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December

Monday 4 December

- Kuitpo Forest Leadership Day [SVE & Tribe leaders]

Tuesday 5 December

- End of year celebration night



Wednesday 6 December

- School closure day

Thursday 7 December

- First Nations Beachouse excursion [First Nations students]

Monday 11 December

- Pool Picnic excursion [LA 1-9, 1-11, 4-1, 4-2 & 4-3]

Tuesday 12 December

- Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 13 December

- **CANTEEN: OVER THE COUNTER SALES ONLY**
- Moving up day
- Year 6 Graduation Lunch
- Academic reports available 4pm on the portal

Thursday 14 December

- **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Aqua Splash excursion [year 5 & 6 students]
- Somerton Park Beach excursion (r-2 students)

Friday 15 December

- **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- School finishes early at 2.05pm

Traffic Monitors:

Week 8

Morning: Poppy, Audrey, Mila & Poppy
Afternoon: Eric, Keita, Kiyara & Zoe

Week 9

Morning: Nathan, Oliver, Elise & Addison V
Afternoon: Kiara, Zoe, Narayanan & Nathan

School values

Bravery - Care
Challenge - Trust



Principal's Welcome

Tracey Bennett

Dear Families,

New Receptions

We have just completed the initial stage of our Orientation to School program for our 84 new receptions starting at PPPS in 2024. Special thanks to our reception team Lauren, Chanelle, Dee, Lillie, Ainsley and Vicki for their commitment to ensuring children and families have been welcomed to our school. Our new students have completed 2 of their 3 transition visits. Thank you also to our Governing Council members who welcomed families at the Welcome to School Family Evening. The program continues in term 1 week 1 next year with a series of workshops for families, as a part of our belief that it is not just children making a transition to school but families also!



Classes 2024

Our total enrolments determine the number of classes we can create for 2024. We have created 18 mainstream classes from R-6 with an additional district-based Speech and Language class.

Historically our school community has a preference for straight year levels, and this has been taken into consideration when determining our structures for 2024, with 16 straight and 2 composite classes. During your child's time at our school, however, they will encounter both straight and composite or multi-level classes. As mentioned previously, 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. 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.

Our class structures have been decided for next year as follows:

- 1 x Speech and language class
- 3 x Reception
- 1 x Reception/Year 1
- 2 x Year 1
- 2 x Year 2
- 2 x Year 3
- 1 x Year 3/4
- 2 x Year 4
- 2 x Year 5
- 3 x Year 6

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
- Pool Picnic: End of year celebration [years 3 & 4] \$24.50 due by 3pm Tuesday 5 December
- Year 6 Graduation lunch \$35.00 due by 3pm Tuesday 5 December
- Year 6 Graduation Ceremony \$10.50 due by 3pm Tuesday 5 December

*Late payments will
not be accepted.*



Principal's Welcome continued...

I would like to thank and congratulate Rachel Fielding on her brilliant work leading literacy and special education across the school. Rachel has been a highly valued leadership team member and her knowledge of early years pedagogy is outstanding. Rachel will be returning to Pimpala Primary School for term 1 before she goes on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Stephanie Burton who has won the Senior Leader, Leading Learning Whole School Literacy and Early Years Sub School Leader. Stephanie has been a Curriculum Lead at Uleybury and Torrens Valley and comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge about the Australian curriculum.

We are thrilled to announce that Emma Neilson has been made permanent at Paringa Park Primary School in her SSO administration role. Linda Chambers has moved into the full time Business Manager position and will be working along side Susan Lane.

Congratulations to Robert Pearl and his wife Bridget on the birth of their beautiful daughter Lucy. Rob has just returned from 4 weeks of parenting leave.

I will be taking leave in Week 9. My daughter is getting married in the Adelaide Hills on Friday 15 December and we are staying in the hills with family before the wedding. Jamie Meredith will be acting Principal with the support of Margy and Rachel.

Toilets

Our toilets are finally getting a revamp in the school holidays. Over the summer break we are painting the bathrooms and replacing the mirrors. All bathrooms will undergo deep cleaning. Thanks to our group of year 4 students who have been working with leadership and our business manager to oversee this project.

AGM/Acquaintance Night

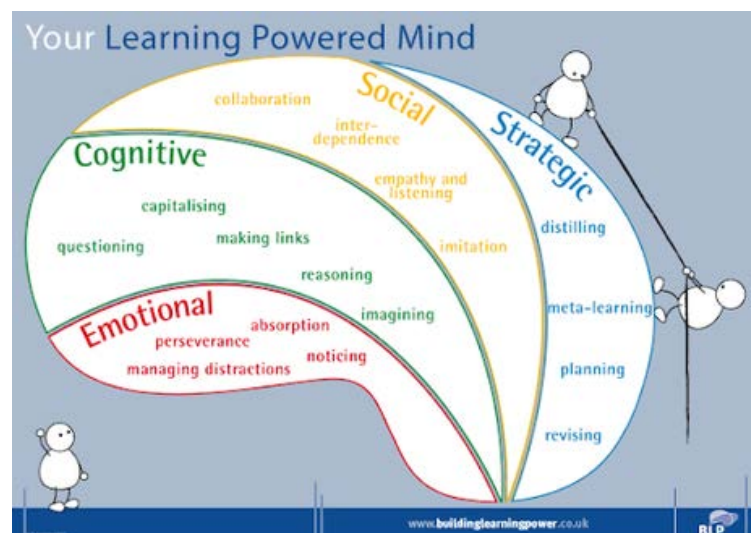
Next year we will be combining our Acquaintance Night with our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6 February 2024

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Dispositions for learning is key to success

Recently, I went to a seminar from a leading education professor Guy Claxton. I have been following Guy for a number of years and the work he is doing with learning dispositions. In my 10 years as a year 7 teacher at Brighton Primary, we used his learning brain model to develop an engagement program for our year 7 students to provided support for the transition to secondary education. The purpose was to create a culture around key learning dispositions that our students needed to develop to be lifelong learners.



WoW continued...

I am still a big advocate for understanding students' learning dispositions before academics can be considered. You will be soon receiving your child's reports, please ensure you take the time to discuss their report with them and pay strong attention to the effort achievement on the report. This is strongly considered by teachers and directly relates to the dispositions learners need to be successful as lifelong learners. Our teachers are strong advocates for dispositions

If the information on Guy Claxton interests you his Learner Power model can be found online.

Environment Committee Update

The Environment Committee has been working on some ideas to help make it easier to ride to school.

Next year we will trial turning the old Kiss 'n Drop into a "Bike n' Drop". This will create a space where children can ride to school with their carers and park their bikes in the newly placed bike racks.

This will also make a safe waiting area for easy pick up after school.



Science

Kelly Mitchell

Congratulations Hayden

We are incredibly proud of Hayden for winning the Oliphant Science Awards Crystal Investigation category for year 5-6 this year. Winners from the Crystal Investigation category are automatically entered into the National Crystal Growing Competition.

I am proud to announce that Hayden won 2nd place for the Year 3-6 category in the National competition. Congratulations Hayden. What a great achievement.



Mathematics

Margy Holland

“What books are to reading, play is to mathematics.” ~ Dan Finkel ~

Thanks to all families for their support with their children’s learning this year in maths. We have shown some great growth in mathematical understanding across the school and it always brings me joy when students talk to me about their maths learning with a big smile.

For those of you who are interested in how you can continue to support your child with maths at home over the summer holidays, there is a collection of web links below to games and articles that will make this easier. Have a look and let me know if they were helpful.

From Dan Finkel and web page Math For Love
[Math Game Short List 2018 - Math For Love](#)

From Michael Minas and web page Love Maths
[Games – Love Maths](#)

From Dr Ange Rogers (Numeracy Teachers Academy)
 Bluey and Number Blocks have some great episodes promoting maths.
[Bluey Maths \(numeracyteachersacademy.com\)](#)
[Number Blocks \(numeracyteachersacademy.com\)](#)

Tips for promoting maths at home before the next school year starts
[Numeracy tips for starting school \(numeracyteachersacademy.com\)](#)

From the Maths Hub run by University of Adelaide
[For parents and carers \(mathematicshub.edu.au\)](#)

From the work of Jo Boaler and YouCubed
[Parent Resources Archives - YouCubed](#)

Enjoy the break, I look forward to hearing about your family maths adventures next year.



Westfield Christmas reindeer display

We were recently approached by Westfield Marion to participate in their Christmas reindeer display. A group of our students worked with SSO Sarah Allen this term to decorate Vixen in an Aussie Christmas and traditional theme. It looks amazing! Head to the mall outside Myer to check out the display.





Glenelg Christmas Pageant

Chanelle Pomeroy



Paringa Park Primary School has been participating in the Glenelg Christmas Pageant for more than 15 years.

This year we dressed up in 1950s theme to celebrate Paringa Park's 70th Birthday.

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us in walking in the pageant and to everyone who was in the crowd waving and cheering us on.

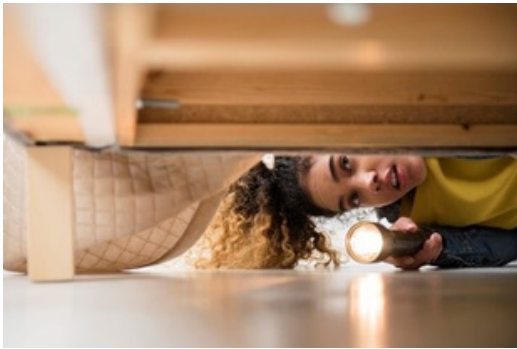


Library

Anne and Emilia



Library borrowing has officially ended for the year. In 2023, the total number of loans made by students was a whopping 23,102! Thank you to all students who have already returned their books. We have 740 books still borrowed by students that need to be returned. We encourage all students (especially those who won't be at Paringa next year) to search their classroom and at home and return any items as soon as possible.



Assembly Affirmations

*Bravery *Care*Challenge* Trust*

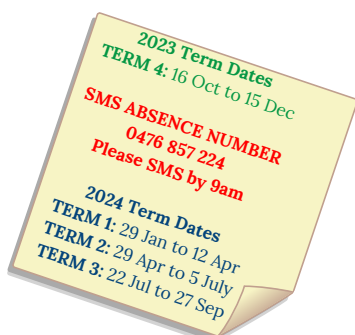
June D [LA 1-5] ~ For always being willing to challenge herself in maths and approaches all problems with a positive mindset.

Eloise F [LA 1-5] ~ For making an effort to take on more challenges this semester, particularly in maths.

Julian D [LA 2-6] ~ For being a trustworthy and reliable assistant with the technical presentations at assemblies.

Kiyara L [LA 2-2] ~ For showing great care for our school by volunteering to help with crossing duty when students haven't arrived.

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Notices

School uniform orders

REMINDER: We will continue to take orders via Qkr until 3pm the last day of term. Qkr! will be reopen for orders from Tuesday 2 January. New stock will be delivered in January, uniforms will be available for collection on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 January between 9am - 12pm.

Canteen

REMINDER: During the last week of school, the canteen will be taking lunch orders on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December only, then open for over the counter sales only on Wednesday. The canteen will be closed on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December.

2nd hand uniforms

2nd hand uniforms will be available to purchase for a gold coin donation in the front office from Tuesday to Friday next week. Please take this opportunity to check the lost property for any of your child's lost clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes or any other items.

Medication

Please note, ALL medication that is stored at the front office or in classrooms will be returned to students 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 29 January (first day back). Please remember all medication needs to have a pharmacy label.



Notices continued...

REMINDER: Warradale lights display

Don't forget Dr Andrew Walters and his family will be having their Christmas Light display 'May the force be with us' event on Friday 1 December as we count down the 'lights on' for 2023 at 30 Gardiner Ave, Warradale.

There will be Star Wars characters, light sabre twirling, treats for the kids and much more. So come along and see all your favourites, R2D2, stormtroopers, the evil Empire, Grogu and a new favourite Ahsoka Tano.

For more information check out their Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/warradalelightsdisplay>



Paringa Park Primary School proudly presents the 2023

Celebration Concert

Tuesday 5 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
 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

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