Dear parents and carers

**Three Way Interviews**
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming parent/student/teacher interviews. We think it’s very valuable to have the student involved as it’s their learning that is being discussed and they should lead some of the discussion and sharing. It’s also really important that you attend as it gives you an opportunity to hear first-hand about your child’s progress and your presence shows your child/ren the importance you place on their education. All teachers have sent home request forms so please ask for another one if you haven’t got it.

**Sport Day Colours**
I’ve had several inquiries about why the students’ sports day colours sometimes change from one year to the next. The reason is that our children compete in class groups so the teams within each class need to be equal in number and as much as possible, ability. If the students kept the same colour each year the teams wouldn’t be even the next year – for example, one team could have 9 students and another one 5 as students go into different classes. So the teachers need to create new teams each year to keep them even for competition. We understand it sometimes means buying new t-shirts or hair colouring but hope the inconvenience is minimal.

**Our School Values**
Our school values reflect the aspirations and expectations of our school community. In listening to parents and students we know the things that matter to us all, are that our students challenge themselves to live up to our school motto of being ‘The Best We Can Be’ and develop into responsible, caring members of society.

We want our values to be simple, contemporary and memorable – ones we can work with our students on to guide their time at Paringa Park.

- **Bravery**
  - To stand up for what is right, to take a risk in trying something new and to persevere when things get tough.
- **Care**
  - For themselves, others and our environment.
- **Challenge**
  - To achieve even more.
- **Trust**
  - To trust others around them.

There are many elements to each of these values which staff will continue to work through with our students. The values are not just words to put on a poster but will underpin everything we do in the school and guide our actions.

**Thank You**
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for the wonderful support you provide our students through your involvement in the life of the school. Whether it be listening to reading, working in the canteen, transporting students, attending camps, coaching a sports team, volunteering for Governing Council or subcommittee or any of the countless ways you contribute, the school really values your involvement. We certainly couldn’t provide the opportunities our students get without it.

Phil Reid Principal
Acknowledged at the Assembly
Students who were acknowledged by Mr Reid and Mr Taylor for demonstrating our school values were:

- **Bravery** – Jessica M (LA1-9) for trying new and more difficult work.
- **Care** – Lucas B, Owen D, Finn M and Nic B for looking after a reception student who had fallen and hurt themselves.
- **Challenge** – Annabelle A (LA1-6) “Tell me how you know that?” Asking a deeper question of another student to get a better understanding.
- **Trust** – Ms Mitchell’s students for continuing with their learning at the whiteboard while she needed to speak to a visitor and Mrs Hodgson’s students for walking so sensibly between rooms without being reminded.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – 2016
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge already this year and are the first ones to have their Meerkats riding on their class paddleboats along our new River Torrens mural. A big thank you to the lovely Vivonne who popped in last week to paint the celebratory backdrop for this year’s ‘tickets’ for completing the challenge. As each paddle boat heads along the river towards Paringa from Elder Park it will gradually fill up with the children’s Meerkats as they rise to the Challenge.

Our first group are;
Skye H 1-1, Charlie B 1-1, Theo F 1-5, Ava S 1-6, Ebony W 1-7, Casey G 2-5

Forms are available [here](#) and completed forms can be emailed to library.prc698@schools.sa.edu.au

Book Fair 2016
We will be holding a book fair again this year from 18 to 27 of May. Keep those dates in mind when thinking about purchasing books for family and friends. We will also raise funds for Fiji again with a box of ‘One for me and one for Fiji’.

National Simultaneous Storytime – 2016
This year the NSS will be run in conjunction with our book fair and we will have a major focus on books for the week – save the date now!

Happy reading – Judy and Anne.

Sports Update

SAPSASA Swimming
Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected in the South West District Swimming Team; Molly, Taylee, Erin and Holly. They will swim in the State Swimming Championships later this week. Well done girls and good luck!

SAPSASA Softball
Congratulations to Charlie M, Rachael, Ashleigh and Lucy B who have all been selected in the South West District Softball Team. They will play in the State Championships held during week 10. Well done girls as this is the most we have ever had selected in the district softball team. Good luck when you play later this term.

State Surf Titles
Congratulations to a number of our students who qualified for the State Surf Competition held last weekend. It is a great effort to make this level and I know you would all have competed strongly over the weekend.

BMX
Last week Ty travelled to Bathurst to represent SA in the National BMX Titles. He competed in 2 events: the 11-12 year boys Cruiser, and 11 year boys 20 inch. In the latter event, Ty finished 6th in Australia. What a fantastic achievement Ty! We are very proud of your amazing efforts in BMX. Well done.

Beach Volleyball
Congratulations to Harry F who was recently selected in the U15 State Beach Volleyball team. Harry has been putting in many hours of training in preparation for the national competition coming up. Well done Harry on your fantastic achievement.

All students have now been placed in their teams for Sports Day.
Class teachers make 4 even ability teams (as much as possible) so that each class has a close and fair competition on the day, without a team dominating the events. This is particularly important in the R-3 tabloid events where they compete in classes, but all classes in the school follow the same process.
This means that there is sometimes some friendly rivalry among siblings if they are in different teams! All this adds to fun friendly competition on the day.

House Captains
Congratulations to our 2016 House Captains:
HOVE: Billie and Harry
SOMERTON: Jessica and Jackson
BRIGHTON: Kalani and Lucas
WARRADALE: Molly and Chris
Footy Update – Important Player News

Hi everyone – hope you enjoyed the great weather over the long weekend. Key dates for the next footy season are:

- Season starts Saturday 14 May 2016
- Carnival @ Gliderol Stadium – Saturday 6 Aug 2016 (PPPS are the 4/5 flag holders!)

We have been hard at work assessing the parent and player numbers for the next season and thank you for all those who have returned forms and for parents that have put up their hands to help.

After much careful consideration, and with the 4/5 player numbers remaining in single figures, we have to advise you that we will be unable to field a 4/5 team for the coming season. Instead we propose to invite and enrol all our 4/5 players to play in the 6/7 squad (currently @ 13 players) so that we can field a team of 18-20 players each week for games.

Both Paul Taylor and myself will be able to answer any questions or feedback that anyone has on this.

Now that the majority of nomination forms have been received, I will be circulating a 2016 Footy Player Pack shortly that contains further information about the squads, coaches, medical form and a Code of Conduct ready for the season.

Regards Chris Hamer – PPPS Footy Coordinator

French

Bonjour! On Thursday the 7 April, (Week 10) there will be two teams representing Paringa Park Primary School at this year’s S.A. French Teachers’ Association Pétanque competition, to be held at the Unley Sporting Club, Northgate Street, Unley.

There has been a lot of interest from the year 6/7 students this year, but unfortunately numbers will have to be limited to only two teams of 3-5 players each. So bring on the play-offs!

Bonne chance à tous! (Good luck to all!)

Looking forward to seeing good skills and good sportsmanship displayed by our teams on the night!

Amitiés, (Regards),
Lea Garrett

Harmony Day

Monday 21 April we will be celebrating Harmony Day by doing activities with our buddy classes. Students can wear something orange (ie orange t-shirt, head band or ribbons) but remember this is not a dress up day. We will be having an assembly on this day at 11.45am if you would like to join in the fun.

School Volleyball

Any current school volleyball players need to make sure they have registered as a Spikezone player or renew their membership. This needs to be done by Monday 21 March to be eligible for finals. Go to the Volleyball SA website for further details.

School Cricket

Well done to Jack and Rachael who both scored 50 not out against Hallett Cove South School last Saturday.
Flying kiwi was cool
- Lachlan

Trust is the first condition of friendship
- Charlotte

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