



1953 - 2023

# NEWSLETTER

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#### Monday 14 August

- Governing Council meeting at 7pm
- Bullying No Way Week

#### Monday 21 August

- Book Week

#### Wednesday 23 August

- Senior Choir Magic Millions performance

#### Thursday 24 August

- SAPSASA District Athletics
- Book Week parade

### September

#### Monday 4 September

- Governing Council meeting at 7pm

#### Wednesday 6 September

- SciWorld planetarium incursion [LA 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 & 1-8]

#### Monday 11 September

- SAPSASA Volleyball

#### Friday 15 September

- 70th Birthday assembly

#### Sunday 17 September

- 70th Birthday Fair [10am - 2pm]

### Traffic Monitors:

#### Week 4

Morning: Sienna B, Milla, Aya & Cora  
Afternoon: Lewis O, Kyler, Louis & Kodis

#### Week 5

Morning: Will, Lewis O, Mila & Poppy  
Afternoon: Saskia, Lucy, Mackenzie & Addie G

### School values

Bravery - Care

Challenge - Trust



# Principal's Welcome

**Tracey Bennett**

Dear Families,

We value our families as a child's first teacher and are continually looking for ways to develop strong partnerships with parents to help our learners feel connected and supported in their learning.

In November last year our Chief Executive Martin Westwell and his team asked our children and young people to kick off discussions about what the purpose of public education in South Australia should be. They asked how we could ensure we were adapting to stay ahead of changing demands, and support children and young people to learn and thrive as they prepare for their futures beyond the classroom.



Martin and his team then involved the broader community in the discussion. After collating and summarising the thousands of ideas from children and young people, staff, families, community members, international experts and others, our new purpose and strategy was released. Please click on the link to find more information about our new strategy. [Our strategy for public education in South Australia](#)

## Student agency

What is student agency? Why is it important? Student agency builds the critical thinking and problem solving skills students need to thrive. It is really important because students who actively engage in their education build a deeper understanding of content.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had two groups of students organise an appointment with me to discuss issues that are very important to them. One issue involves our LA 2 toilets. The Year 4 girls wrote a persuasive letter that was extremely convincing as to why we need to have a bathroom revamp. I invited the girls to present to the leadership team last week and our two business managers this week. Our next step is to form a plan of action to renovate the toilets but to also remind students about using them appropriately.



The second group of students came to me about an issue that was concerning rubbish around the school, particularly behind the wooden seats in our nature play area. We have organised another meeting next Monday with the SEAT (student environment action team) to formulate a sustainable plan to tackle our pollution issue.





# El Shaddai Camp

Tyler C & Will L



The year 5's left school for a couple of nights at camp. We left on Monday the 31st of July. Everyone had an amazing time at El Shaddai in Wellington. Over the 3 days we got selected in groups and went off to do 6 different activities. The activities were a giant swing, rock climbing, archery, laser tag, vertical crates, reptiles. To complete these activities we all needed to show our school values which are care, challenge, bravery and trust.

Here's what people had to say about camp:

*"My favourite activity on camp was the giant swing"* Ruby 2-11.

*"It was really fun and I really enjoyed doing all of the activities"*  
Flynn 2-7.

*"My favourite activity was doing the outdoor laser tag and getting 9 deactivations"* Ollie 4-3.

*"I really enjoyed doing all the activities because it was loads of fun and everybody loved it!"* Kiki 2-2.



# Library

Anne and Emilia



### Book Week update

The shortlisted books for this year are on display in the library. Come and check them out.

The Dress Up Parade will be in Week 5 on Thursday August 24 at 10:15 in the gym.

[Book Week Costume Ideas](#)



Time is running out to get your completed Premier's Reading Challenge sheets in. They are due in by Friday September 8.

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

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|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Isla S.<br>1-11  | Emily T.<br>2-2   | Alvah B.<br>4-3 2nd | Kate R.<br>4-3 7th      |
| Austin H.<br>4-3 | Tom A.<br>1-9     | Seb B.<br>1-7 2nd   | Harrison S.<br>4-1      |
| Flynn F.<br>1-1  | Ivy H.<br>4-1 2nd | Olivia Z.<br>1-7    | Inez C.<br>4-3 2nd (20) |

### 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
- SAPSASA Athletics [selected students only] \$12.00 due by 3pm Friday 18 August
- SciWorld planetarium incursion [LA 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7 & 1-8] \$11.00 due by 3pm Thursday 31 August
- 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.**



# Assembly Affirmations

## \*Bravery \*Care\*Challenge\* Trust\*

Harry T, Kieran Y, Oscar H & Isla S [LA 1-11] ~ For accepting a challenge in maths to extend their understanding in fractions.

Alice F [LA 2-6] ~ for her attitude towards other staff. She is so friendly and welcoming. Offering up kind comments and saying hello each morning, Keep up the great work.

Seb S [LA 2-6] ~ For constantly seeking feedback and asking clarifying questions during learning time to ensure he completed his work to the best of his ability.

Bailey W [LA 2-6] ~ for displaying great leadership skills in the classroom, by setting the example of how to work but also by keeping other people accountable to ensure a positive classroom culture.

Jake D, James I, Alfie L, Tate W & Kit W [LA 1-6] ~ for all the students in LA 1-6 for having a great start to term 3 by challenging themselves in all areas of learning.

Vikas S [LA 1-9] ~ For enthusiastically taking on the challenge of finding change using the column method. He even helped his classmates make sense of this new learning - which was wonderful to see.

Gracie L [LA 2-6] ~ For including and helping others, whether it be an instruction that's missed or someone doesn't have a group to join. Thank you for thinking of not only yourself but of others.

Olivia Z [LA 1-9] ~ Congratulations to Olivia for being so brave when starting a new school. She has challenged herself with new learning and classroom routines. Well done!

All year 5 camp students ~ for showing great bravery and challenge when participating in the activities on camp, especially when overcoming some of their fears. Care and trust were shown in supporting your peers to be successful in their activities.

## \*Bravery \*Care\*Challenge\* Trust\*

## Notices

### Hats

Just a reminder as we are now in term 3 and our [Sun Protection and Hot Weather Policy and Procedure](#) comes into effect where all students are required to wear a hat during play time and outdoor activities.

'During terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever the UV radiation levels reach 3 or above, all children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.'

We appreciate your support in reminding your child/ren of the importance of wearing a hat. Bucket hats can be purchased either on Qkr! or at the front office at a cost of \$9.00.



### School zones

Please be vigilant in our school zones on Margaret Avenue, Vincent Avenue and Bowker Street. The signage states that the speed limit is 25km/hr when children are present. We have had the public, families and our staff report concerns over student safety with vehicles appearing to be travelling faster than the 25km/hr limit. The start and end of the school day are very busy times and we have students both walking and riding to school. We have had incidents of student and vehicle interactions and are concerned for our students' and families safety.

Please help us keep our community safe.

Notices continued...

Canteen Special Lunch Day

**HOTDOG DAY!**  
FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

**\$4**  
sauce +20c

**ORDER NOW ON QKR!**

Special Lunch Day  
Orders close 3pm Tuesday 22 August  
No late orders. Regular menu also available.

**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!

**Flexible times:**

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

It's up to you!

**Can You Help With:**

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

**Join our friendly team!**

Come in and see Vanessa or Chantelle  
email paringaparkcanteen@gmail.com  
or call 8296 8904



PPPS 70th Birthday Assembly ~ Save the Date

The staff and students of Paringa Park Primary School would like to invite parents and caregivers to our 70th Birthday Celebration assembly, which will be held on Friday 15 September 2023, commencing at 10am.

Also, please don't forget our Community Fair will be held on Sunday 17 September.

**PARINGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**COMMUNITY FAIR**

Sunday 17 September 2023  
10am - 2pm

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Yr 6 \$20 Boss stalls  
Memorabilia displays  
Sausage sizzle & food trucks

Novelties & amusements  
Local business & class stalls  
Dance performances & music

**Paringa Park Primary School celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2023!**

**Come along to our community fair. Everyone is welcome!**

**21 Bowker Street, North Brighton**

QUERIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 8296 8904 FOR EVENT UPDATES, SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT OUR FACEBOOK EVENT

**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