Dear parents and carers

Welcome and a farewell
Welcome back for Term 2, I hope you were able to spend time with your families over the break. I am pleased to welcome two new staff members; Judy Beal joins us as our new Senior Leader in Quality Teaching and Learning. Judy's position will include working as our Teacher Librarian with a focus on leading our information technology initiatives. She will be planning with and teaching alongside all teachers and students in the library as well as other leadership roles in the school. Judy has most recently held leadership positions at Aldinga and Woodcroft schools.

A big welcome also to Kelly Mitchell who is teaching our new Reception class in LA 3-2, next to the Library, for the rest of the year. Kelly has worked in a variety of country and metropolitan schools and is very excited about working at Paringa Park. Please make yourself known to Judy and Kelly if you see them about.

Welcome to school for the first time our new reception students; William, Chelsea, Mitchell, Lucas, Mason, Paige, William, Josh, Grace, Charilze, Sienna, Keira, Jasmine, Piper, Sophia and Jed and also Carter, Isaac, Skye, Harry and Lucy, new students transferring from other schools. We look forward to getting to know them and their families.

Along with the welcomes, we are unfortunately saying farewell to our Business Manager Heather Ellis. Heather has won a position at Eden Hills Primary School starting in week 3 so next week will be her last here. Heather has been our Business Manager/Finance Officer for 4 years and has contributed so much to the successful operation and finances of our school including facilities development and management of our SSO team. On behalf of you all I thank Heather for her wonderful service at Paringa Park and wish her well in her new school. The position has been advertised and I expect to be able to announce our new Business Manager next week.

ANZAC Spirit

Classes have been talking about ANZAC Day and its significance as it’s important for our children to know and understand about significant events in our country’s history. I attended the dawn service at Glenelg with my father and one of the messages that struck a chord with me was not only about what happened at Gallipoli but what values and ideals we can incorporate into our own and our children’s lives in response to those that were shown by our servicemen and women. The 3 mentioned in particular were; courage, ‘mateship’ and resilience.

We encourage these at school through our student well-being focus which encourages students to show the courage of their convictions in standing up for what they believe in and also taking risks in their learning where it’s OK to feel unsure initially when learning something new.

‘Mateship’ is a much loved Australian trait, which to me means looking out for each other, particularly when things get tough. It’s certainly something we promote through our school value of ‘caring for and respecting yourself and others’. One of the structures we have in place to encourage this is our ‘Buddy Class’ system.

Resilience is a quality which this and future generations will need in bucket loads as the world is moving at such a rapid pace and they will need to be able to handle change and adjust with it. The ability to bounce back when things don’t go to plan will be important and one we continue to work on as we encourage our students to be as independent as possible.

It’s great that History has been recognised in the new Australian Curriculum and our teachers will be receiving further training in this area and begin future planning in History on the Pupil Free Day on June 7th.

Pupil Free Days

We have 2 Pupil Free Days this term. The first is on Monday 13th May (Week 3) where teachers will be joining others from across the region at a workshop on the Australian Curriculum, looking at English in particular with renowned educator trainer Martin Westwell. SSOs will spend part of the day with our Reading Support Teacher Robin Mason on reading intervention strategies.

The second is on Friday June 7th (Week 6) where teachers will be working on the new History curriculum. OSHC will be operating on both these days.

Hats are not compulsory now until 1st September.

Term Dates For 2013

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
Sports Day
We certainly had a successful Sports Day at the end of term one. It was great to see so many families there to support the children and enjoy the day. It was also really pleasing to get positive feedback from parents and staff on how well behaved and focussed the students were. This included being good sports towards competitors from other teams.

A big thanks to Michelle and Nannette for their organisation, Murray for setting up and staff for their active participation. We really appreciated having former teacher Dennis Mason help Murray and Andrea Moss’ husband Rod spend the whole day at the javelin station. Thanks to Leesa and Julie and their band of helpers on canteen duty and to the Parent and Community members and helpers on the cake stall. Also thanks to Steve Montgorerie for cooking the barbie with Murray, Neil Ramsay for setting up and Brett Sheridan for being our official photographer on the day. Brett took many great quality photos and we are working out a way to display these for parents and students to see.

Phil Reid Principal

Library News
A big thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome in the library. Thanks also to the many students and extended families that have been so active in their returning books after the holidays and borrowing new ones to keep up with their reading.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Many students have continued to complete the challenge or to complete much more than the minimum toward the challenge – now that’s a real challenge! (The end date for reading for this challenge is September 6). More information about the challenge can be found online at http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/ or come in and see us.

Congratulations to the following people who have completed the official part of the challenge since the last newsletter:

- Seth 1-6
- Keira 3-2
- Adele 1-4
- Trey 1-3
- Isabel 2-11
- Larissa 1-1
- Isaac 1-9
- Kailani 1-1
- Alice 1-4
- Oliver 1-8
- Douglas 2-11
- Judd 1-3
- Caitlin 1-1
- Coco 1-5
- Raphael 1-6
- Lia 1-1
- Imogen 1-8
- Luca 1-3

This storytelling event is held as part of Library and Information week to
- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote story time activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and the wider community to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

At Paringa Park we will all be reading the book, viewing performances of the story, interacting with the digital version of the book and participating in activities about the book, at the same time as possibly over 380,000 other Australian children. Look out for more information from class teachers closer to the day. We will hold a copy of “The Wrong Book” on reserve in case families wish to come in and see a copy of the book before the event. More information about this event can be found at: http://www.alia.org.au/nss/index.html.

Thanks again in particular to Anne and to the whole Paringa community for the warm and generous welcome.

Judy Beal

Easter Raffle
Many thanks to our school community for supporting our Easter raffle with donations and purchasing tickets.

A special thank you to our parents and grandparents who assisted in the preparation, organising the raffle and making up the baskets. We ended up with an amazing 106 prizes and raised $1076.95 to go towards the Hitting Wall which will be constructed this year.

2013 Oliphant Science Awards
Last year many students challenged themselves and explored the world of science through their entries in the Oliphant Science Awards. This year students can again express their knowledge and creativity in the 2013 Oliphant Science Awards.

This Science competition is a wonderful opportunity for all students to develop their interests in Science through the following categories:
- Experiments
- Crystals
- Games
- Photography
- Models and Inventions
- Posters

To enter these competitions it will cost $7.00 per individual entry (inc. GST) and $12.00 for Groups (inc. GST) of 2 or 3 students.

If students and families require further information or wish to register for a competition, please see me at school or visit the SASTA website www.sasta.asn.au.

Please bring all entry forms to the school by Friday 21st June (week 8) and we will collate the entries and forward to the SASTA office.

Nancy Saccoia Deputy Principal
ANZAC Day Dawn Service
On Wednesday 25th April, Paringa Park had the honour of participating in the Dawn Service at the Arch of Remembrance on Jetty Road Brighton. Heath W and Joe H from LA2-11, two of our Student Voice Executives, proudly represented Paringa Park Primary School at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. I would like to acknowledge the leadership skills and community spirit they demonstrated by volunteering to be part of this special event. I would also like to acknowledge the other Student Voice Executives who volunteered. A special thanks to the organisers Rodney Murray and Brighton RSL and the parents and caregivers of our students, who accompanied them to the Dawn Service. Nancy Saccoia Deputy Principal

French News
Bonjour! What a great way to start the new term in French! Ylva, from Madame Mickan’s class, brought along a very special “Show and Tell,” Manon, an eighteen year old exchange student from France. Manon has spent the last year studying at Brighton Secondary School and enjoying the opportunity to improve her English here in Adelaide. She was able to give an insight into her life in Béziers, France, and the students enjoyed the chance to learn more about the French language and culture. Manon was very impressed with the children’s language skills, as they participated in a game of “Jacques Dit” (Simon Says).

French Coffee Morning
Dear Parents, you are warmly invited to come to the French Room on Friday the 17th of May from 8.45am until 9.15 am. This will be an opportunity to meet with me informally and to gain an insight as to how French is taught at Paringa Park Primary. Check out the new French Room and its resources too! And of course, enjoy a great part of the French culture, coffee and croissants! Please RSVP by Friday the 10th May to the front office. Hope to see you there!

Amitiés (Regards) Lea Garrett, French Teacher

NAME: .............................................
I am able to attend the French Coffee morning

Please circle what croissant you would prefer
plain chocolate almond croissant

OSHc News
Vacation care was a huge success with positive feedback coming in from children and families. Some favourite days were the coastal playground crawl, a visit to Gorge Wildlife Park and Laser Skirmish. Keep your eye out in the coming weeks for the program for the next school holidays; we endeavour to make this just as enjoyable for all! We wish to welcome some new families into the OSHC community, the new reception children seem to be settling in well and our regular children are welcoming them with open arms. If you require any information about OSHC or wish to come and see our service, feel free to drop in and speak to Nakita, Deb or any of our wonderful staff.

Entertainment Books
We have some more Entertainment Books available if families are interested. $65 per book.

Up and Coming Event
Pupil Free Days
Monday 13th May
Friday 7th June

Spelling Workshop for Parents
Monday 27th May
7pm in LA1-1
More details to come
2013 SPORTS DAY WRAP UP

Well done everyone, Sports Day was a fantastic day! It was great to see all students participate in their events with enthusiasm, energy, support and encouragement for others; showing a positive day for our school community.

Thank you to all the parents who attended; it’s always great having your support.

Thank you to the teachers who ran events smoothly.

A BIG Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day to set up, worked in the canteen or on the cake stall and to the parents and school community who donated biscuits, cakes and slices.

We raised $434.05.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WARRADALE who won the overall trophy, followed by Hove (red), Somerton (green), and Brighton (yellow).

The results from the 4-7 events have been recorded and will be used to conduct trials for the school team to compete in the South West District Athletics Carnival, which is being held in term 3.

Thank you Brett Sheridan for taking great action sports day photos.

More photos will be displayed in the front office foyer next week.