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PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

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Newsletter - Week 9 Term 4 2020

From the Principal

Congratulations

Two of our students have won awards through their studies at the School of Languages this year. Congratulations to Year 6 student Nalisa who won an Award of Merit and Year 2 student Anna who won an Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Farewells

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for 2020! It has been another very successful year for Parafield Gardens R - 7 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 unfortunately have to say farewell to some of our staff. Selena Britz, who has taught The Arts, has been with us for 10 years. Rosaline Singh has also been teaching at our school for 10 years in the JP Special Class, whilst Renee Giacopini has been working here as an SSO since 2002. Emily Brown has been one of our Year 7 teachers for the past 3 years, whilst Casey Keough has been teaching Year 6 students this year. We also farewell the following SSOs - Callum Ebert who has been at our school for the past 18 months, Joanne Hodgins who has been with us this year and also Jerico Yambao who started here as an SSO in July.

We thank them all sincerely for their work at our school and wish them the best for the future in their new positions.

We are also saying farewell to our **Year 7 children**, who will move onto various high schools. We all wish our Year 7 children the very best in their future education and we hope they take some very happy memories with them from our school. Please look to the last pages of this edition for photos of both the formal graduation assembly and the evening celebration.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have volunteered your time this year to help in anyway. Volunteers are so important in schools. You help us in so many ways and we truly appreciate it. If you listened to reading, helped in the canteen, attended an excursion, made a costume, helped your child with their homework, talked positively about our school in the community, we thank you. You are helping to make our school a great place to learn and to work.

Governing Council

I would especially like to thank the parents who have represented you on Governing Council this year - Melanie MacGregor, Melissa Robertson, Ilona Atterton, Kiranben Mehta, Denise Angel, Kyall Zechner (Chair), Kerry Smith, Melissa Oldland and Kate Swanson. Thank you for all your

time, energy, ideas, opinions and support. Thanks also to the parents who have been on sub-committees.

Beginning of 2021

The school office will be open for purchase of uniforms and School Card applications on the following days:

- **Tuesday 19th January 9:00am - 2:30pm**
- **Wednesday 20th January 9:00am - 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 21st January 12:00pm - 3:00pm**
- **Friday 22nd January 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Families will receive invoices for 2021 Material and Services Charges in Term 1.

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.

Casual Day

This term's amount raised from our Casual Day of \$700, is being used to support two of our own families who are going through very hard times at the moment. The money will help relieve some of the stress on these two families this Christmas.

Despite a challenging year, we have celebrated some amazing personal and year level achievements this year and we look forward to building on these gains in 2021. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I also wish you an enjoyable and safe holiday with your children.

Rachel McLennan



DIARY DATES

Friday 11th December
Last day of term 4
Early dismissal 2:00pm

The 2021 School Year commences
Wednesday 27th January

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Marble Run Challenge

The Year 3 students in Room 7 were required to complete an engineering challenge where they were required to work individually or in pairs to design, build, test and evaluate a marble run.

Students were provided with various sizes and thickness of cardboard, plastic, sticky and masking tape. Decisions about design needed to be negotiated between the pairs and agreed upon before building could commence. Students used resources effectively as they were given a limited amount of materials to use, so they needed to think carefully about cutting and attaching each piece. Once completed, students tested and timed their marble run. Students who had completed their designs were challenged to make changes to their design to see if they could make the marble record a slower time.

We were given a partner to work with and we needed to plan out our marble run and then also choose our supplies to put on our desk. We were given a sheet of paper and we had to draw our design. After recess we started to build our marble run. The task was to make sure the marble (which was really a small bouncy ball) was able to go down our run fast enough and to stay on the track.



We got a box to start with and then we cut off the ends and so that we didn't waste anything we used them for our ramps. Once our marble was successful, Ms Miller gave us a challenge to see if we could make the ball go down the run 10 seconds slower by tweaking our design. It was really hard!

Jasmine didn't have a partner and instead of making a marble run, she decided to make a game like a pin ball machine, which she had to twist around so that the ball would bounce around inside the game and pop into the hole. She also painted her game with pastels.

At the end we had to demonstrate our marble run to the rest of the class and also to some teachers. It was fun but challenging.

**Josh and Jasmyn
Room 7**



Great team work was shown by the creative students in Room 7!

NAIDOC Week

This year, the National NAIDOC Committee (NNC) rescheduled the 2020 NAIDOC Week to 8th to 15th November, themed *Always Was, Always Will Be*. This theme recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. As part of this celebration we would like to acknowledge the achievements of two local young men.

Anthony Wilson is the Managing Director of Nood Australia and a proud Ngarrindjeri and Kurna man with family ties to the Narungga and Arrente country. Born and raised in Adelaide and after completing year 12 in 2010, he went onto working in various roles which included playing league football for the Norwood Football Club in the SANFL. This then saw him drafted by the Adelaide Football Club for the 2015 season. In more recent years he has worked as a youth mentor with AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) helping to shape the next generation of Aboriginal leaders. Hence, Anthony has now started his new venture NOOD Australia making a range of skin care and cleaning products using Australian native botanicals. He encourages the next generation of indigenous entrepreneurs to follow their dreams. Anthony is also the son of Winnie Warrior who is our Aboriginal Community Education Officer at our school.

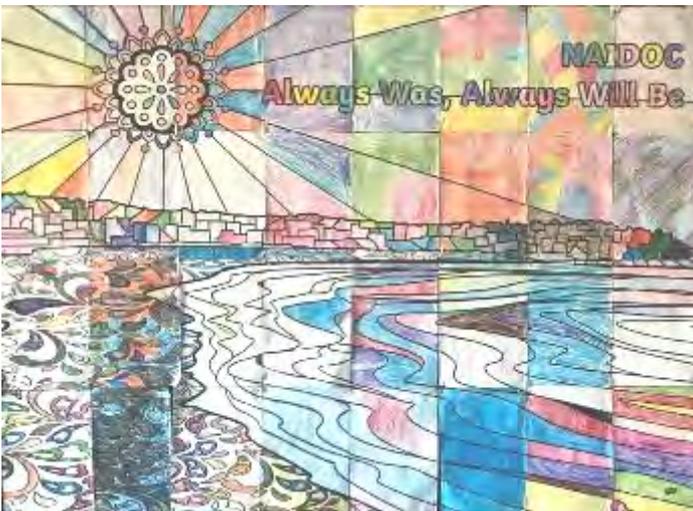


Jack Kanya Kudnuitya Buckskin is a proud Kurna and Narungga man who has dedicated his life to learning and passing on his knowledge and language of the Adelaide Plains to future generations of Kurna people. Jack currently works with Tauondi Aboriginal College in Port Adelaide as an Aboriginal Cultural Service Mentor, and has been a strong icon in the revitalisation process of Kurna language through managing and performing song and dance with Kuma Kaara Cultural Services and

through teaching Kaurna language. He believes that as Kaurna language has come from the land, this is the only place in the world you will find it. It was in the country before we were born and it is our duty to ensure it continues by learning and using it together.



The Year 1 students in Room 1 worked together to create a beautiful poster depicting part of our ancient shoreline. Each child was given a part of the puzzle to colour, so that when pieced together, it made a mosaic effect.



The reception students in Rooms 4 and 5 also worked together to produce a map of Australia by colouring in patterns using crayons. The end product was very effective.



Christmas card competition

Michael Brown MP, who is a Member of Parliament for Playford, sent out an email to all schools in his electorate asking for entries for his Christmas card competition. The theme was "Christmas at Home" and the winning entry would be printed on Christmas cards and distributed

around Mr Brown's local electorate. Room 29 worked very hard to come up with fun, unique and colourful designs. 19 students entered the competition and 4 became finalists – Henry, Jada, Abeeha and Eliana, with Jada being the winner of the competition.

The theme was "Christmas at Home" and I was thinking about Christmas decorations and that made me think about a snowglobe. I made the characters into elves to match the Christmas theme and I asked some of my friends for some Christmas foods that I could draw on the table. When I found out that I had won, I was really excited and happy!



Ladies of Variety

Even though the children were unable to attend the Ladies of Variety Christmas party this year, the children in Room 8 would like to thank the Variety Club for their continued support and for their presents.



Sewing in Room 11

In Room 11 we have been making bookmarks. We wrote our names on pieces of paper first and then Ms KK traced them onto material. We had to stitch our names. We chose different coloured wool and Ms KK taught us how to stitch it. We had to thread a needle first and we learnt "up and down, up and down then pull it through". It made little dots of stitching and we used different colours for each letter. After we had finished them all, Ms KK took them all home and put a backing on them to finish them off. Now we will be able to use them as a proper bookmark. It was so much fun learning how to stitch.

**Jaxson and Yosra
Room 11**



Elf Mischief

We have been finding some cheeky elves here at school in some of the classrooms up to mischievous tricks!

They sneaked into the Breakfast Club and took some toast to eat!



These two cheeky elves were being silly in Room 3!



The elf in Room 20 was actually being good - he was reading a story one of the children had written during book making.



These two little rascals got some of Ms Tracy's flour and were pretending to make snow angels!

I wonder what other mischief they will get up to before the end of the year!



Atlas - Our School Dog

Atlas has been having fun meeting some of the children and making new friends.

Atlas is very cute and fluffy. He doesn't bite and is very gentle. We love having a school dog.

Advaita Room 12

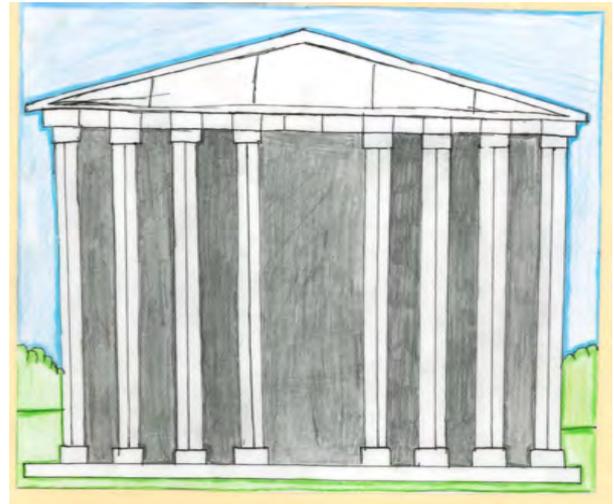


Ancient Greece

In history lessons in Term 4, we have been learning about Ancient Greece. The Ancient Greek people were famous for many things including their stunning architecture, mythology and bringing democracy to the world. An interesting fact about the word democracy is that it is made up of two smaller Greek words "demos" meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power. It translates literally to people power!

In the capital, Athens, the Greeks built a giant temple on top of the Acropolis. It overlooked the whole city and

was built to honour Athena, the goddess of wisdom, arts, literature and war. Did you know, she is also where the inspiration for the name of Athens came from? For Visual Arts, we used mathematic techniques like measurement and angles to help us create our own Parthenon drawings.



Sarthi Room 30

Visual Arts

The students in Room 24 have been practising their sketching skills. They were shown a photo of a blue wren and tasked with producing their own sketch of this little bird. You can see from the examples below how they must have studied the photo to produce such beautifully detailed drawings.



We Are All Australians

The Year 1 students in Room 20 have been learning about some Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, as well as learning some of the Aboriginal symbols. They worked in pairs to draw and label their drawings of the Rainbow serpent after which they painted them.



The Rainbow Serpent Story has taught me that you should be kind to others. Tiddalick the frog was mean because he drank all the water. So you should always be kind and sympathetic.

Jurlena Room 20



Year 7 Picnic

As part of the end of year celebrations our Year 7 students walked to Creaser Park on Tuesday 8th December, which gave them all a chance to get together and celebrate with their classroom teachers in a relaxed environment. This outing provided an opportunity for students to unwind during their last week of primary school.

On Tuesday all the year 7 students went for a walk to Creaser Park with our teachers. We played on the playground and there was a circular swing that also swung backwards and forwards. We were able to have a few people sit on it including Ms Elliott! We also had a race because there was a running track marked there.

For lunch Mr Medlin, Ms Deb and Ms Harika cooked us a barbeque with sausages, vegetarian sausages and steaks which we had with coleslaw and potato salad.

While we were there we were able to choose activities like cricket, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton and skipping.

There was also a long jump pit that we could use, because this area is used for Little Athletics.

We were at the park almost for the whole day from 9:40am



until 2:30pm. It was a fun day and a nice way to finish off the year with our friends.

Mikayla and Ayannah Room 31



Class Awards

Term 6 Week 1: Room 1: Ume **2:** Sahiba **3:** Murtaza **4:** Ronaldo **5:** Setayesh **6:** San-bawi **7:** Lawrie **8:** Xavier **9:** Makayla **10:** Jasreet **11:** Jazhley **12:** Azaan **19:** Violet **20:** Areej **23:** Lukuac **24:** Davin **25:** Tala **26a:** Vriti **26b:** Stuti **27:** Chase **28:** Faraz **29:** Jada **30:** Tiarna **31:** Olivia **32:** Taj **34:** Leroy, Vivian

Health/PE (Mr C) Room 26A

Health/PE (Mr Parsons) Room 28

Music/Drama (Ms Mentha) Room 26B

Music/Drama (Ms Thomson) Room 28

The Arts (Mr Luke) Room 25

Auslan (Ms Krohn) Room 10

Auslan (Mrs Neilson) Room 1

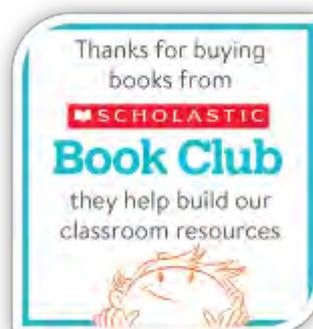
School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our School Crossing Monitors for weeks 7, 8 and 9 for their positive approach and enthusiasm to the task.

Week 7 & 8, Room 33 Ramon, Siang, Trent, Krystina, Amelia, Jade, Efrim, Happyness, Axel

Week 9 Room 34 Vraj, Maylyn, Emily K, Hitesh, Hayley, Kathy, Brodie, Emily W

Thank you to all the School Crossing Monitors who have volunteered this year.



This year the school has been able to receive over \$600 worth of rewards to go towards books to add to our resources.

A BIG thank you for helping to build our resources.

The Scholastic Book Club catalogues will continue next year.

Music Concert

Tuesday afternoon, students who have been involved in extra programs in the Performing Arts performed in the Hall. Students in Junior Choir, Recorder Group, Percussion Ensemble, Aerobics and after school Clarinet Group performed items they have been working on with Mrs Thomson and Ms Mentha throughout the year. Medals were also presented to members of the Aerobics group and certificates for the highest achievers in this year's Recorder Karate program.



Junior Choir



Percussion Ensemble



Aerobics Group



Recorder Groups



After School Clarinet Group



Year 7 Graduation



Room 9



Our Graduating Class of 2020



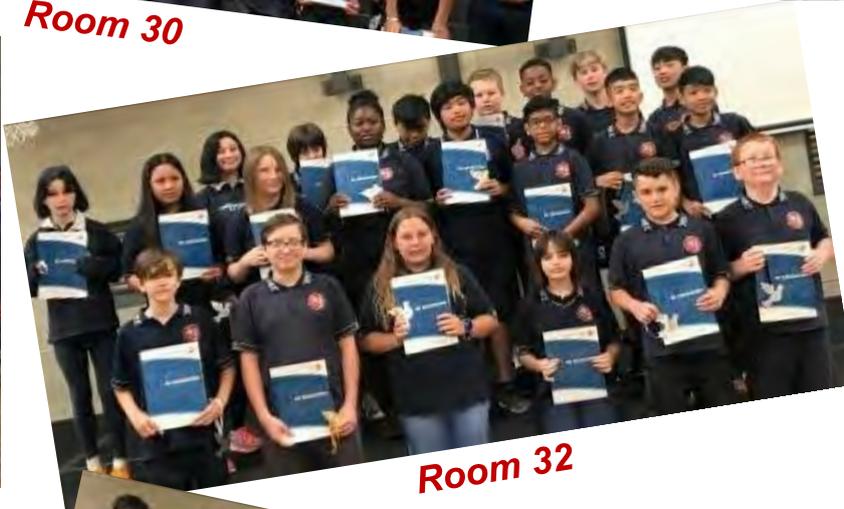
Room 30



Our Hosts



Temperance from Room 32 received the Principal's Most Improved Award



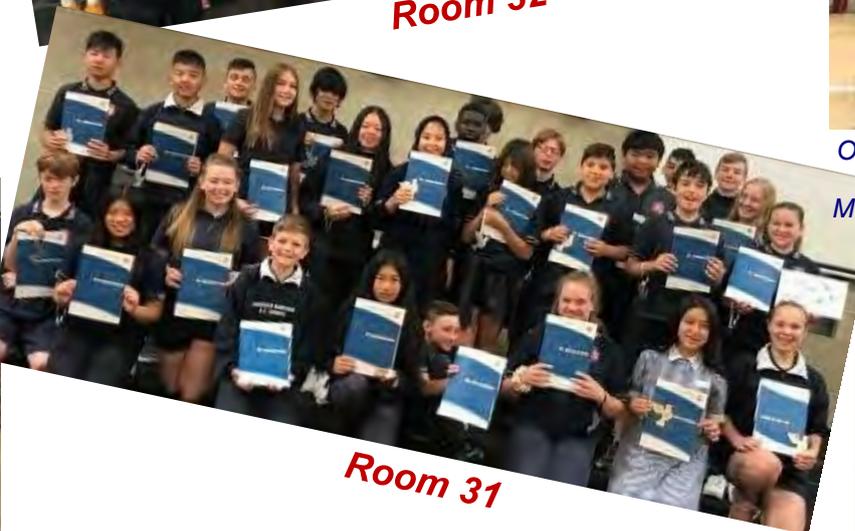
Room 32



O'Shae from Room 30 received the Makin Peaceful Leader Award



Loveleen from Room 30 received the Michael Brown Innovation & Collaboration Award (STEM focus)



Room 31



Reiner from Room 30 addressed the assembly thanking all the staff from his years here at PGR-7

Year 7 Graduation

