



## Newsletter - Week 9 Term 1 2017

### From the Principal

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews Reminder

#### Monday 3rd April - Friday 7th April

Our final reminder that we have our first formal reporting to parents for the year **next week**. These meetings with your child's class teacher provide families the opportunity to discuss their progress over the term and the goals they have set for their learning. While times are offered throughout the week, **the main evening time is on Monday 3rd April**. Interpreters will be made available for those needing this service.

I encourage you, if you have not already done so, to make the time to meet with your child's class teacher with your child and value the chance to formally meet and discuss their progress. Parent teacher interviews are an important part of our reporting to parents and a chance to set up a positive working partnership in support of your child. If you are finding it difficult to find an appropriate time available, telephone interviews might be an alternative. Please make an effort to make contact with your child's class teacher during this time. Towards the end of term 2 a written report will be sent home.

#### Advance notice - 2017 NAPLAN testing

The National Literacy and Numeracy assessments for all year 3, 5 and 7 students will occur from **Tuesday 9th through to Thursday 11th May (Week 2 Term 2)**

We encourage all students to fully participate in these assessments. If there is some reason why you wish to **withdraw your child**, please see your child's class teacher with a written request and **also** see Vicki Poulain to complete an official withdrawal form. These must be completed by **no later than Friday 5th May which is the last day of week 1 next term**.

#### Young Leaders Day

On Monday 20th March Sarah Huxtable and I took our Peace Committee representatives from our senior classes to a special leaders day for students run by the Halogen Foundation. This was only the second year our students have been involved. They found the day very worthwhile. The students have provided some reflections about their experience as part of this newsletter.

#### Simon Harding

#### Open Night for Parafield Gardens High School

The Year 7/8 transition process for 2018 is due to commence and High School packages will be sent home very soon. Now is the time for families to consider their choice of secondary school for next year.

Parafield Gardens High School will hold their Open Night on **Wednesday 12th April from 5:30pm - 8:00pm**.

Students in years 5, 6 and 7 have recently received an invitation to this open night. Information from other high schools is included inside this newsletter.

#### Materials and Services Charges - Due now

We would like to thank the parents who have paid the Materials and Services Charges for 2017. Please remember these charges are compulsory fees to assist in paying for the school equipment, stationery, and books that your child uses while at school.

#### These fees are due and payable by the end of Term 1.

If you are having difficulties, please come into the office and make a time to discuss payments with a member of the front office staff.

Lynne Lean

School Administration Officer

#### Out of School Hours Care

We would like to advise that our Vacation Care program is now available, however before booking your children into the program all outstanding accounts must be paid in full.

If you wish to book your child into our before and after school program, or you would like more information about our service, please contact the centre on **8281 5104** or our mobile number, which is **0401 121 430**.

Aida Chapman - OSHC Director

**DIARY DATES**  
**ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD ON**  
**THURSDAY OF WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 11**  
**At 9:00am in the Hall**

**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April**  
**3-Way Interviews**

**Friday 7th April and Monday 10th April**  
**Year 6/7 Aquatics**

**Thursday 13th April**  
**Last day of Term 1**  
**Casual Day with Gold Coin Donation**  
**With Early Dismissal at 2:00pm**

**Term 2 Begins**  
**Monday 1st May**

## Other Secondary School Open Nights

The following schools have announced their open days and special evenings for students and their families to attend.

### Marryatville High School - Special Interest Music Centre

Monday 10th April: Information evening 7:00pm-8:00pm

Bookings: Music Centre 8304 8431

### Modbury High School

Monday 10th April to Wednesday 12th April; 9:30am - 10:45am.

Parent Tours Term 2:

Tuesday 2nd May: 2:00pm-3:00pm; 5:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday 9th May: 9:00am-10:00am

Friday 12th May: 9:00am-10:00am

Contact Karen on 8264 1955

Contact the school on 8231 9373

## Neural Pathways

Room 29 have been learning about the brain and how our neural pathways assist our learning. The human brain is a complex organ that allows us to think, move, feel, see, hear, taste and smell. It controls our body and receives, analyses and stores information.

Like every other muscle, it needs exercise. In class we have been doing brain exercises to help improve our concentration and learning. By repeating tasks and trying to use both sides of our brain, we are strengthening our neural pathways, allowing us to improve our skills and assist us in having a growth mindset.

The brain produces electrical signals, which together with chemical reactions, let parts of the body communicate. Nerves send these signals throughout the body.

The brain and spinal cord are made up of many cells, including neurons. Neurons are cells that send and receive electro-chemical signals to and from the brain and nervous system. There are about 100 billion neurons in the brain.

*We created our own neurons using scrap materials. We also needed to include labels to show our understanding of each part of the neuron.*



## The Winning Goal

Seth from Room 7 has been improving his reading by reading the "Hey Jack" young novels by Sally Rippin. He loved the book "The Winning Goal" and has written about the story.

*Jack was going to his first soccer game. He was so excited and he wanted to kick a goal, but when he got there his coach put him in as a goalie! He was so frustrated when the ball flew over him that he was furious and he was stamping his feet.*

*Next his friend Jem kicked a goal. The ball came to him again and this time he stopped the ball. Jack told Jem to come over to him and he told Jem to pretend to kick the ball high but really kick the ball low to trick the other goalie. So Jem went back to midfield and the ball came to him. He pretended to kick high but he really kicked low. He kicked the goal and his team yelled and the game was over.*

*Jem told Jack to come over to him so that he could tell the team that Jack was the one who told him to kick low. After that his team yelled out, "Go Jack!"*



*The Winning Goal  
By Sally Rippin*

**Seth Room 7**

## Police Band

On Thursday 15th March the students were entertained by the SA Police Band. There was a woodwind section with piccolo, flute, saxophone and clarinet. The Brass section included trumpet, French horn, trombone and tuba, which was white and made from fibreglass to make it much lighter to carry than a completely brass tuba. The drummer also had a steel drum which was played with mallets and was very tuneful.

The band played lots of different theme songs from cartoons like the *Simpsons*, *Peppa Pig* and *Angry Birds*. The police also shared the important messages of safety. These included the importance of wearing seat belts whilst in a car, wearing a helmet when riding a bike and also the dangers of walking around the streets with headphones on as it makes it hard to hear the traffic.

The students enjoyed this performance and sang along with some of the songs. We look forward to another visit in the future.



## Halogen Young Leaders Day

As part of our Peace Committee activities, some members were given the opportunity to visit the Convention Centre last Monday to be a part of the 'Halogen Young Leaders Day'. This National Young Leaders Day is an annual event created in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians, to encourage them to inspire and influence a generation of young people to lead themselves and others well.

*When we went to the Adelaide Convention Centre with Miss Sarah and Mr Harding for the Young Leaders Conference, we listened to six inspiring speakers encouraging us to be leaders.*

*Sam Skinner runs this program and spoke to us about the ideas behind the program and how she grew up. At one point Jemma and Dubsy, who were the MCs, came on - Dubsy in a flamingo costume and Jemma with a saxophone. They did a duet together.*

*Another speaker was Brent Reilly, who is a retired football player and was the most inspiring speaker. He told us his story about the head injury that almost cost him his life and how he stayed positive even though he couldn't go on with his dream of playing AFL football. He was running at full pace during a game when he ran into another player's knee and he was knocked out and was unconscious for over 12 hours. When he woke up the nurse told him that he might not remember his wife's name. He had 70 staples in his head and 4 needles. He told us that a growth mindset can save a life.*

*Tom and Jakob were two other speakers. Last year these primary school boys attended this event and were inspired so much that they started a charity called "Kick In My Boots". These two boys collected football boots and contacted the SANFL, who flew them to the Indigenous lands in Central Australia where they gave the boots to the children.*

*The Honourable Kelly Vincent was also a speaker and is an amazing woman. She is sadly disabled, but it doesn't stop her. She loves poems and quotes and tries to follow them. One quote is "We are all born to be included."*

*Matt Cosgrove is an author and he was really funny and told us that just because his publisher wanted him to write little kids' books didn't mean he had to. He found another publisher so that he could do what HE wanted to do with his books. He also told us that when he was young he was practising for a play and had to stand on a chair. At that moment a man pushed the wheeled stage because he didn't think it was in the middle. It was then that Matt fell off his chair, which is why he is scared of public speaking on stage.*

*The Premier, Jay Weatherill, whose daughter was also attending the conference as a student, spoke to us about things we need to do to be a leader. Unfortunately the lady who started "Shoe Boxes of Love" was meant to be there, but she has just had a baby!*

*It was a bit awkward when we had to get up to dance all the time because there wasn't much space. Although during the recess break we could go into a space and wear headphones and dance. It was like a silent disco and people looked weird as though the people were dancing to no music! All in all we enjoyed the experience and came away feeling inspired to be leaders.*

**Megan, Dominic, Aneisha, Irfan, Zoey, Erin and Irfan**



## At the Movies

In Week 7 the students from Rooms 8 and 9 were lucky enough to go to the movies to see the film "Moana", which was presented by the Ladies of Variety.



The students all enjoyed themselves and Josh wanted to share his pictorial representation of the movie.

## School Crossing Monitors for the Next Fortnight

**Week 10: Room 28:** Talea, Ashley, Paige, Prachi, Brianna, Brodie, Zoey, Raihan, Jasmine, Josh, Vidhi  
**Week 11: Room 33:** Kyann, Chea, Rajvi, Adib, Zakriya, James, Sophia, Jaimie, Dishan, Selena

**Accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme with support from First Peoples Disability Network Australia**

Many Tribes, One Community by Wiradjuri artist Paul Constable-Calcott

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers of children aged 0-17, contact us to find out about:**

- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) processes
- Getting access to the NDIS for the child you care for
- How First Peoples Disability Network Australia can support you through the processes.

We are First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN), a national organisation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, their families and communities.

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## PEACE COMMITTEE INDUCTION PLEDGE

### As members of the 2017 Peace Committee....

We promise to uphold the tradition of being peace builders, leaders and good role models for others.

We will lead by example showing respect, care and compassion to all humanity.

We will help to take care of our school community and report any problems that we see.

We will help all students feel welcome at our school.

We will take care of people and continue to make our environment safe, caring and clean for the benefit of everyone.

We will keep promoting peace and special events around the school and do our very best to include others.

We will always strive to do our personal best and be the best that we can be.

We will always remember to show peace towards ourselves, others and the environment.

We will hold class meeting and share the ideas put forward by our class.

The Peace Committee pledges to work together, making good choices for the benefit of the entire school community and the environment.

We are honoured to be the voice and chosen class representatives of the students of Parafield Gardens R-7 School in 2017.



Members from the PAWS and Claws club spoke to the assembled cohort about Hockey, a young female orangutan with special needs. Through the efforts of this group, our school sponsors Hockey.

Hockey was described as inspirational as even though she faces physical challenges every day, she still presents with a happy disposition.



Our Harmony Day assembly was held on Tuesday 21st March and was led by the year 1 students in Room 12. During the assembly, Sarthi from Room 34B and Axel from Room 22 read the Peace Committee Induction Pledge on behalf of the Peace Committee.

The Year 1 students from Room 12 shared their paper mache 'Tiddalik' characters from the Aboriginal Dreaming story 'Tiddalik the Frog'.



The Junior Choir led by Ms Yates joined with Ms Krohn's signing choir to lead the assembly in the Harmony Day song - 'United We Stand'.

