



PARINGA PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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December

Friday 15 December

- Qkr! orders close at 3pm

January

Tuesday 2 January

- Qkr! re-opens for uniform orders

Monday 22 January

- Uniforms can be collected between 9am-12pm

Tuesday 23 January

- Uniforms can be collected between 9am-12pm

Monday 29 January

- School resumes

February

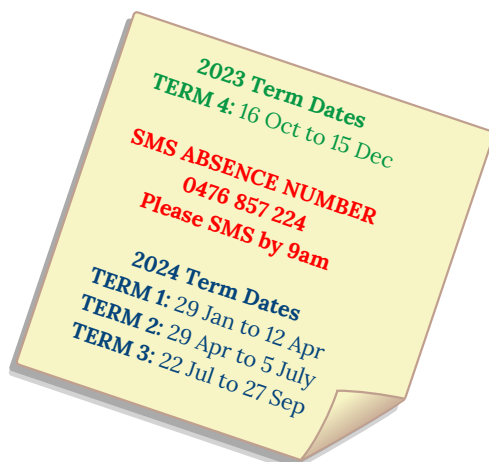
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- Year 6 Aquatics

Tuesday 6 February

- Annual General Meeting

School values
Bravery - Care
Challenge - Trust



Principal's Welcome

Jamie Meredith [Acting Principal]

Dear Families,

It has been an outstanding year at Paringa Park Primary School with so many highlights for our students. They have experienced amazing camps, enlightening excursions (too many to list), amazing character building sporting opportunities, engaging and entertaining assemblies, a much deserved 70th Birthday celebration and music concerts and choirs to showcase the immense talent our students have. 2023 has been a year with so much to celebrate and another year of great learning with amazing results in our numeracy and literacy results.



However none of 2023 could have been made possible without the support of our community. Our families are one of our great sources of strength as a successful school and we thank you for all the time and effort you take in supporting us to be the best we can be.

Finally, but most importantly, we need to acknowledge the passion, dedication and commitment our staff have towards our students. I know at the forefront of every decision we make, we have our children's best interests at heart. From the front office to the classroom to the groundsmans shed, our staff work together in a flexible, responsive and caring manner to make PPPS known as a great place to develop a young mind.

As the holiday season kicks in from Friday at 2:05pm for our students and their families, we wish you a safe and festive holiday season. Enjoy the family time together and cherish the moments of joy and happiness they bring because these moments are gold.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year on Monday 29 January for the start of another great school year..... but just a little bit better than last year!

Year 6 Graduation & Lunch

We all had an amazing night on Tuesday to celebrate the year 6 students of 2023 graduating from PPPS. The students were fantastically dressed and looked the part of a graduating cohort.



We had fabulous support from families who turned up in great numbers as usual and it goes without saying the effort and passion of our year 6 teachers was outstanding. Every year they continue the traditions of this event and it is a very humbling and thoughtful graduation night that is really student focused.

Our SVE hosts were outstanding as was our esteemed guest the Hon. Sarah Andrews MP and Dr. Andrew Walters who gave a fantastic speech. Andrew delivered a very meaningful speech as a past student, who started his learning journey in our playground fighting galactic battles as a jedi with his mates and now works in the defence department as a scientist with AI and drone technologies.

Our students spoke so well about each other, their reflections and artworks pinned on the walls around the gym were so open and truthful and will forever be a keepsake for parents. The disco afterwards was very much focused on photos using the photo booth that was organised and everyone appreciated the pizza and juice boxes.



Principal's Welcome continued...

On Wednesday, leadership and teachers headed down to the Watermark Restaurant at Glenelg for a celebration with all you can eat buffet and some great soft serve ice cream! Our students' manners were impeccable, we received huge amounts of praise from both staff and other patrons who saw our students actively using care for others. It is a proud moment for our teachers and leaders when our values are in play when we are not looking.

For many of our families, this year is the graduation of their last child to go through PPPS and to these families we would honestly like to thank you for your time and service to our community, be it as a parent, as part of a committee, working bees, coaching sports teams, cooking bbq's, running fundraisers and supporting our events. Chipping in and lending a hand to support the school is what has made Paringa Park Primary School an amazing place to learn and grow over the last 70 years. It is what makes us a place of choice for many parents in the area.

With 109 new receptions starting their journey to graduation next year, the cycle begins again, but our year 6 students of 2023 will always be welcome at PPPS and they will always be Paringa Park Primary kids to us, no matter which secondary school they attend. May they forever remember and use our values of Care, Challenge, Bravery and Trust and we know they will always be the best they can be. Paringa Park Primary forever class of 2023!

Christmas Concert- What a fabulous night!

This year's Christmas concert was simply outstanding. Big thank you to Steph Hammond for bringing this all together. The songs from all the classes were just fantastic and showed so much talent we have at the school with creative arts.

It was also fantastic to have the Beach Front Hub students and their teachers play a song for us. The effort students and families put into being part of this program is outstanding. A key standout was our year 6 hosts, Caoimhe and Cora. They were magnificent and made the night flow so smoothly. Their confidence, courage and bravery to do this role speaks volumes for the school community we have.



The atmosphere was very inclusive, light hearted and lots of fun right down to the teacher song. Miss K did a great job in lead vocals and our staff backed her up nicely with some great sleepy singing! Poor Mr O fell asleep mid song and had to be woken up. Clearly it has been a big year for our sleepy and tired staff! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents and siblings who came along. Your presence made the night so special and your support is so appreciated.



Principal's Welcome continued...

Staffing for 2024

We would like to congratulate Kelly Mitchell who has won the technology coaching position for 2024. Kelly's technology role will be 1 day a week. Kelly will coach and mentor teachers, students and the community in using technology as a tool for learning. Kelly will work with the ICT lead team to develop a strategic ICT plan for Paringa Park Primary School.

Below is a breakdown of our teaching staffing for 2024. We are awaiting confirmation of our ancillary staff for 2024 and will let families in the new year.

- **LA 1-1: Reception:** Lauren Whitbread
- **LA 1-2: Reception:** Chanelle Pomeroy & Lillie Marshall
- **LA 1-3: Reception:** Ainsley Haddow
- **LA 1-4: Year 1:** Harinder Kaur / Michelle Edwards
- **LA 1-5: Year 1:** Sharon Kuchel
- **LA 1-6: Speech & Language:** Vicki Hodgson
- **LA 1-7: Reception / Year 1:** Kirsty Arnold
- **LA 1-9: Year 2:** Beth Harris & Alison Hamilton
- **LA 1-10: Year 2:** Jo Scott-Watherston
- **LA 1-11: Year 3:** Victoria Edwards
- **LA 2-2: Year 5:** Alanna Hayes & Margy Holland
- **LA 2-5: Year 6:** Georgii Staben & Katie Dixon
- **LA 2-6: Year 6:** Robert Pearl
- **LA 2-7: Year 6:** Jon Osbourne
- **LA 2-11: Year 5:** Eleanor Freeth
- **LA 4-1: Year 4:** Ebony Wilkey
- **LA 4-2: Year 3:** Ivan Cooper
- **LA 4-3: Year 3 / Year 4:** Clint Durbridge
- **LA 4-4: Year 4:** Donna Williams

French: Bronte Ellison & Anita Trainor

Performing Arts: Steph Hammond

PE: Michelle Burton

Science: Kelly Mitchell

Aboriginal Education Teacher: Katie Dixon

Autism Inclusion: Georgii Staben

Special Education Support: Katie Dixon

Technology Coach: Kelly Mitchell

We would also like to acknowledge that we have a few staff leaving. Bec Martin has been at PPPS for more than 9 years in a range of different roles and will be very much missed as she challenges herself in a new role at SEDA college. Mary Spence, our Pastoral Care Worker for the past 3 years will be leaving us to take on a role at St Micheals and we thank Mary for her work in supporting PPPS kids in their wellbeing and mental health. Emilia Crook and Julie Lague, part of our SSO team, will be finding new challenges at other sites in 2024 and we say a big thank you and goodbye for the support you have shown and Deb McGlennon, also part of our SSO team for a very long time will be off on holiday adventures in 2024 and we thank her for all the support she has shown our students both as an SSO and in OSHC.

Words of Wellbeing (WOW)

Jamie Meredith

Managing class placement worries

Moving up to a new class can be a stressful time for some students and families. As a staff we recognise this and do our very best to ensure placements work the best. We take into consideration academics, special needs, social selection (students name 4 friends) and parent considerations. We use teacher knowledge and judgement and previous years metrics to place students using a computer system that we feed information into. Teachers then spend a number of weeks working through the class lists.



This must then fit into the class numbers we have for each year level and work around the class sizes so each class is not overloaded, and we have room to take other in zone students during the year. It is for these reasons that students are not shifted after moving up day.

It is a complex process, but I can say it is done with great care and great passion by our staff as they work within the boundaries that are set. It would then be fair to say your child may have come home unhappy that they are not with a friend that they wanted. We make it very clear early on to students that we can only guarantee they will have at least 1 of their nominated friends in their class.

At this point it is vital for you to have a chat with your child about who is in their class, not who is not or what they do not have. Our values of challenge and trust come into play at this point. Acknowledging that yes this is a challenge for them is important, recognising their emotions is important, but what defines how your child will react and behave will be if you discuss with them the positives about being in this class in 2024. Talk to them about the opportunities that are there and the trust and faith the teacher from 2023 has seen in them to be in a class to develop new friendships and grow their network.

Allowing your child to feel sad is okay, it is one of 5 primal emotions that we are built with, but framing it as a challenge that they can get through and will be better off for having tackled is crucial and an incredible life skill that you are passing on to them. Having a period of sadness is okay, but they need to move on from this and by speaking about their placement as a challenge that has lots of support (parents, teachers, leaders and new friends they don't even know yet) can be an uplifting experience for them going forward.

Children are remarkable humans and are so incredibly flexible and resilient when given the chance. As parents we sometimes jump in and don't allow them the chance to think and feel and reflect with our help - I am as guilty as anyone on this. What I have learnt is to take a step back, be a guide, listen and model strategies when they are calm and collected.



WoW continued...

Thank you leaders of 2023

I am so lucky to have spent the year mentoring an amazing bunch of leaders working to make things better at Paringa Park Primary School. The roles of SVE and Tribe leaders are very coveted roles and our students wear their badges with great pride.

To the 9 SVE leaders - Max H, Aya F, Sienna B, Hamish H, Sidney G, Hayden D, Jasper V, Addi V, Ruby Y thank you so much for your dedication and hard work over the year. With 5 leaders moving on we have 4 great leaders remaining to teach our new wave of leaders next year when they are elected.

Our Tribe leaders (formerly house captains) have been a new edition to our leadership team and have been amazing in driving our school values. They have worked with me to develop assemblies each term around the values and have been exceptional role models in the yard. Next year we will welcome 8 new Tribe leaders to this role and we will be working on bigger projects to ensure all of our students are being the best they can be and actively using the values of Care, Challenge, Bravery and Trust every day. Milla E, Ollie, Max B, Mia B, Leila A, Louis F (term 1 & 2), Cora O, Oliver T and Zara C thank you so much and clearly you are going to be great assets to your secondary schools.

Out of School Sports News

Thank you to our sports coordinators this year. They have worked really hard to deliver some fabulous experiences for our students in all the sports that PPPS has to offer. Thank you to all the coaches and team managers of teams and thank you to the players and their families for investing in our out of school sports program.



In the coming days we will release a registration form for Summer (term 1 and 4) sports via a new online form. We will email and post this on our socials to ensure all parents see it and we ask that parents sign up to sports ASAP. In 2024 we will not be running with Kelly Sports to do our admin and so coordinators will be doing this. We will be collecting all registrations and coordinators will register teams with the relevant sporting bodies. Next year we will have a mandatory parent sports education session in the first week of school on 1 February at 6pm in the gym. All parents of students registered to play a sport must attend this 50-minute session. Our parent coordinators are endorsing this to ensure the environments for sports are safe, friendly and supportive for players and volunteers alike. Reminders will be sent out as families that don't attend may result in their child not being eligible to play in the first week of games. Our sports committee wanted to ensure all parents of children involved in school sports get the same message. Parents will also have to acknowledge that they have read the schools sports behaviour policy before they can register.



Notices



School uniform orders

REMINDER: We will continue to take orders via Qkr until 3pm on 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.

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.



Tuesday 16th January 2024 9:00-3:00
Wednesday 17th January 2024 9:00-3:00

Design, Build & Race your own 'F1 in Schools' Car in a 1 day Holiday Program run by team 'Neutrino' from Brighton Secondary School (Sausage Sizzle Lunch included)



<https://www.trybooking.com/CNXUU>



Brighton Secondary School
305 Brighton Rd, North Brighton

Assembly Affirmations

*Bravery *Care*Challenge* Trust*

LA 2-11 ~ Thank you to all of the students in LA2-11 for challenging themselves to assist the canteen with research for new lunch boxes. You sourced some interesting and practical options and provided detailed costings. Well done!

Tyler C [LA 2-11] ~ For showing fantastic bravery in standing up for what was right when he saw something that was not okay and went against our school values. Thank you for upholding our school values.

Cora O [LA 2-6] & Caoimhe C [LA 2-7] ~ showed outstanding school values as our amazing hosts of the End of Year concert! Thank you so much Cora and Caoimhe for your fabulous work!

Alvah B [LA 4-3] ~ For always embracing the challenge of the class multiplication game.

Charlie E [LA 4-3] ~ For always being a wonderful role model for his buddy class.

Sophia T [LA 4-3] ~ For her persistent efforts in maths tasks and receiving pleasing results.

Sophie T [LA 4-3] ~ For always listening intently, collaborating with peers and showing care for others.

*Bravery *Care*Challenge* Trust*



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"WHERE EVERY HOLIDAY ADVENTURE BEGINS"

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Thursdays (3:30-4:30pm)
15th February - 4th April
@ 21 Bowker St, North Brighton



Scan QR Code to register

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Paringa Park Primary

School
 School Address 21 Bowker St, North Brighton SA 5048
 Centre Mobile 0484578682 Centre email paringaparkbigchildcare.com

7:00am - 6:00pm

OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S INTERESTS. WE PREDOMINANTLY TRAVEL BY BUS TO SUIT OUR LOCALITIES AND DO OUR BEST TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN.

HOW TO ATTEND?

- 1. ENROLLED?** IS YOUR CHILD CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT BIG CHILD CARE?
 - NO: **HOW TO ENROL**
 - a) Scan QR code to Enrol online (best option)
 - OR
 - b) Contact your Centre Manager via email, mobile or in person at our centre. See contact details above.
- 2. BOOK**
 - a) Scan QR Code to book via our XAP portal.
 - OR
 - b) Complete the booking form at the end of this brochure and submit it to our centre in person or by email.

Availability for some On-Tour activities are strictly limited. Please book as soon as possible to secure your child's place and avoid disappointment.
- 3. APPLY FOR CCS** YOUR COST OF CARE MAY BE REDUCED BY UP TO 90% IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.
 - Scan QR code or call Services Australia on 13 61 50 between 9am and 5pm (local time) weekdays to apply or to find out more.
 - If you have not used Big Childcare for 14 weeks, you must confirm us as your service provider again on your MyGov account.

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FULL FEE AT PAY AS LOW AS

\$XX **90% CCS** **\$XX**

Scan or click on QR code to find out how much CCS you can get.

PROGRAM & PAYMENT DATES

