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# Room 6 Newsletter

## Term 4 2018



### Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school everyone. Here we are in Term 4 already! Where did the year go? I hope you've all had a relaxing break after a very busy Term 3. It sounds like everyone has had a great time enjoying the lovely weather.

We're off to a flying start to the term and everyone has settled back into the school routine quickly. As usual, we'll be very busy again this term as we approach the end of the year.

It's been a pleasure to get to know all of the Room 6 students, parents and families this year and I feel very lucky to have worked with such a great class.

Some of the staff working with your child this term are:

**Sarah Whelan** Class teacher

**Emma-Lee Dunstan** Health and PE

**Alex Compton/Selena Britz** Music and Drama

### Communication

Well done to all Room 6 students for taking care of their diaries and remembering to bring them to school each day. Please continue to check your child's folder daily to ensure that important messages reach you. If you could also please remind your child to record nightly reading in their diaries this would be greatly appreciated.

### Independence

When students arrive at school at 8:35 am, they are encouraged to carry out their morning routine independently. This will require students to unpack their bags and get settled with little to no assistance from adults. Reading with your child for the first 10 minutes of the day is welcomed, however **parents need to leave the classroom by 8.45am unless otherwise negotiated**. Many students are already well on the way to developing these important skills of independence, which we will continue to focus on for the remainder of the year.

### **For Your Diary**

**Assemblies are held on  
Thursdays in weeks 2, 4, 6, & 9**

**Week 1**

**Wednesday 17th October**  
Excursion to Maritime museum  
For Rooms 1-6

**Week 3**

**Thursday 1st November**  
Music Count Us In

**Friday 2nd November**  
Sports Day

**Week 5**

**Monday 12th November**  
Remembrance Day  
Ceremony

**Week 7**

**Monday 26th November**  
Pupil Free Day

**Week 8**

**Tuesday 4th December**  
POP Night

**Week 9**

**Wednesday 12th December**  
Casual Day  
with gold coin donation

**Thursday 13th December**  
Class visits for 2019  
Class party  
Reports go home

**Friday 14th December**  
Last day of 2018  
Early dismissal 2:00pm

**IMAGINE with all your mind.  
BELIEVE with all your heart.  
ACHIEVE with all your might**

## Library Borrowing

Each Friday morning, we will be visiting our new learning space, *The Hive*, for library borrowing. Students can select 2 books to borrow for the week.

## English

### **Spelling**

We will continue our spelling program as per usual this term. Each week students will learn to spell 6 new words through fun spelling activities. On Thursdays, each student will have a practise test with one of their peers before being tested by me on Friday mornings.

### **Reading**

All students are allocated a take home reader, which is changed on a daily basis. Students are tested regularly to ensure that they are reading at a level that is appropriate for them.

Most students have a book of sight words in their green folders and it is important that these are practised at home on a regular basis. Once students have successfully read their sight words to me, I will mark them off with a highlighter and keep a record for each student.

Students will develop their reading and comprehension skills through shared reading experiences with both fiction and non-fiction texts, and through guided reading activities.

### **Writing**

This term we will be focusing predominantly on narrative writing. Students will put their creative minds to work and come up with some great stories.

### **Sharing**

Speaking and listening are such an important part of your child's oral language development. Thank you to all parents for supporting your child at home to prepare for his/her sharing each week. This makes a positive impact on students' confidence when speaking in front of their peers.

Our sharing program started in week 1 and students shared stories about their holidays. Please see the weekly sharing topics and roster, which you can cut out and keep for future reference. I encourage students to bring an item in from home when possible. However, students may choose to just speak about the weekly topic and that is fine too. Please feel free to email me any photographs that you would like to add to your child's sharing.

## Mathematics

Room 6 students have made wonderful progress in Maths this year and have received good feedback from other teachers and leadership staff. We have had a strong focus on number throughout the whole year, to ensure that students develop and understand fundamental maths concepts. The other maths areas we will focus on this term include measurement, 3D shapes, location and time.

## HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) and Visual Arts

Our HASS program this term will be centered around learning about festivals and celebrations from all around the world. Students will discover the history behind such celebrations as Halloween, Diwali, Hanukkah, Eid and Christmas. Our HASS learning will be tied in with our art and craft lessons this term. I can't wait to see students' special creations!



## Science

Students had fun learning about chemical sciences during Term 3. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic learners during Science Week. This term, our Science learning will be centred around light and sound.

## Digital Technologies

Students will continue to experiment with the beginning stages of coding using some fun resources including Bee-Bots, Ozobots and Spheros.

## Health & PE

Term 3 was a very enjoyable start to teaching at Parafield Gardens Primary. I have been especially impressed with the student's 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 student's fundamental movement skills with a particular emphasis on throwing, catching and fielding.

**Emma-Lee Dunstan**

**Specialist Health/PE Teacher**

## Music / Drama

My name is Alexandra Compton and I will be replacing Selena Britz for the first four weeks of Term 4, while she is away on leave.



I have an extensive background in music, playing keyboard, saxophone and singing in bands and I also write songs. My teaching history consists of individual, group and class music lessons, as well as band instruction.

Our class activities for the four weeks will include playing a variety of percussion instruments, such as hand drums, claves, marimbas and xylophones. There will be some theory, mainly rhythmic notation. We will also be practising the *Music Count Us In* song - "One Song" and learning the dance routine which compliments it. If there is time, there may even be some practise of the Sports Day team chants!

I look forward to working with your child.

**Alex Compton – Specialist Music Teacher**

## Birthdays

We have three birthdays to celebrate during the term! Happy birthday to Isaac for the 17th of November, Mihika for the 20th of November and Vanshika for the 10th of December! Also a happy birthday to Sienna who will celebrate her birthday over the summer holidays.



**Kind regards**  
**Sarah Whelan**

## Sharing Roster

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Annastee	Akshar	Angus	Agam
Aria	Chyler	Dharmi	Dion
Isaac	Jade	Kaylee	Lucca
Lydia	Mihika	Raman	Randy
Dhyana	Sienna	Vanshika	Sarvak
			Farzana

### Week 1: In my holidays

*Share some stories about what you and your family did together in the school holidays.*

### Week 2: Free choice

*It's up to you this time!*

### Week 3: My favourite toy

*What is that one very special toy you don't want to put down?*

### Week 4: Mystery bag

*Place an item into a paper bag (or other bag that you can't see through). Write down 3 clues about your item and see if we can guess correctly.*

### Week 5: Celebrations

*Tell the class what you and your family like to celebrate together (e.g. birthdays, Christmas, Divali etc.) What's your favourite celebration? What do you do to celebrate?*

### Week 6: My favourite game

*What is your favourite game to play at school or home?*

### Week 7: My favourite photograph

*Share a special photo with the class. Who's in the photo? Why is it special to you?*

### Week 8: Achievements

*Think about the year that's been. Tell the class **three things** that you are proud of achieving over the year. Have you learnt a new skill? Made some great friends? Improved your reading?*

### Week 9: Free choice

*What is your favourite toy to play with at home?*