



Government  
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# Parafield Gardens R-7 School

## Room 10 Newsletter Term 2 2018



### Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to School for Term 2. I hope that everyone had an opportunity to spend some time with family and friends over the school holiday break and enjoy a sleep-in or two! Students will be busy in the weeks ahead with many exciting learning opportunities planned and some fun events as well! I would like to thank the many families who came in at the end of last term to talk about your child's learning. It was very nice to meet you and learn more about you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me about your child's progress. I am more than happy to meet with you or talk over the phone if that is more convenient.

### Personal Items

Water bottles must come to school every day with water only in them please. Lunch boxes will be kept inside the classroom during warm weather however, it would be helpful if you could put something cool inside the lunch box such as a small ice - pack to keep the food fresh. Please name all items belonging to your child. This ensures that if something is misplaced there is a greater chance of it being returned.

### Communication

Each student has a reader folder which will hold their reader/novel, diary, sight/spelling words and homework book. Students are expected to read each night at home and complete 5-10 minutes of homework nightly (this could include Study Ladder). Any notes which need to go home will also be placed in their reader folder.

### Independence

From Term 2, to begin the students' major transition from a Junior Primary setting to a Primary classroom, we are focussing on independence. The first bell goes at 8:35am for everyone to move to class. Students will be expected to get themselves organised for the day without help from an adult. Please support your child in this important milestone by saying goodbye at the door - this will enable your child to begin to get organised independently.

### Attendance and Punctuality

There is a direct link to attendance and student achievement - please ensure your child arrives on time to school each day. It is expected that all students are in their class by the time the second bell rings at 8.40am.

If your child arrives after this time they must report to the front office for a late slip to avoid an SMS being sent to families regarding non attendance on this day. If your child is absent you must inform the school promptly. This can be done by ringing the school or sending an SMS (0416 906 258). Parents who have not notified the school of the reason for the absence will be contacted for an explanation.

### What's on this term

**THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES  
WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY WEEKS 2, 4, 6,  
8 and 10**

**At 9:00am in the Hall**

**Wednesday 9th May  
School Photos**

**Tuesday - Thursday  
15th - 17th May  
NAPLAN TESTS (Yr 3, 5  
and 7 students only)**

**Tuesday 5th June  
No Pen Morning**

**Monday 11th June  
Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 12th June  
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Wednesday 4th July  
Casual Day with  
gold coin donation  
Reports Go Home**

**Friday 6th July  
Last Day of Term 2  
Early Dismissal 2:00pm**





### Art (Visual Art and Media Art)

This term in Art, students will learn about different art mediums including sculpture, papier mache, decoupage, oil pastels and digital painting.

Students will also respond to a variety of different artworks including the Datiwuy Dreaming performance in week 8.

### Digital Technology

This Term, we will use iPads and Spheros to develop an understanding of coding. Students will use block coding to develop an algorithm that can move the Sphero in different directions. As students gain proficiency with coding, they will develop an obstacle course and code the Sphero through the course.

Students will also have the opportunity to use other devices and software to support their understanding of coding.

### Health and PE (Mr David Poulain)

We had a fun filled first term, getting to know all about each other, learning dance and fundamental motor skills in PE as well as sun safety and nutrition in Health.

This term we are looking forward to focusing on Hockey and invasion games early in the term and net/wall/court games towards the end of term for PE. In Health we are learning about the five senses and healthy lifestyle/hygiene. There will also be a focus on friendships and getting along with each other this term.



### Music and Drama (Ms Amanda Drury)

Welcome back to another term of fun filled Music, Dance and Drama lessons. This term proves to be exciting as our students participate in the Datiwuy Dreaming Programme where they will learn several songs and activities from an Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander background. This will end in a fabulous Musica Viva performance, an incursion which will occur in week 8. Alongside this our students will continue to learn about beat, rhythm, pitch and dynamics, including basic notation and composition using both our voices and instruments. Students will groove along to music, this time

learning about the body and how it is used in dance, including control, posture, strength, balance and coordination. Drama will see children using their imaginations to come up with places, times, characters, and imaginary props while improvising with process drama, and may even spot a dinosaur or two along the way!

*Regards,  
Deb Halligan*

learning is  
**NOT**  
a spectator  
sport.  
so let's  
**PLAY!**