Diary Dates:  
March  
Monday 7  
- Year 5/6/7 Adare Camp  
Friday 11  
- Assembly Hosted by LA1-9  
Monday 14  
- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday  
Friday 18  
- Finance Meeting 8am

Dear parents and carers

Reasonable Risk-Taking: Why Your Children Need to Take Them

One of our most basic instincts is to protect our children – from all harm, pain, and any conceivable discomfort. However, if children never experience challenges that they must overcome themselves, how will they ever learn to deal with daily life experiences when they are older? They don’t just develop it suddenly at adolescence.

Children need daily opportunities to take reasonable risks and challenges in order to develop into strong and capable children. A reasonable risk is any action, activity, or behaviour that starts with careful consideration and results in taking a leap toward the edge of safety. It’s why playgrounds are so important where children can test themselves on how far they are prepared to jump or how high to climb. They see others do it and often take their chance in response.

As a child I had a creek down the end of my street where we often played, taking chances to ride through it or walk along a pipe across it when flowing. Unfortunately many of these natural areas are no longer available for our children to test themselves so we need to provide them with opportunities to risk take. I believe playing a sport or performing is great for this.

So encouraging risk-taking in our children on a regular basis and at an early age is really important. For instance, the next time you see your child attempt to climb up a small rock, let them. Simply be present and intervene if necessary. Overtime, as your child masters this skill, slowly phase yourself out and with frequent opportunities to master new challenges, your child will become independent and confident with taking more and more physical, emotional, and social risks.

Parents and Community and Fundraising Events

Our Parents and Community Committee met for the first time this week and have mapped out some proposed events for the year. It is really gratifying to see how much this group has grown in the past 4 years after we combined the old ‘Parents and Friends’ and ‘Fundraising’ committees to form this one. Their role is to organise various events to not only raise funds but to also bring the school community together and have some fun! It is great to see so many new members on the group with a good representation of males.

We have decided that the first items we will fundraise for are 2 new portable shades for events such as Sports Day, SAPSASA sports, concerts and performances etc. This year’s planned events and proposed dates so far are:

- Easter Raffle (see flyer in this newsletter) – drawn 24 March
- Cake stall on Sports Day
- Student Disco – Friday 3 June
- Election BAR-B-Q (who knows?!)
- Fathers’ Day breakfast – Friday 2 September
- Quiz Night – Saturday 29 October
- ‘Day 4 Daniel’ – term 4 (tba)

Phil Reid Principal
Acknowledged at the Assembly
Firstly, it was very impressive to see Nanette’s Year 1’s present the assembly, being brave to speak publically into a microphone so clearly. They presented some of the interesting learning and leadership that was happening in every class.

Students who were acknowledged by Mr Reid and Mr Taylor were:

- Deklyan in Mr Osborne’s class for taking on the challenge of starting at a new school so positively, settling into his learning and gaining respect from his peers.
- Charlotte in Mr Durbridge’s class for being brave in persisting with asking questions to clarify her learning.
- Emerson in Mr Jupe’s class for creating and presenting such an informative and entertaining recount of her cruise and New Zealand holiday
- Students in Mr Pearl’s, Ms Baldwin’s and Mrs Shaw’s classes for working so well together and challenging each other in programming our new ‘robots’ with Judy.
- Our Year 3, 4 and 5 students from Mrs moss’s, Mr Pearl’s, Mr Cooper’s and Mrs Wilkey’s classes for representing the school so well with positive behaviour while having a lot of fun on their Kingston Park excursion.
- Ten students from Mrs Wilkey’s Year 5 class for working with Sue and Mr Taylor’s Year ones on ‘what makes a powerful learner?’

School Banking Account Opening Day
Paringa Park Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Some of the rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:
Time: 8.30 – 9.30am
Date: Friday 11 March
Location: on school grounds

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – 2016
One student has already finished the challenge! Our display has begun to build in the library to celebrate the successful reading of all our students. This year we are aiming for 100% participation and would love every one of our students to have their ‘Meerkat’ riding their class paddleboat along the Reading River in the library. As students finish the challenge they can record each book in their diary, take home book or on the e-form which is available to download here. The form can either be filled in and printed or emailed to class teacher or to the special Premier’s Reading Challenge email account library.prc698@schools.sa.edu.au

Students can then come to the library to put their sticker up on the wall and move their paddle boat forward in the race.

Thanks

We appreciate the safe return of books from last year in response to recent email reminders – please keep them coming back.

Anne and Judy

SAPSASA Report
Swimming
Our first SAPSASA event of the year was held last Friday at Immanuel Swimming Centre. Seven of our students competed in the South West District Swimming Trials and are hoping for selection in the District team. Well done to Taylee, Jazz, Molly, Erin, Holly, Lucy and Alex B who all swam very well and most achieved a personal best time.

Knockout Cricket
Last Monday our Year 6/7 boy’s cricketers played against Brighton Primary in the first round of this year’s knockout competition. The boys played really well and enjoyed themselves. The game was played with good spirit.

Although the result was disappointing (we lost by 15 runs) the boys should be pleased with themselves. They took 9 wickets and only lost 4 themselves. Lucas Brown topped scored for us with 17 not out but a number of the boys batted well including Oscar, Jack, Ryan & Aston. Jack Loy was the star though with the most amazing slips catch you will ever see and some great bowling. I think he got 2 wickets - it might have been 3. Lachlan Hammond also took some spectacular catches. Well done and a big thank you to Steve Hooper for coaching the boys.
SOCCER NEWS
Southern Districts Soccer Association organises a competition for players attending primary schools in the Southern Metropolitan area. The PPPS teams compete in Under 8, 9, 10, 11 & Senior Primary divisions. SDJSA aims to provide all children the opportunity to represent their school and participate in the fun game of soccer. Under 8’s can register and play if they turn 8 during the 2016 season. The season runs over both term 2 & 3. Generally games will commence in week 2 of term 2. We have already received many forms for children that wish to play and we will soon start to put teams together. If your child is interested in playing soccer, I encourage you to ensure your forms are submitted to the front office no later than the end of this term.

We rely heavily on the assistance of parents and are still looking for team managers and coaches. Please consider putting your hand up (even if you can team up with another parent). The SDJSA run coaching clinics prior to the start of the season that can assist you to learn coaching skills.
I will have more information in the coming weeks and please contact me if you have any further questions.
Kind regards, Melanie Judd
0437 298 714

To further help our school plan of minimising waste going to landfill, the canteen has suggested a way to cut down on brown paper bags – which are a high percentage of our waste. The canteen is happy to put sandwiches and salads in children’s own lunchboxes. Children will need their small, sandwich sized lunchbox to be CLEARLY NAMED and the money and order placed inside the box. This can then be placed in the canteen bag in the morning as usual. Hot food of course, still needs to be in a paper bag. Thank you
WOW Committee

Adelaide High School Open Night
Adelaide High School will hold its open night on Wednesday 23 March 2016 from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Areas of interest are the Special Languages including French and Special Cricket and Rowing Programs of Excellence. Further information please call 8231 9373 or go to the website: www.adelaidehs.sa.edu.au or collected a brochure from the front office.

Staff Profile
Name: Chanelle Pomeroy
Role in the school: Year 1/2 teacher
Pets: A chocolate Labrador called Nala
Favourite Food: Thai Food
Favourite holiday destination: Anywhere near the beach.
Favourite sporting team: Adelaide Crows
Favourite movie: Now and Then
Favourite TV show: Survivor
Favourite musician/band: Bon Jovi
Hobbies or interests: Going to the beach, walking the dog, going out for dinner.
Do you have any other hidden talents? No
What’s your favourite subject to teach/activity to undertake? Maths and reading.
If you could relive one day of your life which one would it be? My wedding day.
If you could invite any 4 people (past or present) to dinner, who would they be and why?
My four grandparents as they were amazing people and we didn’t get enough time together.
What’s your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far? Everyone has so been welcoming and helpful. It really is a happy place to be.

FREE seminar – Toddlers and touch screens: what should I do?
Touchscreens have become part of our everyday world. Parents are amazed at how quickly toddlers become adept in using them and how easily they hold a child’s attention. However, they are also unsure if it is safe for toddlers to use touchscreens regularly.

Come and hear nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and researcher Dr Justin Coulson talk about:
• the pros and cons of the digital age for children 0 to 5 years
• how and when to introduce touchscreens and games
• how to manage electronic media use.

The event will be webcast to accommodate parents and carers who cannot attend in person.

Date and time: Tuesday 5 April, 7.00 to 9.00pm
Venue: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace

Register online at http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au to attend, or to view the webcast.

Contact: Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, Dorian Marsland-Smith, phone 8161 7159
Dear Parents / Caregivers,
YES! It’s that time of year again when we ask for your kind donations of Easter eggs, baskets, cellophane, ribbons etc. (Anything Easter really!) for our annual Easter raffle. Any contribution is greatly appreciated, no matter how large or small! Please bring donations to the front office from now until Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. Any sold or unsold tickets, books and money must also be returned on this date.

The raffle will be drawn at the special Easter assembly on Thursday the 24\textsuperscript{th} of March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

TICKETS ARE JUST $1 EACH

Thank you in advance for your kind donations. We really do value and appreciate it. The Parents & Community Committee.