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PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School



Newsletter - Week 3 Term 4 2018

From the Principal

The Hive

The Hive is our newly refurbished learning space incorporating our Resource Centre and collaborative learning spaces to enhance learning, particularly in the areas of science, technology and maths. It has only been open for students and classes to use since the beginning of the term. It has been great to see so many classes getting in there and doing some interesting and challenging learning. Room 28 recently put up a photographic display which is definitely worth a look. There are also more photos on the back page of this publication. We will be having an official opening on the morning of Friday 30th November. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sports Day

As advertised in previous newsletters, our annual Sports Day will be held tomorrow, **Friday 2nd November**. The school community always looks forward to this event and we invite you to share it with us.

2019 Class Preferences

If you wish us to consider a particular class placement for your child in 2019, please let me know in writing no later than **Friday 9th November (next week)**. Please describe the learning needs for your child and perhaps any friendships that may be continued. Please note, it is not appropriate to request a particular teacher, as we have not yet determined which staff members will teach each year level. We may also have new staff to the school next year.

2019 Enrolments

We are currently planning class structures for the 2019 school year. If you know of children who might be enrolling it would be greatly appreciated if you would let us know as soon as possible. If you know that your child/ren will not be continuing at Parafield Gardens R-7 School in 2019 please let the school know. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parent Survey and School Website

You would have received an email this week regarding the Parent Survey. Each year, through this anonymous survey, we encourage parents to provide us with feedback about the school in a variety of areas and help us plan improvements.

Please read each statement carefully and choose the response which best reflects your opinion via the following link: <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/ANtwYzqK> The survey closes on 9th November 2018.

Our school website has recently been updated. Check it out at <https://pgardens.sa.edu.au/>.

Pupil Free Day - Advance warning

The Governing Council has granted the school a **Pupil Free Day on Monday 26th November**. The focus of this day for staff will be reviewing the school year and site improvement planning for 2019. If you are needing some childcare please make enquiries with Aida at OSHC ph. 8281 5104 as soon as possible.

Parafield on Parade 2018 (POP Celebration)

Once again we will be holding our end of year concert, *Parafield on Parade* as an evening performance on Tuesday 4th December. Please keep the evening free and join us in this celebration. More information will come out closer to the date.

Out Of School Hours Care

Please contact our centre if you require childcare for the Pupil Free Day on Monday 26th November. We would also like to advise you that our Vacation Care program is filling fast. Please ensure that all outstanding accounts for Out of School Hours Care are finalised before booking your child in for the Vacation Care program. Please contact us as soon as possible if you wish to enrol your children into this program.

Our number is **8281 5104**.

Aida Chapman - OSHC Director

DIARY DATES

**ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD ON
THURSDAY OF WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
At 9:00am in the Hall**

**FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
SPORTS DAY**

**Monday 12th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony**

**Monday 19th - Friday 23rd November
Years 3-5 Swimming**

**MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER
POP NIGHT (Parafield on Parade)**

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

**Thursday 13th December
Class visits for 2019
Class Parties
Reception - Year 6 Reports go home
Year 7 Graduation**

**Friday 14th December
Year 7 Reports go home
Last day of 2018
Early Dismissal 2:00pm**

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/ParafieldGR7>

Working Together

Comments and Feedback to:
dl.0537_info@schools.sa.edu.au
www.pgardens.sa.edu.au

Overdue School Fees

Final notices are currently being sent to families who are yet to pay their school fees. If accounts are not settled within the next 2 weeks families will be put into the hands of the Department for Education Debt Collection Agency.



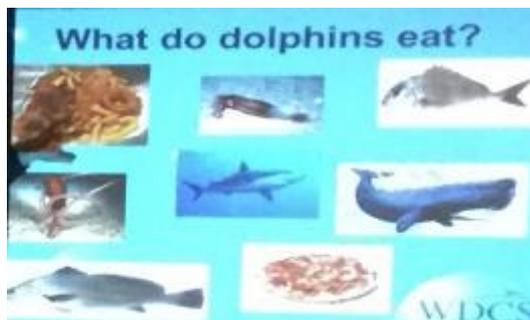
Maritime Museum at Port Adelaide

The Reception and Year 1 students from Rooms, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been learning about special places and why we need to care for them. As part of the HASS curriculum these classes enjoyed an excursion to Port Adelaide to undertake a self-guided tour of the Maritime Museum, visited the Port Adelaide Lighthouse and took a cruise on the *Archie Badenoch*. The day proved to be a wonderful learning experience for all of the children.

We went to the Maritime Museum and we listened to a man talking about dolphins. Dolphins eat fish, octopus and squid. Sometimes plastic bags go into the water and the dolphins think they look like squids and they try to eat them which makes them sick. We have to remember to put our rubbish in the bin.

Sometimes people think that a dolphin is a shark but its tail goes up and down instead of side to side. Some of them can do tail walks in the water too. Dolphins can't swim backwards so if they get caught in a fishing net they can get stuck. They can talk to each other too. They can swim really fast up to 40km/hour and they sometimes get caught in fishing lines. When people are steering their boats and they see dolphins they should slow down to keep them safe.

They like to play with seaweed like it is a toy and they like to stay near the Port River because it is a dolphin sanctuary.



Dolphins like to eat octopus, squid and fish - but they don't like chips or pizza!

Room 3 students

When we were at Port Adelaide we went on the Archie Badenoch boat for a dolphin cruise. We saw two dolphins. They were swimming around in the water near the boat and they popped up three times. We saw the dolphin's face. We got to climb to the top of the boat to look for more dolphins. We were the last group to go on the boat and the only ones to see a dolphin. We were very lucky.

Anastee and Chyler Room 6

We were on a boat looking out for dolphins and I think I saw some in the water. We all wore lifejackets in case we fell in. We went to the Rock Pool and played and dressed up in sea costumes. I dressed up as a

mermaid. After that we went up the curly ladder in the lighthouse and we went right up to the top. We could see lots of trees and houses and a big bridge. Then we went into the museum and went on a boat. We went down the stairs backwards! I saw some old beds. We took photos of all the things we did. My mum came with us and I was a bit sleepy on the trip home.

Akaysha Room 4



Some of us dressed up as sea creatures when we visited the Rock Pool.



We went on a big bus and it had seatbelts and my partner and I, Eddie, sat together. This was my first time climbing a lighthouse and going on a boat. I was a bit scared when I got to the top of the lighthouse but I was brave. Being on the boat was lots of fun and I think I saw the fin of a dolphin. I learnt that dolphins eat squid, fish and octopus, but they like squid the best. I also learnt that we have to keep the water healthy and that sometimes our rubbish goes into the water so we should always put our rubbish in the bin. Rubbish in the water hurts the dolphins because they try to eat it and they can choke. The fin on the dolphin's back is called the dorsal fin. Dolphins don't lay eggs but they have baby dolphins. They blow water out of the hole on the top of their head when they jump out of the water. I love dolphins!

Hayley Room 5

We looked for dolphins when we were on the boat.





We were very high up when we climbed the lighthouse!

The steps in the lighthouse were very curly! It was a bit scary!



We learnt how to go up the spiral staircase in the lighthouse and how to go backwards down the steps on the boat. We learnt that dolphins can swim backwards on their tails and that their dorsal fin (on their back) has no bones in it. They blow water out of their blowhole which is on the top of their head.

In the museum we went downstairs on the boat and saw beds. They were hard! We also saw a skeleton of a dolphin and a whale. The whale was found in shallow water. We saw a globe of the Earth and a light was shining on it like the sun. We turned the wheel and we saw how the light shone on different parts of the globe.

Room 2 students

We were brave going up the stairs in the lighthouse because they went around and around in a circle. We learnt lots of things about dolphins in the museum. It was a great day but we were tired at the end of the day.



Here are some of the skeletons that we saw in the museum - a shark's mouth and a dolphin skeleton.



Room 1 students

We also saw a diver's mask from the olden days. It looked very heavy and was made from brass.

STEM Vegetable Garden

On the 31st of October the following R/1 students; Eddie, Jaxson, Charrlee, Zahra, Raman, Chyler, Johnathon, Pal, Amneet, Venisa, Catharine, Epharim, Louis with the assistance of Dani Tidswell presented to a team of six people from TFM Property Services. The well researched and planned presentation was about our new vegetable garden and all of the wonderful fruits and vegetables we would like to plant. TFM were so impressed by these students and their hard work that they donated a large number of seedlings. They also returned to plant the seedling with these students and our Youth



Environmental Committee - Erin, Irfan Sivneang, Heath, Zoe, Amira, Charles, Brandon, Ellisa.



As our wonderful garden blooms, it will remind us that with a little bit of care, a sprinkle of kindness, a shovel full of collaboration and a lot of hard work, good things grow.



Primary Years Swimming

As part of our Health and PE curriculum all primary years students (years 3 - 5) will be involved in swimming lessons from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November at the Elizabeth Aquadome Swimming Centre. These lessons will be conducted by qualified Department for Education instructors.

We strongly encourage the participation of all students in this valuable program.

Scholastic Book Club

Earlier this term, Issue 7 catalogue was sent home with your child. The due date for this catalogue is Friday 2nd November 2018. Please be reminded there is no obligation to purchase; Book Club is an optional service. If you would like to participate, ordering is easier than ever before! Register on the following link <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp> or download the relevant App shown below.



Exciting STEM Learning In 'The Hive'



Lunchtime Construction with Lego League



Coding with Lego Mindstorm



Coding with B-Bots



Coding with Robogals



Cooking orange and sultanas muffins



Making tasty Weetbix balls



Working in the outside STEM area making sensory boards



Making cheese toasties



Yum!



STEM Vegetable Garden planting

