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# PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School



## Newsletter - Week 1 Term 3 2017

### From the Principal

Welcome back to another exciting term and we hope you enjoyed the holidays. This term is off to a very successful start with children settling quickly into their class activities. We also warmly welcome new families to our school this term.

#### Special Days This Term

To help your forward planning, we wish to advise that Governing Council has approved a **School Closure Day** on **Friday 1st September** to enable students to attend the Royal Show, with a **Pupil Free Day** on **Monday 4th September**. Staff will not be on duty during these days. Staff will be working with two neighbouring schools on the Pupil Free day on assessment and moderation of student work.

#### STEMworks

You may remember that our school was provided with a grant of \$1,000,000 to refurbish areas in our school to more effectively work with our students in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths). Whilst no building works have begun yet, we are finalising plans with architects and final costings are being sought. We are hoping that builders will be onsite early next term. The area we are refurbishing is the Resource Centre and some outside areas nearby. Once plans are finalised we can provide some more detail in future newsletters. We will need to move a few classes while building works are being undertaken and there is a lot of packing up of resources to be done before the end of term. It is an exciting investment in our school and we look forward to using the new facility during the first half of next year.

#### Term 3 staff changes

Christine Walters will work in Room 32 for the first six weeks of term whilst Kathy Skinner is on leave and then move into room 29 whilst Bekk Resili is on leave. Katrice White will take room 12 from the end of next week for four weeks whilst Natasha Bright is on leave.

#### Special Events

As part of our Health and PE curriculum all children from Reception to Year 2 will be involved in swimming lessons at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre from Tuesday 15th August to Friday 18th August. Lessons will be conducted by qualified DECD instructors.

This year once again our Year 6/7 students are involved in **Wakakirri** Dance Festival performing at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 16th August.

Students who are not performing have been making props and sets for the performance and will be involved in side stage duties. This project has been very exciting for our students and provides the chance for them to showcase their work. Students are also performing as part of our **Festival of Music Choir** at the Festival Theatre on Saturday 16th September. We are very proud of their efforts and we wish them all well for their performances.

We also wish our SAPSASA teams well for their upcoming events on Friday 4th August.

#### Simon Harding

#### DIARY DATES

**Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 at 9:00am in the Hall**

**Wednesday 2nd, 9th & 23rd August**  
**Year 6/7 Transition Visit to High School**

**Tuesday 8th August**  
**Governing Council Meeting at 6:30pm**

**Tuesday 15th August to Friday 18th August**  
**Early Years Swimming**

**Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August**  
**Bookweek**

**Thursday 24th August**  
**Bookweek Assembly**

**FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER**  
**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 6th September**  
**Year 6/7 Transition Visit to High School**

**Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September**  
**Optional Interviews**

**Tuesday 12th September**  
**Governing Council Meeting at 6:30pm**

**Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th September**  
**Year 7 Camp**

**Friday 29th September**  
**Last day of term 3**  
**Casual day with gold coin donation**  
**Early dismissal at 2:00pm**

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/ParafieldGR7>

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## 2017 Material and Services Charges are now OVERDUE

Thank you to those families who have paid this year's school fees. For students starting at the beginning of the year, these fees were due to be paid by the end of Term 1. Final notices will soon be sent home for accounts that are in arrears.

**Please be reminded that it is Governing Council policy that overdue debtors will be sent to the DECD Debt Collection agency at the end of Term 3.**

Lynne Lean - Administration Officer

## Out of School Hours Care

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 us on **8281 5104** or our mobile number, which is **0401 121 430**.

We would also like to advise our families that we will be offering our service for the **School Closure Day**, which is on **Friday 1st September** and also the **Pupil Free Day on Monday 4th September if we have sufficient bookings**. Please let us know as soon as possible via the above number if you wish to make a booking for your child on those days.

Aida Chapman - Director

## Quick Response Code

QR is short for Quick Response (they can be read quickly by a cell phone). This is a code you can scan with your mobile phone or ipad simply by using a QR code reading app. You may soon see QR Codes in a magazine advert, on a billboard, a web page or even on someone's t-shirt. Once it is in your cell phone, it may give you details about that business (allowing users to search for nearby locations), or details about the person wearing the t-shirt, show you a webpage or a URL which you can click to see a trailer for a movie, or it may give you a coupon which you can use in a local outlet.



This code will now appear in each school newsletter on the back page for your convenience.

## Early Years Swimming

As part of our Health and PE curriculum all children from Reception to Year 2 will be involved in swimming lessons at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th August. Lessons will be conducted by qualified DECD instructors. Children will need to bring the following items every day:

- Towel
- Bag to carry dry clothing
- Plastic bag for wet items
- Goggles (optional)
- Bathers may be worn under their school uniform

We know that the children will have a wonderful time learning many new water and safety skills.

The Early Years Team



## Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy initiative developed by the State Government. It is an individual challenge to each student, encouraging them to read at least 12 books from the Premier's list. It is also devised to promote the love of reading. Many of our students have taken part in this challenge and will receive awards later in the year. However for this to occur we need your help. Please encourage your child to **submit their form to Mrs Armstrong by September 8th**. Awards will be presented at an assembly when they arrive in term 4. Congratulations to all those students who have chosen to take part.

Ms Galletta and Mrs Armstrong  
Resource Centre Team



## Numeracy

### Developing a sense of number

It is so important to give our students authentic opportunities to develop a sense of number. In order to do this our students need:

- an understanding of number and operations (+ - x ÷) together with ability and motivation.
- to use this in flexible ways to make mathematical judgments.
- to develop useful strategies for handling numbers.
- to communicate, process and interpret information.

These concepts are supported in the classroom through playing mathematical games. These can also be reinforced at home through playing a range of card games, dice games and even board games that focus on number, strategy and language.

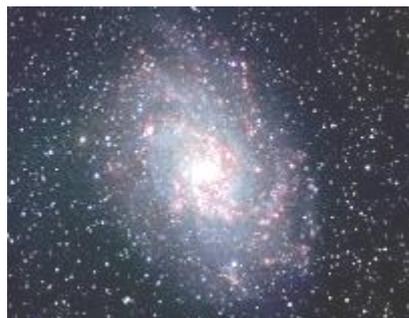
For more information please visit:

<https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/teachlearn/student/devbigideas.pdf>



## Star Gazing

As part of the Year 5/6 Science program for Term 2, the students had the opportunity to participate in the *Mobile Science Education Starlab Experience*, which occurred on the last day of the term. The Starlab allowed the students to experience the night sky in beautiful glowing detail inside a portable planetarium. The



projector featured the amazing fibre-arc system *Starfield*, which showed the stars accurately with relative brightness and colour in pin-point detail. Each group had the opportunity to map the night sky, find the celestial pole, common constellations and discover the meanings of ancient myths.

We learnt stories about the shapes of the stars and constellations. We were inside a huge air dome to see the stars. It looked realistic, just like the night sky. A group of stars can make more than one constellation. The stars are very far away and they are planets. The yellow stars are suns. If a star explodes, it would take a really long time for us on Earth to see it. We can see the stars easier with a telescope than we can with the naked eye. The moon is a reflection of the sun.  
**Agam, Latrelle, Laura and Yana Room 30**

**Wakakirri**



This year the Year 7's have been busy preparing an outstanding adaptation of "Footloose" for their Wakakirri performance. During every practice session, the students plan their goals for the lesson before warming up and working on the choreography for the performance. Last term they had an opportunity to show their performance to a group of students at school and received some wonderful feedback.

*The backdrops and signs are almost complete. The performers know their lines. The choreography is finished. Now everyone is practising to perfect their moves in readiness for the performance on Wednesday 16th August at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.*  
**Branda and Dominic Room 23**

**High School Transitions**

In Weeks 2 and 3 of this term students in Rooms 23 and 24 will spend one day at Parafield Gardens High School for a transition day. All students will be attending, regardless of whether or not they are attending that particular high school. On the day, students will be engaging in a range of exciting activities with a health focus in mind. Students will be given the opportunity to ask any questions they have about high school.



When: 5th and 6th August  
 Where: The Adelaide Showground  
 Science Alive! is an annual celebration of science and technology and is proudly presented in partnership with National Science Week. There's no better place to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths, Nature, Planets, Food, Astronomy. Take your family and experience all kinds of awesome.  
<http://sciencealivesa.org.au/categories/event-information/>

**Surprise in the Nature Garden**

When we got back from the holidays, we found a dead bat. We found it next to a car. It was laying on the ground. It had sharp teeth and also it had sharp claws. I thought it was disgusting.  
**Ella-Rose Room 6**



**School Crossing Monitors for Weeks 1 & 2**

- Week 1: Room 9:** Lachlan, Joshua, Christina, Tyrone
- Room 24:** Makayla, Zachary, Solo, Zara, Sarah, Korbin, Sejal
- Week 2: Room 23:** Taylan, Shewit, Urvi, Shane, Riley, Ashleigh, Asumani

Escape to Everywhere



Bookweek 2017

Bookweek Parade

Term 3, Week 5

Thursday, August 24th

9am in the Hall

Come dressed as your favourite book, movie or sports character. Remember you need to change into your school uniform after the parade.





## Young Entrepreneurs

The Year 7 students have spent this term investigating economics and business through the lens of a Young Entrepreneur. They have undertaken market research with the rest of the students at Parafield Gardens R-7 School and have developed sophisticated business plans to develop a creative product. The students had to design a business name and a logo, either hand drawn or created using ICT. They had to describe the purpose, role and service their product would provide, what their marketing ideas would be and how they would sell their product. A mission statement also had to be decided upon.

As part of their marketing analysis the students needed to decide who would be their potential customers, the age and gender of their customers and if they would be in competition with anyone else with a similar product, along with a pricing policy.

At the end of the final week of last term the students launched their products during lunchtime to the student cohort with a wonderful response. Some stalls sold out before the end of lunchtime. Congratulations to everyone!

