From the Principal
Welcome to the 2017 School Year
We would like to welcome the children and families who are new to our school, particularly our 78 Flying Starters (new receptions). The school has opened this year with 27 classes and close to 604 students.

We would also like to welcome back the following staff members for 2017: Amber Jeisman, Stacey Miller, Sarah Whelan, Rebecca Daddow, Bekk Resili, Laura Gretses, Kirsty Karapas, Karl Ebert, Wanda Biggs, Marteen Loneragan, Jenny Southwell, Jo Evans, Bre Smart and Carol Blake.

We also welcome Tess Narcys, Melissa Ilko, Deb Halligan, Matt Cuconits and Ramona Young to our staff.

To all the new members of our school community we trust that your time with us will be enjoyable and successful.

Acquaintance Night and Governing Council
On Wednesday 15th February we will hold our annual Acquaintance Night at 6:30pm starting in the school hall. This will be a chance to visit the school and meet your child’s teachers.

We will also hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Governing Council. This will be an opportunity to hear about our achievements in 2016 and the plans for our school in 2017 and beyond. At the AGM elections to become a member of the 2017 Governing Council will be finalised.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the 2016 Governing Council of parents, who have worked with me in making decisions about current and future directions of the school.

The role of the Governing Council is to identify and incorporate where possible, student, parent and community input and values into the broad direction of the school. It is an opportunity to be involved in your child’s education and to contribute to the school. We usually only have 2 meetings each term which are held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

If you would like more information or are interested in nominating for Governing Council for 2017 please read the outline in this newsletter and/or contact me in the front office. A nomination form is also included in this newsletter. (It is alright to nominate yourself.) This year we have 6 positions for 2 years. Please consider being involved in this important role in the school.

Simon Harding

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 the centre on 8281 5104 or our mobile number, which is 0401 121 430.

Aida Chapman - Director

Canteen News
Our canteen is open at 8:30am. Orders for recess and lunch can be made via the special canteen box in each classroom. It would be very helpful if the correct money, or as close as possible, could be included in lunch bags. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help in the canteen, please come to the office to register your interest. Your support would be much appreciated.

Tasks include making sandwiches, serving at playtimes and sorting the lunches.

Cherie Honson - Canteen Administrator

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

Thursday 9th February
School Crossing Training for Year 5-7 students

Wednesday 15th February
Acquaintance Night & AGM
6:30 in the Hall

Friday 24th February
Year 7 Big Day In

Tuesday 28th February
No Pen Morning

Monday 13th March
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 21st March
Harmony 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
School Uniform
It is great to see our students back to school and proudly wearing the school uniform.
A few reminders:
- all clothing needs to be navy in colour
- denim is not part of the school uniform
- hats are to be worn throughout the year
- make up, nail polish and jewellery are not to be worn
- suitable footwear for PE is important.
The Governing Council has endorsed these guidelines.
The school has plenty of clothing in stock available for purchase. Please ensure that your children’s clothing is clearly named.

News From The Resource Centre
Premier’s Reading Challenge (P.R.C.)
We will once again be taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier has challenged students to read 12 books by the beginning of September, with 8 books from the P.R.C. list and 4 books of the students’ own choice. The awards are: 1st year – certificate, 2nd year – bronze medal, 3rd year – silver medal, 4th year – gold medal, 5th year – champion medal, 6th year – legend medal, 7th year – Hall of Fame medal, 8th year – Hall of Fame Reader for Life award, 9th year – Reader for Life bronze award and 10th year – Reader for Life silver medal.
Students in Years 3-7 are required to fill in their own form and when completed return to the Resource Centre. We will fill in forms for Reception to Year 2 students. Hopefully all of our students will take part. Let the reading begin!
Wendy Galletta and Janet Armstrong
The Resource Centre Team

Nature Play
Every morning at 9:20am the reception students are taken outside where they are able to play and connect with their environment as part of the Nature Play program. The students will then have the opportunity to write or draw about their discoveries.
The Reception Team:
Allira Willington, Alana Papahristos, Dani Tidswell, Cecilia Hector, Natasha Bright and Sarah Whelan
1st February 2017

To all Parents/Caregivers

This letter is to inform all parents of Parafield Gardens R – 7 School that we will be electing 6 school Governing Council members for 2017-2018.

The Governing Council is a group of parents that have a joint responsibility with the Principal for the governance of the school. Some of the functions of the Governing Council are:

- set the broad direction and vision of the school.
- determine policies for the school including policies for the safety, welfare and discipline of students.
- regular review of the school budget.
- monitor and review the Site Improvement Plan.
- maybe to raise money for school related purposes.
- maybe perform other functions as determined by the Minister.

Under section 7.5 of the Governing Council constitution, all persons who are parents of the school are eligible to nominate for election as a councillor.

Unless the person:

(7.5.1) is an undischarged bankrupt or is receiving the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors;

or

(7.5.2) has been convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.

DECD now requires all Governing Council members to have a Department of Community and Social Inclusion screening clearance which will be organised by the school if need be.

Our Governing Council has 11 elected parents. We are now calling for any nominations for election as councillors. Given the guidelines of the constitution this will be for 6 parents for a term of two years.

These nominations need to be made on the form enclosed in this newsletter and sent into the Principal by Friday February 10th 2017.

There will be a general meeting for the election at the Annual General Meeting of parents on Wednesday 15th February. Further information on the election of councillors will be given depending on the number of nominations.

Over the coming year there are a number of important issues that will need the Governing Council of parents to discuss and make decisions on that will guide the future of the school. If you would like to be involved and are prepared to work for the good of the school please consider nominating. You can nominate yourself or another person. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Simon Harding
Principal
### Notice of Charges for Reception To Year 7

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These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

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