

# PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter - Week 1 Term 1 2024

### From the Principal

#### Welcome to the 2024 School Year

Welcome to the 2024 school year at Parafield Gardens Primary School. I would like to extend a special welcome to our 73 *Flying Starters* (new receptions) and the 23 new students across the other year levels who have joined us this year. The school year has begun smoothly with 23 classes and 540 students.

We also welcome the following new staff to our school:

Mrs Sandra Siladji - year 5/6 teacher

Miss Victoria Fraser - year 3 teacher

Mrs Caroline Doherty - primary special class teacher

Melissa Semczuk - student support officer

We welcome back Georgia Thomson returning from parenting leave to her music/drama teacher position.

#### 2024 Leadership Team

Whilst I am in the Principal role, Mrs Deana Fountain has been appointed Deputy Principal. Mrs Raelene White is continuing in her Senior Leader Mathematics role.

Mrs Sophie Brown our Wellbeing Leader welcomed a baby boy during the holidays so Mrs Alana Granozio is our Wellbeing Leader for this year. Mrs Paige Earl has been appointed as our Inclusive Education teacher and assists in the wellbeing role on Wednesdays.

Our dedicated team of educators and staff are eager to support your child's growth, learning and success.

As partners in your child's education, your involvement, support and feedback are invaluable. Let's work together to ensure a fulfilling and rewarding school year for our students.

#### Acquaintance Night

On **Tuesday 13th February, from 5:00pm to 6:20pm**, we will hold our annual Acquaintance Night. This will be a great opportunity to visit the school and meet your child's teachers. Class teachers will be giving attending families a free raffle ticket to win a \$50 canteen voucher. The prize will be drawn at our week 6 assembly. Our canteen will be open this evening for counter sales of drinks, slushies and ice creams.

We hope to see all families on the night.

#### Governing Council AGM

Also on **Tuesday 13th February, at 6:30pm**, parents are invited to attend the AGM, which is an opportunity to hear about our achievements in 2023 and the plans for our school in 2024 and beyond. At the AGM elections to become a member of the 2024 Governing Council will be finalised.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the 2023 Governing Council members, who have worked with us in making decisions about current and future directions for the school.

The role of the Governing Council is to identify and incorporate where possible, student, parent and community input and values into the broad direction of the school. It is a great opportunity to be involved in your child's education and to contribute. We usually only have 2 meetings each term which are held from 6.30pm - 7:30pm, traditionally on a Tuesday in weeks 3 and 8 of each term.

If you would like more information or are interested in nominating for Governing Council for 2024 please read the outline in this newsletter and/or contact me in the front office. A nomination form is also included in this newsletter. (You may nominate yourself). This year we have a number of positions to be filled. Please consider being involved in this important role in the school.

#### Diary Dates for the Year

If you like to get your diary organised ahead of time, here are the four Student Free Days and one Closure Day dates for the year. These were approved by Governing Council at our December meeting. Our OSHC service is available on Pupil Free Days.

#### Pupil Free Days (OSHC service available)

Term 1 : Tuesday 12th March

Term 2 : Friday 24th May

Term 3 : Friday 30th August

Term 4 : Friday 1st November

#### School Closure Day (no OSHC)

Term 3 : Monday 2nd September

This date follows on from the Term 3 Student Free day.

**Vicki Poulain**  
Principal

### DIARY DATES

Wed 31/1/24 - Fri 16/2/24	Dental for Schools
Thurs 8/2/24	Assembly in the Hall
Mon 12/2/24	School Crossing Training by SAPOL
Tue 13/2/24	Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM
Thurs 7/3/24	Assembly in the Hall
Mon 11/3/24	Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup Day
Tues 12/3/24	STUDENT FREE DAY
Wed 13/3/24 - Mon 25/3/24	NAPLAN



## ClassDojo

At Parafield Gardens Primary School classroom teachers use ClassDojo to communicate and collaborate with families through messages, photos and videos. ClassDojo is a school communication platform that allows teachers, parents and school leaders to instantly message each other, without needing to share phone numbers or contact details. ClassDojo also has the capacity to translate messages into 35 different languages making it a wonderful way to communicate with all families.



ClassDojo can be used on any device making it is easy to see what your children are learning at school and to be part of their classroom community. Simply accept the ClassDojo invite sent to you via email or mobile and begin sharing in your child's learning journey.

## 2024 Material & Service Charges

Parafield Gardens Primary School fees for 2024 (known as Material and Service Charges) are \$287 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 online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading Education, Skills and Learning.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family income for the 2022-2023 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.

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

Families can also download the QkR app to pay for Material and Services and place canteen orders.

## School Card

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$70,994	\$1,365
2	\$72,262	\$1,390
3	\$73,530	\$1,414
4	\$74,798	\$1,439
5	\$76,066	\$1,463
Each additional dependent child	\$1,268	\$25

## School Uniform Prices

Description	Sizes	Price (GST incl)
Dress	4 - 14	\$20.00
Polo Shirt	4 - 8 10 - 14 S-M-L-XL	\$18.00 \$20.00 \$23.00
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	4 - 8 10 - 14 S-M	\$19.00 \$21.00 \$24.00
Fleecy Rugby Top <i>Discontinued line with limited sizes available - Half price</i>	S-M-L only	\$14.00
Zip Up Jacket	4 - 8 10 - 14 S-M-L-XL	\$30.00 \$33.00 \$37.00
Girls Bootleg Pants <i>Discontinued line - Half price</i>	6 - 8 10 - 14 S-M-L	\$10.00 \$11.00 \$12.00
Track Pants	4 - 8 10 - 14 S-M-L	\$20.00 \$22.00 \$24.00
Gaberdine Pants	4 - 14	\$19.00
Rugby Shorts	4 - 8 10 - 14 S-M-L	\$18.00 \$20.00 \$22.00
Girls Tights	4 - 6 7 - 10 11 - 14	\$11.00
Bucket Hat		\$8.00
Hijab	S, M, L	\$12.00
Legionnaire Hat		\$5.00
Logo		\$2.20

It is great to see our students back to school and proudly wearing the dress code.

A few reminders:

- all clothing needs to be navy in colour
- denim is not part of the school uniform
- hats are to be worn throughout the year
- make up, nail polish and jewellery are not to be worn
- suitable footwear for PE is important.

The Governing Council has endorsed these guidelines.

**Please ensure that your children's clothing is clearly named.**



# **GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1st February 2024

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 2024-2025 (2 year term) at our Annual General Meeting to be held in the Staffroom on Tuesday 13th February from 6:30pm to 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. We are now calling for any nominations for election as councillors.

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 9th 2023**. Application forms will also be available from the front office.

There will be a general meeting for the election at the **Annual General Meeting of Parents on Tuesday 13th February at 6:30pm**. Further information on the election of councillors will be given depending on the number of nominations.

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

Vicki Poulain  
Principal

# Parafield Gardens Primary School Governing Council 2024 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 9th February 2024**





# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



**Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.**

## To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

## Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camp & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Michelle Macarthy



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0409 986 245 or 1300 610 355

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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