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# PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School



## Newsletter - Week 5 Term 1 2017

### From the Principal

At Parafield Gardens R-7 School we focus on the important attributes of being a good and responsible person. One of these attributes is showing care and compassion.

Caring is about giving positive attention to people and things that matter to you. You treat them gently and with respect. Caring people think about how others are feeling. They don't just think about themselves.

Caring people do kind things. They think about other's feelings and they show they are concerned by what they say and what they do. Caring people are sensitive to how other people are feeling. They know when others are upset or need assistance. Caring people want to help the other person feel better.

### Pupil Free Day

On **Friday 31st March** our school will be closed for a Pupil Free Day. Governing Council has approved this day for our continued work in the area of Mathematics. Please contact our Out of School Hours Care on **8281 5104** if you need child care on this day.

### Governing Council

Thank you again if you attended our Acquaintance Night and School AGM on Wednesday 15th February. In our last newsletter the names of all our Governing Councillors for 2017 were published. Please remember these people are parent representatives and you can approach them with questions you wish to be brought up at the meetings. Meetings are held twice a term. Our first meeting was held on Tuesday 28th February and the next meeting will be on 21st March. You are welcome to attend as an observer if you wish to find out more about Governing Council.

### Simon Harding

### Materials and Services Charges - time to arrange payment now

The 2017 'Student Personal Data' package has recently been sent home to all families, which included a Tax Invoice showing the 2017 Material and Services Charges for your child. 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.**

Many thanks to parents who have already paid their 2017 Material and Services Charges. Some parents have signed up to have an amount paid regularly through Centrelink



(Centrepay). This ensures that the fees are paid by the end of the year. Other available payment options are **cash, credit card, cheque**, or instalment payments by **Direct Debit** where payments are automatically deducted from your bank account.

Some parents have already filled out a **2017 School Card** form as they believe they are eligible for support due to low income. (**Reminder:** School Card forms need to be completed **every year**).

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.

Also included in the package was a green form showing vital information from our database about your child. **These are especially important for emergency contact numbers and medical information.**

Medical forms and Permission forms if applicable to your child were also included.

**Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible, as it is very important that our data base contains current information. Even if no details need to be changed, please return the forms.**

Lynne Lean

Administration Officer

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

**Monday 13th March**  
**Adelaide Cup Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 21st March**  
**Harmony Day**

**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**

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## Ideas to Support Your Child At Home

**Oral Language** is the basis of comprehension and is often taken for granted. It involves both listening and speaking and is a vital requirement which underpins all areas of the curriculum at school as well as in everyday life. Children need the modelling of oral language and interaction with the 'human' element, which is essential for language development.



Talking with your child provides them with different ways to learn and think about the world. Chat about what you are reading in books, newspapers, or simply watching television. Read to your child every day, or if this is not possible point out something interesting on the television screen or in print. This could be something as simple as a cereal box at breakfast time. Games are a wonderful way to interact with your children fostering oral language, whether they are board games, a game of cards or electronic games.

Activities around the house such as cooking, gardening, washing the dog or even washing the car can also promote conversations. Children love to draw pictures - ask them to tell you about their picture. Discuss the lyrics of your child's favourite song or nursery rhyme...often the best learning opportunities are simple and fun!

**Edwina Burton Senior Leader**

## Festival of Music Performance Troupe

Do you like to **sing, dance or act**?

Are you in Year 6 or 7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

**Audition bookings open on Monday, February 13 2017 and close on Wednesday, March 29, 2017!**

Audition bookings **Weekly rehearsals** are held at 2 locations:

North - Enfield Primary on Tuesdays

South - Hamilton Secondary College on Wednesdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 6.15 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.

Each troupe will be involved in 3 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Entertainment Centre between the 11th and 17th September, 2017.

Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website:

[www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au) or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.



## Secondary School Open Nights

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. High schools will be holding their Open Nights and Information sessions over the next few weeks and as this information comes to hand it will be published in our newsletters. 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

### **Adelaide High School**

Open Night Wednesday 22nd March: 5:30pm - 8:00pm.

Special Entry applications are due Wednesday 29th March (Special Language Entry, Special Cricket or Rowing Entry)

Contact the school on 8231 9373

### **Urrbrae Agricultural High School**

Open Day Tuesday 21st March: 9:30am - 11:30am;

1:00pm - 3:00pm; 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Contact the school on 8372 6955

### **Roma Mitchell Secondary College**

Wednesday 22nd March: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Girls' Only Education; Co-Education Middle & Senior Schooling; Gifted and Talented Program; Specialist Sport Programs (soccer, hockey, cycling)

Contact the school on 8161 4600

There will be more information in following newsletters as it becomes available regarding other high schools.

## Sun Safe Awareness

**Did you know that melanoma is the most common cancer in 15-39 year olds?**

It is the start of another school year and with many weeks of warm weather to come, the Australian Melanoma Research Foundation (AMRF) is again drawing attention to the dangers of overexposure to the sun and the associated risks of skin damage and melanoma. As such, we feel strongly about educating students to be sun safe.

The most important years for sun protection are during childhood. Excessive sun exposure before the age of 18 greatly increases the chance of getting melanoma in later life because damaged cells have more time to develop into cancer. The greatest need for sun safety occurs during the time of year when the sun's ultraviolet radiation is strongest, namely September through to



April in South Australia.

Adolescents are particularly vulnerable to sun damage because of the amount of outdoor activity typically enjoyed at this stage of life and also their deliberate choice to actively seek the sun to get a tan. Avoiding over-exposure to the sun is the best defence! Reduce your risk with these simple tips:

\* Wear protective clothing: hat with brim, a shirt with sleeves and sunglasses

\* Use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30+ and cover all exposed skin and REAPPLY

\* Stay out of the sun during the middle of the day (10:00am - 4:00pm) – seek shaded areas during recess and lunch

For any further information visit our website:  
[www.melanomaresearch.com.au](http://www.melanomaresearch.com.au)



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE KEEPING SA SAFE

Recently your child's school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor's directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you

**Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN**  
**Program Co-ordinator Road Safety**  
**South Australian Police**

## Class Awards

**Term 1 Week 4; Room 1:** Isaac, Dhyana **2:** Erik, Lakshana **3:** Phoebe, Sahar **4:** Liam, Damian **5:** Chyler, Joshua **6:** Lilly-May, Hope **7:** Kaitlyn, Oscar **8:** Vincent **9:** Joshua, Locky **10:** Jaiden, Anhad **11:** Chase, Briannah **12:** Priscilla, Oketayot **19:** Tilak, Annie **20:** Ayyan, Lily **21:** Shekib, Deep **23:** Monique, Xiao **24:** Sharndeeep, Alicia **27:** Braydon, Alisha **28:** Brianna, Paige **29:** Amira, Tisha **30:** Trevor, Bella **31:** Emily **32:** Crystal, Tyler M **33:** Dante **34a:** Zahra, Mikayla **34b:** Reife

## S.T.A.R.S.

**Music/Drama** (Ms Yates) Room 12

**Music/Drama** (Ms Britz) Room 32

**PE** (Mr C) Room 22

**PE** (Ms Ryan) Room 7

**Auslan** (Ms Krohn) Room 20

## School Crossing Monitors for the Next Fortnight

**Week 6: Room 23:**  
Taylan, Shewit, Urvi,  
Riley, Shane, Ashleigh T,  
Kim

**Week 7: Room 30:** Irfan,  
Blessing, Nier, Suhaila,  
Ashley P, Dim, Shweta,  
Kayden



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# STEM LEARNING JOURNEY

The staff at Parafield Gardens R-7 have embarked on a learning journey to explore the inner most workings of a global phenomena known as STEM. Put simply STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics all rolled into one. It may sound simple, but I can assure you there is nothing simple about teaching four subjects at once.

As a staff we have been learning, experimenting and exploring in the same way that our students might during STEM lessons. We have discovered that STEM learning is fun, engaging and creative. It requires persistence, resilience and creative thinking. It draws on our capacity to solve problems and work collaboratively. In short we have had fun and believe that this learning approach is a positive way forward for our site and learning community.

## Melissa McDonald: Senior Leader - Innovation, General Capabilities & STEM

