

PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together



Newsletter - Week 9 Term 2 2022

From the Principal

Mid Year Reports - Celebrating Growth and New Learning

Our Semester 1 Reports will be coming home on Thursday 7th July. Please spend some time going through the report with your child, celebrating successes and planning next steps for improvement. Please take note of the Peace Values section. A child who demonstrates our peace values regularly deserves to be celebrated just as much as a child with a good subject grade.

Enrolling Siblings and School Tours

If you have younger children at home who will be starting school in 2023, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can organise an enrolment form. Please contact us if you are interested in being part of a school tour. The Term 3 dates as follows:

- *Tuesday 2nd August at 9:30am*
- *Thursday 4th August at 5:00pm*
- *Wednesday 10th August at 5:00pm*
- *Friday 12th August at 9:30am*
- *Tuesday 30th August at 5:00pm*
- *Monday 5th September at 9:30am*

Term 3 School Closure Days

There are two important dates to put in your diary for Term 3. The first one is **Monday 8th August**, which is a Pupil Free Day. As in previous years each school is allowed one "Day of Local Significance" per year. Ours is on **Friday 9th September** when we will have a **School Closure**. These dates will make two long weekends for Term 3.

Casual Day with Gold Coin Donation

Peace Committee Casual Day Wednesday July 6th

The Peace Committee have begun working on their first big community project, which will be to raise awareness and funds for those experiencing homelessness. Some of our Peace Committee Representatives will be involved in a 'Late Night Lock In' next term with an excursion to Café Outside the Square.

We selected *Café Outside the Square* because 100% of the funds raised go directly toward the charity café. The Café was established to provide food and training opportunities for disadvantaged, homeless and vulnerable people right across South Australia.

Café Outside the Square works directly with many other charitable organisations, including Vinnies. By supporting this charity through our casual day this term we will be directly helping to support them to provide meals, as well as supporting them to provide training opportunities with



a view to helping people find employment. Please support us next week!

\$100 Material and Service Rebate 2022/2023

On 7th June 2022, the State Government announced that parents and caregivers will receive a \$100 discount/rebate per student where they have paid or are liable to pay their child's 2022 and 2023 Materials and Services Charges.

This discount/rebate does not apply to parents and caregivers who have been approved for School Card. Families will be receiving statements of their accounts this week showing the balance on their accounts. School fees at Parafield Gardens Primary School are \$253 which after the rebate now becomes \$153. If families have already paid their school fees this year, the \$100 credit can be saved until next year for the 2023 school fees or used for other school expenses.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school refreshed on Monday 25th July.

Rachel McLennan

Vacation Care and Out of School Hours Care

Our Vacation Care program is now available, so please ensure you contact the centre on **8281 5104** to make a booking. Preference will be given to parents who have work commitments and those who attend our school.

Our OSHC service will be available to families for the **Pupil Free Day** next term on **Monday 8th August**, so please contact us on the above number to make a booking for this date. The service will not be available for the School Closure Day.

Aida Chapman - OSCH Director

DIARY DATES

The remaining Assembly will be held on Thursday 7th July in week 10 at 9:00am

Wednesday 6th July
Casual Day with gold coin donation

Thursday 7th July
Reports go home to families

Friday 8th July
Last day of term with early dismissal at 2:00pm

Monday 25th July
Term 3 Commences

Term 3 Pupil Free Day
Monday 8th August

Term 3 School Closure Day
Friday 9th September



Learning About Plants

As part of the Science and HASS curriculum, the Year 1 students in Rooms 7 and 19 went on an excursion to the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to support students' inquiry into living things and how to care for special plants. As part of the excursion they participated in a guided tour of the Aboriginal plant trail.

Prior to this excursion the children had a visit from a Bunnings staff member, who talked to the children about planting vegetables. They could choose from parsley, silverbeet and lettuce plants.

On Wednesday we had a visit from a lady who works at Bunnings and she helped us plant our vegetables. Her name was Kelly. We were all in the primary area pit. The first thing we had to do was to decorate our pots with stickers, then the lady put some special dirt in our pots. We got to choose our plants. There was silverbeet, parsley and lettuce plants. Next we put our plants into our pots and the lady helped us make a little hole for our plant. Our teachers took photos of us and when we were finished we were allowed to take them home.

When we got home we had to water our plants so they wouldn't die. It was a fun activity. Hannah's mum said that it was best to keep the plant inside to start with until it gets stronger then it will need to go outside in the fresh air.

Hannah and Blake Room 19



us have a little try, but it was safe because it was only smoke, not fire. He showed us a tree called 'Bunnings' and another called a Banksia. After our tour Ms Bright took us across the road to a glass dome to have our lunch and we played Duck, Duck, Goose. In the garden we saw a beautiful big tree and it had lots of big roots sticking up out of the ground and we played on it.

Hannah Room 19



Sitting on the huge roots of a Moreton Bay Fig tree

Beanstalk growing!

In Room 8 we have been learning about different fairytales this term. In Week 4, we explored the fairytale of *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



The students had the opportunity to plant their own beans and have been watching them grow over the past few weeks, recording the changes they observed in their science journal.



Trip to the Botanical Gardens

We went on a bus to the garden. We saw fruit bats. A man showed us a tiny fire and we saw some big trees. We saw spiky lawn. We had lunch and we came home on the bus.

Tyson Room 10

First we hopped on a bus and it took us to the Botanical Gardens. When we got there we went for a walk and we saw a man who was a guide. He was a Kaurna man. He showed us how to make a tiny fire with sticks and he let

Pop Art



Year 4 students in Rooms 27 and 29 have been looking at the American Pop Art movement during their arts lessons with Mr Luke. In the 1960's Andy Warhol produced his famous prints of Campbell's soup cans which rocked the Art world! The students have given this work a distinctly Australian twist by reproducing jars of Vegemite. Some are in the iconic colours of yellow and red, while others experimented with different colour schemes.

Storm Boy

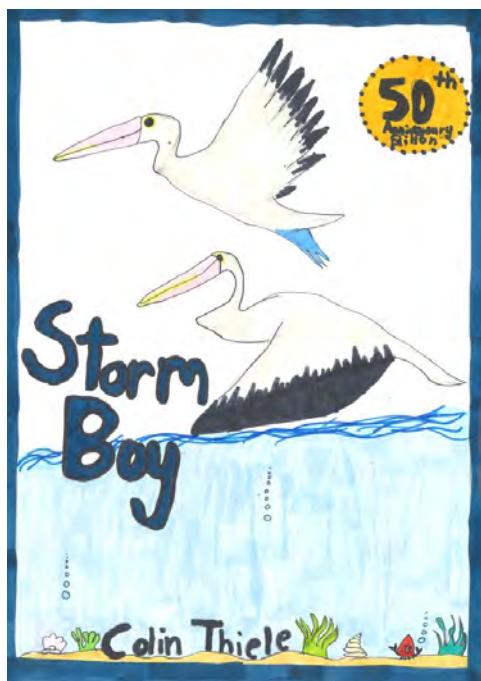
There was a boy named Storm Boy (that's only his nickname, no one knows his real name) and he is 10 years old. He has a father named Hide-Away but his real name is Tom. How did Hide-Away get his name you may ask? He got his name by taking 4-year-old Storm Boy to the beach after his wife died to 'hide-away', which is how he got his name. Storm Boy got his name by walking outside during a freezing storm. A group of campers thought that Storm Boy was lost and that they should help him. There was a man that lived nearby, whose name was Fingerbone Bill the Aboriginal. He was one of Storm Boy and Hide-Away's friends.

One day while Storm boy was looking at some dead pelicans, he saw three or four young men crushing small Pelican eggs. Storm Boy was furious about it and went to go to Hide-Away and Fingerbone. He heard faint crying in a bush. He moved towards the cries and found three tiny baby Pelicans. He picked up the three Pelicans and ran to Hide-Away. Two of the baby Pelicans were fairly strong but the other one was very weak. He was very bruised, hurt and helpless. He was so weak that he couldn't even hold up his neck to eat. Storm boy took his time caring for the pelicans. They decided to give the three pelicans names. The first pelican was named 'Mr. Proud', the second 'Mr. Ponder' then the last one was 'Mr. Percival'.

One evening Hide-Away decided to let the three pelicans go. At first Storm Boy disagreed, but he knew it was for the best. So Hide-Away put two of the pelicans in the water to release them. Storm boy told Hide-Away that he wanted to put Mr. Percival down in the water. A few days had passed and Storm Boy missed the three young pelicans dearly, but he missed Mr. Percival the most. One day while Hide-Away and Storm Boy were fishing, Storm Boy saw something in the distance... It was Mr. Percival! They had found Mr. Percival but both of them knew that Mr. Percival wouldn't survive long in the wild and that day happened soon after. Mr. Percival had been shot by one of the campers and had passed away. After Mr. Percival died Storm Boy decided to go to school. *'For Birds like Mr. Percival do not really die.'*

Our task was to redesigned the cover of the book. Here are some of the new designs from room 34.

Rebecca Room 34A



Artwork by
Nusaiba, Sienna,
Lydia and Rebecca

