

TERM 1

ISSUE 5

30 March 2017

## Diary Dates:

### March

Friday 31

- Pupil Free Day

### April

Monday 3 – Friday 7

- Parent Interviews

Thursday 6

- Kingston Beach Excursion  
LA1-5, 1-6, 1-8

Friday 7

- Assembly LA2-6

Monday 10 & 11

- Narnu Farm Camp  
LA1-1, 1-7, 1-9

Thursday 13

- Last day of Term 1
- LA1-10, 3-3 Expo
- Easter Assembly 11am

### May – Term 2

Wednesday 3

- SAPSASA Cross Country

### Pupil Free Days

Friday 31 March

Monday 24 July

Friday 10 November

### School Closure Day

Friday 8 September

### 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

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 1! When I was reflecting on our journey this term in preparation for our Governing Council report this week, I was amazed at how much we have packed into this term – and it's not over yet! In particular this reflection allowed me to consider the wide range of learning opportunities in which our staff have been engaged. In addition to the learning from our Pupil Free Days that have been shared in previous newsletters, staff have been engaged in the following in recent weeks:

**Induction** – New staff have been meeting most Thursdays after school as a part of their Induction program. We have requirements to meet in regard to Induction and we have been working through the topics as documented in the Induction Form.

**Thinking Maths** – Donna Williams and Clint Durbridge are currently involved in this training with primary and secondary colleagues across the State, focussing on a problem solving approach to teaching and learning mathematics from Years 6-9. This builds on the training that Georgii and Jon participated in last year.

**Performance Management Meetings** – This term we have implemented a Developing Performance Policy aimed at supporting all staff to continue to reflect upon, and improve their practice. This week and next all staff will be involved in developing their Professional Development Plan and meeting with their line manager. These plans align with our school direction and identify successes and goals for future development for each educator. In addition to this plan, we are engaging in conversation with educators around aspects of TfEL and the AITSL Professional Standards for teachers – particularly on knowing your learners.

**Work Health and Safety** - Kelly Mitchell attended a week long training last week as our Work Health and Safety Rep last week. She will be working in collaboration with our WHS Committee facilitated by Tracey Bennett to ensure compliance with our WHS obligations.

**Site Improvement Plan** – Next week staff will be involved in reviewing the 2014-16 Site Improvement Plan in preparation for developing a SIP for 2017. This is a part of our recently developed Self-Review and reporting timeline and will provide direction for our school for the remainder of this year.

**Mindlab** - A number of classes have elected to work with Chris from Mindlab this term. This has involved release for these educators to attend a workshop with Chris, and then him working alongside educators with their classes. In addition we had 2 teams who competed in the Mindlab Olympics on Friday 24 March. Thank you to Daniel Mills for supporting these teams.

**Butterflies abound!** - Annette Reid has inspired many classes across the school in their exploration and inquiry around the life cycle of butterflies after bringing in a number of caterpillars which have been 'adopted' by classes. Children have seen first-hand the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly and have had opportunities to make their thinking and learning visible through their observations and documentations.

**Parent Teacher Student Conferences** – For most classes these are scheduled for next week. I would like to acknowledge the preparation and commitment our educators show in meeting with families to communicate about their child's learning and growth. The education process of a child is a partnership and we look forward to children sharing their learning journey so far this year with their families.

Our **Student Voice Executive** has been elected and attended a Leaders Day with Nerida and Tracey last Monday. Next term the intention is for some of this group to be involved in a partnership Student Forum at Warradale PS to share current practices, best practice and explore possibilities for authentic student voice in learning and leadership. Please refer to the separate newsletter item.

As you can see from this list, there has been lots of learning for our educators – all with a focus on ensuring each child can maximise their learning at our school and "be the best they can be".

*"The more we shelter children from every disappointment, the more devastating future disappointments will be."*

Leanne Prior, Principal

## Changes to STAFF Car Park

We have noticed that a number of parents are using the staff car park for drop off and pick up, so much so that on a couple of occasions there were not enough spots for staff to park! From Monday 3 April we will be putting a chain across the entrance of the car park during drop off and pick up times. We would also like to remind parents to enter the school via the gate and not through the car park. Thank you.



## Traffic Monitors

Week 10 – Morning Ella & Jasmine N  
Afternoon – Emily & Jasmine R  
Week 9 – Morning Daniel M & Luke  
Afternoon – Kailani & Lila

## Harmony Day

A wonderful celebration of Harmony Day was held on Tuesday 21st March with many of the children and staff wearing orange to show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. An inspiring and creative assembly was held after recess where we were welcomed by children in their home languages, including Polish, Japanese, Greek and Italian. These children were filmed throughout this week by students from LA2-10 showcasing their movie making skills! The Junior and Senior Choirs treated the audience to some inspiring songs as did the Year 1 children, following which the whole school joined in singing and doing actions to a song with the message of stamping out racism. We all participated in a game where we had to “Stand up if...”, requiring children and staff to acknowledge with things with which they identified including whether they wore glasses, if they had a step brother or sister, if they were born in a different country, if their family spoke another language at home just to name a few. This provided a powerful visual message to children that whilst we are the same we have different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs. The assembly ended with a whole school dance! We acknowledge and thank Sue Mauger who provided the organisation and leadership for this day of celebration.



## School Banking

On Week 11 the last day for School Banking will be THURSDAY 13 April and will resume as usual on Friday 5 May Week 1 of Term 2.

*Susan Mott*

*Business Manager*



## Easter Raffle

It's that time again when we ask for your kind donations of Easter items for our annual Easter raffle. Collection tubs will be available in classrooms from now until **Tuesday 11 April**. Any sold or unsold tickets, books and money must be returned by this date. The raffle will be drawn at a special Easter Assembly on Thursday 13 April. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Tickets are \$1.**

*Parents & Community Committee*

## PARINGA PARK STAFF 2017:

### Staff Profile

**Name:** Annette Reid

**Role in the school:** Year 2/3 Teacher

**Pets:** 4 Cats – Coco, Watson, TimTam & Jessie

**Favourite Food:** Italian

**Favourite holiday destination:** Warm and Tropical (Bali)

**Favourite sporting team:** Crows

**Favourite movie:** Me, myself & Irene (makes me laugh)

**Favourite TV show:** Sex and the City

**Favourite musician/band:** Kylie

**Hobbies or interests:** Painting, drawing, exercising, listening to music and going to the beach.

**Do you have any other hidden talents:** My thumb is double jointed.

**What's your favourite subject to teach/activity to undertake?** All, I LOVE teaching.

**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 husband Phil, my late brother, Bradley Cooper and Sarah Jessica Parker

**What's your favourite thing about Paringa Park PS so far?** The people, especially the staff.



## Library News

Hey! How about this?

**Judd H. from LA1-11, Naomi E. from LA2-5 and Miles E. and Chelsea C. from LA3-3 have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017.**

Yes – they are the first to land their frog cupcake on their class lily-pad in the reading room in the library. BTW - have you seen the lily-pads? Each class will have one. Vivonne is painting them for us. Complete the Challenge, send your form to Anne in the library and she will display your frog on your class lily-pad in recognition of your reading efforts. Then look out for your name in the newsletter as a further “pat-on-the-back”. Here's the address - [library.prc698@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:library.prc698@schools.sa.edu.au) .

So Anzac Day falls in the April Holidays – that won't stop Anne, she will still display texts and posters relating to the Anzacs on the wall, to your left, just inside the library door.

Look out for books telling stories of the Anzac spirit which will make you cry and shiver with emotion. 'My Gallipoli' describes soldiers' firsthand experiences, 'Midnight' – Guy's story of riding a light horse into battle, and 'Angel of Kokoda' – Kari, so brave and kind in such a dangerous situation in World War 2 are just a few of the Anzac texts.

*Jacquie & Anne*



## Sports Report & SAPSASA

### SAPSASA Netball

Last Monday a team of Year 6/7 girls competed in the District Selection Carnival at Westminster School. It was very hot but the girls played out each game with a strong effort and enthusiasm, which was very pleasing to see. The girls won most of their games, and thank you to Jacinta Loy for coaching the team. Thank you also to the other parents who were there all day to support the team.

Congratulations to Indiah, Lucy, Tayah and Ella who have been selected in the district squad. They will now attend trials next week to try to make the district team. Well done to all the girls and good luck to those selected.

### SAPSASA Football

This week a Year 6/7 boy's football team competed in the District Selection Carnival at Brighton Oval. They played 5 games and won all but 1 of them, which was a great effort. Thank you to Dave Adkin for coaching the boys and to the other parents for supporting the boys. Congratulations to Kaiden, Luke, Lachie P, Jake T and Toby who have been selected in the district squad. Good luck in the next trials. Well done to all the boys for their effort on the day.

### SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to Ella L, Abby S and Kaitlin R for your selection in the South West District Softball Team. They will play in the State Championship competition all next week. Well done girls! Hope you have a great week and enjoy the experience.

### Surf Lifesaving & Athletics

Many students have told me of the recent success at either (or for some children at both) Athletics and Surf Lifesaving Qualifying and Championships Competitions. I have been so impressed with your successes and so many of you have competed at a high level and achieved personal bests or won awards and medals. Well done to everyone who has been involved in any of the competitions! You have all shown an amazing commitment to your sport.

A special mention this week goes to Lila at Athletics last week. Lila won Gold in the 60m hurdles which achieved a NEW State Record time! Her time also placed Lila in the top 10 in Australia for her age group! What an outstanding achievement Lila! Well done.

### French News

Bonjour! On Thursday 6 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 Park Sports Complex.

Bonne chance (good luck) to William, Marcus, Adam, Emily, Ruby S, Holly, Bella, Charlotte and Lucy. Looking forward to seeing good skills and good sportsmanship displayed by our teams!

Amitiés, (Regards),  
Lea Garrett.



## Garden Clean Up

We are having a tidy up of the garden beds area adjacent to LA2 on Friday 7 April between 11.30am and 3pm in preparation for the Garden Club. If you can spare any time on this afternoon to give us a hand that would be much appreciated.



## Garden Club

We would like to start a Garden Club one lunch time a week in which children can connect with nature and gain a sense of achievement of growing produce and picking their own vegetables and fruit. We need a dedicated group of adults who could assist the children with planning, planting, weeding etc to work with the supervising teacher. An information sheet with expressions of interest is being sent home this week. If you think this is something you would like to be involved in, please fill out the tear off slip and return it to the Front Office.

Sue Mauger

### ACARA Parent Guides

Recently we came across some practical, easy to read information sheets for the parents about the Australian Curriculum for each year level. These can be found at:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information/information-sheets>

### Mark Le Messurier PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

**TOPIC:** *Setting up for SUCCESS series –*

*Practical ideas to build healthy, resilient young people*

**Wednesday, 12 April, 7pm - 8.30pm. Bridgewater Primary School**

**Creche:** \$5 per child – bookings essential

**Cost:** \$10 per participant

**Where:** Bridgewater Primary School

**RSVP** by 10/4: Call 8339 1600 to arrange payment or email [dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0636.info@schools.sa.edu.au) with Parent Workshop in the subject line. Places are strictly limited. Bookings and full payment required before the event, please (including crèche).

### Parenting SA seminar: Understanding the boy code

Parenting SA has engaged Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist, to help parents understand what it means to be a boy in today's world. His free presentation will be held on **Tuesday 30 May 2017** from 7pm – 9pm and will address:

the 'boy code'

- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media & celebrity culture
- helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves.

**Contact:** Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, [Dorian Marsland-Smith](mailto:Dorian.Marsland-Smith@schools.sa.edu.au), phone 8161 7159  
Register for the seminar [here](#)  
Further information is available [here](#).

# imagination Day 2017

## a Youth Leadership event

**On Monday the 20th of March, the Student Voice Executive team went to imagination day.**

Imagination day is a day where students come to the Adelaide Convention Centre to learn about being a leader. We had a total of 4 inspiring people come to talk to us about how to become a leader and what values are good to show when being a leader. Their stories included their ups and downs of their life, which in the end made them a great leader and role model.

**Jay Weatherill opened the day** and talked about how you can show leadership and that it is good to be selfless. **Collective leadership** is when **your whole group has their turn of raising ideas** and strategies and there is no leader.

**Sam Skinner is the boss of Halogen**, the people who ran imagination day. She has a big responsibility in running these types of events. "Even though we are not yet adults, we still can show the same amount responsibility as an adult". She believes in kid's ideas since it is good to have a wide range of opinions. **You are a leader** when you **collaborate with others** whose core values differ from yours.

**Problem, Thought, Solution** is a new way to look at a problem. You start off thinking about a problem that is affecting the world or your community. You then think of a way to make something and use to stop the problem. Then after discussing it with others around you, you come up with a solution to the problem and put it in action. **2 boys who went to Star of the Sea School** started, 'a kick in my boots'. They used the **Problem, Thought, solution** method to think of it. Their problem was that there weren't enough people in the Northern part of Australia being active outside of school hours. Their thought was "What if we could somehow give them something that encourages them to play a sport more often". Their sport that they chose was football and their solution was that they were going to give footy boots to the kids of the area. Joining them on their journey were a few Indigenous SANFL players. Once they had arrived home from **their amazing** adventure, they were all of a sudden **known as leaders**.

**Matt Cosgrove is an Australian author** who has had a few ups and downs in his life. Matt is known for his positive attitude as he always looks on the bright side of things. Even though he wasn't a very good public speaker, he still came up the front to talk to all of us. His main point was about **IMAGINATION**. It included 5 quotes that inspired us all, and all started with Ps. Number 1: Perception is everything, stay positive. This really gave us something to think about when going through stages in life. Find your passion and **PRACTICE**. This is a great one considering how many things we do in life. The Power of imagination. You may not realise it but majority of the things that we are doing today are all based around our imagination and people is another one. I mean, where would we be without them? And lastly, be Persistent. Without persistency we would get nowhere in life. We all need to fail at one point because that is how you succeed. We all need to learn from our mistakes. So, repeat after me..."I need to P". This is how we can always remember to stay positive.

We then heard from **Kelly Vincent** who is the **youngest ever person to be elected into state parliament**. She is such a good leader and role model. If you get nervous about something, it just means you care about it. Before she was in the position she is today, she used to write plays and stories that can be acted upon. A good leader shows: Responsibility, Connection, Empathy and will always have enough room to include someone different. Her favourite quote or saying is...'**I am because you are.**'

**Brent Reilly is an amazing quiet achiever**. His story starts when he was living in Melbourne. He then was given a contract to the Adelaide Crows. He didn't want to go because all his family were in Melbourne but he went with his heart and moved to Adelaide. He played over 200 games before the end of the season. In the next season he had to get his shoulder reconstructed, which meant he couldn't play. Next season came and he was playing in the preseason when he hurt his skull. All the doctors said that he just had a knock to the head and just had to give it a rest for a while. Only approximately 1 hour later he was being rushed to hospital with a fractured skull. He was then treated and eventually woke up to find himself in the hospital with his wife sitting on the side of his bed and his family on the way from Melbourne. **He believes in growth mindsets and positivity**. That is how he got through that pit in his life.

### Together we can do anything

Kate and Bella on behalf of the SVE

#### Our 2017 SVE team includes

##### Year 7's

Kaiden LA2-7

Juliet LA2-10

Holly LA2-7

Charlotte LA2-10

Ruby LA2-7

Aiden LA2-7

Bella LA2-10

Maddie LA2-7

##### Year 6's

Anna LA2-2

Josiah LA2-2

Ella LA2-11

Kate LA2-10



*Kate & Bella presenting to the Governing Council on Monday 28 March 2017.*