

PARAFIELD GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School

Working Together



Room 8 Overview Term 4 2022

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hello families and welcome to Term 4! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break. It has been so great to see all the improvements each student has made over the year and I am looking forward to seeing the continued success throughout the remainder of the year.

Term 4 is full of lots of big events including Sports Day and Parafield On Parade (POP).

SPORTS DAY - Friday 4th November (Week 3)

The Health and PE team have been so busy organising a full day full of valuable experiences and fun. Your child has been allocated a team – **Eyre, Sturt, Flinders, Barker**. We encourage your child to wear team colours, however school uniform is ok too. Please ensure that appropriate shoes are worn on the day and that you apply a layer of sunscreen on your child before coming to school. We will reapply throughout the day. We have been learning the team chants as well as various events organised for the day. It is such a fun (and tiring) day.

POP Night-Parafield On Parade - Tuesday 6th December (Week 8)

For those of you who are new to the school community this year, POP is our end of year celebration. This year our theme is 'Disney'. All classes prepare an item to share with families, friends and our community. Each child will play a valuable part of our item. This year Room 8 will be partnering up with our PAL class (Room 29) to perform an act from The Little Mermaid. **Due to the current social distancing and COVID recommendations, details about this event are not finalised. Everyone will be provided with up to date information as the event gets closer.** A lot of planning and thought is going in to POP to ensure that we, first and foremost, continue to be safe and healthy as well as have a joyful and memorable event. The details of the evening will be given later in the term so please be patient.

I look forward to continue working with and supporting you and your child this term.

Kind regards,
Jessica Cobb



What's on this term

This term assemblies are held on Thursdays at 9am in the Hall in weeks 2, 4, 6, 9

Diary dates:

Friday 28th October
World Teachers' Day

Week 3
Friday 4th November
Sports Day

Week 4
Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Week 7
Monday 28th November
Student Free Day

Week 8
Tuesday 6th December
POP Performance

Week 9
Wednesday 14th December
Casual Day
Gold Coin Donation

Friday 16th December
Last day of Term 4
Early dismissal at 2:00pm

Term 1 2023 Recommences
Monday 30th January



Reading

Reader bags will be sent home this term with Take Home readers and Phonics books or Tricky Words. Take home readers will be changed according to the needs of your child usually on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please take time to sit with your child to practise and help them become familiar with words/text and sight words each night.

To help your child's comprehension of the book they are reading, talk to them about the book. You can also ask questions such as:

- Who is in the book? (characters)
- Where is the story taking place?
- What's happening in the book? and Why?

Children also learn when they make connections between what they read and what they know. One method parents can use to help during these shared reading times is called *think aloud*. Following are the three ways to *think aloud*:

- connect the book to your child's own life experience. (text to self)
- connect the book to other books they have read. (text to text)
- connect the book to big ideas lessons (text to world)

Big Books

As a class, I will be modelling reading with a number of different picture books during shared reading times. These lessons will focus on listening skills, questioning, predicting and vocabulary development.



Oral Presentations

This term we will also be looking at different nurse rhyme and the sequence of events that take place. Students will then be given the opportunity to retell a favourite nurse rhyme orally in the form of a video presentation.



Library Borrowing



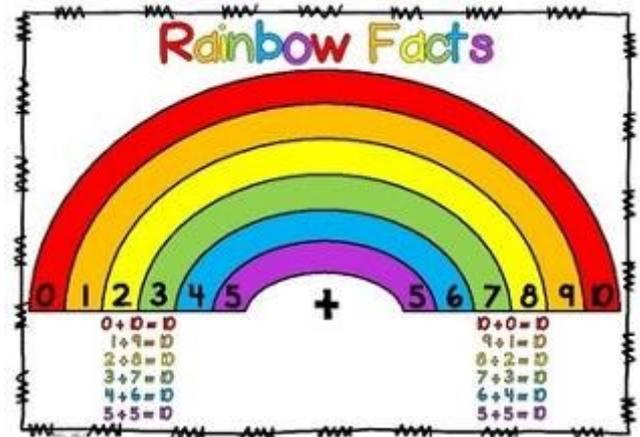
As a class, we will be visiting and borrowing from the library each **Monday**. I ask that you please make sure your child is returning books on time so that they have the opportunity to borrow new books to share with you each week.

Numeracy

Number recognition and counting is part of our everyday morning routine along with our daily calendar and recognising significant dates. We will continue engaging in *Big Ideas in Number* games to support number recognition and value.



This term we will also be focusing on addition and subtraction using natural maths strategies such as rainbow facts. We will also be learning how to describe position and movement.



Technology

In Technology this term, we will be learning basic skills of using the laptops including logging on and off, and beginning to use a keyboard and mouse.



The Zones of Regulation

This term we will be identifying what it means to be in the 'Red Zone'. We will be expanding the 'red zone' vocabulary, identifying triggers, identifying appropriate tools to use when in the 'red zone' and role playing and practising how to use these tools appropriately.

ZONES OF REGULATION!			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sad Slow Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Taking Things Out of Control Shouting and Screaming

Specialist subjects

Mondays:

Music and Drama with Georgia Thomson

This term in music students will explore different music from around the world. They will continue to develop their rhythm reading skills using the Note Neighbourhood adding a silent beat, za. They will also create sound stories using their voices, body percussion and different instruments.

In drama, students will participate in improvisation activities. In dance, they will explore different pathways through the air and on the floor.



Wednesdays:

Health and PE with John Slattery

Term 4 already! And what a jam-packed term we have in store for Health and PE!

Sports Day is Friday, week 3 (4th November), so in PE lessons we will be busily practising the different tabloid events, as well as running sprint trials and practising our team chants.



Physical Education Week will occur in week 5, and all students will have the opportunity to participate in some fun events that will be planned. For the remainder of the term they will play net and court games, including volleyball and badminton.

We will continue to learn games from the Yulunga Tradition Indigenous Games resource, as well as games and dances from other cultures. If you have any family games that you traditionally play as part of your culture, please share them with me by messaging me through Class Dojo or emailing me at john.slattery866@schools.sa.edu.au. We would love to learn them and incorporate them into our learning!

In Health lessons, students will begin the term learning about the health benefits of physical activity and healthy lifestyles. They will then continue to learn about keeping healthy, safe and active, as well as the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. Students will learn about First Aid, water safety and how to respond to a variety of safety situations using assertive behaviours.

Some students have still been coming to PE lessons without drink bottles and appropriate footwear which has prevented them from participating properly. Your child's PE lesson is on Wednesday each week, so please ensure your child wears sports shoes on this day.

The Premiers Be Active Challenge concluded in term 3 and students who successfully completed the challenge will receive their medals by the end of this term.

Thursdays:

Swimming

We will continue our swimming lessons at The Parks on Thursday afternoons. These lessons run every Thursday for the whole year and aim to improve skills in the following:

- water confidence
- survival in the water
- swimming technique
- rescue of others
- water safety
- endurance and fitness



Our lesson is at 1:15pm, which means the bus will be leaving school by 12:45pm. Please send your **child's bathers in their bag** and we will assist them to get changed into their bathers before lunch. The fee for swimming is \$2.00 per lesson. Lessons are to be paid in advance at the beginning of each term.

We will continue to use our own private transport for our Swimming lessons on Thursdays. I would like to acknowledge and thank *Ladies of Variety* for making this possible! The bus should arrive back at school at approximately 2:30pm and students will be dismissed from the classroom at 3:00pm.



Fridays:

Auslan with Rachel Shephard

The last term is always an exciting time at school, and Auslan is no exception with all the information from the last 3 terms being able to be implemented into games and activities. We will be continuing with our 'Auslan alphabet challenge' for those who are confident - I wonder how many students will beat me? Of course, towards the end of the term we start learning signs around Christmas and holidays and other celebrations.

Visual Arts with Kirsty Dimitropoulos

In Visual Art this term, students will examine the artwork of various Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. Students will explore a range of Aboriginal art styles and create original artworks.

