep students were saying they had with what we knew about their learning behaviours. Interestingly, only 3 students had social media access which made both the teacher and myself jump for joy!

With a strange start to the year, week 3 of the term has felt very much like week 1. Which is why the quick establishment of routines, quality nutrition, reduction of electronics during the week (especially an hour before bed) and set bedtimes to ensure a minimum of 9-10 hours sleep is an absolute must. I know it is a battle, I deal with it each day in my household, but the benefits of making this formula happen far outweighs the effort put in to make it happen. No teachers calling or emailing me, limited arguing from teenagers, conversations at the dinner table and empathy is more free flowing in the house.

A great government website [learning.potential](https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/) is designed to help with the 4 elements that make up this formula for learning success. It has a number of helpful tips for kids of all ages.

## Summer Connectors

Jamie Meredith

Family friendly events in Adelaide that can help you can connect with your family and have a shared experience together to build memories. Just google to find out more.

### Sky Song

Friday 18 Feb 7:30-9:30pm - Fringe Show- Adelaide Show grounds  
Dreaming stories told with a difference using drones to light up in the sky to tell a visual image of stories of our nations first people.

### Ebenezer Night Markets

Friday 18 Feb 5:30-10:30pm

Night markets in the east end of Adelaide with food trucks and interesting things to see. With the fringe upon us the streets will be buzzing with normality.

### Reef Rambles

Saturday 19 Feb 11am-12:30pm Hallett Cove Beach

Reef Watch SA are allowing you to join them for a fun 90 minutes of finding out what washes up on the shore and in the rock reefs close to shore.

### Adelaide Hills Markets and Willunga Food Markets

Saturday 19 Feb

2 great markets with lots of great fresh foods and small treats and trinkets to explore. The drive home should also put them to sleep!

mathematics of life

life  
+ laughter  
x love  
- hate  
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= happiness

### Do you have 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 payable by 3pm of the due date.



Late payments will not be accepted.

Upcoming payments:

- Materials & Services charges

## Mathematics

Margy Holland

"Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics, Everything around you is numbers." ~ Shakuntala Devi

As we continue with our maths journey at Paringa Park PS, it is not only the staff and students that contribute to improving student's enjoyment and achievement with maths, but parents also have an important role to play.

Promoting maths and being positive even when you might not have had a good experience with maths, goes a long way to helping your children see maths as something worthwhile and interesting.

Have a read of the ['Tips for supporting children with mathematics homework'](#) for strategies to support your children with maths.

Let me know what you think.  
Viva la maths revolution.

## School Sports

### *Out of school sports update*

Our dedicated committee of coordinators met on Tuesday 15 February to discuss the success of the online registration platform. The form will be reviewed and relevant changes will be made.



Nominations for cricket, volleyball and basketball are closed for this term.

I would like to acknowledge the work these coordinators do for the out of school sports at our school. These people are parents at our school, who volunteer their time to sort through hundreds of registrations and place students in teams. This takes a lot of time and many (if not all) of the coordinators have full time jobs and families of their own. Without these people caring about sport and its importance we would not have out of school sports to offer students.

At Tuesday's meeting coordinators spoke of the feedback from some parents because the registrations had closed, their child was not with a friend in the team or the sport was not offered to a year level. Please be aware that sport is a vehicle to build friendships, we don't and often cannot guarantee friendship groups to be together. We are streamlining deadlines and ensuring we are able to fill a complete team and it is impossible to take more registrations when a whole team cannot be created.

The coordinators are often working within the constraints of governing bodies like Basketball SA, Volleyball SA and SACA and the SANFL who dictate age and experience required and regulations.

So please spare a thought for these warriors of sport at our school. They are fabulous people that give up so much of their time for out of school sport to occur at Paringa Park Primary.

## Library News

### *Anne & Caroline*

*"If you want intelligent children, give them a book. If you want more intelligent children, give them more books."* ~ Jackie French

Our library continues to be a much loved, busy hub of the school. Every reception - year 6 class has their own 'browsing and borrowing time' across Monday-Friday, which gives children a chance to browse our huge range of texts and borrow books to take home to read.

The library is open during lunch time for all children to enjoy from 12:55 - 1:15 pm. Our library is also open every morning from 8:30am and after school till 3:25 pm (except Friday afternoons).

Please keep checking for books from last year which haven't been returned.

Happy reading!




 High School  
Ahead

# High School Information

Linda Chambers

## Attention year 6 families

Early next term you will receive information about starting high school and the online process for registration of interest and enrolment at government schools.


 High School  
Ahead

### What do you need to do now?

- Update your contact details with us. It is critical that your email and residential addresses are up to date. 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, which due to current restrictions may be held in person or virtually. You will need to contact the schools which you are interested in or check their websites for information about open days and school tours.

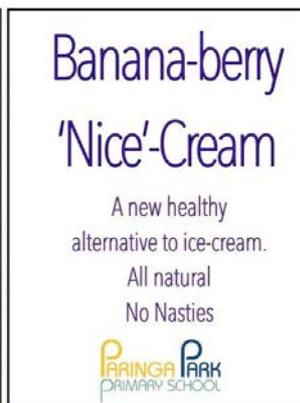
Be mindful that if you are thinking of applying for a special entry program for your son or daughter, closing dates for applications do vary between schools and many have their closing dates during term 1.

Contact Linda at the front office if you require any more information.

## Canteen

The canteen is back to normal from next week! Lunch and snack orders can be made via Qkr and children are also able to purchase snacks at recess and lunch.

We have some yummy new "nice-cream" treats available this term which Lisa makes here in the canteen. 100% pureed frozen fruit that tastes just like ice cream! Just 70c each!

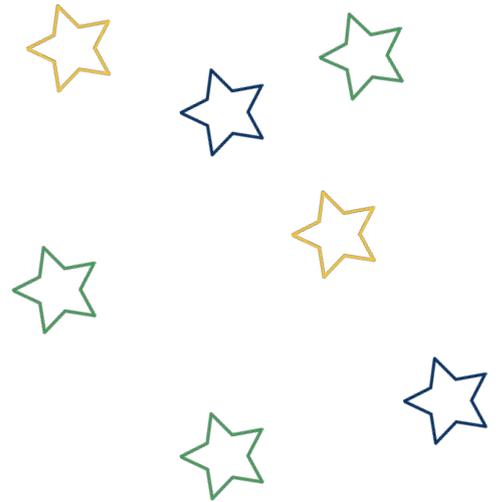


A reminder to make sure you have updated your child's class in the Profiles tab of Qkr. Lunch orders are sent to the class so it is important that this information is up to date.

The canteen is always on the look out for volunteers to help with food preparation and serving at recess and lunch breaks. Whether it's once a week, once a month or once a term, we'd love to have your help! You will need to complete the volunteer application and clearance process via the front office. Please call the school to chat to Lisa if you are interested.



# Staff profiles



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**Margy Holland**  
  
 Senior Leader Year 3/4 Sub school and Mathematics R-6

"I have been teaching for over 30 years in a range of different schools and roles all over Adelaide, my previous school was Allenby Gardens PS. I am passionate about maths education and helping children develop confidence, understanding and a love for maths so they see it as a subject of choice in senior high school. I also love reading and sport and every winter you will find me on the hockey pitch playing for the Grange Royals hockey team. My family is Neil, our teenage daughter Gracie and our 2 dogs, Murphy (black lab) and Ziggy (kelpie)."

★ ★ ★  
**Fun fact:**  
 "Eleven plus two" and "twelve plus one" both equal thirteen and both have thirteen letters. In fact, they both have the SAME thirteen letters. ★ ★ ★



★ ★ ★  
**Jamie Meredith**  
  
 Senior Leader Year 5/6 Sub school and Wellbeing and Engagement R-6

"I am 46 years old, I have 2 children Max 14, Ella 16 and my wife is a teacher and now educational adviser for the Education Department, I love sport, especially Tennis, Footy, Golf and Basketball. I am very active and love to road cycle and love walking my dog Nola down at Brighton Beach. I am a relationships focused educator and trained as a Reception teacher, but from my country placement in Ceduna Area School ended up teaching upper primary and stayed with that through my career."

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**Fun fact:** Recently I have taken to wearing loud shirts because I like making students at our school smile and laugh. ★ ★ ★

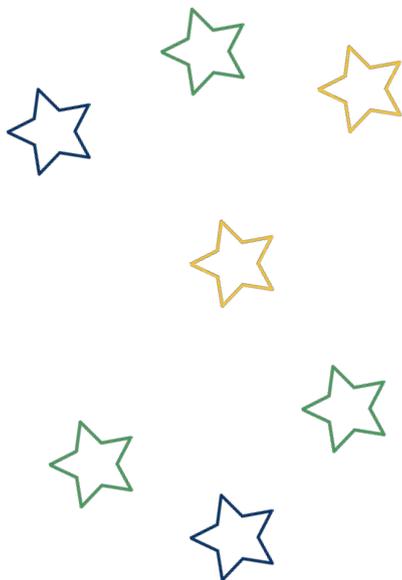
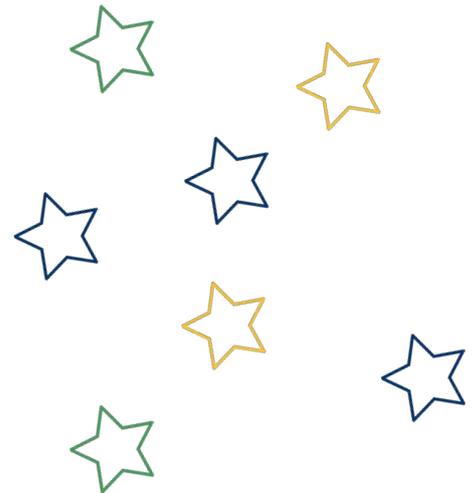
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Linda Chambers  
SSO Administration & Finance

"You'll find me at the front desk Mon-Wed and in the finance office Thu-Fri. I can help with anything from scratched knees to finance matters and anything in between! This is my 6th year working here, but I've been a part of the Paringa community since 2011 when my eldest son started school."

Fun fact: Did you know that there are over 4,000,000 children attending schools across Australia?



Elise Baldwin  
Reception teacher LA H

"I love going for walks on the beach with my husband (James) and new puppy Gus. My puppy is a 4 month old Border Collie. He loves playing fetch and waking me up early."

Fun fact: I am scared of ducks.



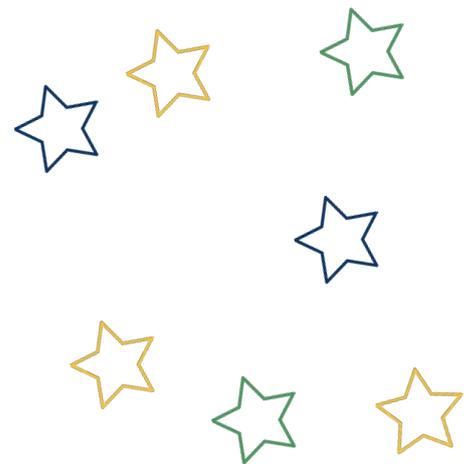
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Chanelle Pomeroy  
Reception teacher LA 1-2

"This is my 7th year at PPS and I absolutely love teaching in the early years. I love the enthusiasm of receptions and fostering their love of learning. My husband Jarrad and I have 2 children, Airlie and Flynn and a chocolate Labrador, Nala. We love to go camping and fishing in our boat at the Yorke peninsula."

Fun fact: My favourite books to read to children are Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas and The Very Cranky Bear.



"I am happiest working in the Upper Primary and am missing having year 7s around this year. 2022 is the first year at Paringa Park for some time without any of my own children at school with me. I feel a bit lost and lonely without them. My oldest son has actually finished year 12 and starts at Uni this year. My daughter Kate is a school captain at Brighton Secondary and Zach has joined the SIV program at Brighton this year. We have just installed a pool this summer and we love swimming. I enjoy basketball, playing musical instruments (mostly guitar) and watching interesting things on TV."



Jon Osborne  
Year 5/6 teacher LA 2-7

Fun fact: I lost \$1 near the funnel web playground last week. If anyone finds it please return it to LA 2-7. Thanks

