Dear parents and carers

Welcome back for the 2014 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, focussing on establishing positive class environments along with work and behavioural expectations. Staff spent much of last week preparing for the students’ return. We start the year with 426 students including 23 new Receptions (Taylor, Matilda, Eddie, Harry, Angus, Charlie, Callum, Lenny, Lawson, Ben, Isabella, Grace, Tom, Annie, Seb, Alec, Jack, Julia, Brayden, Phoenix, Konnor, William, Alisha, Melissa, Yi). This year is the first of the ‘Same First Day Start’ policy so we there won’t be any more intakes until 2015.

We also welcome Karimah, Olivia, Azalija, Jacob, Kate, Rachel, Harry, Mark, Kody, Jacob and their families who join us from other schools. 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 11th February. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear about plans for 2014. A crèche will be provided to support parents to attend (see insert). I look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

We are sending home a ‘hard copy’ of the first newsletter as well as posting it electronically. This is on our website and we send an Email with the link and those with our school ‘app’ on their phone get a reminder when it’s published. Future newsletters will only be available electronically unless you request a paper copy to be sent home. Please contact the front office if you would prefer this.

**Staff welcome**

I am very pleased to welcome new teacher Di Hannagan (Year 7 in LA 2-7). Di brings a wealth of experience and I look forward to her input to our school. I also welcome back Vicki Hodgson (Year 1/2 in LA 1-2), Kelly Mitchell (Receptions in LA 1-3), Stephanie Hammond (Performing Arts and LA 1-8 on Fridays) and Belinda Davies (LA 1-10 on Wednesdays and LA 2-11 on Thursdays). Welcome also to our new Christian Pastoral Support Worker Nerida Schmidt who won the position late last year. She will be here Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Tuesday mornings (even weeks) and based in the front office area. You will get a chance to meet Nerida at Acquaintance Night. I am delighted to have these and all of our teachers with us this year as well as our wonderful group of School Service Officers who support our students in so many ways.

**AGM**

We welcome you to attend our Governing Council AGM on Monday February 17th at 7.00pm. Here I will present the Annual Report on our achievements and student results and outline our goals for the year. It’s a great way of hearing first-hand about the work of the school. It will be a ‘short, sharp and shiny’ meeting and the new Council elected will then meet briefly afterwards.

We have a strong and vibrant Governing Council and we are always looking for ‘new blood’ so please consider nominating for 2014 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 on the back page to nominate.

**New Facilities**

Work was carried out on 2 main projects during the holidays. New windows were installed in many rooms in Learning Area 2 to create better visual access to the middle area and ‘Tech Room’ for student use and footings were installed in preparation for the erection of the overhead cover between the Learning Area 1 buildings during the next holidays.
New Parking conditions
You may have noticed some new parking conditions in Margaret and Bowker Streets with signs erected and lines painted during the holidays. The aim of these is to ease the congestion around our Kiss and Drop zone and create more ‘drop off’ spots in other areas. Local Council and The Department of Transport will monitor this to see if it is having the desired impact. Many pedestrian signs have also been strategically placed and safety barriers between pedestrian gates and the road.

Payment deadlines
This year we will be more strictly enforcing our excursion/camp payment deadlines as we have found that payments have still been coming in on the day of events and permissions not signed etc. This has caused great difficulty for front office staff. If payment or permission notes haven’t been returned by the due date then the student will not be able to attend. Thanks for your co-operation with this. We want all of our students to take part in any activities and do have the ability to support your child’s attendance in instances of financial difficulty so please contact our Business Manager Susan in this instance.

Introducing Nerida Schmidt, your new CPS Worker
Hello! My name is Nerida Schmidt and I am the new Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Paringa Park Primary. Christian Pastoral Support Workers help schools to offer pastoral, resource and referral support to all members of the school community including students, staff and families.

As the school CPS Worker, in co-operation with the teachers and the Principal, I will work to develop services, program, and strategies that meet the needs of 5 to 13 year old children. I will be at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays as well as Tuesday morning on even weeks. Students as well as parents and caregivers can contact me through the front office staff. I’m looking forward to becoming part of the school community!

Friendly Reminders
Student Information A green 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.

Canteen News
Would you like to be a part of the best volunteer team ever? If you are able to help, please see Leesa or Julie in the Canteen as soon as possible. You will need to have a DECD Criminal History Screening Form or if you need one, please see the front office.

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!

Library and ICT News – 2014
The Library is up and running again and is already a hive of activity and excitement — a big thank you to Anne for all her hard work in ensuring students have had a smooth start into their active borrowing for the year.

CyberSafety
Thank you to the many parents who have responded to the Cybersafety notice which went home with the start of the year packs. The information session next Tuesday evening will be held in the School Library from 6:30 to 7:45pm. The presenters are also running sessions throughout the day for students and an after school session for staff. This Outreach program is a terrific opportunity for us to stay well informed about current issues and dilemmas, and will be followed up with classroom activities for students and newsletter articles for parents. More information about this program is available at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

BYOD
We will again be implementing a Bring Your Own Device program for the Year 6 and 7 (Senior) students, and information packs about this program will be available on acquaintance night, with forms available for signing by student, parent and teacher. Copies of our policies for this program are available on our website.

Digital Devices Policy

BYOD policy

The 13 Story Treehouse
Exciting performance opportunity and a date for your diary – July 3rd – 10am.

This year the whole school will be going to see “The Thirteen Storey Treehouse” at the Dunstan Playhouse, at the Festival Theatre. As part of our writing, reading and literacy program, we have managed to secure almost the whole theatre for our students and their families at very significantly reduced (and sponsored) costs, keeping this excursion below $10 per child, including riding public transport – we plan to take the train. (Tickets are normally $20-$25 for the public). This exciting show is being brought to Adelaide by the same company that brought “The Gruffalo” and “Room on the Broom” and this time, the text is an Australian one, by very popular author and illustrator combination, Andy Griffiths, and Terry Denton. Previews of the show can be viewed at http://www.cdp.com.au/13-storeytreehouse.html. We have booked extra seats hoping to accommodate as many of the school community as possible so please speak to your child’s class teacher if you are available to help on the day.

Judy Beal

Out of Hours Sport Nomination Forms
Please return forms to the front office as soon as possible. We rely on parent volunteers to coordinate and support each sport offered. Without this valuable support, the sports cannot go ahead.

Instrumental Music with Judy Fletcher
Lessons will begin on Monday 3rd February in Learning Area 3-2.
French News
Bonjour! I am looking forward to the year ahead, working with your children again to promote an interest in the learning of the French language and in discovering new things about the French culture. My programme is based on the SACSA Framework, which emphasises the 3 main interrelated strands of languages learning:-

- Communication
- Understanding language
- Understanding culture

2014 will bring new developments in the teaching of languages, with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, Languages, from Foundation-Year 10. This will be a year of familiarisation, leading to its implementation in schools, following publication.

For the term ahead, I am planning to look at greetings, personal information and number facts across the year levels.

This year, I will continue using the AIM course of French (the Accelerated Integrated Methodology) with the younger classes. AIM was developed by a Canadian educator, Wendy Maxwell, in 2004, with the intention of helping students become more confident and fluent in French. It is based on the idea of teaching a core set of the most frequently used vocabulary, called the PDL (Pared Down Language) combined with the use of gestures, to help with the learning of another language. The students will then be able to use their new vocabulary and gestures to learn a story in French, and to be able to act it out. There are songs and dances that go with the stories that are fun to learn as well.

With the older classes we will look at topic areas decided upon collaboratively, where possible, taking into account the students’ particular interests. These topics will be supported by a variety of resources, including using the gestures from the AIM program, to reinforce learning.

The wonderful website www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline will provide additional activities for students to expand their learning of French. Students will be encouraged to bring French Show and Tell again this year, and it is always amazing for me to see the diverse range of items found by the children! This often leads to interesting discussions and can further influence what we look at in the curriculum. During the year, there will be opportunities for students to participate in competitions run by SAFTA, (the SA French Teachers’ Association), including poetry and pétanque.

Please feel free to visit me in the French Room at any time, especially on Acquaintance Night. In Term 2 I will be hosting a “Coffee and Croissants” morning tea for parents and caregivers. I will provide more information nearer the time. Amitiés, (Regards), Lea Garrett.

Football News
Players urgently needed for 2/3’s, 4/5’s and 6/7’s. Please obtain a form from the front office and return by Monday 10th February as we have to register teams.

We require a Coach for the 2/3’s and a Coach and Team Manager for the 4/5’s for these teams to go ahead. Please phone Wayne on 0408 897 504 or Sharon on 0402 249 048 if you are interested in any of these roles or if you have any questions.

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.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents who entrusted us to sell their children’s uniforms. We had a number of very happy parents who purchased some terrific uniform items during the sale days at the beginning of last week. Sales totalled $200.

Warmer weather items, such as striped polo tops, were popular. There is a definite need for more of such items, and we are looking for more uniform items to sell on consignment to fulfil this need.

As term begins, many of you will have gone through your children’s wardrobes at home. If you have any uniform items in excellent to good condition that your children are no longer wearing, especially summer items, please consider dropping them off at the consignment days next week for us to sell on your behalf.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be accepting second hand uniform items to sell on your behalf on the following days:

Date: Friday 7 February 2014, 8.30am–9am (before the assembly)
Friday 21 February 2014, 8.30am–9am (before the assembly)

Place: Beneath the COLA (undercover area adjacent the Gym)

More information including the acceptance policy (what will be accepted), consignment form, prices and terms and conditions can be found on the Paringa Park Primary School website (click HERE and scroll to the bottom of the page), as well as the Second Hand Uniform Shop Facebook page (click HERE). The Facebook page provides regular real time updates and reminders straight to your phone, tablet or computer.

Please read this information to help ensure your goods are accepted.

Please bring a completed consignment form with your uniform items. This will speed up the process. Consignment forms can be found in the front office, on the PPPS website (uniform page) and on our Facebook page.

We will also have some remaining consignment items for sale during these times. If you are not able to attend the consignment days, appropriate uniform items, with a
completed consignment form, can be dropped off at the front office. We look forward to your continued support for this community venture, for the community’s benefit. See you then!

Junior and Senior Choir

Junior Choir will now be held on Monday afternoons, 11.45 – 12.45pm, involving children from years 3 & 4. Senior Choir will be held on Wednesday afternoons, 2pm – 3pm. Our first cluster rehearsal for Senior Choir will be in either week 5 or 6. A permission slip will come home in week 3 with the final details of this excursion. Thank you Ms Hammond.

The Instrumental Music Service

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development

The Instrumental Music Service invites Year 5 students who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2014 to attend an:

INFORMATION SESSION
Brighton Secondary School
Wednesday Feb 5th (Week 2),
9.00 – 10.00am
OR
Wednesday Feb 12th (Week 3),
9.00 – 10.00am

Parents and prospective students are welcome. The instruments that will be offered in 2014 are:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Electric Bass and Percussion.

For more information or to register your interest please email Sue Asser (Hub Coordinator) at Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au or text to mobile 0400 570 089. Please include your child’s name, year level, school and contact details.

Beachfront Hub continuing students will start in week 2, band for everyone, 8 – 9am.

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.

‘Raising Beaut Kids’

This excellent book written by Mark Le Messurier and Bill Hansberry provides sensible, straight forward ideas for parents to put into action in raising great kids. There are copies to borrow from our Library as well as order forms and a copy to look at in the front office. It could be the best $35 you ever spend! More information and free downloadable chapters from the book are available on Bill's website at www.hansberryec.com.au. Just go to the ‘purchase’ page and you can purchase securely with PayPal. The current chapter deals with ‘cranky kids in the car’ with ideas on making the whole travel experience more enjoyable for all. For example; giving consequences.

A consequence

“Consequences rarely need to be severe, just certain. The best idea is to deliver them with emotional steadiness and confidence. So when you’ve had enough, calmly say, “I promise a consequence to those who keep on being loud and silly. It is time to be quiet.” If they fail to respond then make sure you follow through with the consequence. On arrival, you’ll need to give a brief explanation as to why you are taking your child straight past their eagerly awaiting cousins or friends to a quiet room, but follow through. Your persistence will expand your children’s capacity to listen, think and follow directions.”

Farewell and thanks

Last year saw the final year of a long association with the school for the Richardson family. It started with Brian attending the school from 1967-1974 and then with Gretchen’s children attending, starting with James in 1989 and ending with Gilbert in 2013 – a total of 25 years! The Richardsons have contributed to the school in many ways for which we thank them and I quote from a letter Gretchen sent us: “I extend my thanks for the considerable input you have had to my and my family’s life at primary school. …..I trust the school will continue to serve the community in an exemplary fashion that I have witnessed over the years. My family and I have enjoyed our time as members of the school community and would highly recommend the school to everyone”.

Governing Council Nomination

I wish to nominate for Governing Council for 2014

Name: ____________________________

Child’s Name: ______________________

Signed: ____________________________

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