Diary Dates:

February
- Tuesday 5th: Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Wednesday 6th: Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Thursday 7th: Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Friday 8th: Assembly hosted by LA2-11 9am

Monday 11th
- OSHC AGM

Tuesday 12th
- Acquaintance Night (see back page)

Up and Coming Event
Governing Council AGM
Monday 18th February 2013

Term Dates For 2013
- Term 1: 29 Jan to 12 April
- Term 2: 29 April to 05 July
- Term 3: 22 July to 27 Sept
- Term 4: 14 Oct to 13 Dec

School Values
- Doing our best
- Caring for and respecting ourselves and others
- Taking action to protect the environment
- Learning, growing: working together

Dear parents and carers
Welcome back for the 2013 school year which promises to be another exciting one full of learning opportunities for our students. The classes have all made smooth starts to the year, focusing on establishing class routines along with work and behavioural expectations. Staff spent much of last week preparing for the students’ return. We start the year with 416 students including 18 new Receptions (Asher, Megan, Ella, Harry, Dallis, Alice, Mustafa, Amber, Oscar, Paris, Novak, Blake, Abby, Noah, Adele, Hunter, Jack and Kai) and 20 students joining us from other schools, interstate or overseas. We will end up with 457 students by Term 4.

We welcome Jayden, Lily, Johnny, Oliver, Jackson, Tyson, Asta, Sinead, Seth, Gabriel, Nathan, Ella, Ylva, Sarah, Jasmin, Tomás, Bradley, Cam, Max, Caitlin and their families to Paringa Park and I’m confident you will have a happy and successful time with us.

By the end of this week you should have received an introduction letter from your child’s teacher with some information about routines and expectations. Further information will be provided at the upcoming Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 12th February. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear about plans for 2013. A creche will be provided to support parents to attend (see back page of newsletter). I look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Please note; Jacquie Grover, Nanette Virgo and Sue Mauger are holding their Acquaintance night on Monday 4th Feb as they have an upcoming camp to discuss.

Staff welcome
I am very pleased to welcome new staff members Clint Durbridge (Year 4 in LA 2-6) who has won a permanent position with us and Belinda Davies (Year 5/6 in LA 1-9 on Mondays and LA 1-10 on Wednesdays). Both are excellent teachers and I look forward to their input to our school. I also welcome back 2 teachers who taught here last year for varying lengths of time and who are now full time with us for the year – Emma Brett (Year 2 in LA 1-2) and Donna Williams (Year 6/7 in LA 2-7). Finally I welcome back Vicki Hodgson (Receptions in LA 1-3) and Stephanie Hammond (Performing Arts and Year 3 LA 1-8 on Fridays). Jane Bassham is also back with us for first term while we advertise to fill her position. I am delighted to get all of these teachers back with us this year as well as our wonderful group of School Service Officers who support our students in so many ways.

New Facilities
We’ve been busy over the holidays on a couple of building projects. Firstly we have a new outdoor stage and lighting under the Cover between the Library and the Gym. We will hold some assemblies there as well as plays, concerts etc when weather permits. Students will also be able to use it at recess and lunchtimes. The other project completed was increasing the size of our staff room so we can now more comfortably fit in! We are very pleased with the end result on both.

Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)
One of the changes your children will notice this year is that we are changing the way we use technology to support learning. Rather than having a central point (Computer Room) we are putting the technology in the classrooms so the students have access to it when needed. We have therefore disbanded the Computer Room
(now the French Room) and bought iPads and Laptops (6 in total for each class). Staff will continue to partake in training on the best way to incorporate these portable digital devices into their teaching practice and we know how comfortable the students are with them! I look forward to seeing what the students produce with these and other devices in the coming years.

**Governing Council AGM**

We have changed the date for our school AGM to Monday 18th February at 7.00pm. There, I will present the 2012 Annual Report and speak of plans for this year. It will be a ‘short, sharp and shiny’ meeting and the new Council elected will then meet briefly afterwards. I encourage you to nominate for Governing Council as it’s a great way to find out what’s going on in your school and help out. Please fill in the nomination form with this newsletter to nominate.

**‘Same First Day’ Start to School**

This will be the last year of termly intakes of Receptions as the ‘Same First Day’ policy begins next year. From next year students turning 5 between January 1st and April 30th start school at the beginning of term1 that year. Children turning 5 from May 1st to December 31st will start school in term 1 of the following year. This will bring us in line with all other states. If you have a child turning 5 from next year and are unsure how this will affect you, ask at the front office or one of the Reception teachers. There are also some posters around the school explaining the process.

**Student Safety**

With all the students back it’s a good time to remind families about the need for care when driving and parking around the school. Please do not use the staff car park, we have a smooth running ‘kiss and drop’ zone for student drop offs and pick ups. Please teach and encourage your children to use the Bowker Street pedestrian crossing and the appropriate entrance gates. Thank you, Phil Reid Principal

**Social Skills/Getting Started Program**

As part of our first two weeks learning program, LA 1-5 have been talking about team work and getting along. They made this Spider Web together using the skills eg: working as a team, sharing, taking terms, listening to others and cooperating to make their spider web.

To make the web one child started with the ball of wool and held onto the end of the wool and rolled it to another child. This continued until everyone in the class had joined on to make the web. They had to cooperate and walk the web up to the front office to show Mr Reid their fantastic skills.

**Out of School Sports**

You will have received a form regarding Out of School Sports in the package sent home to families last week. We rely on parent volunteers to coordinate and support each sport offered – without this valuable support, the sports cannot go ahead. If you think you can help out in anyway, please add your name in the space provided on the form.

The due date for these forms is Friday February 6 and we ask that you adhere to this as teams for summer sports are nominated very early in the term. Children whose forms come in after the due date may not be able to be put in teams. If you have misplaced the form or need another copy, please ask the front office staff.

NB Fees for Basketball are $30 for 2 terms, not $15 as advertised in the newsletter to nominate. The Dress Code Committee welcomes new members. Please let the Front Office staff know if you are interested in joining.

**Library News**

**Welcome to 2013 in the Library**

By the end of this week every class will have visited the library and every student will have had the opportunity to borrow books. It has been wonderful to see so many enthusiastic readers and borrowers and we hope it continues as reading is such an important part of education.

During Library sessions next week, students will be reminded about the Premier’s Reading Challenge and given their record sheets. Look out for them coming home.

**Opening Hours**

We are open every day from 8.30 until 3.30 and certainly cannot have people in before and after school. These are great times for parents to select books with their children and encourage their reading.

**Pre-Schoolers**

We have a number of pre-schoolers already registered as borrowers. We like to encourage their love of reading and borrowing as soon as possible. If you would like your pre-schooler to have a borrowing card, please come in and see us and we will organise it for you.

*From the Library staff – Jane and Anne*

“Books, the children of the Library”

Jonathan Swift

**Paringa Park PS Dress Code**

PPPS has a Dress Code Policy which can be found in the School Policy section on our website. Our school colours are navy blue, bottle green and gold. Garments purchased from the school will be in school colours. The overall look of the dress code is bottle green tops with navy blue bottoms. It is wonderful to see so many students wearing the dress code to start the school year including the bottle green hats.

Just a reminder about unacceptable items which include the following: tank tops or shoe string straps, ugg boots, thongs, fashion sandals, tabs of any colour, non-school logos, leggings, slip on or backless shoes; fashion jewellery and accessories and make up (including nail polish).

The Dress Code Committee welcomes new members. Please let the Front Office staff know if you are interested in joining.
French News
Bonjour. Have you heard the news? The French Room is now located next to the Library, where the Computer Room once was and it certainly looks a whole lot different!! Please pop in to say “Bonjour” and to have a look for yourself. You can call in any time after school or during the first session of the Acquaintance Night. You can check out the school's new outdoor stage at the same time. I’d love to have a chat with you about French at Paringa Park and the way that it is taught using gestures. C’est fantastique!! Amitiés, (Regards), Lea Garrett.

Student Banking
Teach your child the value of saving. Bank day is Tuesdays. Application forms are available from the Front Office if you would like to open an account for your child.

Canteen News
Leesa and Julie are our canteen managers. The Canteen will be open for 5 days a week for Lunch orders, recess and lunch snacks.

Would you like to be a part of the Best volunteer team ever?
If you are able to help, please complete the tear off slip and return to the canteen as soon as possible.

Hours: 8:45–11:00am sorting lunch bags, getting out food, serving at recess. 11am – 2pm Making and serving lunches. Clean up.

Experience: not necessary. The Manager and other volunteer staff will show you everything you need to know.

Salary: “A La Carte” lunch (healthy sandwich). Plenty of tea & coffee and best of all, friendship.

Applications Close: NEVER!
Please fill in the form below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be sent home to you. Remember it is a wonderful way to be involved with your child’s school and meet new people along the way!

Leesa Turner Canteen Manager

Name: ________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Child’s name/class: ___________________

Please indicate your preference:
☐ Mon ☐ Tues ☐ Wed ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri
☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly

The Instrumental Music Service invites Year 5/6 students who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2013 to attend an:

INFORMATION WORKSHOP
Brighton Secondary School
Wednesday Feb 6th (Week 2)
9.00am – 10.00am

The instruments that students will be offered in 2013 are:
Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Electric Bass and Percussion.

Please email Sue to book a place at: Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SERVICE – SOUTH
Lawrence St, Morphett Vale SA  5162:
PO Box 350 Morphett Vale, SA  5162
Phone: 8392 3800  Fax: 8392 3899

Friendly Reminders
Student Information
A yellow student information sheet was also sent home. Can you please check the information and make any changes if required. All forms need to be returned to the Front Office. If no changes are required could you still sign the sheet and return to the Front Office. Thanks.

Middle Years Information
IGNITE is a program for Students with High Intellectual Potential (SHIP). Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers a SHIP program tailored to suit the needs of Gifted and Talented Students at high school. If you are interested and need more information, please collect a flyer from the front office

Community Information
MILO in2CRICKET Program
MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

The program will be run on our school oval, starts Tuesday 26th of Feb at 3:15pm

By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy a Summer of great cricket fun but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies!

To find out more details to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.
The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for our students, (particularly for our young students starting school for the first time) as they settle into class routines and expectations, getting to know their teachers and beginning their learning programs for 2013. The Acquaintance Night provides an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and to find out how you can support your child’s learning programs in partnership with their teacher. Please note our French teacher, Lea Garrett will be available in her room if you would like to find out about the French program.

I encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you on the night.

Phil Reid - Principal.