

TERM 1

ISSUE 3

2 March 2017

Diary Dates:

March

Monday 6

- Pupil Free Day
- Year 6/7 Camp 6-8 March

Friday 10

- Assembly LA1-11

Monday 13

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 14

- School Photo Day

Friday 17

- Principal's Tour 9am

Monday 20

- SVE Excursion
- SAPSASA Netball

Tuesday 21

- Harmony Day

Friday 24

- Assembly LA1-1
- MindLab Adelaide Competition

Monday 27 – Wednesday 29

- Year 3-5 Belair National Park
- SAPSASA Football Carnival

Wednesday 29

- SAPSASA Lacrosse

Thursday 30

- Sports Day

Friday 31

- Pupil Free Day

April

Monday 3 – Friday 7

- Parent Interviews

Friday 7

- Assembly LA2-6

Thursday 13

- Last day of Term 1

Term Dates For 2017

Term 1	30 Jan to 13 Apr
Term 2	01 May to 07 Jul
Term 3	24 Jul to 29 Sep
Term 4	16 Oct to 15 Dec

School Values

Bravery - Care – Challenge - Trust

Dear Families

Governing Council AGM

Last Monday night we held the Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Performing Arts Room. It was wonderful to see so many parents and staff attend! We acknowledge and thank Paul Taylor for presenting an informative 2016 Annual Report, Erica Staude for her administration of the evening and the outgoing Governing Council members for their commitment and contribution to the school community. According to the Constitution there were only 6 vacancies for parents this year, and we had 14 nominations, so a transparent, fair and democratic process needed to be implemented. As a result the following parents were elected and we congratulate them as they commence their 2 year term this year: Tammy Willoughby, Hayley Watts, Libby Edwards, Lisa Richards, Gillian Chisholm and Karina Fox (re-elected). We thank all those people who nominated and hope that they continue to involve themselves in our school through sub-committees and other class and school events.

At the first Governing Council meeting, following the AGM, elections for office bearers were held. We congratulate the following people on being elected to these leadership positions: Tim Munn (Chairperson), Darren Fong (Deputy Chairperson), Lisa Richards (Treasurer) and Karina Fox (Secretary). Reverend Barb Paull-Hunt was also elected as one of the two community representatives on the Council.

The Governing Council this year are committed to being transparent with meeting dates and times of all the sub committees as these are open to all parents to attend. As such you will find a list of all the Governing Council sub-committees and their meeting dates and times for the year. The only exception to this at the moment is Parents and Community who will be meeting on Monday 6 March at 6pm where they will be drawing up a calendar of fundraising events for the year and will arrange their meetings accordingly. These will be published in the next newsletter.

Our school in the media

Last week we had the privilege of being invited by Scholastic Books to be involved in a photo shoot with highly acclaimed author Mem Fox, as a part of the launch of her new book, "I'm Australian Too".



LA2-10 had the opportunity to hear Mem read her story and the children asked some thoughtful and powerful questions. One of the photos taken was subsequently published in the Advertiser on Saturday. It is wonderful to showcase our school in the media and I was most impressed with the level of co-operation and maturity shown by the children in LA2-10.



Partnership Conference

This week Tracey, Paul and I are attending the Partnership Conference with a variety of guest speakers. Bernard Salt, author and columnist with The Australian and Herald Sun newspapers, will be leading our thinking around *Preparing for the jobs of the future*. Colleagues from other sites (Olivia O'Neill from BSS will be presenting *Flipped Learning*, Tracey Davies from Richmond Primary will be presenting *Powerful Primary Learners*, and Marilyn Hayward from Alberton Primary will be providing a *local spotlight on Innovative Learning*. A highlight should be Lee Crockett who will focus on *Shifting Culture from Deficit to Possibilities*, and his session *Solving Problems that Matter: Beyond Stem to Future-Focused Learning*. Thank you to Jon, Ashley and Kelly who accepted the challenge of being Site Leader on the days we are at the conference.

Your ongoing support and interest in your child's learning and our school is valued and appreciated.

Leanne Prior
Principal

PARINGA PARK STAFF 2017: Staff Profile

Name: Tracey Bennett

Role in the school: Assistant Principal
–see below.

Pets: Kitty the cat.

Favourite Food: Chocolate.

Favourite holiday destination: Anywhere warm that has a long coastline to relax and swim.

Favourite sporting team: Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Favourite movie: Guess who's coming to dinner.

Favourite TV show: Seinfeld.

Favourite musician/band: Ed Sheeran.

Hobbies or interests: I love sports and listening to live bands.

If you could invite any 4 people (past or present) to dinner, who would they be and why?

Sir Ken Robinson because his educational vision is empowering.

Sidney Poitier as he is an amazing actor.

Emma Watson as she inspires women.

Princess Diana who was a beautiful woman.

What's your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far? The culture here is warm and welcoming. I feel part of the school community already.

My role at PPPS is to support children and educators to develop the capacity for deeper thinking by being highly focussed, creative, confident and courageous.

Children build learning dispositions that help solve problems, increase engagement and thinking power by being the co-creators of their own learning.

I am passionate about developing a high performing learning culture and will work with parents, educators and children to make thinking and learning visible.

I work closely with staff in classrooms to scaffold learning activities and provide leadership in building a stable infrastructure.

*Tracey Bennett
Assistant Principal*

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017

Start your reading, record the books you read, and pass your completed recording sheet to the library via email or in person. A named frogcake on your class lily pad (lily pads currently under construction) on the river in the reading room will signify your completion of the challenge for this year. Remember – you don't need to stop at one frogcake. Read some more... earn 2, 3 or more frogs.

Jeannie Baker

Is she one of your favourite authors?

Remember When the Forest Meets the Sea, The Story of Rosy Dock?

Have you seen her book – 'Circle'?

Jeannie will speak about her books on Tuesday, June 6 at 6.30pm in the Edwardstown Baptist Church.

To make a booking...83728244

An exhibition of Jeannie Baker's collage art works will be on display from June 5 to August 25 at the Botanic Gardens.

Anne and Jacquie (in the library)



French News

Bonjour!

On Wednesday a group of delegates from the Regional Council of Reunion Island visited our school, between recess and lunch time, as part of a weeklong familiarisation visit to Adelaide. We extended a



warm welcome to Ms Yolaine Costes, Vice President in Charge of Mobility, Mr Aftab Sandooyea, Director of Education and Mobility, and Mr Guy Bourhis, Reunion Island Representative, French-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Western Australia.

We have a strong bond with Reunion Island, as we hosted some of their student teachers in 2013 and 2014. During these times, both the student teachers and the community of Paringa Park Primary benefitted enormously from the exchange, in terms of cultural awareness, language acquisition and opportunities for continued collaboration. Some of our students as recently as last year enjoyed corresponding with students from Reunion Island. In 2015, I was a part of a group of Teachers of French, from Adelaide, who visited Reunion Island, for the purpose of demonstrating the importance of the link between us.

Well done and thank you to Juliet, Holly and Kaiden who hosted the tour of the school to our Reunion Island guests so capably and Jon Osborne who was representing leadership.



(L-R – Mr Aftab Sandooyea, Ms Yolaine Costes, Mr Jon Osborne, Mrs Lea Garrett, Mr Guy Bourhis).



*Amitiés, (Regards)
Lea Garrett.*

Safety Concerns

We continue to have concerns about the safety of our students in Margaret Avenue before and after school. We have been in regular contact with the Holdfast Bay City Council and SAPOL who have been helping with increased attention to control the speed of the car traffic (including an increased police presence and temporary speed monitoring cameras). One way we can help to manage this issue as a school community is to reduce the number of children waiting at the school gates well before 8.30am. If children could aim to arrive at the school gate at 8.30am, instead of well before, then we would reduce the amount of people congesting the footpath and spilling onto the road.



Walk your Wheels!

Also, we are concerned about the way children are using scooters in and around the school yard before and after school. Children must **walk their wheels** in the school yard (including younger siblings and their young-at-heart parents), and observe safe riding practices in the streets around our school, especially during the hectic pick up and drop off times during the school day. Your help in enforcing this understanding with your children is much appreciated.



End of the day

From the start of next week a bell will sound at **3.25pm** indicating that teachers are going off duty. This will signal to any children who have not been collected to come immediately to the Front Office where we will contact their parent/carer, and remind parents who remain on the school grounds to maintain supervision and duty of care of their child(ren). In addition I have spoken to children who ride their bike or scooter, or walk home after school that there is an expectation from their parents that they leave the school grounds as soon as possible after the 3.05pm bell (walking their wheels out of the school grounds of course!) We thank you for your support with these matters as duty of care of each child is paramount.

Traffic Monitors

Week 6 – Morning Lachlan P & Marcus

Afternoon – William & Samson

Week 7 – Morning Jess & Emma D

Afternoon – Ruby W & Liam R

Finance

Thank you to all the families that have paid their school fees in a timely manner. Unless you have organised an instalment plan or filled out a school card application, **all fees are now due**. If you are having difficulty in paying your account please contact Administration as soon as possible so that we can assist you in a payment plan. A reminder that all payment plans must be finalised by June 30th 2017.



Susan Mott

Business Manager

Paringa Park Primary –Governing Council 2017

Name	Position	Sub Committee
Tim Munn	Chairperson	
Darren Fong	Deputy Chair	
Karina Fox	Secretary	OSHC & P&C
Lisa Richards	Treasurer	Finance
Anthony Venning		P&C
Craig Lancaster		
Gillian Chisholm		Sports
Jacqui Mortimer		P&C
Hayley Watts		Sports
Kylie Hamblin		Dress, Canteen
Libby Edwards		P&C
Melissa Flanagan		OSHC
Sarah Arnold		Environment
Tammy Willoughby		P&C
Todd Bamford		
Rev Barb Paull-Hunt	Community Representative	
Leanne Prior	Principal	Finance, P&C Environment
Paul Taylor	Deputy Principal	OSHC, Sports
Tracey Bennett	Assist Principal	Dress, Canteen
Jacquie Grover	Teacher Rep	
Annette Reid	Teacher Rep	

Parents/School Staff on Sub Committees

Alan Greaney	Parent	OSHC
Rachel Lucas	Parent	OSHC
Susan Mott	Staff	OSHC, Finance, Environment
Julie Ratsch	Parent	Dress
Erica Staude	Staff	Dress
Julie Brookes	Parent	Canteen, Sports
Julie Montgomerie	Parent	Canteen
Linda Chambers	Staff	Canteen
Kate Maguire	Parent	P&C
Vanessa Diercks	Parent	P&C
Shelley Somerfield	Parent	P&C
Claire Brockley	Parent	Finance
Henriette Kamfer	Parent	Finance
Judy Beal	Parent	Finance
Murray Oliver	Staff	Environment
Sarah Burns	Parent	Environment
Chris Hamer	Parent	Sports
Kristen Frost	Parent	Sports

Sub-Committee Meeting Dates

OSHC – Tuesday 6pm Week 3 and 7

Dress – Friday 9.30am Week 3 and 7

Canteen – Thursday 2.30pm Week 3 and 7

P&C – Monday 6pm 6 March

Finance – Friday 8am Week 3 and 7

Environment – Monday 4pm Week 3 and 7

Sports – Tuesday 5.15pm Week 3 and 7

Sports Report & SAPSASA

Swimming

Last Friday 8 students represented the school at the South West District Swimming Trials, held at Immanuel Swimming Centre. The students were Sadie, Steph, Emerson, Alex, Holly, Jessica, Abby and Bella, and they were very happy with the times of each swim. Many of the children also achieved personal best times. Well done everyone!

We are now waiting to hear if any of them have been selected in the District Team.

Coming Events:

District Netball Trial/Carnival – Monday 20 March

District Football Trial/Carnival – Monday 27 March

Southern Lacrosse Carnival – Wednesday 29 March

SPORTS DAY – Thursday 30 March

Skipping

The demonstration team has been selected after 3 weeks of practices and auditions. Congratulations to those who have been selected. Now we have trainings every Tuesday lunch time to learn our routines and to be ready to visit other schools.

All students who auditioned are able to be selected for the competition groups. These will be selected later this term, for the competition in late August.

BMX

Ty and Kody D competed in a BMX event over two days on 25 & 26 February called the Southern Stampede at Happy Valley BMX and Cove BMX. Ty competed in the 12/13 boys and finished 3rd on both days in the A finals placing him 3rd overall. Kody competed in the 8/9 boys and qualified for the B Finals finishing 4th on day one and 3rd on day two, which didn't qualify him high enough for an overall placing.



Out of School Sports

Cricket

Cricket is under way with 5 teams representing the school this year.

A Grade started with a close game against Brighton who made 7 for 103 and Paringa 3 for 96. Max G took 3 wickets and Jed took 2. They were out played in the second game against St Peters Woodlands 3 for 166 and Paringa 6 for 24 but never gave up.

C Grade Green had a good first win scoring 58 runs against Immanuel 32 and C Grade Yellow had a bye. In the second week both teams participated in a lightning carnival which resulted in both teams winning all of their games and finishing 3rd & 4th overall.

Kanga cricket players are all having fun with lots of first time players. All of these boys are showing great skills and there is definitely some talent in these two teams.

Sharon Schubert – PPS Cricket Coordinator.



Pre-season Footy News

Hi everyone – hope you had a great holiday break and are now settling back into the new School year.

Thank you to all those parents who have already returned their 'Out of Hours Sports Nominations Forms' to the front office. Although Footy does not start until next term I am already busy planning the teams, fixtures, checking the kit, making arrangements and have already attended the first meeting for the Tiger League which is based at Glenelg Football Club.

It would be great to have all remaining forms back as soon as possible and can I encourage all those players in years 4, 5 and 7 particularly to put themselves forward – I would especially like to encourage all female players to put their names forward.

We are currently short of parental helpers, particularly in years 2 and 3, and if you can assist in either coaching, scoring, goal umpiring or take on the role as manager, please can you contact me via the Front Office or return the forms and I will be in touch. Last year we had a number of people put their hands up to do this and this meant only a small amount of work for each person.

Finally we are also inviting expressions of interest only (and subject to response and support) for those in year 1 who would also like to play footy in the year 2/3 squad.

To be eligible (under DECD and Tiger League rules) your child must be turning 7 years of age during the school year and have previously attended Auskick football – could parents who have such an interest please see the front office and complete and submit a nomination form as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your response and support.

Chris Hamer – PPS School Footy Coordinator.

Photo Competition

For Harmony Day on Tuesday 21 March 2017 we are holding a school photo competition. It is open to all children and their families. The image must represent diversity, inclusiveness, respect and/or belonging. Photos will be displayed in the school. There will be a small prize for the best image. Photos must be printed and given to the Front Office by Tuesday 14 March. Please ensure your child's name and learning area is on the photo.

Children may wear orange on the day as part of our Harmony Day celebration. Have fun!

Sue Mauger



Community News

Adelaide High School is holding an open night on Wednesday 22 March, starting at 5.30pm. At the open night, details regarding our Special Entry programs (Language, Rowing & Cricket) will be discussed. Please go to their website for further information.

www.adelaidehs.sa.edu.au

Mitcham Girls High School are holding Dance Auditions on Tuesday 7 March and 16 May at 9.15am. Please go to the website for further information.

www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

Paringa Park Primary School is a vibrant, caring, high achieving learning community of 497 students and 40 staff with 19 mainstream and 1 Speech and Language class, providing a rich and challenging curriculum where the skills of inquiry, collaboration and creativity are valued. We are challenging learners to be the 'The Best We Can Be'.

Paringa Park Primary School aspires to build a community of 'Powerful Learners' that are highly focused, motivated and active thinkers, able to communicate effectively in a range of ways and learn together in teams. They can identify and solve multi-step, non-routine and complex problems and use creative thinking to generate original ideas and information. 'Powerful Learners' set goals for their learning, draw on their curiosity to ask deep questions that require skilled investigation and find and use information to achieve their purpose.

The school values of Bravery, Care, Challenge and Trust, drive all our actions and intentions each day and underpin the behaviours we encourage and conversations we have with our students. The school has strong traditions in sports, music and a range of other value added programs. Children can choose to be involved in Instrumental Music, Choir, SAPSASA sports teams, Paringa's Got Talent, Mindlab, Living Skills, Chess Club, Skipping Teams, Running Club, Children's University, Dance Classes and after hours sporting teams.

Many students are engaged in extra academic pursuits such as the Premier's Reading Challenge and Be Active Challenge, the Oliphant Science Awards, the ICAS International Tests, and the SA French Teachers Association French Poetry Competition. In 2016 our older students were invited to connect with Brighton Secondary School for the 'Write a Book in a Day' activity and were very successful with their production as authors, illustrators and editors. This connection with the 'Think Bright' program at Brighton Secondary will continue into 2017.

The recommendations from our Whole School Review in 2015 were prioritised in our Site Learning Goals for 2016 especially the need to stretch and challenge our students to achieve high levels of learning. This is reflected in our priorities of:

1. Powerful Learners initiative:

All staff working with consultant, Kym Brown, are focussing on student-centred learning, deep questioning, student voice and visible thinking. We were successful in winning a grant to fund our Powerful Learning Initiative which is based around an ongoing coaching role of planning, modelling, observing and assessing pedagogy.

Outcomes

*One hundred per cent of teaching staff have volunteered to work with an expert in Powerful Learning Pedagogy both individually and in learning teams.

*All teachers have identified an aspect of powerful learning and are stretching and challenging themselves and their students by implementing new practices.

*Nine staff completed a six month course through Harvard University focussing on 'Visible Thinking'

*Whole school data collection via Parent, Student and Staff Forums was used as baseline data on school programs and personal perceptions.

2. Scaffolding Literacy

School extends access and number of staff working with Stephanie Lane intensively developing their teaching practice in 'Scaffolding Literacy' and in particular the area of writing.

Outcomes

*In 2016 one hundred per cent of teachers were involved in working with Stephanie and another 11 teachers are doing the 4 day course The ultimate goal of this program is to develop our students into better, high quality writers.

*NAPLAN data showed the Year 3 mean score in writing increased from proficiency band 4 to 5 for the first time and similarly the Year 7 mean score rose to proficiency band 7 for the first time.

3. Whole School Agreements

*Staff worked with consultant Christie-Lee Hansberry in developing Whole School Agreements to raise consistency in curriculum delivery and communication

*Staff directly involved in developing Partnership Literacy and Numeracy agreements

A copy of the full Annual Report for 2016 is available on our website and is available to be printed at the front office. We look forward to another successful year in 2017.