Dear parents and carers

**Photos and Filming at School Events**

You may have seen recent media coverage around the issue of parents taking photos and/or video at school events such as assemblies, Sports Days and concerts. Staff and Governing Council have discussed this and have agreed on our stance that we are **not** banning parents taking photos or videos but ask that you restrict it to your child where possible and do not post images of other children on social media sites without their parent’s permission. We want parents to be able to record moments of their child’s education and ask that you respect other children’s privacy by following our request. If the school uses a photographer to take photos officially at an event we will make sure they are wearing something to identify them. Any images taken by the school will only be published if written permission is given by the parent.

**Litter**

We are having a crackdown on litter around the school at the moment as we are not happy with the amount in the yard. There are several initiatives in place to increase the student’s awareness of the environmental impact and there is something you can do to help as well. As you know we have our ‘Nude Food’ days a couple of times a term and we would like to spread the sending of non packaged food more broadly so ask if you can send ‘nude food’ as often as possible. Many parents have bought the ‘partitioned’ lunchboxes which keeps fruit etc separate so there’s less need to wrap everything. We are hoping you can support us with this environmental request.

**Grievance Procedure**

There are times when you may have a concern with an aspect of your child’s education and obviously would like it resolved. I draw your attention to our grievance procedure which recommends that the first point of contact should always be your child’s teacher. Often it is a perception that your child has been given that can be quickly cleared up. After a while, if there are still concerns, I suggest you make a time to meet with the teacher again and then if things haven’t been resolved then please make a time to speak to a member of the leadership team.

**Pupil Free Day**

Teachers spent last week’s Pupil Free Day visiting schools to look at how they are using Ipads and Laptops in their classes. We then met back here to share what we learnt. It was a very valuable day to shape the way we are incorporating ICT into student learning.

**Home Stay for visiting French teachers**

We have been offered the opportunity to host 2 young female French teachers from ‘Reunion’ (a French island with a population of about 800,000 located in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar) for 6 weeks during the July school holidays then the first 4 weeks of term 3. They will be doing an English course in the holidays then working with our students and we are looking for families to ‘homestay’ them whilst here. There is remuneration for the family so they are not out of pocket. Preference is for a family that lives within walking distance of the school as they won’t have their own transport. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the front office.

**Sports Day Stall Help**

We are looking for helpers on the Sports Day food stall as well as donations of cakes, slices, biscuits etc. There was a separate flyer sent home this week with details and a return slip. If you didn’t see it and can help please let the front office know. Thanks.

**60th Birthday!**

It is our 60th birthday this year and will be celebrating with some form of event later in the year. We have a number of parents and staff on an organising committee and are looking for anyone else to join us. Please let the front office know if you are interested.

Phil Reid  Principal
Harmony Day

H is for happiness and helping each other
A is about having a positive attitude and considering others.
R is for respecting yourself and others no matter which country they come from
M is for making our world harmonious
O is for our beautiful world and all the people in it.
N is for NOW. We all need to help make our world a better place
Y is for you. Only you can change our world and make it a place of harmony.

By a Year 1 class.

PPPS Easter Raffle

The raffle was drawn on Wednesday 27th March. We greatly appreciate our school community’s Easter donations. Thank you to our parents and grandparents who assisted in the preparation on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. 106 prizes in total!

Thanks. The Fundraising Committee

Library News

Don’t stop reading …..
….. just because you have finished the reading challenge! Maybe you could consider completing a second (or third, or more) sheet. Maybe you could try some more challenging texts. Maybe you could start a reading journal. Whatever you do…
….. keep on reading!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following people who have competed the reading challenge in the last fortnight:

Holly 1-8  Abby 1-4  Mabel 1-11  Jayden 1-10  Reid 1-11  Isabel 1-6  Riley 1-10  Kye 1-5  Hugh 1-10
Luka 1-5  Oscar 1-8  Jordan 2-6  Ella 1-3  Tayla 2-6  Tyson 1-10  Lily 2-6  Liam 1-6  Daniel 1-10
Oliver 1-8  Tamika 2-6  Ruby 1-2  Alexandra 1-11  Daniel 1-7  Esme 1-11

Reading aloud has benefits

Last Saturday’s Advertiser had several articles focussing on the importance of reading to (and with) children, and its positive outcomes for their development. Not only is it very beneficial for the development of literacy and language skills in young children, it is also a lot of fun. But I don’t think we are ever too old to listen to a good story – even those cool cat year 7 students! Come and see us if you are searching for good books to read with your children – we have lots to choose from.

From the Library staff – Jane and Anne

Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.
Marilyn Jager Adams

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Book flyers came home yesterday. To pre order your book; please return the tear off slip with payment to the front office by Monday 8th April to receive your bonus. Books will then be available for pick up by Friday 12th April.

****SPORTS DAY****
11/04/13

Our Sports Day is approaching fast and students have been practising their events in class and PE lessons. Excitement was high last week when House Captains were elected by the team mates. Well done to all students who nominated as it was clear that many of you prepared excellent speeches.

Congratulations to our House Captains for 2013

Warradale
Bethany, Tyson, Brandon and Tabitha

Somerton
Emma, Eli, Izzie and Harvey

Brighton
Khi, Hallie, Mitchell and Jacinta

Hove
Zane, Maddi, Lauren and Max

The Sports Day will be held at Bowker St Oval. The R-3 classes will compete in tabloid style events and the 4-7 students will compete, in age groups, in athletics events. Results of the 4-7 events will be used to select a team to compete in the SAPSASA District Carnival in term 3. The Canteen will have a special lunch available on the day and there will also be a coffee and cake stall. Programs will be sent home closer to the day. If you have any further questions see your child’s class teacher or Michelle Burton.
Performing Arts Program

The Paringa Park PS Music program has had an excellent start to the year, with the Senior Choir well under way with their festival repertoire and the Junior Choir performing for Harmony Day at the last assembly.

The students are focusing on ‘Rhythm’ in music lessons, with many group performances being rehearsed in the senior years, some of which will be performed at the last assembly of the term.

One final note of interest, ‘Music is Fun’ will be performing mid Term 2 so look out for permission notes at the beginning of next term.

Stephanie Hammond, Performing Arts Teacher

Congratulations and well done to one of our talented Year 6 students, Lawson H, who auditioned and won a role in the State Opera’s up and coming family event, “An Ode to Nonsense”. If you are interested, tickets are available through BASS.

Assembly

It is great to see so many parents and grandparents attending our school assemblies. We have had a request if we could publish the second verse so the community can join in more confidently as well.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

If you think Australia’s Got Talent then you should see the talent we have here at Paringa Park Primary school!!! Over the next term on a Friday lunchtime we are holding our very own “Paringa’s Got Talent”.

Sign up days will be held in the first two weeks in Term 2 on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes with auditions starting Week 3. We have seen some brilliant dancing, heard great singers and talented musicians over the last few years and I’m sure there is a lot more talent to come.

So if you think you have an amazing talent that you want to share with the school, then sign up and have a go!! You could be the next “Paringa’s Got Talent” Grand Finalist!!! Erica® CPSW

SAPSASA News

SAPSASA Football and Netball Carnivals

Last Monday a year 6/7 team played in each of the District Netball and District Football Carnivals. The footballers went through undefeated and the netballers had a number of close games. Thanks to Ben and Sarah for coaching each of the teams, and to all the parents who transported and supported the players.

The main purpose of the carnivals is for the players to have the opportunity to be selected for the respective District Teams. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the first squad: Joe, Max, Ruben, Harvey, Heath, Adam, Reid (football) and Bethany, Tabitha, Alicia, Eden (netball). Good luck for your future trials.

Metro State Swimming Champs

Well done to our swimmers who competed last Thursday. Shay and Thomas won gold in the freestyle relay; Lauren won silver in the butterfly and freestyle; Sophie won silver in backstroke, bronze in butterfly and bronze in freestyle relay; River reached the finals of IM relay and freestyle relay; Sheila competed in medley relay and just missed finals of butterfly.

It is a nervous wait now to see if any are selected in the State Swimming Team.

Lost Property Sale

Unnamed uniform items will be available for a gold coin donation on Wednesday 10th April before and after school near the front office.

Canteen News

Please nominate 2 or more item choices on Lunch orders as stock is being run down for the school holidays.
Certificate of Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at the last assembly:

LA1-1 Ben F Lachie D
LA1-2 Luke W Stella P
LA1-3 Ava K Gus W
LA1-4 Mustafa M Paris M
LA1-5 Freya L Kye R
LA1-6 Sonny H Chelsea M
LA1-7 Madalen S Murray S
LA1-9 Maddy O Dillon P
LA1-10 Freya L Kye R
LA1-11 Nellie C Eliza O
LA1-12 Tyson G

LA2-2 Lucas V Jonathan I
LA2-5 Cameron C Erin T
LA2-6 Kristian S Rachael B
LA2-7 Skye P Brandon K
LA2-11 Katharine D Bethany L
French Liam C Jasmine N
Heath W Charlie C
Music LA 2-7 Whole class

Football Socks

Football green and gold hooped socks can be ordered at the front office. Orders will need to be in by Friday 5th April. The company who makes and supplies these socks need a minimum of 20 pairs ordered before stock can be made. An order form is located at the Front Office. Payment will be required with the order.

Community Notices

Parent Workshops

Presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker, a Behaviour Consultant will be holding parent workshops at Mitcham Primary School (Kurruka Building, Hillview Road, entrance, Kingswood) between 7 and 9pm on…….

- Guiding Positive Behaviour in Home and school Wednesday 3rd April
- Anxiety and Anger Management Wednesday 15th May
- Relaxation and Stress Management Wednesday 5th June

Please RSVP to Caroline 0412 999 906.

Table Tennis Tables For Free

We have two table tennis tables to give away. They are in reasonable condition. If you are interested see the staff in the Front Office.

Early Dismissal

Friday 12th April 2013
2.05pm