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# Room 31 Newsletter

## Term 2 2019



### Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2!

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the break. The students in room 31 developed a positive classroom environment during Term 1, with many students developing new friendships and a positive growth mindset for the year.

I enjoyed meeting with many parents and carers during parent-teacher interviews at the end of term 1. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please remember that I am available before and after school for a chat or you can contact me through my email: Paige.Elliott346@schools.sa.edu.au

Kind regards,

*Paige Elliott*

### PALS

At Parafield Gardens each classroom has a PAL class who work together. This year on Monday afternoons we work with our PALS in room 29. Last term we worked together to practise our editing and story writing, completed Harmony Day and Easter activities together.



### English

In writing this term we will be covering the following types of texts:

- narrative writing
- formal letters
- information Reports

Students will also continue literature circles to encourage comprehension, fluency and vocabulary development, all of which are reflected in the student reading goals for this term.

Students will have weekly spelling contracts which will have them practice unfamiliar words using a variety of activities. Spelling contracts

### What's on this term

**THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES  
WILL BE HELD ON**

**Thursday morning  
week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10  
At 9:00am in the Hall**

### May

14th	NAPLAN Writing
16th	NAPLAN Reading
22nd	NAPLAN Numeracy
22nd	School photos
27th	Reconciliation Week

### June

3rd	Pupil Free Day
10th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### July

3rd	Casual Day with gold coin donation Reports go home
5th	Last day of Term 2 Early dismissal 2:00pm



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will be due for marking every Thursday afternoon. Spelling tests will be every Friday morning.

This term we will also continue reading together our class novel, 'The Secret Garden'



### Maths

In Maths this term our key skills will cover a range of different content areas from the number and Measurement strand including;

- time
- 2D and 3D shapes
- fractions
- angles

On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Math lessons will focus on key skills. On Wednesday and Friday students will participate in the *Big Ideas in Number* program.

### Design and Technology

This term we will focus on coding with a focus of using Spheros in the Hive. Students will take part in programming items and completing a variety of challenges that will require problem solving, critical thinking, questioning and team work to be successful.



### Science

This term in Science we will be exploring chemical mixtures. Students will investigate a range of physical separation techniques including:

- filtration
- decantation
- evaporation
- crystallisation,
- chromatography
- distillation

We will be investigating the differences between pure substances and mixtures. Students will also learn about different separation techniques used by Aboriginal peoples.

### The Arts

This term in the Arts students will take part in Wakakirri Story Dance. In this program they will develop skills in dance and drama. They will also take part in working in a team to create the props required for the performance.



### Humanities and Social Sciences - HASS

This term in HASS students will be exploring economics and business. They will take part in a young entrepreneurs program involving the whole

school.

### Health and Wellbeing

In Health we will be exploring the Child Protection Curriculum. Students will explore a range of different topics including;

- rights
- relationships
- recognising and reporting abuse

### Growth Mindset

At Parafield Gardens R-7 School we encourage students to use and have a 'Growth Mindset'.



Therefore, we place an emphasis on hard work, persistence, resilience and grit (accepting challenges and trying again) throughout our tasks and lessons.

### Music and Drama With Mr Luke

This term in the Arts students will develop the performance skills they learnt last term by creating a performance for their "Partners In Learning" class. They will be adapting the classic children's book "Where The Wild Things Are" and putting their own spin on the narrative! They will also choreograph and learn a dance for the performance!

### Health and PE with Mr Cuconits

After an extremely successful start to the year, I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 2 students will learn about how to form positive relationships with others and the effects that these relationships can have on them. Students will also learn about drug education and how to use medicine safely.

The term 2 Physical Education component involves the following:

European Handball - Students will learn a number of skills including; dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and goalkeeping.

Soccer – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 5 week unit; passing, dribbling, shooting, defending and game play.

### AUSLAN with Miss Krohn

During second Term the students will be reviewing and expanding their Auslan vocabulary through sign activities, video, the use of IT equipment, signed conversations and written projects. We will cover a "Food" topic exploring food found in restaurants of different countries. Use of Time markers, Auslan protocol, routines and comparisons will be a focus point.

### High School Packages

The Year 7/8 transition process has commenced and High School packages were sent home this week, including high school application forms. Please read this information carefully and return it **no later than Monday 20th May (Week 4) to ensure punctual processing of application forms.** If you have any questions about this process please contact the school.

### Year 7 Camp

This year we have been lucky to secure dates for our Year 7 camp at **Arbury Park Outdoor School** in the Adelaide Hills from **Monday 22nd July - Wednesday 24th July** (Week 1, Term 3). Consent forms have gone home this week providing you with detailed information on the campsite, the activities that students will be participating in, food on offer and payment information. If you have nominated to follow the payment plan (paying in instalments) please adhere to the payment deadlines in the table below. Please note that the initial payment is due on **Friday 10th May** this term.

## Arbury Park Outdoor



## School



### Camp Payment Plan - Term 2

Week 2 Payment 2 = \$25
Week 4 Payment 3 = \$25
Week 6 Payment 4 = \$25
Week 8 Payment 5 = \$25

