



Government  
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# Room 4 & 5 Newsletter

## Term 4 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you had an enjoyable break with your families. We can't believe how fast this year has gone, but as always term 4 is a busy one.

It's been wonderful to see the children progress and develop these past three terms, so as we head into the last term we ask that you continue to support your child with their literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge development.

### Term 4 Curriculum

#### Literacy

We will be continuing our work with the Jolly Phonics program as we did in terms 2 and 3. These groups are designed to provide the best possible learning tasks for your child's development and understanding. They have all displayed great progress and are using their Jolly Phonics knowledge in their writing and reading. It is wonderful to see the growth of confidence and ability in all children. Having this knowledge is a strong foundation for both reading and writing. We have a great chant to remind us that we just need to give things a go. "If you can say it, you can write it!" This simple chant has the ability to lift confidence and attitude towards learning. We will continue to use the Jolly Phonics based learning aids during writing times to assist and guide us. If you would like a copy to use at home please don't hesitate to ask for one.



#### BOOK MAKING

During Book Making, the children become authors of their own books. Book Making offers an authentic, purposeful writing experience. The children write both fiction and non-fiction books on topics that interest them. They apply their personal knowledge and skills to create incredible texts. They pay attention to details like title, author, text features and illustrations. They always keep in mind the audience and what makes a book interesting. It has been wonderful to see the children be incredibly engaged and motivated to be the best author they can be. They find inspiration from our favourite texts and authors as well as their own experiences.



#### Numeracy

The children will continue to have a strong focus on number in maths rotations. They will use the skills and strategies they have learnt throughout the year to solve and record solutions to problematized situations.

### What's on this term

Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6 & 9 At 9:00am in the Hall

**Week 3**

**Friday 2nd November**  
Sports Day

**Week 4**

**Wednesday 7th November**  
Peace School 10th Anniversary

**Week 5**

**Monday 12th November**  
Remembrance Day Ceremony

**Week 7**

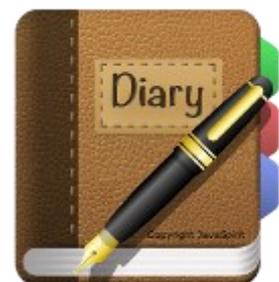
**Monday 26th November**  
PUPIL FREE DAY

**Week 8**

**Tuesday 4th December**  
Parafield on Parade (POP)

**Week 9**

**Wednesday 12th December**  
Gold Coin Casual Day  
**Thursday 13th December**  
Class Party  
**Friday 14th December**  
Last Day of Term  
2:00pm Dismissal



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In the past, playing outside in nature was a part of everyday, normal childhood experience. Many of us have fond memories of time spent outdoors riding our bikes around the neighbourhood, swinging from the clothesline, climbing trees, playing backyard games of cricket or soccer that spilled out onto the street, picking fruit straight from home grown trees, camping, bushwalking and picnics in our beautiful national parks.

Children today are increasingly unable to relate to these experiences. In fact, South Australian children are spending less time outside in nature than at any other time in our history. You will find more information about outdoor activities to do at home on the following website:

<https://natureplaysa.org.au>



We will be accessing the new learning space 'The Hive' to further explore our world through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). This is an opportunity for the children to consolidate and create new learning.

### Community Walks

We will be visiting Lantana Kindergarten on a few occasions this term. This is to develop relationships with children who will be attending our school in 2019. The kindy will also be visiting our school.

### Health/PE with Emma - Lee Dunstan

Last term was a very enjoyable start to teaching at Parafield Gardens R-7 School. I have been especially impressed with the students' behaviour during PE & Health lessons. The students have really enjoyed learning about 'keeping safe' during term 3.

In term 4 the students will continue to learn about keeping safe in other areas including water and fire safety. During PE we will be continuing to work on developing the students' fundamental movement skills with a particular emphasis on throwing, catching and fielding.

Please be aware that your child has Health and PE on **Tuesdays (room 4)** and **Wednesdays (room 5)** and therefore will need to bring a drink bottle and **wear appropriate sports shoes, clothing and a hat** to be able to fully participate in lessons.

### Music & Drama with Georgia Yates

This term in music, students will continue to prepare for Music Count Us In Day in week 3. They will continue to expand their knowledge of rhythm using stories about the Note Neighbourhood and apply these skills in different contexts, including playing them on xylophones. Students will explore patterns, rounds and echo in different songs.



In drama, students will explore drama using different settings and situations. They will combine voice, movement and expression skills to investigate and create stories.

### Important Message

It is very important that your child arrives at school at the beginning of the day. Some of our most important learning routines and literacy occurs first thing in the morning. If you are late please ensure that your child has a late pass which is issued by the front office staff. An SMS will be sent to parents/caregivers if the school has not been notified *prior to 10:00am*.

### The Door is Always Open

Please remember that the door is always open. If you have any concerns or celebrations to share please do so. If it's a big chat you need just catch us in the morning or afternoon to arrange a time for a meeting. Also remember that we are just not here to educate your child; we are here to offer support and guidance in anyway we can to you and your family. Parafield Gardens R-7 school prides itself on being a strong community with open and accepting arms.

Kind regards,

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