Dear parents and carers

Walk Safely to School
We are hoping as many of you as possible can join us next Friday (24th May) for Walk Safely to School activities to promote a healthy lifestyle. Staff, students and parents will be gathering at Dulcie Perry Park (corner of Cecelia and Day Streets) at 8.00am to walk together (weather permitting) to school. Students and parents can enter the school grounds from 8.15 to enjoy a healthy snack and enjoy the sounds of our instrumental musicians under the covered outdoor area next to the Gym. Tea, coffee and Milo will be available for a small cost. Remember that walking is one of the best forms of exercise AND it’s free. This day also helps raise awareness of pedestrian safety for children and promotes environmentally friendly transport.

Parent input on Student Report Format
Last Tuesday we had a group of 10 parents meet with Kerry Hugo from the DECD Assessment and Reporting team to give feedback on what information and format they value in student reports. Their input was very insightful and valued as parents are consulted across the state. The aim is to bring more consistency between schools and once the consultation has taken place, schools will make adjustments to their reports.

Wot makss a styoodnt a god spella?
Doo yoo no how chiwdrn lern to spel?

The answer to these and other spelling questions will be revealed at the Spelling Workshop for Parents
Monday, May 27 at 7pm in LA1-1
(Jacquie's classroom)
Please RSVP to Jacquie.Grover980@schools.sa.edu.au or by adding your name to the list of attendants at the front office.
Library News

In the library this week many children have been enjoying the display of books celebrating mothers and appreciating the many relationships that make up the wonderful families our children have. Inquiry lessons have begun this term with a vengeance and students are exploring everything from changes in weather and materials in the world, to the truths and misconceptions we hold about the animal world in the early years, to the Ancient World in the year 6/7 classes. They have been asking terrific questions. Can you see the wind? Which animals undergo metamorphosis and how do caterpillars build a chrysalis? Was there really an Emperor Nasi Goreng who had problems with rabbits? A big thank you to our resident Stick Insect expert, Anne who has shared her knowledge of these fascinating creatures with the year 2 classes.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The list of students successfully completing the challenge continues to grow and a big hooray to those who have set themselves an extra hard challenge in the genre or diversity of their book selections. Congratulations to;

- Luka 1-5
- Bradley 3-1
- Jasmine 1-2
- Lucy 2-5
- Melissa 1-11
- Sophie 1-2
- Chelsea 1-6
- Ryan 1-10
- Nathan 3-1
- Isabella 1-7
- Luke 1-2
- Lucy 1-8
- Joel 2-7
- Ryan 1-3
- Jackson 1-11
- Novak 1-4
- Jackson 1-2
- William 1-8
- Seth 3-1
- Ryan 1-8
- Harper 1-5
- Jordan 2-6
- Jakob 1-3
- Emma 1-2
- Tabitha 1-2
- Tayla 2-6
- Jessica 2-6

National Simultaneous Storytelling

The National Simultaneous Storytelling event will be on 22nd May. It is a celebration of books and reading and encourages families to share stories together. The event is supported by the Government of South Australia and the Australian Library and Information Association. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has also allocated May as Reading Month. The event will be delivered by Parenting SA experts will be held on Sunday 19th May 2013 at Morphettville Racecourse. A free seminar for parents of babies and toddlers delivered by Parenting SA experts will be held on Sunday 19th May 2013 at Morphettville Racecourse. Free children’s entertainment by Rhyme Time, parking and crèche facilities. Please go to www.everychild.eventbrite.com.au to book your place.

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

French Coffee Morning

Bonjour! Don’t forget that I will be hosting the Coffee and Croissants morning tea tomorrow (Friday the 17th) in the French Room, from 8.45 till 9.15. Even if you haven’t replied, please come in. There will be plenty of croissants to enjoy, and a good chance to find out more about how French is taught at Paringa Park Primary School. Amitiés (Regards) Lea Garrett.

Up and Coming Events

Music is Fun Performance

Thursday 6th June
Excursion note out today

Pupil Free Day
Friday 7th June

Public Holiday
Monday 10th June

Community News

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Judy Beal & Anne Dingle – Library Staff
Certificate of Achievement Awards

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

LA1-1  Michaela K  Lia K
LA1-2  Jackson S  Emily A
LA1-3  Kai L  Reuben B
LA1-4  Megan T  Novak L
LA1-5  Lewis R  Charli T
LA1-6  Isabel T  Tom V
LA1-7  Brianna L  Bryden P
LA1-8  Jake F  Kyla R
LA1-9  Isaac H  Harry R
LA1-10  Quinn V  Chris M
LA1-11  Fletcher L  Beth M
LA2-2  Felicia T  Ethan B
LA2-5  Frankie L  Prudence B
LA2-6  Skye S  Nathan J
LA2-7  Zac S  Rebecca C
LA2-11  Mitchell T  Jolene P
LA3-2  Chelsea C  Mason H
French  Abby H  Oscar T
Mohammed M  Harrison F
Eliza C-O  Mattea O

SAPSASA News

Football and Netball Carnivals

In week 4 of this term the State SAPSASA Football and Netball Carnivals are held over the whole week. Our Netball representatives are Bethany and Tabitha. Our Football representatives are Joe, Heath, Reid, Adam and Ruben. Congratulations on your selection in the South West District teams, and good luck in the carnivals.

Soccer Carnivals

Last week we sent a boys and girls team to play in the District SAPSASA Soccer Carnivals. Both carnivals are used as a selection for District Teams to play later this term. The girls’ carnival is also a competition in its own right, where our girls’ team went through undefeated. Well done girls! A big thank you to Tess, Velvet and Jett who coached the teams. Congratulations to the boys who were selected in the district squad: River, Kaleb and Oscar. They will now attend trainings to see if they make the final team. Good luck boys. The girls will go through the same process but at this stage the squad has not been chosen.

Boys Softball

I apologise for not reporting this sooner: Congratulations to Jay R who was selected in the first SAPSASA South West District Boys Softball team. He played in the State Carnival late last term and the team performed well. Jay plays baseball for a local club, and with the absence of Baseball as a SAPSASA Sport this is a great new opportunity for players to represent their district. Well done Jay.

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Ode to Nonsense

One of our students Lawson H was recently involved in the State Opera Company’s production of Ode to Nonsense in the children’s chorus. Lawson tells of his experience.

“Ode to Nonsense was a great experience and really exciting, being in a state opera! We practiced hard and long at ‘home base’ (the state opera building) for many weeks and after a while we got to practice at Her Majesty’s Theatre which was a real thrill. The people were great and really nice. Overall this has been an awesome experience and a really life changing one.”

Congratulations to Lawson for his casting and successful appearance in the 7 performances which was also acknowledged in last week’s Messenger.

NAPLAN

Students from Years 3, 5 and 7 have been sitting the NAPLAN tests this week. Parents will receive their child’s results later in the year once they have been marked and collated centrally. This information is one piece that goes with the raft of test results and other information teachers have on each student’s progress.

Making a Difference in Fiji

Paringa Park Primary School together with Rev Barb Paull-Hunt of St Philip’s Church is making a difference for children in the Sigatoka District School Fiji, by way of jointly raising money to take 281 “Basic School Packs” to the school in August 2013. This will replace our existing Shoebox of Love program. How did this come about? When Wayne Pratt visited the local school whilst in Fiji for his daughter’s wedding last year, he saw the great need that these children have for even just the basic stationary supplies as well as library books. On his return he shared with Erica and Rev Barb how little they have and wondered how could we give to their school. So we had the idea of sending stationary packs of basic supplies to the Sigatoka District School. How can you help? - Your family may like to purchase a pre-packed stationary pack for $15.00 (sample in front office) or keep a look out for one of the fundraisers we will be holding. Please see Erica for further information.

Fun and Games – Help Needed

Fun and games is a programme which supports R/1 students to further develop their gross motor skills. We are desperately looking for at least 6 parents to help on a Thursday and every non assembly Friday mornings from 9am – 9.40am. If you are able to help out on one or both mornings please contact the front office.

Lena Lloyd Special Needs Teacher
GIRLS MOVIE NIGHT

Where: School Gym
When: Friday 14th June
Time: 7 for 7.30 movie
Movies: Dirty Dancing & Grease
Wear: Uggies, Trackies, anything comfortable
Bring: Bean bags, pillows, rugs, cushions to sit on....
Food: BYO Own Nibbles & Beverages

Bring your friends, mums, sisters
Cost $10 Entry includes 2 movies and lots of laughs
Bring spare change for Raffle and Door Prize
Have to be over 18
Proceeds go to Paringa Fundraising
Tickets SOLD at Front Office