PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together

Week 6 Term 4 Newsletter 2026

From the Principal

Well done to all of our students for their active participation in Sports Day on Friday 30th October. It was wonderful to see so many of our students trying their best, having fun and demonstrating persistence, enthusiasm, acceptance, community and excellence. A very big thank you to all of our staff and helpers for their hard work in making sure the day was a big success. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Ryan and Mr C for their hard work in organising this important day. Thank you also to all of our families who came along to support and cheer on their children. Photos and results from the day can be viewed further on in this edition.

We are already starting our decision making for 2027, including looking at class groupings. Thank you to the families that have communicated their requests for their child's class for 2027. This information assists us in our planning.



Congratulations to our students for their respectful manner during our Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday 11th November. We were all very proud of you. Please see photos later in this newsletter.

Our Year 3 - 5 students have enjoyed swimming and aquatic safety lessons this week and are having a lot of fun. For some of our students this is the first time they have been in a pool or gone swimming, so it has been wonderful to see their excitement and enthusiasm for this new experience. Thankyou to our parents/carers for helping the children be organised for this activity this week.



We hope all families can join us for our end of year **POP Concert on Thursday 26th November from 6pm**. This year's theme is 'The Brosters' - our very own take on the Oscars. Families are welcome to bring along a picnic tea while they enjoy the performances, with the gates opening at 5:00pm. The canteen will not be open on the night. We also remind families that the following day, **Friday 27th November will be a School Closure Day.** No staff will be on site and students are not required at school on this day. OSHC will also be closed.

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the evening on **Thursday 10th December at 5.45pm** in the school hall. Three awards will be presented during the ceremony - The Excellence Award, the Makin Peaceful Leader Award in Learning and The Principal's Most Improved Award. Parents/Carers are reminded that there will be an opportunity to take photos after the event and we will respectfully ask that parents/carers remain seated during the award ceremony so as to not restrict the view of the audience.

As it is drawing near to the end of the term, we ask that parents check the **Lost Property** area for any jumpers or jackets which may have gone astray. We have some clothing items which are un-named, making it difficult to return them to the rightful owners. We urge you to name your children's clothing, particularly zip jackets and long sleeved rugby tops. There are also other pieces of clothing and lunch boxes etc. The lost property items will also be placed outside the front office before and after school until the end of term. Please take anything that belongs to your child.

Sara Broster

2026 School Fees are now overdue...

Thank you to all the families who have paid for their 2026 school fees.

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.

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

Jenny Southwell - Business manager

Vacation Care

The Vacation Care program is now available for the Christmas holidays from **14th to 18th December** and **returning on 11th January until 22nd January**. The centre will be closed on Monday 25th January. You will need to book soon as there are only a few spaces available. Before bookings can be made, please ensure that all outstanding accounts for Out of School Hours Care are finalised. If you would like to continue using the OSHC service for 2027 you will need to fill in a new enrolment form. If you would like to continue using the OSHC service for 2027 you will need to fill in a new enrolment form.

Aida Chapman - Director

DIARY DATES

Thurs 26/11/26	**POP Concert from 6:00pm**
Fri 27/11/26	**School Closure day**
Thurs 3/12/26 & Fri 4/12/26	**Year 6 Transition to High School**
Friday 4/12/26	**Reception to Year 5 students visit 2027 classes**
Wed 9/12/26	**Casual day with gold coin donation Class Parties**
Thurs 10/12/26	**Assembly 9:00am R-5 Reports go home Year 6 Graduation 5:45pm in the Hall**
Fri 11/12/26	**Year 6 reports go home Last day of term 4 with early dismissal 2:00pm**

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Flag and Bin Monitors

During the year we have had a group of Year 5 student monitors who have been helping our groundsperson with the bins - Blake, Kate, Rebecca, Nate and Farhan from Room 29 as well as the students from Rooms 34A and 34B. The students from Rooms 34A and 34B have also all been involved as our flag monitors, raising and lowering our flags each day. All of these students have approached their respective roles with diligence and pride and we would like to thank them for their continued efforts, commitment and dedication. Their hard work is truly appreciated.





Diwali - Festival of Lights

Diwali, which is also known as the Festival of Lights, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row *(avali)* of clay lamps *(deepa)* that Indian people light outside their homes to symbolise the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. For many people Diwali honours the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, with the lights and lamps helping her to find her way into people's homes, bringing prosperity for the coming year. It is also a celebration of good triumphing over evil.



The younger students have been working with Ms Annie Sobey to learn about Diwali and they have also been decorating their own little clay pot to take home.

Year 3-5 Swimming

As an important part of our Health and PE curriculum, all year 3 - 5 students have been involved in swimming lessons this week at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre. These lessons have been conducted by qualified Department for Education instructors.

On our first day we floated on our backs without life jackets then the teacher gave us numbers and we had to swim to the other side. I did bubble breathing, kicking my feet and my arms did a pizza shape in the water.



Yesterday we jumped into the deep end and we did treading water and we also used life jackets. We floated on our backs and we practised putting the life jackets on in the water which was hard and then we took them off. People need to wear a life jacket if they are in a boat fishing.

Nairiti Room 31

In our first lesson we talked about water safety and we were put into groups - our group was the Sailfish group

In our swimming lessons we were talking about backstroke and calling for help. We had to pretend we were in trouble in the water and we had to put our arm up out of the water and we had to lie on our back and stay calm and wait for someone to help us. We went down the deep end too which was so much fun. I held my nose and jumped in feet first.

Tido Room 28

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 5: Room 2: Arya, Zayd **3:** Dawn **4:** Brooklyn **5:** Jordan, Kigen **7:** Noah, Aphia **8:** Shiv **9:** Reza, Jason **11:** Ayanna, Keyan **15:** Yousaf, Brendan **16:** Brandon, Ashley **17:** Ava, Charlotte **21:** Anaya, Sophie **22:** Alistair, Amos **23:** Maysm, Akousa **24:** Kalsom, Isabella **27:** Brett, Hudson **29:** Sonam **30:** Sanjiya, Elyas **31:** Jace, Storm **32:** Laura, Aaila **34A:** Karma, Maddison **34B:** Eli, Samir

Health/PE (Mr Cuconits) Room 31
Health/PE (Ms Ryan) Room 23
Visual Arts (Mrs Dimitropoulos) Room 2
Auslan (Ms Neilson) Room 34A
Design & Digital Technology (Mr Clark) Room 32
Music/Drama (Ms B) Rooms 27 & 31
Music/Drama (Ms Xiao) Room 3
EALD (Ms Rachel) Adda

School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our remaining groups of School Crossing Monitors for Term 4 for their positive approach and enthusiasm. We appreciate your efforts for this important role.

Week 5: Room 29: Isaac, Blake, Evelyn, Kanupriya, Rebecca, Haiden, Marlee
Week 6: Year 6: Khup Khan, Harry, Baylee-Jade, Chase, Alexia, Savannah, Densel, Fatiema, Bawi, Ashley, Meharmeet, Abel,
Week 7: Room 29: Marlee, Rebecca, Evelyn, Haiden, Isaac, Blake, Kanupriya
Week 8: Year 6: Abel, Fatiema, Chase, Savannah, Meharmeet, Aston, Anna, Oleand, Holly, Alysha
Week 9: Room 34 A & B: Logan P, Jayce, Senuli, Logan G, Thang S, Thang M, Maddison, Sarah, Takshvi, Lalana, Austin, Shania, Cyrus

Sports Day 2026



Health Hustle







Tug-of-War





Granny Pants



Sprints

Sports Day



Sack Race





Dodgeball



Card stack







Bounce n Catch

Egg & Spoon Relay



Our Scorers



Deaf Yoga

Sports Day



Table Tennis



Quoits







Water Relay



Tunnel ball

Sports Day



Rob the Nest





Numbered soccer

Bean Bag Throw





Our Team Leaders with Mr C



Mrs Ryan with the mascots

Sport Day this year was held on Friday 30th October and finished off on a very loud note as the teams, led by their enthusiastic captains performed their team chants. All teams cheered enthusiastically making it difficult to choose a winner. Every student should be very proud of the way they participated during the day with the close scores reflecting the tough determination and resilience displayed.

The captains all did an amazing job by encouraging their teams, practising and leading their teams through their chants and showing fantastic leadership. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Pingku: Bilby Athefa, Annie, Niena, Elena; **Kuula: Koala** DJ, Caroline, Holly, Savannah; **Yaltu: Pelican** Bawi, Oleand, Perez, Lexie; **Nantu: Kangaroo** Fiona, Abel, Chloe, Josh

Yaltu was the overall winning team on the day with 1184 points, only 3 points ahead of **Nantu**, who also won the Team Spirit Award. **Pingku** won the School Values Award with 1117 points and **Kuula** won the Sportsmanship with 997 points

A huge 'Thank You' to Mrs Ryan and Mr C for organising such a great day! It was a fantastic day and despite some rain towards the end of the events everyone had fun.

Remembrance Day Ceremony 2026
Lest We Forget



Our Junior Choir and Festival Choir sang "Lest We Forget", a beautifully emotional song, whilst the school community responded in an extremely respectful manner. The children were supported by our Music teacher, Ms Boettcher.



We held our Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday 11th November in the courtyard. Anna and Heeya, two of our School Leaders lead the ceremony with pride. Mrs Poulain read the Ode.



They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.





Several students placed poppy wreaths by the flag pole as a symbol of remembrance.

POP - The Brosters

Thursday 26 November (Term 4, Week 7), our stars will take centre stage for **POP presents The Brosters**, our very own end-of-year celebration, deserving of its own awards ceremony!
Three Year 6 students submitted poster designs, with Spencer's selected as the winner. Congratulations also to our runners-up, Alysha and Mehar! Spencer's design has since received its official makeover, ready for its premiere!
Costume information has now been sent home with students. If you have not received a costume letter, please check with your child's classroom teacher. Please read the letter carefully as it contains important event information.
This is a **Picnic-style event** so families are invited to bring their own food, picnic blankets and chairs, as no food or drinks will be available for purchase.
One stage. Many stars. One amazing night! From Miss B

