



NEWSLETTER

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Monday 22 May

- Governing Council meeting

Wednesday 24 May

- National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

June

Friday 9 June

- Principal's Tour ~ 9am

Monday 12 June

- King's birthday public holiday

Friday 16 June

- School disco

Monday 19 June

- Governing Council meeting ~ 7pm

Wednesday 28 June

- SAPSASA soccer carnival
- Parent coffee catch up ~ 9am

Friday 30 June

- Last day of term

Traffic Monitors:

Week 4

Morning: Leila, Mia, Charles & Jackson
Afternoon: Saoirse, Ana, Alyssa & Willow

Week 5

Morning: Keita, Eric, Oliver & Narayan
Afternoon: Tahlia, Summer, Danielle & Alice

School values

Bravery - Care

Challenge - Trust



Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

Dear Families,

We would like to acknowledge our canteen manager, Lisa Goodings, who had her last day at PPPS last Friday. Lisa has worked tirelessly as our Canteen Manager for the last 3 years, making it a vibrant and welcoming environment, and ensuring the canteen's success and ongoing viability. Thank you, Lisa, for supporting our students every day, providing an exciting menu, organising special days, amazing sign boards and supporting our special events. The staff and students appreciate all of your hard work. The staff always loved receiving a freshly made muffin on their birthdays! We wish Lisa all the best for the future.



We would also like to announce that Vanessa Payne and Chantelle Culley have been appointed to the shared Canteen Manager position. We know that Vanessa and Chantelle will continue to provide a wonderful service to our community and keep the canteen running successfully.

Remember, the canteen is always on the lookout for volunteers. If you can spare any time, we'd love to hear from you! Pop into the canteen and speak to Vanessa and Chantelle or see one of our front office team for more information.



Online safety

One of our proactive strategies is to engage with our community in preventing and responding to online safety issues. Each fortnight we will be providing information about understanding and responsibility for online safety. Please click on the link below to familiarise yourself with available information and resources that advise parents how to keep our students safe online. There is also a free webinar for parents. For more resources please visit: [Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Governing Council Environment sub committee

What is the Environment subcommittee?

Our purpose is the continuous improvement of the physical and aesthetic educational environment of our school. This includes our many areas of outdoor learning environments, school maintenance and safety, in addition to our sustainability focus. If you'd like to have your say or be involved, the next Environment Committee meeting is on Monday 5 June at 4pm or contact bethanyszuz@gmail.com

Groundsperson

Today we farewelled our Groundsperson, Daniel Zesers, who has been at PPPS for the last year.

We are currently advertising for a new groundsperson for 25 hours per week. The position does have some flexibility and is for 5 hours 5 days per week. Duties include maintaining and developing our school grounds and has some on-call requirements. All equipment is provided.

If you (or someone you know) would be interested, further information about the position and how to apply is available at [edujobs](#) or contact the school for further details.

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Tribes Value Focus - Bravery

Last Friday we held a tribes assembly that focused on bravery and courage. Bravery will be a focus for all classes for the next 6 weeks. Our student tribe leaders did a great job of role-playing bravery, explaining its importance and getting the whole school (including staff) involved in a bravery dance and sing along. It was truly awesome seeing students use positive self-talk and taking it into their Friday and the weekend.



We would love to see parents attend our assemblies. They are hosted by our students in the gym in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 at 9am. For our tribes assemblies in weeks 2 & 8, students are grouped into their sporting tribes and it has a totally different feel and is very interactive, so be prepared to join in. Our tribes assemblies focus is on belonging and bringing us all together. We would love to see all our families attend our assemblies.



Volunteers Week

Our staff would like to recognise the great work our volunteers do at PPPS. We have so many volunteers that help make students learning a fantastic experience at our school, from making amazing chairs for students to sit on, to helping organise our library each week, covering books that we get in, listening to students read each day, running tech studies lessons for students, spending time serving in the canteen or going on excursions. Our parents and friends work so hard to volunteer for our school and we very much appreciate them. We will celebrate our volunteers in term 4 with a thank you morning tea.

Chess Tournament

This week our friends at Chessmates have helped me to run the first ever Paringa Park internal Junior and Senior Chess Championships. We have 38 students competing over 4 lunchtimes and this week we kicked off the tournament.

Chess is a great way to stretch our students' logic and promote another way for our kids to compete in a non sport environment as sports are not for all students. It was great to see 18 senior students from years 4-6 and 10 junior students from year Rec-3 competing.



Stay tuned for future updates and leaderboards as we move towards the finals in 3 weeks time. We are also looking to possibly field a PPPS Chess team to play against other schools later in the year.

If your child is looking to try something new or wants to build their skills, Chessmates runs morning sessions at Paringa Park from 8am each Monday morning for students of any age. Simply google Chessmates and type in Paringa Park Primary to book in. Chessmates teach chess in a fun environment and build students strategy for the game.

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Out of School Sports Update

With soccer starting on the weekend it was, by all accounts, a very successful day at the new league at West lakes. Parents and coordinators spoke very highly of the competition and its organisation. Thanks also needs to go to the soccer committee for supporting this transition and trial this year.

Volleyball has had some difficulties to start the winter season but I think these have been addressed and we can move on to ensure all students get the most out of the season and enjoy playing volleyball with classmates.

Basketball continues to grow and the start to the winter season has been positive with so many teams entered. There continues to be issues with the Basketball Connect App that Basketball SA are using for mini ball and umpires continue to be a problem for stadiums and Basketball SA. Unfortunately both of these issues are out of our control.

Netball starts up this week with our first team in 3 years playing 8 out of their 13 games at home. We have had to dig deep to fix some of the facilities for Netball with such a long break in the sport at PPPS but we will be ready to go come Thursday at 4pm. Great to have netball back.

The Sports Committee met this week and have discussed a number of new initiatives for next year, especially around code of conduct and ethics. We had a very positive and productive discussion that I feel will bring some new attitudes to school sport in 2024.



Just a reminder that all our coaches and coordinators are volunteers and have families and work. They do the absolute best with the time they have to manage and coach teams. Please be mindful of this in your thoughts, actions and words to them. Please take the time to thank them each week as without them these opportunities would not be possible.

Library

Anne and Emilia

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS
STORYTIME



On Wednesday 24 May, students will be gathering in the gym to share the reading of this book together. This year it is being live streamed from the Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. Rebecca Young will be reading her book *The Speedy Sloth* accompanied by Heath McKenzie who will teach us how to draw Spike, there may even be a special appearance from some of the residents at the zoo!



Well done to these students who have recently completed the challenge...

Summer H. 1-5 (20)	Charlie B. 1-4 (20)	Norah H. 1-9 (20)	Jeremy C. 4-2 (20)	Sebastian B. 1-7 (20)	Kate R. 4-3 (3rd)
Hector L. 1-7	Saskia C. 4-3	Lydia D. 1-11	Ariana S. 1-11	Kalani M. 1-3	Sophia T. 4-3
Belle F. 1-9	Tilly L. 1-9	Hayden D. 2-11	Maya B. 4-2	Jake D. 1-6	Bailey W. 2-6
Joe O. 4-1	Emily S. 1-8	Alfie C. 1-3	Patrick B. 1-5	Myles D. 1-3	Radin A 4-

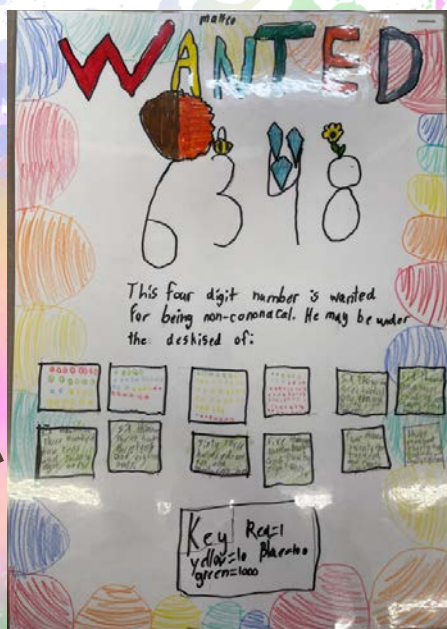
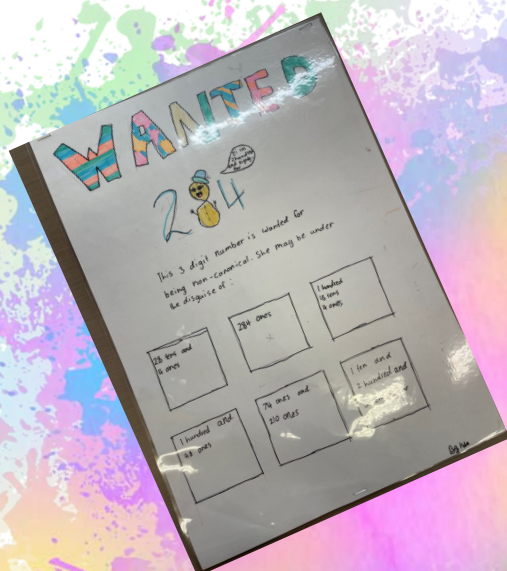
Maths

Beth Harris

Term 1 saw a huge, school wide focus on place value in Maths. Place value is the understanding that the place of a digit represents a particular value.

In year 3, not only were the children exploring numbers in their canonical form (following the rules of place value; where when you get more than 9 in a column, you automatically create a new column on the left). We also introduced thinking about numbers non-canonically. Therefore, 25 isn't just 2 tens and 5 ones but also 15 ones and 1 ten or simply 25 ones. This fluidity of thinking about numbers is hoped to help children when we come to calculate with numbers.

In LA 1-9, we decided to explore the different ways that one number could be made and presented this in a wanted poster. The children were super creative and demonstrated a great ability to think of numbers in lots of different forms or "disguises."



Year 2 Recounts

Kirsty Arnold

The Superheroes in LA1-7 have been learning about recounts. We examined news articles to help us understand the features of recounts and what we needed to include in our own. We decided that recounts needed to have titles, an introduction with when, where, who and why, subject specific words, events in time order and a reflection that includes how we felt.

Just like journalists, the children had the opportunity to type up their final copy and were given a deadline to meet to get their recount in the newsletter. Here are two examples that met the deadline.

(Please note: children have edited their own work after feedback from the teacher)

My birthday by Eric H

Firstly, We went to the jail for my birthday. My birthday start's at 2:00 i am really happy.
Secondly, When we got there we played soccer on the oval. My team won the game. Thirdly, We went inside because it rained. After that, We played hide and seek. I came third then, We had lunch then we played soccer again because it stopped raining after we had cake. the end.

My playdate by Lakshmi S

On my playdate I went to my neighbours house. Her name was Amber. We did some drawing and she is so good at drawing and then I did more drawing. She taught me how to draw a princess. and it was so cute next I played with her slinky and then I went home. I cant wait to go again.

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
- Canberra camp [year 6] \$1,260.00 due by 3pm Thursday 7 September. Payments can be made via instalments.

**Late payments will
not be accepted.**



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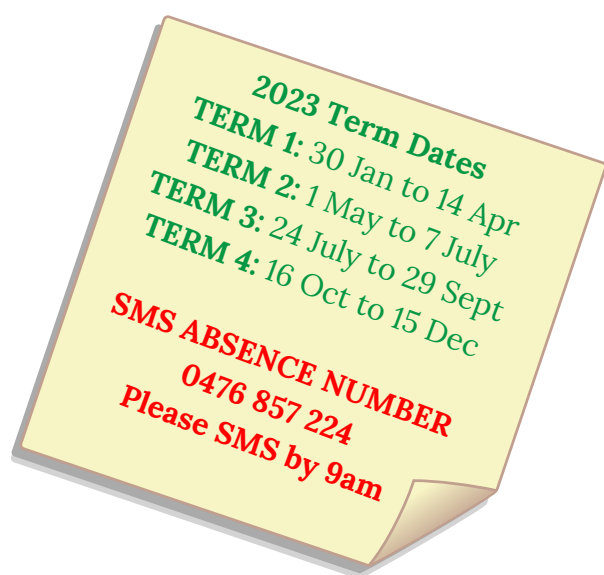
PPPS 70th Birthday Fete



We are celebrating our 70th anniversary with a community fair on Sunday 17 September 2023. There will be:

- Memorabilia displays
- Food
- Community & class stalls
- Amusements
- Much, much more

Everyone is welcome. Keep an eye out for more information soon! You can indicate your interest on our Facebook page by going to our [70th Birthday Fete](#) event.



Canteen

PARINGA'S PANTRY

JOIN OUR **CANTEEN VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY**

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our school canteen. It's a fun and rewarding way to be involved in your child's school. Parents, caregivers & grandparents are all welcome!

Can You Help With:

- preparing lunch orders
- preparing snacks for sale
- serving at recess / lunch
- help on special days / sports day

Flexible times:

- weekly
- monthly
- on-call
- 1 or 2 hours

It's up to you!

Join our friendly team!

Pop into the canteen or call 8296 8904

School disco

School disco volunteers needed on Friday 16 June from 3pm-9pm-ish. Various shifts available.

- Reception to year 2: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Year 3 - year 6: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

If you can help before, during or after the disco please let the front office know and P&C will get in touch with you to provide more information.

Tasks include setting up, checking students in, supervising, serving drinks and snacks, tidying up during, between and after the disco, and final pack down.

Current WWCC and RRHAN certificates required.

It's a great night, the children love it!

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Tickets only available via QR!
\$13 per student. Ticket sales close 3pm Tues 13th June.

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