

PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together



Week 3 Term 4 Newsletter 2026

From the Principal

We are currently working through class configurations for next year and students have all been provided with the opportunity to identify their preferred friendship groups and classmates for 2027. Vertical transition morning will be occurring Friday 4th December, where our current students are provided with the opportunity to meet their 2027 class teacher and classmates. This is an important transition event for our students, providing our teachers with an opportunity to further develop positive relationships with their new class and get to know their students. Parents will be provided with details of their child's new teacher, after this day.

Transition visits will begin next week (week 4) for our new students starting in Reception in 2027. If you know of someone who is looking to join our school in 2027, please ask them to contact the front office as soon as possible to put in an expression of interest. Enrolments are filling up quickly across all year levels so please make contact as soon as possible, if you have a child wanting to join us in 2027 or your child is moving to another school.

As the weather warms up, please continue to make sure your child has their bucket hat with their name on it, and have sun cream applied each morning before coming to school. Students are required to wear their hat at all times, during the school day, while outside.

A reminder also that any students with a mobile phone are required to hand it in to the front office when they arrive at school. We will securely store the phone and then your child can collect it at the end of the day.

There are multiple opportunities this term for our families to engage and connect with our school community this term. We encourage all of our families to join us for Sports Day on Friday 30th November, Parafield On Parade, our end of year school concert on Thursday 26th November and Year 6 Graduation on Thursday 10th December. We invite you to come along and share in these important milestones with our children.

World Teachers Day

Friday 30th October is World Teachers Day. This provides a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the dedication, expertise, and care that our teachers bring to their work every day. Teachers play a vital role in shaping young minds, nurturing curiosity, building confidence, and supporting students to achieve their personal best. Their impact extends far beyond the classroom, helping to inspire a lifelong love of learning and preparing children to be active, capable members of our community. On behalf of our school, I extend my sincere thanks to our

outstanding teachers for their commitment, passion, and unwavering support of our students and families.

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11th November is Remembrance Day and we will again be holding a special service in the courtyard for our staff and students, to honour those who have died as a result of war, in particular from World War 1 onwards. Students will be invited to place wreaths and poppies beneath our flags as symbols of remembrance.

Sara Broster



2026 School Fees are now overdue...

Thank you to all the families who have paid for their 2026 school fees or applied for school card if eligible.

Final Notice letters were sent to families at the end of August if they had school fees for 2026 overdue.

Please pay your account as soon as possible as the debt collection process has started.

If you are eligible for School Card please apply online or come to the Office for an application form.

To set up a payment plan, come and see Jenny Southwell in the Office.

Jenny Southwell - Business manager

DIARY DATES

Fri 30/10/26	Sports Day
Wed 11/11/26	Remembrance Day
Mon 16/11/26 to Fri 20/11/26	Year 3 - 5 Swimming
Thurs 26/11/26	POP Concert 6:00pm
Fri 27/11/26	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Fri 4/12/26	R-5 students visit 2027 classes
Wed 9/12/26	Casual day with gold coin donation
Thurs 10/12/26	Reports go home Year 6 Graduation 5:45pm in the Hall
Fri 11/12/26	Last day of school with early dismissal 2:00pm



Primary Years Swimming

As an important part of our Health and PE curriculum, all year 3-5 students will be involved in water safety swimming lessons **from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November 2026** at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre.

Lessons will be conducted by qualified Department for Education instructors.

Remember to bring:

- A towel (or two)
- Bathers
- Underwear
- Medication (inhalers, anything you listed on the medical form)
- Comb/brush
- Long hair should be in a ponytail
- Simple studs or sleeper earrings only
- Strong plastic bag to hold all your gear (even when wet - Please name all appropriate items)
- Goggles (optional)

Do NOT bring:

- Money (no money to be spent at Aquadome canteen)
- Jewellery and watches



could not be prouder of our students. Their dedication, willingness to keep learning and practising, and the way they have supported one another throughout the year has been wonderful to see. Watching them perform with such confidence was a fantastic way to celebrate their growth throughout the year.

We were also incredibly proud to see Iris represent our school as a choreography leader and Takshvi deliver an outstanding assisting artist performance, both demonstrating exceptional dedication and skill.

A special thank you to the teachers, support staff and parents who helped make this opportunity possible and supported our students along the way.



Ms B - Specialist Music/Drama Teacher

Congratulations for Sporting Prowess

Congratulation to **Jack in Room 34A** who was selected for the SAPSASA Hockey Team last term.

We played at West Beach Hockey/Soccer club. It is also known as the Adelaide University Hockey Club. We played in the carnival over 3 days and we had 3 games on each day. I scored 2 goals and we came 3rd on the ladder. It was great fun.



Iris in Room 34B has applied and has been successful for the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund in Melbourne. Iris is a member of the Northern District Jets Athletics Club and will shortly leave for Melbourne where she will compete in discus and shot put events. We congratulate Iris and wish her well for the exciting adventure.



Willow from Room 29 has been successful in being selected for the Para District Girls' Australian Football State Carnival. She plays football for the North Haven Football Club where her dad is a Life Member. Willow has been involved in football since she was little spending a lot of time at the club. She also played as part of Oz Kick. The carnival will take place over 3 days this week when she will play 3 games each day. We wish Willow all the best for this wonderful experience.



Festival of Music

In Week 9 of Term 3, our senior choir had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Primary Schools Festival of Music: 'Stars in the Arena' at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, joining more than 1,300 Year 5 and 6 students from across South Australia.

After three terms of learning, rehearsing and growing together, seeing our students step onto such a huge stage was a very special moment. They proudly showcased their musical talents, enthusiasm and confidence, bringing months of hard work to life while developing valuable skills in teamwork, resilience, concentration, listening and creativity.

As their Music Teacher and Choir Conductor this year, I

The Adelaide Zoo Excursion

As part of our science unit, the Year 5 students travelled by train to the city of Adelaide to undertake a self-guided tour of the Adelaide Zoo. Students focussed on animal adaptations and made connections to what we are exploring in the classroom. Students had the opportunity to view live, wild animals in their natural habitats, observe animal feedings and use the zoo's new nature-playground.

The Adelaide Zoo!

On Tuesday 13th October Room 34 and our class went on an excursion to the Adelaide Zoo. We left school at 8:45am and walked to the Parafield Gardens train station. We boarded the train but there were no spare seats so I just stood and held the handle. Once we arrived in the city we walked a long way to the zoo. When we got there we all gathered outside the entrance and had a snack and then we went inside. We were organised into groups. I was in my teacher's group with Jaffar, Jay, Marlee, Willow, Blake, Haiden, Zeenat and Serajot.

For the next 3 hours we walked around the zoo and discovered a lot of different animals. We went into the nocturnal centre where it was very dark and Mr Mac bumped into two walls. There was also a building filled with many different reptiles including the Inland Taipan, which is the most venomous snake in the world. They contain enough venom to kill 100 people. We also saw magnificent tigers, towering giraffes, enormous alligators, that looked like statues and adorable pandas. My favourite and funniest part of the day were the baboons. They were swinging and parkouring across all the branches. Suddenly they started making incredible loud noises! They were so



loud that it sounded like it came from a giant speaker.

At 12:00pm we had a short lunch break to rest and eat before going back to walking around the zoo seeing animals that we hadn't already seen. Before we knew it it was 1:00pm and time to leave. We gathered outside the entrance before walking back to the train station, where we boarded the train back to Parafield Gardens. However we still had to walk approximately 1Km back to school.

We got back to school at exactly 3:00pm and heard the bell. I really enjoyed that day. Overall the excursion was an amazing experience, filled with fascinating animals and unexpected surprises. I would highly recommend visiting the Adelaide Zoo for people of many ages.

Bismullah Room 29

The Zoo Experience

Our class went to the zoo along with Rooms 34A and 34B. At 8:45am we left the school and started our journey to the Adelaide Zoo. After we had walked a kilometre to the Parafield Gardens railway station, we got lucky because as soon as we arrived the train also arrived, so we quickly got on. While we were on the train we went past Costco and behind it we saw an upside down house. When we arrived at the zoo Mr Mac and the other teachers separated us into our groups. I was in a group with Jay, Nate, Blake, Marlee, Willow and Haideen.



We explored the zoo for a couple of hours and after noticing many different species of animals, my favourite had to be the meerkats, because they were very energetic and not too loud. We also noticed one of them digging a hole in the sand. My least favourite animals were the pandas because they were very lazy

and they weren't even energetic. We also visited the nocturnal centre and we found many nocturnal animals and most of them were rats.

At 12 o'clock we had a short lunch break because everyone was tired. We all recharged and kept visiting more and more animals, but my legs were too tired so every time we saw an animal I just sat on the nearest bench. After all of that we decided to visit the baboons and surprisingly I found a bench and after sitting for a while the baboons made a weird noise and they started screaming. One of them started doing parkour on the trees. When we finished with the baboons we decided to go somewhere else but we met our good friend Levi and he had a map and kindly showed us where the tigers were. We were very thankful. After that we started heading over to the tiger enclosure but then we encountered the hippopotamus enclosure, but he was nowhere to be seen. We looked for a while but we couldn't find him, so we just kept going forward until we found he tiger enclosure. One of them was standing up and the other was lying down.

At 1:00pm we sadly had to pack up and go back to school. Before we left we had one more little break. Once everyone had gathered outside we had to go to the train station. After walking for a good 30 minutes we were almost there and once we made it, the train was there on time. My friend and I were talking about how much fun the

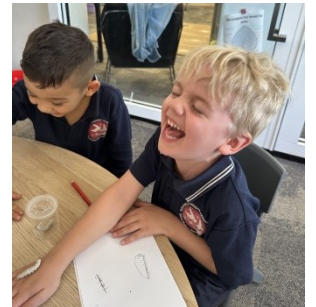


trip was but the bad thing was that we were not in the same group. Once we arrived at Parafield Gardens train station again we had to walk 1 kilometre back to school and on the way I told my friend how bad my legs hurt. After we arrived we were just in time for the bell to ring then everyone went home. I had a great time except for my legs hurting, but I would definitely like to go back to the zoo one day.

Jaffa Room 29

Silk Worms

Last week the Reception students in Rooms 4 and 5 had the opportunity to learn about silkworms. Mrs Sobey brought in some mulberry leaves and some silkworms. The children learned that these little worms only eat mulberry leaves and that they make silk threads by spinning protective cocoons. People can then gently unwind the silken threads and weave them into luxury silk cloth, which can then be made into beautiful clothes. Some of the children held the silkworms and let them crawl on their arms.



Assembly Awards

Our assembly awards are aligned to our Peace School Values:

- P** - Persistence
- E** - Enthusiasm
- A** - Acceptance
- C** - Community
- E** - Excellence

This week our awards are for **Enthusiasm - Engages positively in whole school events**

Term 4 Week 2: Room 2: Ariana, Noyan **3:** Azlan, Kenny **4:** Sajad, Elissa **5:** Dararita, Mehtaab **7:** Aashirya, Avyaan **8:** Ethan **9:** Jhye, Jabir **11:** Aona, Cardin **15:** Liam **16:** Harry, Mariyam **17:** Marcus, Menas **21:** Hendrick, Sargun **22:** Archie, Tyler **23:** Tiare, Tommy **24:** Adda, Kai-Mani **27:** James, Hunter **29:** Willow S, Nate **30:** Devesh, Tyson **31:** Katelyn, Tovia **32:** Lillianna, Navsheen **34A:** Blossom, Sovarnika **34B:** Willow J, Nathan

Health/PE (Mr Cuconits) Room 17

Health/PE (Ms Ryan) Room 22

Visual Arts (Mr Luke) Room 34A & 34B

Auslan (Ms Neilson) Room 21

Design & Digital Technology (Mr Clark) Room 15

Music/Drama (Ms B) Room 4

EALD (Ms Rachel) Farwah

School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our first groups of School Crossing Monitors for Term 4 for their positive approach and enthusiasm.

Week 1 & 2: Room 34A: Bhavya, Tirth, Blossom, Logan P, Hannah, Lincoln, Jack, Thang, Maddison, Jayce, Logan G, Takshvi, Senuli

Week 3: & 4 Rooms 34b: Shayan, Braxton, Cyrus, Jade, Shania, Sarah, Thang, Lalana, Amelia, Austin

Visual Arts

Last term, as part of Science Week, the Year 5 and 6 students used watercolours to create these pictures inspired by outer space. Watercolours were a wonderful medium for this activity, as they allowed students to blend colours smoothly and experiment with creating new shades and tones. This helped them capture the swirling, glowing, and layered effects often seen in images of space, while also encouraging creativity and exploration in their artwork.

Chris Luke - Specialist Visual Art Teacher



The Year 1 students in Room 22 have been busy making special cards for someone important in their lives. These are not ordinary greeting cards — when you open them, the animal inside pops up with a big mouth! Some lucky family members and friends are in for a wonderful surprise!

Chris Luke - Specialist Visual Art Teacher

