

PARINGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Governing Council Chairperson: Vanessa Payne

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May

Monday 2 May

- First day of term 2

Wednesday 4 May

- Year 6 aquatics

Friday 6 May

- SAPSASA cross country

Tuesday 10 May - Friday 20 May

- NAPLAN online tests

Traffic Monitors:

Week 1

Morning: James & Mitchell
Afternoon: Isla & Lyla

Week 2

Morning: Anabelle & Lucille
Afternoon: Alice & Alyssa



School values

Bravery - Care

Challenge - Trust



Principal's Welcome

Jamie Meredith on behalf of Tracey Bennett

Dear Families,

What a very hectic term it has been for everyone in our community. I am sure we have all endured a period of isolation this term and have understood the effects it has on ourselves and our families both mentally and physically. However we have been on the light side of this pandemic all along and it is comforting to remember this.

At school this term we have seen this play out in a variety of ways for both students and staff, all we can hope for is that the holidays enable our community of teachers, support staff, students and families to press the reset button. My wish for you all is that you can find time and space to get outside and be active, explore and enjoy some memorable experiences with each other.

Amongst all that has happened this term around the pandemic there have been some amazing highlights. Sports Day was fantastic and Michelle Burton managed to run another great event to bring us all together (which was needed). A fantastic pupil free day run by our Maths Magician Margy Holland and her team of mathematics loving teachers. The introduction of interoception activities for year 3-6 students after breaks. The formation of our new Governing Council with an energetic new Chairperson in Vanessa Payne, and the voting and formation of our SVE, 6 new students to shape our school.

A big highlight for leadership has been the flexibility of our staff to continue to create warm, caring and thoroughly engaging classrooms for our students to be in each day. Our teachers and support staff have put aside their own struggles and family difficulties to truly be the best they can be - living our school motto and being great role models to our students.

We are still unsure next term if masks will be required and what restrictions we will face, but we are hopeful that it will enable our teachers to get on with the core business of providing learning that is meaningful and engaging to our students.

Take care and we look forward to welcoming you all back next term refreshed and ready to show Care, Challenge, Bravery and Trust in order to be 'The best you can be'.



Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Wellbeing back on the agenda at a stage level

Wellbeing is such a powerful force in shaping the image of a child and it was nice to hear the new education Minister Blair Boyer, say in a statement that student wellbeing will be back on the agenda in schools. After nearly 3 years of lockdowns, isolation and the stress of choosing to vaccinate or not it has been a rough road for families to travel and we see the effect on students daily.

The purpose of suspension



Before coming to Paringa Park I spent a large part of my teaching/leadership career at Ceduna Area School and also at Warradale Primary. At both sites I was required to suspend students for significant incidents and this has at times in my tenure at Paringa Park Primary also occurred. However what I have found is that parents misinterpret the act of a school suspending a student.

The purpose of a suspension or a take home is to recognise the significance of what has occurred, that the student involved needs some time to process what has happened,

the students/staff who were effected need some clear space and counselling, and the school has sufficient time to formulate a path forward for the student who has been suspended, be it getting outside counsellors in, behaviour coaches, special education advice or seeking advice from the Local Education Team that support our school.

Suspension and take homes are a last resort in our incident response and only activated when a critical incident occurs or behaviours are elevated to an unreasonable level that inflict harm (mentally, physically or verbally) on a student or staff member. This is determined by the school and our behaviour code. The length of time of a suspension is dependant on the level of support needed by the school and the time needed to get support in place, not only for those affected but all the people involved.

Suspensions can be effective in supporting a child to correct their behaviours and move forward successfully via support and planning with regular check-ins and a support plan. It is a flag that alerts schools that current systems and supports need to be adjusted. These adjustments need to be worked through in conjunction with all students and families involved.

While suspensions and the reconnection meetings that follow can be hard for students, with support it can be a life learning experience for them that can support behaviour change.

Maths

Margy Holland

Maths Activities for the Holidays

Looking for some maths ideas to keep you entertained in the holidays. Look no further than the [NRICH](#) website.

NRICH is an innovative collaboration between the Faculties of Mathematics and Education at the University of Cambridge which focuses on problem solving and on creating opportunities for students to learn mathematics through exploration and discussion. NRICH provides thousands of free online mathematics resources for ages 3 to 18, covering all stages of early years, primary and secondary school education - completely free and available to all.



Check out these interesting and engaging activities for the kids:

- [‘maths outside’](#) where all tasks were inspired by the outdoors
- a [collection](#) of their favourite games and activities
- [‘wild maths’](#) - explore, imagine, experiment, create

Let me know if you have any strategies for the ‘creating squares’ game.

NAPLAN 2022

Margy Holland

NAPLAN Coordinator

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy)

NAPLAN is a nationally developed program that provides all schools in Australia with information on how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN will be taking place from 10th–20th May. All students in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 take part in the testing program, which tests reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy.

A parent information brochure and other information for parents is available at:

[Parent / carer support](#). More information can be found in the [NAPLAN parent information brochure](#) which includes the dates and testing windows.

Parents have the option to withdraw their children from the NAPLAN tests for philosophical or religious reasons. If you wish to withdraw your child from the process, please contact the school to complete and **sign a withdrawal form by 3pm Wednesday 4th May**.

Literacy

Deb Tune

We know there are a lot of children and families looking forward to the school holidays, to indulge in some down time, screen time, freedom and fun. And that's exactly what school holidays are for - a time for children to recharge doing things they love. Some people worry that their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills will regress, however, there are many activities children can engage with to maintain and improve literacy (amongst other) skills, without them even knowing that they're learning and developing. Here are a few suggestions to keep children engaged, having fun and continuing to learn...

1. Read - anywhere and read anything. Find a huge variety of choices at your local library or bookshop.
2. Go on a letter or word hunt - you can do this in the local neighbourhood, but cities are a fun place for this activity too. Create a list of letters or words, and search for them in nature, architecture and signage.
3. Write - get creative by creating your own line of stationery, then get busy writing and sending greeting cards, postcards, and letters to family and friends (in the mail!)
4. Plan a fun day out - start with some initial research by reading the local paper or searching the internet for ideas. Once kids have chosen their activities, they can write a detailed itinerary for the family, including reading maps and train timetables to work out how to get there and how much money will be needed for travel, entry fees and lunch.
5. Make a movie -use a tablet and movie-making software to create a news report about your school holidays or write a fun script about something you love. Get your family and friends in on the action by giving them a starring role.
6. Go to the movies - do some research first; read reviews about the movies currently showing. Find out where and when you'll see your chosen movie, and then have a go at writing and publishing your own movie review.
7. Set up a footpath stall - whether it's homemade lemonade, your own artwork or selling some pre-loved treasures. Make posters to attract shoppers and use emotive language and advertising to promote your product. A footpath stall is a fun way to get to know your neighbours too.
8. Get cooking - find and follow a recipe to make a delicious treat. Make a shopping list if necessary. Once baked, send invitations to friends or family to enjoy your treats with you. Take a photo of the finished baking!
9. Play board games - board games can be deceiving. It feels like you're just having fun, but there are actually many skills at play, including reading, comprehending, strategising, counting, calculating, speaking, listening, turn-taking and negotiating (and of course knowing how to be a good loser or gracious winner).
10. Create a game - get creative and make up your own board / outdoor game. Write the instructions, including equipment needed, how to play and then ask some friends / family to have a go.

I'm sure families will have lots of ideas and ways to keep occupied and enjoy this break together. Here's a link to some school holiday activities around Adelaide if you get stuck!

<https://getoutwithkids.com.au/school-holiday-activities-adelaide/>

Happy Holidays everyone!

Oliphant Science Awards 2022

Kelly Mitchell

The Oliphant Science Awards is an annual science competition for school students to show science learning and understanding. Over the last few weeks, children from year 2 - year 6 have submitted their interest in entering the competition. Information about the category, registration and entry fees have been sent home to families.

REGISTRATIONS DUE: Wednesday 18 May (week 3, term 2)

Here are some FAQ about the competition.

How does my child register?

If your child hasn't seen Ms Mitchell for a registration form, do this first. Families need to complete the Registration form and return it to Ms Mitchell, with the entry fee. Some children will be working in teams for this competition and it's important that all team members and their parents sign the registration form.

How much is the entry fee?

This information is on the cover letter. The entry fee depends on the type of entry (individual or group)

Can I help my child with their entry?

Yes you can. Any support given to your child's entry must be recorded in their report.

Is this done at school or outside school hours?

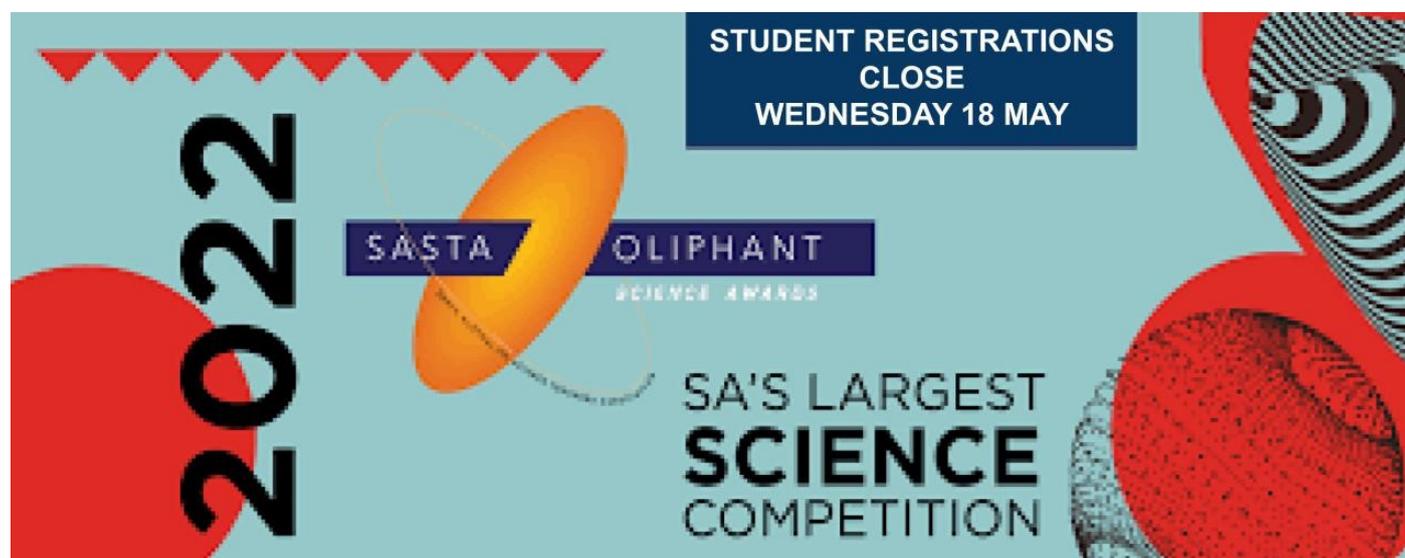
The entry is to be done outside of school time. However, I am happy to check in with children and their entry if support is needed.

Other important information to remember.

Several categories need to have a Risk Assessment Form completed before you start your entry. I will hand these out once your child's registration form has been returned.

The Oliphant Science Website has a range of information, including examples of last year's entries and winners. This [link](#) is for the project gallery from last year. Click on your child's category to view these entries.

If you have any questions about your child entry, please email me kelly.mitchell429@schools.sa.edu.au



Library News

Anne and Caroline

They seek them here. They seek them there. Librarians seek them everywhere. What are they? You guessed it. OVERDUE library books. We currently have 264 overdue books. The upcoming holidays are the perfect time to have a bit of a fossick to locate them.



Well done Maximos C in LA 1-9 for being the first student to hand in their completed challenge this year.

Here are the latest students to complete the Reading Challenge...

Jaxe M. 1-3	Lucas S. 1-3 (1 st & 2 nd)	Jeremy C. 1-8
Beau D. 1-4	William L. 4-1	Ethan Z. 4-1
Lucy S. 4-1	Aaron M. 4-1	Summer H. 1-2
Charlie B. 1-2	Sophia T. 1-9	Mika T. 1-2
Indie H. 1-11	Harrison Z. 1-8	Austin Z. 1-7
Chloe B. 1-11	Jack B. 1-1	Kai M. 1-4
Joe O. 1-9	Leo P. 1-1	Norah H. 1-8
Phoebe C. 1-1	Eva P. 2-6	Seb B. 1-4
Tom R. 1-8	Sebastian S. 1-4	Hayden Z. 4-2
Marley P. 1-11	Billie C. 1-8	Siena Z. 4-1
Niamh M. 4-1	Charlie L. 1-1	Holly L. 1-9
Conan S.W. 1-1	Alby K. 1-7	Lenny H. 1-2
Rori L. 1-2	Hayden D. 4-1	Lucas S. 1-3
Jasmine T. 1-3	Lily S. 1-3	

*Happy
holiday
reading*

Sports Day

Michelle Burton

2022 PPPS Sports Day

Sports Day was a fun filled day with lots of activities for the students to be involved in. Warradale came away with the trophy winning the most points over the course of the day. It was great to see the participation from all the students and staff. Another successful Sports Day for PPPS. Here are some photos from the day.



Payments

Preferred payment method is via Qkr!
Please contact the front office for other payment options and for any payment queries.



Upcoming payments:

- Materials & Services charges
- Year 6 Aquatics, \$32 due by Thursday 28 April at 3pm
- SAPSASA Cross Country due by Tuesday 3 May at 3pm
- Senior Choir due by Tuesday 3 May at 3pm

All school payments are payable by 3pm of the due date. Late payments will not be accepted.

Meet the team

Paringa Park Primary School OSHC



Amanda Ribeiro

Coordinator

I moved to Australia from Brazil at the end of 2019 with my husband and since then I've loved living in Australia. I've been working with Camp Australia since Jan 2020 and now I am the new coordinator at Paringa Park Primary School OSHC.

I am enjoying meeting all the students and feeling very welcome.

Fun fact about me: I love to learn new things and at the moment I am learning martial arts.



Kayla Green

Assistant

I have been at Paringa Park Primary school for nearly a Year now. I enjoy working with Children in OSHC to extend on a Childs education in an out of School environment to continue and grow Children's knowledge.

Fun fact about me: I love to Travel and go on Adventures and one of my favourite activities is gardening. My interests are Education and History; I love to learn new things whenever I can.

Newsletter



**Your
OSHC.**



Tailored Out of School
Hours experiences.

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days.

Find out more



Visits welcome!

Please feel free to stop by the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



Register with Camp Australia

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via your Parent Portal.

Register now

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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A message from your Coordinator

The last week we have been talking with the children about "What being a friend means?". Also sharing our activities ideas and games to play with my bestie at OSHC.

We also have a lot of yummy snacks but the winner of the week was the muffins, children loved it.



To spend time and learn more about their friends at OSHC, children were able to engage in activities such as Origami, Clay, Puzzles and Painting.



Children's voice
(Being a friend means):

"Listen to you and understand you"
- Alice

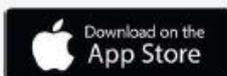
"Understand each other"
- Ayva

"Be kind"
- Elliette

Next week children will be engaging with the theme "Nature Walk" they will be involved in activities such as painting leaves, "what did you found in your walk at the playground?", and so on.

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Activities coming up

- Painting Leaves
- Nature Walk - (What did you found?)
- Colouring Competition (Who is the winner?)

What's on the menu

- Pancakes
- Popcorn
- Grapes, carrots and cucumber!!

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Know someone who is passionate about working with children?

We are looking for team members to join the Camp Australia team to provide before and after school care and vacation care!

Joining our team gives you the chance to:

- ✓ Start and grow your career in the education sector
- ✓ Guide the growth of children in your community
- ✓ Get discounted booking fees for your children and those of your family and friends!

At Camp Australia we have a culture that embraces diversity and inclusion and we welcome applications from all ages and genders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the LGBTQIA+ community, veterans, refugees and people with disability.

Does this sound like an opportunity for you or for someone you know?

To see the positions we have available across the country visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au/careers

To find out more email:
talentacquisition@campaustralia.com.au

