



Newsletter - Week 4 Term 1 2022

From the Principal

It was lovely to welcome back our Years 2-6 students last week. We have had really good numbers of students attending school and very low numbers of positive Covid cases. We are working hard to keep everyone safe and well at this difficult time. Thank you for your continued support—keeping your children home when they are unwell and getting them tested really helps.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of our PGPS GOVERNING COUNCIL will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 6:30pm

This year's Governing Council AGM will be held via an online WebEx platform. This will allow community members to join the meeting from the comfort of their homes. Additional information and nomination forms are all included later in this newsletter. Please rsvp for a meeting link.

At the AGM, I will share some highlights from 2021, talk about our exciting new building development and share plans for 2022.

If you would like to be a bit more involved in the school, then consider nominating for Governing Council. We meet twice a term, on a Tuesday night, for about an hour.

TRAFFIC and PARKING around the school

There is a lot of traffic congestion before and after school being exacerbated by illegally parked cars. Please obey the parking rules and don't stop at all where there is a solid yellow line along the curb. A dotted yellow line means you can pull in and pick up or kiss and drop but please don't leave your vehicle. When using our kiss and drop zone on Shepherdson Road, please move your car to the furthest available spot to allow others to pull in behind you. Despite the high volumes, it flows quite well if everyone does the right thing.

Staff Car Park - Please don't walk your children to school through the staff carpark, particularly before 9am and after 2:45pm. We have lots of trucks delivering goods, taxis dropping off students and staff arriving and leaving. Please use the school entrance gates instead.

Opening Times for Gates

Pedestrian access gates are unlocked in the mornings at 8:20am when staff go out on duty.

The Casuarina Drive gate is locked from 9:00am and after that time late arrivals will need to enter from the Shepherdson Road main entrance.

The main entrance, and OSHC/visitors gates will be kept closed between 8:45am and 2:55pm.

Once gates are open parents/caregivers are welcome to wait in the yard for their children. Please wear a mask, check in and physical distance where possible. Please note some pedestrian gates will be locked

when teachers come off duty after 3:15pm.

It is important to keep our gates shut/locked during the school day as we have a number of students still learning about safe boundaries and we need to make sure strangers can't wander into our grounds.

Thanks for your understanding.

FAREWELL and GOOD LUCK: On Friday we farewelled

Ms Alana Granzio who is expecting her first child soon. Ms Granzio has been a very popular class teacher at our site for the last 12 years. Last year, she was part of our well being team and worked tirelessly to support families and our most vulnerable children. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this next exciting chapter in her life and we can't wait for baby cuddles.



Rachel McLennan

DIARY DATES

THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD ON THURSDAY OF WEEKS 4, 6, 8, 11 at 9:00am online until further notice

Monday 14th March
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday

Monday 21st March
Harmony Day

3 Way Learning Conversations
Week 10

Thursday 14th April
Last day of term
with early dismissal at 2:00pm

Friday 15th April
Public Holiday Good Friday

2022 Material & Service Charges

Parafield Gardens Primary School fees for 2022 (known as Material and Service Charges) are \$253 per student. We have quite a few options available to families for payment of school fees which will assist in managing household budgets.

The School Card Scheme is administered by the Department for Education and provides financial assistance towards school fees, supporting low to average income families. It is available for dependent students from 4 years of age receiving full-time schooling. Applicants are required to **apply each school year**, using the appropriate form which is available at the front office of the school or on line.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family income for the 2020-2021 financial year being within the School Card income limits (see chart below). As the school fees at Parafield Gardens Primary School are in line with the School Card amount, applicants will have no fees to pay once approved. For further information on the School Card Scheme please contact Department for Education School Card Section on 1800 672 758.

Families who apply for School Card assistance are now able to apply online at www.sa.gov.au under the heading Education, Skills and Learning.

More detailed information regarding School Card applications will be included in the Parent Information Packages.

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$62,440	\$1,201
2	\$63,555	\$1,223
3	\$64,670	\$1,245
4	\$65,785	\$1,267
5	\$66,900	\$1,289
Each additional dependent child	\$1,115	\$22

2022 Parent Information Packages

The 2022 'Student Personal Data' package will soon be sent home to all families. The purpose for the package is to give parents/caregivers the opportunity to check the information that we have on our computer data base and change any details if necessary.

This is especially important for emergency contact numbers and medical information.

Inside the package you will find:

- your account for your 2022 Material & Service Charges
- a print out of vital information about your child
- medical information forms and permission forms if applicable to your child
- School Card information

Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible, as it is very important that our data base contains current information. Even if no details need to be changed, please return the forms in the envelope provided.

Lynne Lean - Administration Officer

News From The Hive

Premier's Reading Challenge (P.R.C.)

We will once again be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier has challenged students to read 12 books by the beginning of September, with 8 books from the P.R.C. list and 4 books of the students' own choice. The awards are: 1st year – certificate, 2nd year – bronze medal, 3rd year – silver medal, 4th year – gold medal, 5th year – champion medal, 6th year – legend medal, 7th year – Hall of Fame medal, 8th year – Hall of Fame Reader for Life award, 9th year – Reader for Life bronze award and 10th year – Reader for Life silver medal.

Students in Years 3-7 are required to fill in their own form and when completed return to the Resource Centre. We will fill in forms for Reception to Year 2 students. Students need to be reminded that they can only choose **2 books from any one series**. Hopefully all of our students will take part.

Let the reading begin!

Janet Armstrong - The Hive

Engaging in Active Play

As Early Years educators, we are passionate about play and the benefits it has for our learners. Research has evidenced the importance of play for a child's overall development of intellectual skills, thinking and motivation. Our classrooms are designed to promote opportunities for children to follow their interests and passions as well as the development of social skills and oral language in line with the Australian Curriculum.

Studies have shown that engaging in active play encourages the development of language skills. A child's vocabulary grows and develops as they play together with peers and interact with adults.

Participating in play supports the development of literacy skills, such as listening skills and sound recognition.

Play is associated with the development of social and emotional skills and the ability to develop positive relationships. As children play with each other they learn to get along, communicate their needs, cooperate and resolve conflicts.

Play fosters creativity and imagination - valued traits that are vital in the modern world. Using imagination, children are able to find solutions to a variety of problems they encounter.

The set up of the classrooms is designed to provide opportunities to develop these necessary skills. The children also have the opportunity to develop these important skills when playing in the Nature Garden, where imaginations can create wondrous worlds.



We are making cakes. Mine is a chocolate mint cake. Aaila



I am digging for gold! William



I like to pump the water to make a river. Khushmeet

GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st February 2022

To all Parents/Caregivers

This letter is to inform all parents of Parafield Gardens Primary School that we will be electing new Governing Council members for 2022-2023 (2 year term) at our Annual General Meeting to be held via WebEx on Tuesday 1st March, 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

The Governing Council is a group of parents that have a joint responsibility with the Principal for the governance of the school. Some of the functions of the Governing Council are:

- set the broad direction and vision of the school.
- determine policies for the school including policies for the safety, welfare and discipline of students.
- regular review of the school budget.
- monitor and review the Site Improvement Plan.
- maybe to raise money for school related purposes.
- maybe perform other functions as determined by the Minister.

Under section 7.5 of the Governing Council constitution, all persons who are parents of the school are eligible to nominate for election as a councillor.

Unless the person:

(7.5.1) is an undischarged bankrupt or is receiving the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors; or
(7.5.2) has been convicted of any offence prescribed by administrative instruction.

The Department for Education now requires all Governing Council members to have a Department of Human Services Working With Children screening clearance which will be organised by the school if need be. The Department for Education, in consultation with SA Health, have made it mandatory that school volunteers inclusive of Governing Council members are all double vaccinated against Covid 19.

Our Governing Council has up to 11 elected parents. We are now calling for any nominations for election as councillors. Given the guidelines of the constitution this will be for 5/6 parents for a term of two years.

These nominations need to be made on the form included on the back page of this newsletter and sent into the Principal by **Friday February 25th 2022.**

There will be a general meeting for the election at the **Annual General Meeting of parents on Tuesday 1st March at 6:30pm via WebEx.** Further information on the election of councillors will be given depending on the number of nominations.

For a link to join our AGM WebEx meeting, please rsvp to jill.berry180@schools.sa.edu.au

Our Governing Council work with the school staff to make Parafield Gardens Primary School the best school it can be. If you would like to be involved and are prepared to work for the good of the school please consider nominating. You can nominate yourself or another person. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Rachel McLennan
Principal

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Parafield Gardens Primary School Governing Council

2022 Nomination for Election Form

I.....(full name)

of.....(Address)

Nominate

.....(full name)

of.....(Address)

for a period of **two** years

To be elected as a member of PARAFIELD GARDENS Primary School Governing Council.

I.....(full name)

of.....(Address)

accept the nomination for a period of **two** years and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Parafield Gardens Primary School Governing Council will cease.

Signed..... Date.....
(Nominee)

Please return to the Principal by **Friday 25th February 2022**.