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# PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School



## Newsletter - Week 1 Term 1 2019

### From the Principal

#### Welcome to the 2019 School Year

We would like to welcome the children and families who are new to our school, particularly our 81 *Flying Starters* (new receptions). The school has opened this year with 28 classes and close to 670 students.

We would also like to welcome back the following staff members for 2019: Stacey Miller, Christine Krohn, Kylie Neilson, Matt Cuconits, Amanda Drury, Natasha Bright, Rebecca Daddow, Sharan Kaur, Amber Miller, Laura Gretsas, Paige Elliott, Emily Brown, Ramona Young, Wanda Biggs, Carol Blake, Jenny Southwell, Bre Smart, Marteen Loneragan, Jo Evans, Kim Van Dijk, Tania Malvindi, Beck Artone, Yasmin Thomas, Gerry Howell and Shannon Zammit.

We also welcome Rebekah Cohen and Tess Phillips to our staff for the first time.

To all the new members of our school community we trust that your time with us will be enjoyable and successful.

#### Acquaintance Night and Governing Council

On **Wednesday 13th February** we will hold our annual Acquaintance Night at 6:30pm starting in the school hall. This will be a chance to visit the school and meet your child's teachers.

We will also hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Governing Council. This will be an opportunity to hear about our achievements in 2018 and the plans for our school in 2019 and beyond. At the AGM elections to become a member of the 2019 Governing Council will be finalised.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the 2018 Governing Council of parents, who have worked with us in making decisions about current and future directions of 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 an opportunity to be involved in your child's education and to contribute to the school. We usually only have 2 meetings each term which are held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

If you would like more information or are interested in nominating for Governing Council for 2019 please read the outline in this newsletter and/or contact me in the front office. A nomination form is also included in this newsletter. (It is alright to nominate yourself.) This year we have 5 positions to be filled. Please consider being

involved in this important role in the school.

**Vicki Poulain**

**Acting Principal**

#### Out of School Hours Care

If you wish to book your child into our before and after school program, or you would like more information about our service, please contact the centre on **8281 5104** or our mobile number, which is **0401 121 430**.

**Aida Chapman - OSHC Director**

#### Canteen News

Our canteen is open at 8:30am. Orders for recess and lunch can be made via the special canteen box in each classroom. It would be very helpful if the correct money, or as close as possible, could be included in lunch bags. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help in the canteen, please come to the office to register your interest. Your support would be much appreciated. Tasks include making sandwiches, serving at playtimes and sorting the lunches.

**Cherie Honson - Canteen Administrator**

#### DIARY DATES

**THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES ARE HELD ON  
THURSDAY OF WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8, 11 at 9:00am in the Hall**

**Wednesday 13th February  
Acquaintance Night & AGM  
6:30pm in the Hall**

**Thursday 14th February  
School Crossing Training for Year 5-7 students**

**Friday 15th February  
Year 7 Big Day In**

**Tuesday 26th February  
No Pen Day**

**Monday 11th March  
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 19th and Thursday 28th March  
Year 6/7 Aquatics**

**Friday 29th March  
Partnership Pupil Free Day**

**Monday 1st to Friday 5th April  
Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Wednesday 10th April  
Casual Day with Gold Coin Donation**

**Friday 12th April  
Last day of Term 1 with Early Dismissal at 2:00pm**

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## 2019 Material & Service Charges

Parafield Gardens R-7 School fees for 2019 (known as Materials and Services Charges) are \$241 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 Child Development (DECD) and provides financial assistance towards school fees incurred by families who meet the criteria. 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.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family income for the applicable financial year being within the School Card income limits (see chart below). As the school fees at Parafield Gardens R-7 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.

Families who apply for School Card assistance via an ED003A Income Audit application form are now able to apply online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading Education, Skills and Learning.

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

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$59,432	\$1,143
2	\$60,493	\$1,164
3	\$61,554	\$1,185
4	\$62, 615	\$1,206
5	\$63,676	\$1,227
Each additional dependent child	\$1,061	\$21

## 2019 Parent Information Packages

The 2019 'Student Personal Data' package will soon be sent home to all families. The purpose for the package is to give parents/caregivers the opportunity to check the information that we have on our computer data base and change any details if necessary.

**This is especially important for emergency contact numbers and medical information.**

Inside the package you will find:

- your account for your 2019 Material & Service Charges
- a print out of vital information about your child
- medical Information forms and Permission forms if applicable to your child
- School Card information

**Please complete and return these forms as soon as possible, as it is very important that our data base contains *current information*. Even if no details need to be changed, please return the forms.**

**Lynne Lean - Administration Officer**

## School Uniform

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

A few reminders:

- all clothing needs to be navy in colour
- denim is not part of the school uniform
- hats are to 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.

The school has plenty of clothing in stock available for purchase. Please ensure that your children's clothing is clearly named.



## News From The Hive

### Premier's Reading Challenge (P.R.C.)

We will once again be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier has challenged students to read 12 books by the beginning of September, with 8 books from the P.R.C. list and 4 books of the students' own choice. The awards are: 1st year – certificate, 2nd year – bronze medal, 3rd year – silver medal, 4th year – gold medal, 5th year – champion medal, 6th year – legend medal, 7th year – Hall of Fame medal, 8th year – Hall of Fame Reader for Life award, 9th year – Reader for Life bronze award and 10th year – Reader for Life silver medal.

Students in Years 3-7 are required to fill in their own form and when completed return to the Resource Centre. We will fill in forms for Reception to Year 2 students. Hopefully all of our students will take part.

**Let the reading begin!**

**Deana Cuconits and Janet Armstrong - The Hive**



31st January 2019

To all Parents/Caregivers

This letter is to inform all parents of Parafield Gardens R – 7 School that we will be electing **5** school Governing Council members for 2019-2020.

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.

DECD now requires all Governing Council members to have a Department of Community and Social Inclusion screening clearance which will be organised by the school if need be.

Our Governing Council has 11 elected parents. We are now calling for any nominations for election as councillors. Given the guidelines of the constitution this will be for 5 parents for a term of two years.

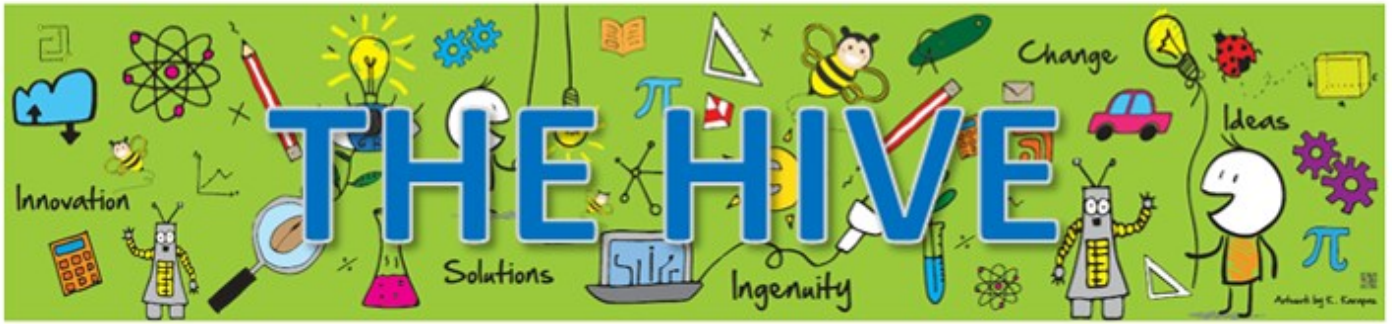
These nominations need to be made on the form enclosed in this newsletter and sent into the Principal by **Friday February 8th 2019.**

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

Over the coming year there are a number of important issues that will need the Governing Council of parents to discuss and make decisions on that will guide the future of the school. 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  
Acting Principal



Parafield Gardens R-7 would like to give a **big thank you to Ms Tracy and Ms Bre** for watering our school Vegetable Garden over the long, HOT Christmas holiday period. Our garden is thriving and producing lots of healthy and nutritious produce thanks to your commitment. We look forward to cooking and preparing food from our beautiful garden.

