

PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together



Week 9 Term 3 Newsletter 2026

From the Principal

A big thank you to our Governing Council Fundraising sub committee and their helpers. They ran a very successful Father's Day stall, raising funds for our new playground.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Chang Cao who has been filling in for Ms Karen Kompo while she has been on long service leave. We wish Ms Cao all the best for the future and thank you Ms Cao for everything you have done for the students in Room 11.

Congratulations to Ms Annecy Size who will be continuing her teaching role in Room 31, for the rest of this year. We know the students and staff are looking forward to having her continue in this role.

Congratulations to all of our Festival of Music students who performed at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Wednesday 16th September. We are very proud of you and look forward to viewing some photos in the next newsletter.

Our staff appreciated the opportunity on Friday 11th September to participate in professional development during the Pupil Free Day. We spent this time reviewing our site learning plan, reflecting on the implementation of our Tier 1 practices in reading and positive behaviours. We also reflected on the staff wellbeing survey results, further developed our knowledge and understanding of the new SA curriculum and our student support staff worked collaboratively on student One Plans and understanding the individual needs of our students. It was a very successful day and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for supporting our Pupil Free Day, so we could undertake this important work together.

During Book Week we were all excited to watch as a magical creature emerged from its pod under the tree in the Hive. It was a Flufflewisp. We are currently running a competition to see how many Flufflewisps you can spot in this publication of the School Newsletter. Let us know your answer by contacting the office. The first 3 people to tell us the correct number and where it appeared will be rewarded with a canteen voucher to the value of \$10 each. Good luck!

Class Planning and Transition Visits

Early next term we will begin planning class structures for the 2027 school year. If you know of children who might be enrolling, it would be greatly appreciated if you would let us know as soon as possible. If you know that your child/ren will not be continuing at Parafield Gardens

Primary School in 2027, please notify us as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

We will also be planning transition visits for kindy students who will be starting school next year. If you have a child or know of anyone who hasn't enrolled for next year's Receptions class, please contact the school as soon as possible so that they can be included in these visits.

If you wish us to consider a particular class placement for your child in 2027, please let me know **in writing no later than Friday 23rd October**. Please describe the learning needs for your child and perhaps any friendships that may be continued. Please note, it is not appropriate to request a particular teacher, as we have not yet determined which staff members will teach each year level. We may also have new staff to the school next year.

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 recently sent to families if they had outstanding school fees for 2026.

Please pay your account no later than the end of this term as the debt collection process will start next term.

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.

Updating Contact Details

Just a reminder to update your personal details if necessary either via a phone call to the front office, ClassDojo or via email.

Jenny Southwell - Business Manager

Vacation Care

Please be advised that there only 2 days available for Vacation Care in the next school holidays, so please contact the centre if you wish your child to attend, on 8281 5104. All of the excursions are fully booked.

Aida Chapman - OSCH Director

DIARY DATES

Fri 25/9/26	Last day of Term 3 early dismissal at 2:00pm
Mon 12/10/26	Term 4 commences
Fri 30/10/26	Sports Day
Mon 16/11/26 to Fri 20/11/26	Year 3 - 5 Swimming

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I Went Walking

Recently the new Reception students in Room 2 explored the picture book 'I Went Walking' by Sue Machin and Julie Vivas with Ms. Bakker and Ms Sobey.

The story is about a young child who goes for a walk and meets a variety of colourful animals who follow along, creating a delightful parade through the countryside. The children created their own exciting characters to make their own class book.



Jasmeen saw a rainbow snake



Hazel saw a rainbow cat

Spring Has Sprung

Our young detectives from Room 22 used their sight, hearing, sense of smell and sense of feeling (outside and inside) to explore all the wonderful signs of spring around our school grounds.

I loved seeing the white blossoms on the trees. I would love to supervise the trees so that I could watch the blossoms grow. I also saw some red soil, which I think is pretty rare and I have never that seen before. The grass looked lovely and green too. I noticed that the sun looked brighter, which might be that it's closer to the Earth in Spring, but it could be because of the nice weather.



Alistair

I noticed the blossom trees and that the bees were coming out. There were some bees on the blossoms. The flowers are also blooming out and the sky was blue and brighter.

Maddie

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 aligned to the **International Day of Peace**. Congratulations to the following students:

Term 3 Week 9: Room 2: Kairo, Naemi, **3:** Ellahe **4:** Amalia, Kion **5:** Joshua, Rohaan **7:** Mishka, Billy **8:** Yasmeen **9:** Xavier, Hania **11:** Mila, Almir **15:** Alysha, Chloe **16:** Kashika, Brandon **17:** Zuhail **21:** Mohamad, Emily **22:** Dan, Jacob **23:** Milly, Amy **24:** Taylor, Lauren **27:** Calvin, Khonner **28:** Trina, Hannah **29:** Jay **30:** Nasar, Kai **31:** Sabrina, Masuma **32:** Aeryn, Tate **34A:** Senuli, Hannah **34B:** Andrew, Raam

Health/PE (Mr Cuconits) Room 34A

Health/PE (Ms Ryan) Room 5

Music/Drama (Ms Xiao) Room 5

Music/Drama (Ms Xiao) Room 21

Design & Design Technology (Mr Clark) Room 15

Auslan (Ms Neilson) Room 4

EALD (Ms Rachel) Yasmeen Room 8

Intervention (Ms Richards) Aryan Room 31

School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our final groups of School Crossing Monitors for Term 3 for their positive approach and enthusiasm.

Week 7: Room 29: Marlee, Rebecca, Evelyn, Haiden, Isaac, Blake, Kanupriya

Week 8, 9 & 10:

Year 6: Abel, Fatiema, Chase, Savannah, Meharmmeet, Aston, Anna, Oleand, Holly, Alysha, Khan, Anna, Baylee -Jade, Denzel, Harry, Alexia, Bawi, Ashley, Yousaf

Learning to Stay Safe with RAA Street Smart!

During Weeks 8 and 9, our students enjoyed a visit from Sally from the RAA as part of the RAA Street Smart Primary road safety program.

Through fun, interactive and age-appropriate sessions, students learnt important skills to help keep themselves and others safe in and around our roads, including:

- Stop, Look, Listen, Think before crossing the road
- Choosing safe places to cross and staying alert around traffic
- Wearing seatbelts correctly and being a safe passenger
- Wearing helmets and being visible when riding bikes and scooters
- Looking after bikes, scooters and other wheeled equipment
- Recognising possible dangers and making safe, responsible choices

It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to build practical road safety skills they can use every day.

A big thank you to Sally and RAA for visiting PGPS and helping our students become safer and more confident road users!

Steph Ryan - Health/PE Specialist Teacher



Learning how to cross the road safely

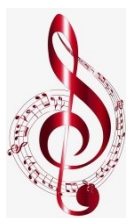


Learning the road rules through fun activities



Book Week Parade

This year's theme was "**Symphony of Stories**", which encouraged children to explore new and exciting ideas and to discover how to unlock their imaginations. Our Book Week parade was hosted by students from Room 27 under the COLA with many of the students and staff dressing up as their favourite book or film character, making it a very colourful scene. We saw some Harry Potter characters, some princesses and characters from Star Wars as well as from The Gruffalo. We saw some astronauts as well. We also welcomed the children from the Parafield Gardens Children's Centre, who joined our parade in their costumes. It was lovely to see so many families join us to enjoy the fun and excitement of our Book Week parade.



Our winners for best costumes: Noah from Room 7 with his car was the JP winner, Takshvi from Room 34A was the upper primary winner as *Tefiti* from *Moana*. Charlie from Room 32 and his sister Amelia from Room 22 won the best home made costume with a very creative costume of Bin Chickens.



Book Week Parade





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