



# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates:

### December 2022

#### Friday 16 December

- Last day of school - Early closure 2:05pm
- Uniform Qkr! orders close at 3pm

### January 2023

#### Monday 9 January

- Uniform Qkr! orders reopen

#### Tuesday 24 January

- Uniform orders can be collected 9am to 12pm

#### Wednesday 25 January

- Uniform orders can be collected 12pm to 3pm

#### Thursday 26 January

- Front office closed

#### Friday 27 January

- Front office closed

#### Monday 30 January

- Students return to school

## School values

Bravery - Care  
Challenge - Trust



# Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

It is a privilege for me in my role as Principal this year to work with our whole school community to support all students to be the best they can be. On Tuesday night I was honoured to speak at our year 6 graduation. We wish all our graduates and students leaving PPPS all the very best for the future. I would like to thank our dedicated leadership team, teachers and support staff who worked tirelessly to build an inclusive and inspiring learning environment for all students. As a staff we work together as a team and value and recognise the contributions of everyone in our team.



## 2023 Classes

On Wednesday this week students had the opportunity to meet their new classroom teacher and peers. Here are the classes for 2023:

- Speech and Language Class - Vicki Hodgson
- 3 x Reception classes - Lauren Whitbread; Chanelle Pomeroy (0.6) and Dee Davies (0.4); Ainsley Haddow
- 1x Year 1 class - Harinder Kaur
- 2x Year 1/2 classes - Sharon Kuchel; Jo Scott-Watherston (0.6) and Lena Lloyd (0.4)
- 1x Year 2 classes - Kirsty Arnold
- 2x Year 3 classes - Victoria Edwards; Bethany Harris (0.6) and Alison Hamilton (0.4)
- 1x 3/4 Class - Ivan Cooper
- 1x Year 4 classes - Ebony Wilkey
- 1x Year 4/5 class - Clint Durbridge
- 2x Year 5 classes - Donna Williams; Eleanor Freeth (0.8) and Margy Holland (0.2)
- 1x Year 5/6 class - Jon Osborne
- 2x Year 6 classes - Georgii Staben; Robert Pearl (0.8) and Jamie Meredith (0.2)

<b>677</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>516</b>

Happy holidays



## Principal's welcome continued...

### Staffing update

At the end of each year we have the opportunity to acknowledge the careers of those teachers who have decided to retire from our schools and the teaching profession. This year we have one staff member who is retiring, our SSO Caroline Cobb.

Caroline has been at Paringa Park Primary School for 14 years and has supported children in the school in a variety of roles. Caroline's dedication to helping children especially on a 1:1 basis has been beneficial to helping children be the best they can be. We wish Caroline all the best in the future.

Annette Reid is taking long service leave for term 1, weeks 1-4 and then she will switch roles from being a permanent classroom teacher to relieving in a variety of classes. We would like to acknowledge Annette's dedication and hard work over the years at PPPS. We will be celebrating the contribution and outstanding careers of both Caroline and Annette at the end of this term.

We also farewell Vivonne and thank her for her dedication and commitment to improving the well-being of students at our school. Vivonne had a positive impact on all through her support programs, and especially through art. She will be missed but not forgotten and will always be remembered through the amazing murals she has created at our school. We wish Vivonne all the best at her new school.

We would like to say thank you to Deb Tune for the fabulous work she has done this year in her role as Whole School Literacy and Early Years Sub School Leader. We value the contributions she has made to our school.

Elise Mack has won the Senior Leader: Leading Learning, Reception-Year 2 Subschool and Whole School Literacy position for 2023.

Lauren Whitbread has won the reception position to backfill Elise. Lauren has previously worked at Pimpala Primary School and comes highly recommended.

Congratulations to Georgii Staben who has won the Autism Inclusion role (0.1) for 2023. Georgii will be released for half a day each week from her year 6 classroom duties.

Thank you to Lillie Marshall who is going on maternity leave at the end of this year and Anita Trainor, who we will hope to see next year as a TRT, for their contributions to Paringa Park Primary School.

We would also like to wish Annie, Chantelle, Craig, Peter, AJ, Emily & Heather all the very best in their future careers.

## Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

What a year it has been! It has gone very quickly and we have tackled so many challenges as a school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and support staff for the wonderful work they have done to navigate and support students and families through what has been a challenging year. We have a very strong and resilient group of educators and support staff who work so well as a team and with such care for our students wellbeing and mental health. With minimal change to our staff (very rare in most schools) we look forward to this support for students and families again once our staff have had a well earned break to attend to their own families.

### Living in the moment

The first thing my son said to me when he finished school last Friday was 'I can't wait till Christmas Dad and Dad I can't wait till my basketball camp and I can't wait until my birthday in Melbourne at the end of January!'

I had to sit him down (he is 14) and remind him that he needs to embrace these holidays and live every moment because if he continues to wish for each big event to come, the holidays will soon be over and he will be back at school in year 10 (school is by far not his favourite place to be let me tell you). He shrugged me off but understood what I meant in a later chat.

I have made it my goal these holidays to help him become more mindful of his senses and thoughts each day that he is on holidays so he can appreciate each day. Very simply put, to take a moment to stop through the day and just step outside what you are doing and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells, feelings that you are experiencing.



I am planning to play golf with him, go fishing, and try to help him appreciate our surroundings and what we feel, see and smell. Go to a Sixers game and just enjoy the excitement of all the fans and the sounds, maybe a Big Bash game and be grateful for the experience by asking him reflective questions like 'How good is it just being here?', 'How amazing is this atmosphere?', 'What are you feeling at the moment?'.

I would love to challenge you as parents to take devices away and do something with your kids that allows them to be in the moment, listen to their senses and appreciate the break not just wish it away. My hope, if you can do this a few times over the holidays, that your kids will come to appreciate every moment of their holidays. I'd love to hear how you go. Have a great holiday season break and be safe.

## 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.*

### Six Extinctions, Adelaide Museum

December - January

The death of the dinosaurs is the most famous extinction, but it is only one of the five past mass extinction events that have decimated life on our planet.

### Shimmering Pines Sunflower Festival

17 - 18 December

South Australia's first sunflower festival, Shimmering Pines Farm is set to return again in 2022!

Walk through the gorgeous sunflower field, snap a selfie and take in the beautiful views of the valley.

### Student Cadet Adventure Rocket Program

December - January

A challenge to ignite your engineering and design creativity! Participants will design, construct and launch their own paper model rockets with the goal of achieving the greatest distance. Participants are encouraged to bring recycled materials from home to use in their rocket. For example, scrap paper, toilet rolls or paper towel rolls.

# Literacy *Thank You*

## Deb Tune

This year I was fortunate to be appointed as Literacy and R-2 Subschool Leader at Paringa and have greatly valued and enjoyed this experience, gaining new skills and working with an extremely supportive, welcoming and professional group of staff. I will be heading back to Brighton Primary School next year and would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff, students and wider family community of Paringa for making me welcome. It has been a privilege to have worked in such a great school. I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and holiday break, along with good health and happiness in the New Year. Thank you to everyone

# Maths

## Margy Holland

### Orbis Thinking Maths Professional Learning

Congratulations to Ivan Cooper, Beth Harris and Vic Edwards who completed the 3-5 Orbis Maths Program and to Rob Pearl who completed the 6-9 Orbis Maths Program. All teachers felt it was some of the best professional learning they have done and said it had changed their teaching practice in Maths in a positive way. Congratulations to all of them for working hard, challenging themselves and investigating different ways to connect our students to maths.

All year 3-6 teachers at PPPS have now completed at least one of the Thinking Maths programs offered to schools. Next year we have two Junior Primary teachers attending an R-2 Orbis Maths course. Our students all benefit from our teachers having common understandings of the best practices in maths and deeper understanding of the curriculum.

### Ways to keep maths alive in the summer holiday

Check out the latest maths advent calendar from [rich.maths.org](http://rich.maths.org) Each day of December has a new challenge. Can your family solve them all?

[Youcubed](http://Youcubed) is here to help students at home continue to explore and learn maths in rich and creative ways.

Maths Games: Looking for a great website for maths games then checkout the [link](#) from Michael Minas. Here you will find a range of games you can play with just a deck of cards or some dice. Each game has a short video clip showing how the game works and good questions to ask while playing.

Remember over the holidays, keep your maths brain active and incorporate some maths into your daily activities. Here are some ideas to keep that happening.

- Estimate how much the shopping bill will be after wandering around the supermarket or fruit and veg shop or after eating out at a restaurant.
- Estimate using time, measurement (length, mass, capacity), number and chance
- Play board games, logic games, jigsaw puzzles
- Reading recipes when making your festive treats
- If going online on a device to play games, make sure you spend 15 mins first on a maths game, e.g. [mathplayground](#), [cool math](#), [nrich](#)
- Practising reading time, especially if you have an analogue clock in your house, talking about passage of time (what time will it be in 1 and ¼ hours? etc.)
- Use your measuring equipment and experiment with length, mass and capacity. Make your own measuring cup and check it with a scaled jug
- Keep practising automatic recall of number facts each day (+, -, x, :)

Enjoy using maths everyday!

Mathematics is  
the most  
**beautiful**  
and most  
**powerful**  
creation of  
the human spirit.

-Stefan Banach



Get more free teacher resources  
at [www.mashupmath.com](http://www.mashupmath.com)

Handwritten mathematical notes and formulas surrounding the quote:

- $B \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{c}{x^2}$
- $+ y^2 = z$
- $P = r^2 T$
- $\Delta t = T$
- $(x - y^2)$
- $\int = \frac{\sqrt{x+a^2}}{x}$
- $P = \sum_{i=0}^n$
- $= (y-1)^2 \frac{a}{\Delta z}$
- $(x+h)$
- $\sin a = \frac{b}{c}$
- $S_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\frac{A-c}{c}$
- $= \int_2^{10} 5t dt$
- $t=2$
- $y = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z}$
- $\sin x$
- $a^2$
- $\pm (a-c)$
- $2a$
- $\frac{2 \tan(a)}{1 - \tan^2(a)}$
- $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

## Assembly Affirmations

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

- **Cora O, Caoimhe C & Kaitlyn C (LA 2-11): Supporting and helping their peers to be able to participate in swimming.**
- **LA 1-8: For being amazing on our excursion. Thank you for representing the school in such a positive way.**

## Notices

### Reminder: Uniforms

All uniform orders via Qkr will close on Friday 16 December at 3pm and reopen on Monday 9 January 2023. The office will be open from 9am to 12pm on Tuesday 24 January and Wednesday 25 January for uniform collection.

### Reminder: Student Medication

If your child requires medication whilst at school, we ask that over the break medications are checked to ensure dates on all medications haven't expired, if the medication has or will expire, please ensure that up to date medication is provided when school starts in 2023. 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 provided to the front office on Monday 30 January (first day back). Please remember all medication needs to have a pharmacy label.

### LA 1-8 Sausage Sizzle Family Night

On Monday night at LA 1-8's Sausage Sizzle Family Night, the families from our class really enjoyed looking at the photos from this year and catching up with each other. The children arranged a great game of cricket on the oval too.

A big thank you to Phil Reid, Dennis Mason, Murray Oliver and Jane Davies for supporting me on the night with cooking the BBQ, handing out the hundreds of sausages and for being there in general.

I would also like to mention a thank you to Bec's Bakehouse and Bakers Delight at Marion for their donations. Coles were also supportive and donated a gift card so we could purchase the things we needed.

The biggest thank you of all goes to the families from LA 1-8 for finding time to come and celebrate with us, at one of the busiest times of the year.

**Annette Reid**

## Graduation

Congratulations and best wishes to all of our year 6 students who had their graduation ceremony on Tuesday night and celebrated with lunch at the Watermark on Wednesday. We wish them all the best on starting their new adventure to high school.



# Celebration Concert



**2023 Term Dates**  
TERM 1: 30 Jan to 14 Apr  
TERM 2: 1 May to 7 July  
TERM 3: 24 July to 29 Sept  
TERM 4: 16 Oct to 15 Dec

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



Please note:  
Qkr will be closed from Friday 16 December 3pm and will reopen on Monday 9 January 2023.

# PLAY AT THE BAY

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**17 December 2022 - 29 January 2023**

Have fun at the Bay these school holidays!

[holdfast.sa.gov.au/playatthebay](http://holdfast.sa.gov.au/playatthebay)

Activities include: Christmas window art, Reef rambles, Lego, Have a try - Gymnastics, Plus more!, Bubble show

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# PLAY AT THE BAY

## SUMMER BINGO CARD

Enjoy an ice cream on Jetty Road, Glenelg 	Borrow something from the toy collection at your local library	Find a heart shaped shell on the beach	Read 5 books over the summer holidays 
Ride the tram up Jetty Road, Glenelg	Explore a new playspace at a local reserve	Find the old mirror in the Bay Discovery Centre	Find 5 different types of trees
Take a pic in 'The Big Red Heart' at Glenelg	Meet some friends for a game of beach cricket 	Donate some old toys/ clothes to your local charity 	Take a walk along the foreshore

Use #PlayattheBay on Instagram while you cross things off your list!

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# PLAY AT THE BAY PROGRAM

**Monday 19 December**

**Christmas Rock Painting Workshop**  
 Ages: 3+  
 10am – 10:45am  
 North Brighton Community Garden  
 Join us to paint and decorate your very own Christmas themed rock. Take home your masterpiece!

**Tuesday 20 December**

**Christmas Window Art**  
 Ages: 4+ (Families welcome)  
 10am – 10:30am  
 Glenelg Library (Children's area)  
 Join local artist Elle Dawson-Scott in creating a colourful Christmas window display. Work together and use posca paint pens to add colour and fun to the library windows.

**Canvas Bag Art**  
 Ages: Ages 4+  
 10am – 11am  
 Glenelg Library (Children's area)  
 Join us in the library to decorate your very own library canvas bag.

**Wednesday 21 December**

**Christmas Window Art**  
 Ages: 4+ (Families welcome)  
 10am – 10:30am  
 Brighton Library (Children's area)  
 Join local artist Elle Dawson-Scott in creating a colourful Christmas window display. Work together and use posca paint pens to add colour and fun to the library windows.

**Thursday 22 December**

**Christmas Window Art**  
 Ages: 4+ (Families welcome)  
 10am – 10:30am  
 Brighton Library (Children's area)  
 Join local artist Elle Dawson-Scott in creating a colourful Christmas window display. Work together and use posca paint pens to add colour and fun to the library windows.

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