Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Susan to our school. Susan has been the Business Manager at Yorketown Area School for many years and has now taken over from Heather Ellis.

**Keeping our Students Safe**

In response to parent and staff concerns about student safety on the roads around the school, in conjunction with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, we are taking part in the ‘Way2Go’ program which promotes ‘safer, greener and more active travel’. This will see identification of the routes our students take to school, surveying of students, parents and staff and observation of pedestrian and driver behaviour around the school. Recommendations will ultimately be made to the school and local council about any infrastructure and processes that can be put in place to make the journey to and from school safer, greener and more active. Please see more details about your survey in the newsletter.

We had many parents and students join us in promoting a more active lifestyle in the ‘Walk Safely to School’ initiative last Friday. A group of 60 students, parents and staff walked together from Dulcie Perry Park and many others took the opportunity to walk from home to be welcomed at school with platters of fruit and our string ensemble to entertain us. Thanks to Judy for conducting the musicians, Student Executive for preparing and serving the fruit and Murray and helpers for setting up. A special thanks to Kristy and Rocco from Caruso’s Fruit and Veg for donating the fruit. I hope to see some students taking up the challenge to walk to school more often.

**60th Birthday**

Please put Friday 25th October in your diaries as this is the day we will be celebrating our school’s 60th birthday. There will be activities during the day and evening for everyone to join in. The 60th birthday committee made up of parents, staff and community members and will be listing some possible activities in next newsletter to get your feedback. If you would like to join the committee we will meet next on Monday June 17th from 6.00 till 7.00pm.

**Spelling Matters**

It was great to see 20 parents attend the spelling workshop run by Jacqui with help from Rosie on Monday night. Jacqui showed how tricky it is to learn the many different ways of spelling sounds in our language and gave parents lots of handy hints to help their children.

**We’re History**

Well I guess we will all be a part of it in time! It’s great to see History play its part in the new Australian Curriculum and our teachers will be learning more about it and have the opportunity to plan units of work together on our upcoming Pupil Free Day on Friday 7th June. All students from Receptions to Year 7s will learn the important concepts and skills in exploring their own, Australia’s and other country’s history. Learning about history helps them to understand the world they live in.

**Honour Inspirational Teaching**

Parents and community members have the opportunity to nominate teachers and leaders in the ASG NEiTA Awards for inspirational Educators. It would be a great way to recognise someone for their efforts and promote our school. You can nominate at www.neita.com.au or call 1800 624487.

Phil Reid, *Principal*
**Library News**

Wasn’t it great to see our students on the news on Channel 10 last Tuesday? The short piece promoted our involvement in the National Simultaneous Storytelling, and featured our newest receptions. All of the students were involved in the story telling event on Wednesday and either read the book with their teacher, viewed the text through their interactive whiteboard, or engaged with the app on iPads. Some even watched a play of the book performed by librarians from Mitcham Library Service, with thanks to Sue Mauger for helping us to access this. Hundreds of thousands of children around the country participated and with such a fun text to read, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Come see our display in the library or feel free to come and borrow a copy of “The Wrong Book” if you still have not yet read it!

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
This fortnight’s successful students are;

- Bradley 3-1  Alice 1-10  Isabella 1-2
- Nathan 3-1  Jai 2-5  Oscar 1-8
- James 1-5  Lilly 1-2  Tate 1-7
- Abby 1-4  Raphael 1-6  Mitch 2-11
- Vidisha 1-10  Thomas 1-11  Johnny 3-1
- Maddie 1-10  Kaelan 1-10  Cody 1-10
- Lawson 2-11

Congratulations everyone on completing the Challenge and on improving your reading in the process.

Judy Beal & Anne Dingle – Library Staff

**Way2go**

Way2go is a program our school has chosen to be part of to promote safe, environmentally friendly transport routes to school. It will help children to be safe and environmentally responsible when travelling to and from school. An important part of the program is the attached survey. It will help us to identify the concerns and ideas of parents. It would be great if you could complete the short survey and encourage your friends to as well.


**OSHC News**

**Toys at OSHC**

There has been some discussion and confusion about toys and games being brought from home to OSHC. Whilst there is no ban on such items we do discourage it as special things from home can be lost or get broken. It is also important to note that items from home are brought in at your own risk and OSHC staff takes no responsibility for them. We like to promote positive and pro social behaviour. Therefore, any toys or games that are brought in from home that OSHC staff deem inappropriate will be taken away and returned at the time your child is collected. All electronics such as iPod’s and DS’ are banned unless stated on the program. If you have any further enquiries please speak to OSHC staff.

**Fee Increase**

Due to the increased cost in staffing we are increasing the OSHC fees. As of the beginning of the July holidays the Vacation Care Early Bird fee will be $47 and the Later Booking fee will be $52. As of the Beginning of Term 3 a Before School Care session will cost $10 for a permanent booking and $10.50 for a casual booking. An After School Care permanent booking will cost $17.50 and a casual booking will cost $18, also as of the beginning of term 3. These fees are excluding CCB. Thank you, Nakita Sparkes

**French News**

“Merci beaucoup” (thank you very much) to the parents and grandparents who came to the recent coffee and croissants morning tea, held in the new French room. It was a great opportunity to share how French is taught at Paringa Park Primary School, using the AIM (Accelerated Integrated Method) gesture approach to reinforce the learning of French. Jacquie’s class sang “Dans Mon Jardin” (In My Garden) for the visitors and then showed how they could communicate in French when I asked them questions about the song. They were “fantastique”! Our principal Phil Reid joined us, for a very enjoyable and informative time.

Below are some useful websites that you may like to look at with your children at home in order to support them in their learning of French:

- [www.poissonrouge](http://www.poissonrouge)
- [www.BBC.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/French/numbers/games](http://www.BBC.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/French/numbers/games)

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Adeline Leloutre, a French assistant who is currently at Brighton Secondary School. Adeline will be working with our students from next week until the end of Term 2. Amitiés, (Regards), Lea Garrett.

**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](http://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
Community News

Hayley’s Dog Walk
Hayley’s Dog Walk will start at 10am on Sunday 2nd June from the back oval of Brighton Secondary School, enter via King George Avenue, North Brighton. Hayley’s walk will take us to The Broadway Kiosk and back. All proceeds will go to The Royal Society for the Blind.

Certificate of Achievement Awards
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at the last assembly:

| LA1-1 | Sophie G | Liam R |
| LA1-2 | Sophie A | Isabella V |
| LA1-3 | Abigail R | Matthew D |
| LA1-4 | Alice N | Harry P |
| LA1-5 | Riley S | Ella B |
| LA1-6 | Hannah G | Harry S |
| LA1-7 | Oliver B | Tate P |
| LA1-8 | Kyla B | Jacob L |
| LA1-9 | Zac A | Elias C |
| LA1-10 | Eila B | Maddy L | Cody S |
| LA1-11 | Mabel N | Max M |
| LA2-2 | Angus Mc | Sarah Mc |
| LA2-5 | Daisy S | Kaluha F |
| LA2-6 | Rachlan K | Jessica M |
| LA2-7 | Paris T | William P |
| LA2-11 | Shay T | Eden F |
| LA3-2 | Charlize P | William L |
| French | Maddie O’D | Lily P |
| French | Lila McM | Joshua L |
| French | Bailey E | Joe H |
| French | Mr Jupe’s Class |

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 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 we could 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.

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

Canteen News
Tea towels wanted. If you have any good quality tea towels that you no longer need or match you decor, can you please send them to Leesa or Julie in the canteen.