



NEWSLETTER

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December

Monday 5 December

- Governing Council meeting 7pm
- Kindy transition
- SVE Leaders excursion

Tuesday 6 December

- End of Year Celebration Concert
- First Nations excursion

Wednesday 7 December

- School closure day

Friday 9 December

- Year 4 Ten Pin Bowling excursion
- Year 5 Future Leaders excursion

Monday 12 December

- LA 1-8 Family night sausage sizzle

Tuesday 13 December

- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- R-2 Somerton Beach excursion

Wednesday 14 December

- Year 6 Graduation lunch
- Moving up day
- Academic reports available on the Parent Portal

Thursday 15 December

- Year 5 & 6 Aqua splash

Friday 16 December

- Last day of school - Early closure 2:05pm



School values
Bravery - Care
Challenge - Trust

Traffic Monitors:

Week 8

Morning: Jacob, Jackson, Elsie & Sienna B
Afternoon: Esther, Zaidi, Jasper & Jamaica

Week 9

Morning:
Afternoon: Rory & Maverick



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Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

2023 Classes

The number of classes we can create for 2023 is determined by the total enrolment of children. For 2023 we have created 17 mainstream classes from R-6 with an additional class being the District based Speech and Language class. Our class structures have been decided for next year as follows:

3 x reception; 1 x year 1; 2 x year 1/2; 1 x year 2; 2 x year 3; 1 x year 3/4; 1 x year 4; 1 x year 4/5; 2 x year 5; 1 x year 5/6; 2 x year 6

Historically our school community has had a preference for straight year levels, and this has been taken into consideration when determining our class structure for 2023 with 12 straight and 5 composite classes.

During your child's time at our school however, they will encounter both straight and composite or multi-level classes. Research does confirm that there is no discernible difference in academic performance between composite or single year level classes, and that children in multi-age classes may benefit socially and emotionally.

For me, what is important, regardless of the organisational structure of classes, is the relationship our educators have with children and the quality of the teaching and learning program provided for every child, every day, in every class. This is what we focus our attention on as educators at PPPS. In week 9 on Wednesday 14 December children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and classmates.



Student Tribe Points

 YAMPUS <small>WARRADALE</small>	 NGAUWAKAS <small>HOVE</small>	 KUULAS <small>SOMERTON</small>	 KURIAKAS <small>BRUSHTON</small>
1683	1570	1524	1436

End of Year Reports

Over the last few weeks, teachers have been busy writing end of year reports based on the growth and achievement of learning aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

Reports will be available online Wednesday 14 December, using the Sentral Parent Portal. This portal was used to access the semester 1 reports earlier in the year.

Please contact our IT Technician Craig.Mudge396@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any issues with access. You will also use this same portal to access your child's reflection on their learning and growth throughout the year for students in year 3-6. Reception to year 2 students' reflections will be sent home to families. We trust that you will take time to share in your child's successes and discuss areas for future growth.



Principal's welcome continued...

Governing Council

I would sincerely like to thank all our Governing Council members for their involvement, support and advocacy of our school throughout this year. I also extend my sincere thanks to Vanessa Payne as Chair, Felicia Wee as Secretary and Sallyann Mugford as Treasurer, for their leadership and undertaking of roles on the GC Executive.

Thank you to all our Governing Council members for their continued dedication and commitment. We will be holding our AGM on Monday 20 February 2023 and will be looking for more parents to join our Governing Council. We will send out more information early next year.

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday 13 December we say farewell to our year 6 students (and some families too) who will participate in a Graduation Ceremony in our school hall. This is a special time for children, staff and families where we acknowledge and celebrate the participation of all year 6 students who have been a central part of our school community over many years.

Glenelg Pageant

Congratulations to our school community for their outstanding participation in the Glenelg Pageant on Sunday. The floats were amazing as was our Junior Choir. Huge congratulations to Mrs Mack and her team of helpers. Please see the photo's in our newsletter.

Last Day – Early Closure 2.05pm

Please don't forget that we close at 2.05pm on the last day of term – Friday 16 December. The OSHC service is available from this time.

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Tribes

This week we took ownership of our flags for Tribes. The students were pretty excited to have the winning tribe displayed out the front of the gym for the last fortnight. Our students have continued the excitement of earning tokens for showing values and many teachers have reported that this is working very well. Our focus for the previous two weeks has been **challenge** and we capped this off at assembly last week with a tribes skipping challenge. It was great to see students outside in the sun after assembly trying their best to skip. This last two weeks leading into the holidays is focused on **bravery**. With many end of year activities and challenging tasks like reading speeches at graduation and meeting their new teacher and classmates in week 9, students will need to take a deep breath and be brave.



Out of School Sports Registration for 2023

As you would know from past newsletters, we will be using Kelly Sports to do all the registrations and team selections for all sports in 2023. They will also be the one stop shop for parents finding out training times and fixtures etc. We are finalising Kelly Sports involvement and will send out a link and further information via email for all families to register their child for sports in 2023. Registrations will be open over the holiday break and into the new year. There may be some initial issues, but I think this will go a long way to making it easier for all parents.

Out of School Sports Soccer and Cricket Coordinators Urgently needed for 2023

We are getting to the end of the line now with needing a coordinator for both soccer and cricket next year. The role involves monitoring coaches and overseeing teams, with admin duties the responsibility of Kelly Sports. Coordinators will need to manage a budget for the sport and ensure teams have coaches and facilities to train at. Can you please email me if you think you may be interested. As a group we meet once a term (4 meetings in total) at school on a Tuesday night (you can zoom in too). Without a coordinator it will be hard to manage these two sports and they may be unable to go ahead.

Please email: jamie.meredith130@schools.sa.edu.au if you are interested in being a coordinator next year.

WOW (Words of Wellbeing)- Reflection is a power tool for learning

In recent weeks I have been working with students around poor choices they have made. As the year winds down, school is incredibly busy with lots of excursions and friendship issues, family issues, completing work, moving schools and new classes with new teachers on the horizon. What has been really powerful in recent weeks when I have dealt with an incident is the child's ability to reflect and think through the issue and realise their mistakes.



Reflection is not a simple thing for children as it means feeling those uncomfortable feelings and emotions, but it is vital to be able to back track and think about our actions objectively. It is this skill that helps us learn from our mistakes. As parents, it is our role to question our children and help them to reflect on their day at school, a fight with their sibling, a disagreement with mum, a tantrum in the supermarket, a lost tennis match and ask them to draw out the positives and think about what they can do better next time. All the while reminding them that we love them for who they are and that we all need to grow from mistakes.

Reflection is so powerful and with this skill they develop into adults that can take feedback and grow from it which is vital in our society.

Summer Connectors

Jamie Meredith

Shared experiences always promote great conversation, which in turn promotes strong relationships of care and trust (two of our tribe values). Find out more by googling.

Santa's Wonderland, Adelaide Showgrounds

2 - 24 December

Santa is open for business this weekend. Get along and get that timeless shot with Santa before he flies off to the North Pole.

Broadway Bootcamp - Musical Theatre Workshops

9 - 20 January

Broadway Bootcamp is the name and giving kids theatre experience is their game. This would be an amazing experience for the budding singer or actor in your house over the break.

Ebenezer Night Markets

From 3 December

Get along to the city for a range of great market stalls and street food. It is a great way to spend an evening in the city on a warm summer's night and finish it off with an ice cream.

Literacy

Deb Tune

Spelling strategies

Spelling strategies are taught to help students spell more complex and less familiar words. The most common spelling strategies include:

- sounding out: listening for each phoneme (sound) in a word and then representing each phoneme with a grapheme (letter or letter combination)
- analogy: working out how to spell a word by associating it with a known word with the same sound or spelling pattern, for example: puzzle – table and cable
- chunking: orally breaking a word into smaller sound units or syllables, for example: envelope = en – ve – lope
- examining critical features: identifying and highlighting the difficult letter cluster in a word
- morphological analysis: segmenting a word into it's individual morphemes, identifying the base word and any prefix or suffix, and identifying relationships between words with the same morpheme (word families)
- applying a spelling rule or generalisation: applying a known rule for the spelling situation or process, for example: when adding a suffix to a word
- mnemonics: developing a memory trigger for words that are difficult to remember or might easily be confused, for example: 'necessary' has one collar and 2 socks
- using the root of a word: remembering a word's origin or root, for example: terra (terrain) to determine its spelling.

Teachers gradually support students to develop their ability to use a broad range of spelling strategies. They can then apply them with increasing sophistication as they progress through the years of schooling.



Library News

Tracey, Deb, Anne and Caroline

Library borrowing has officially ended for the year. In 2022, the total number of loans made by students was a whopping 19,300!

Thank you to all the students who have already returned their books. We have just under 700 books still borrowed by students that need to be returned.

We encourage all students (especially those who won't be at PPPS next year) to search their classroom and at home and return any items as soon as possible.



PAYMENTS:

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



Late payments will not be accepted.

Upcoming payments:

- Materials & Services charges
- Graduation [year 6] - \$44 due by Thursday 8 December 3pm
- Aqua Splash [years 5 & 6] - \$ 15 due by Thursday 8 December 3pm

Please note:

Credits are not applied automatically to outstanding payments. If you wish to use a credit to pay for excursions, events or uniform purchases please contact the front office.



QuickSmart

Annette Stagg & Margy Holland



This year we have had 18 students attending our Numeracy QuickSmart program. Students attended three 30-minute sessions each week working on mathematical operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The aim is for the students to become 'Quick' in their response speed and 'Smart' in their strategy.

We have been conducting our post testing this week and have seen some great improvements in the student's speed and use of strategies to give 'smarter' responses in all operations.

The students have been taking part in our 100s club challenge. For Number Naming - Students aim to read one hundred numbers on flash cards in one minute. We have 13 students who achieved the Gold membership by naming 100 or more numbers and four students are Silver members naming 90-97 numbers. To join our Plus 1 club - Students aim to add one to one hundred numbers on flash cards in two minutes. Seven students are Gold members achieving 100 or more additions and seven are Silver members who successfully added between 75-99 cards.

Annette has enjoyed working with the students on the QuickSmart program, especially watching them support their buddies when they were challenged with words of encouragement, and other times celebrating each other's successes. Margy enjoyed seeing students' enjoyment working with maths and having a growth mindset when it was difficult. It was also lovely to see the improvement in each student and the confidence they showed as a result.

Students on the program have said:

'The computer component kept me on track for my speedy responses'

'The game at the end was the best'

'Mixed operations were easier than one operation at a time'

'OZCAAS is the best' - this is the computer component of the program

'We love playing Beat the Tram'



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Assembly Affirmations

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

- **Zoe J, Elroy K & Alice R (LA 1-5): Writing their own poems to perform during the LA 1-5 Poetry Slam. Well done for sharing their creativity with the class.**
- **Tilly L, Vikas S & Jack S (LA 1-5): Confidently delivering a poetry performance as a rap in front of the class. An entertaining performance, which demonstrated bravery. Well done!**
- **LA 1-11: For being amazing on our excursion. Thank you for representing the school in such a positive way.**
- **LA 1-9 & LA 1-11: Thank you for showing all of the school values on our excursion to Belair National Park. Everyone worked well in small teams and showed resilience when not successful the first time. Abe & Lucy were impressed with the village of cubbies that were built, especially the extras and the fun the students had while playing.**

Notices

Dress Code Information

As we approach the end of the school year, our stock of uniforms is reduced. We will continue to take orders via Qkr until the last day of term, but please note that some items may sell out. You will be advised if items are unavailable and on back order. Qkr will be reopened on 2 January for orders to be placed.

New stock will be delivered in January and the office will be open from 9am to 12pm on Tuesday 24 January and Wednesday 25 January for collection.

Canteen

During the last week of term, the canteen will be taking **lunch orders** on **Monday & Tuesday only**. The canteen will be open for over the counter snack sales on Wednesday & Thursday. The canteen will be **closed** on **Friday 16 December**. Stocks are running down for the end of the year so in some instances orders may need to be adjusted.

Student Medication

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, if the medication has or will expire, please ensure that up to date medication is provided. 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 30 January (first day back). Please remember all medication needs to have a pharmacy label.

Lost Property

Lost property has been moved to the gym and will be the only area where lost property will be stored. Please note students are not to enter the gym unsupervised. Parents are welcome to check for lost items before or after school.

Uniforms

During Week 9 secondhand clothes will be available to purchase for a gold coin donation outside the front office.



Paringa Park Primary School
proudly presents the 2022

Celebration Concert

Tuesday 6 December

Join us for an evening of Christmas songs performed by the children of Paringa Park

Featuring special performances by the Senior Choir, Beachfront Hub Band and Paringa Park Dance Troupe

On the school oval, BYO picnic rug or chair
Family picnic from 5pm (pack your own)
Children need to be at their classroom at 6.10pm
Concert starts at 6.30pm
Family friendly, alcohol free event





A big shout out to the Paringa Park Junior Choir who led our school in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant on Sunday. We chose the pageant as our end of year performance to showcase our talented year 3 & 4 choir students.

The choir has been rehearsing all term for this event and represented our school so well with their magnificent performance, amazing costumes and beautiful singing voices.

Congratulations to all of our choir students, we are very proud of you all!

