

PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together



Newsletter - Week 9 Term 4 2023

From the Principal

Farewells

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for 2023. It has been another very successful year for Parafield Gardens Primary School. Our staff have worked very hard to ensure that your children's education has been of a high standard. I would like to take this opportunity to **thank all of our staff** for their professionalism and hard work.

At this time we have to say farewell (or see you soon) to some of our staff:

Marie Fleming who has filled in as ACEO for Term 4 while Tammy accepted a position for the term at another school; Dani Tidswell who is going to teach in a remote Aboriginal school for 12 months; Tess Simpson who is going to work in a preschool for 12 months; Stacey Miller who has won a position in the Early Career Teacher program at Orbis for 12 months; Sophie Brown who will be on maternity leave for Terms 1-3 next year; Jess Barnes who will also be on maternity leave; David Muldoon (one of our EALD team) who is retiring and Lynne Lean (our Finance Officer) who is also retiring.

We thank these staff for their time working at our school and wish them all the best for their next adventure.

I will also be moving at the end of the year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship over the past 4 and a bit years. PGPS is an amazing school and I have been proud and happy to be Principal here. I leave you in very safe hands with Ms Vicki Poulain as Acting Principal.

We are also saying farewell to our **Year 6 children**, who will move onto various high schools. We all wish them the very best in their future education and we hope they take some very happy memories with them from our school.

To any other children and families who may be leaving our school, we wish you all the best in the future and thank you for the support you have given us.

Thank you to all the families who came out to watch our POP concert. It was an entertaining show with lots of great sound tracks, colourful costumes and beautiful singing and dancing. A huge thankyou to our amazing Music Drama teacher, Sarah Quinn who brought the whole evening together. Thank you also to our Governing Council Fundraising Committee for organizing the Sausage Sizzle.

I hope you had a fun night.

Casual Day - Wednesday 13th December

The gold coin donation will be going toward UNICEF who are also currently supporting children in Gaza. This supports our recent participation in World Children's Day – One Minute of Loudness.

Lost Clothing

Parents please check that your children have not lost school clothing. Lost property is being displayed outside of the Admin building until the end of term. Items not claimed will be donated to charity.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday with family and loved ones.

Rachel McLennan



Vacation Care

The Vacation Care program is now available for the Christmas holidays. Bookings can be made, however please ensure that all outstanding accounts for Out of School Hours Care are finalised before booking your child in for the Vacation Care program. You can contact the centre on 8281 5104 for further information. If you would like to continue using the OSHC service for 2024 you will need to fill in a new enrolment form. The centre will be available for the Christmas holidays from **18th to 22nd December** and **returning on 15th January until 25th January**.

I would like to thank my staff for the wonderful work they have done this year as well as the families for their support throughout the year.

My staff and I would like to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Aida Chapman - Director

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14/12/23	Class visits Class parties Year R-5 Reports go home Year 6 Graduation
Friday 15/12/23	Year 6 Reports go home Last day of term 4 with early dismissal 2:00pm
UNIFORM SALES Monday 22/1/24 Tuesday 23/1/24 Wednesday 24/1/24 Thursday 25/1/24	In the Front Office 9:00am - 2:30pm 9:00am - 2:30pm 12:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 12:00pm
MONDAY 29/1/24	New School Year Commences



Just Too Deadly Graduation

Callie, Faith and Ashton attended the "Just too Deadly" First Nations graduation at Settlers Farm school this week on Tuesday 28th November. This event celebrates the achievements of our young people from across our schools' partnership. The ACEO from each site in our partnership helped plan the event and invited family and friends who had supported the students throughout their time at primary school. The students received their special gift bags and Graduation top from Marie our ACEO. Callie and her brother Austyn had were lucky enough to win a gift hamper and a gift certificate! The students represented our school well. Congratulations go to all our graduates. It has been our privilege to walk alongside these remarkable young people on their educational journey. We wish them continued success as they commence the next chapter in their lives.



Callie Room 15



Faith Room 15



Ashton Room 15



Callie and her brother Austyn won the gift hamper raffle

Mr Luke - Aboriginal Education Teacher and Ms Marie - Aboriginal Community Education Officer

Sports Star news

Liam, a Year 6 student in Room 17 has continued to excel in his football (soccer) journey by being selected in the South Australia Football Development Squad. Congratulations Liam - we wish you well for your future football career.



Visit to the South Australian Museum and the Botanical Gardens

On Thursday 7th December the students from Rooms 27, 28 and 29 visited the South Australian Museum and the Botanical Gardens. This excursion was to consolidate their knowledge of the Science topic on *Earth and Space* and the History topic about *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their connection to place*.

At the museum the students participated in a self-guided tour of Indigenous artefacts as well as the rocks and minerals section. During their visit to the Botanical Gardens an Indigenous educator took them on an

Aboriginal plant use trail, walking through the Australian forest. The students investigated the traditional uses of trees and plants by Aboriginal people.

While we were at the South Australian Museum we had to find how many boomerangs and shields there were because we have been learning about pre-colonisation. We had to explain what they were for - some of them were for hunting and others were to use in games. We also looked at boats and canoes and one of them looked as though it could hold 8 people. It was made from wood and bark from a tree and it would have taken them hours to cut it from the tree and it was put together by placing the wood on a flat space and using a sharp rock to use as a knife. Reeds and hay were also used to stick it all together. We also learnt about the Supermarket Tree which could be used as a resource for lots of things. We saw lots of handbags and baskets which were also made from reeds as well as some jewellery with some good designs.

After that we walked to the Botanical Gardens where we had a guide by the name of Trent, who showed us and talked about the Supermarket Tree. He told us that it was about 400 years old and we could see where a canoe had been cut from it. He also told us about some of the tools that were made. We then



went to see the Bunnings Tree which was very interesting. When parts of it died the people burnt it which made it like a filter, so that they could pour dirty water through it, making the water clean and drinkable. We also saw a macadamia tree which takes 15 years to grow and produce a good crop of nuts for the people to eat. Trent also showed us the Bottle Tree which when hit with the bottom part of your hand, sounds hollow, which meant that there was water inside the tree. Once the people had taken the water they needed they would fill up the hole with clay and sand so that they could go back to it later. Trent also showed us how to make a fire with a flat stick and then rubbing the end of a rounded stick onto the flat one using some force. It was a very interesting excursion and we all had a great time.

Jackson and Sossan - Room 29

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Club this year. Each time you buy books, the school earns reward points. This year the school earned over \$570 in reward points, which have been used to add books for students to borrow in The Hive.

School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to the final groups of School Crossing Monitors for their positive approach and enthusiasm.

Week 7:

Rooms 15, 16, & 17:

Sanskriti, Lydia, Cathy, Claire, Rebecca, Katie, Jasraj, Ashton, Kayleigh, Pranay

Week 8 & 9:

Room 34B:

San Bawi, Lukuac, Jazhley, Jarizh, Elize, Tegveer, Aiza, Dipesh, Masomeh, Venisa, En Tung, Akaysha, Zain, Caleb, Jared

POP Celebration 2023



Junior Choir



Our Hosts



Rooms 11 & 12



Rooms 24 & 29



Room 8 & 9





POP Celebration 2023



Rooms 2, 3, 4, & 5



Rooms 23 & 31



Instrumental Group



Rooms 7 & 27



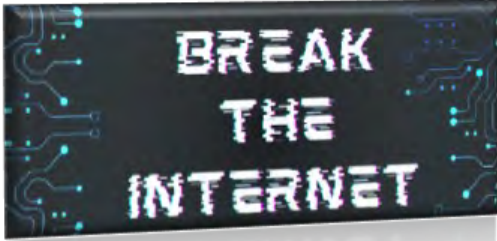
Rooms 30 & 31



POP Celebration 2023



Rooms 22 & 28



Festival Choir



Rooms 34A & B



Rooms 15, 16, & 17