



Government
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PARAFIELD GARDENS R-7

Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School



Newsletter - Week 3 Term 1 2018

From the Principal

End of the Day Safety (buildings)

As we have over 660 students, this means that all buildings have significant numbers of children in them. At the end of the day all access points to buildings and classrooms are very busy. **In the interests and safety of the children I am requesting that parents and caregivers please wait for their children outside the buildings to provide students with a clear path out to the yard.** If you need to speak to your child's teacher this can be done after the initial rush of students. I appreciate your anticipated cooperation with this.

Acquaintance Night and Governing Council

On Wednesday 21st February we will hold our annual Acquaintance Night at 6:00pm 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, where you will hear about our achievements in 2017 and the plans for our school in 2018 and beyond. Elections to become a member of the 2018 Governing Council will be finalised at this time. I would once again like to acknowledge the contributions of the 2017 Governing Council of parents, who have worked with me 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.

Families will then have the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and to chat with the teachers.

Late Arrival

Classrooms are open on the first bell at 8:35am. By 8:40am the students should be in class and ready to begin the day. If they arrive after this time they will need to go to the office and sign in and receive a late slip. **If your child is away, you will need to contact the school.** If you have not contacted the school an SMS text will be sent to you by 10:00am to which you can respond. Please remember that you must report to the office if you wish to deliver lunch to your child or collect them early.

School Pedestrian Crossing Monitors

Yesterday students from Years 5, 6 and 7 took part in School Crossing Monitor training with SA Police Officer, Senior Constable Merrilyn Millar.

The training is an official requirement for students before they can volunteer to work as crossing monitors for our school crossing on Shepherdson Road. By volunteering, students develop community spirit and leadership skills. These are personal qualities we particularly encourage in all our students. Students will receive an official training certificate when they return their permission slip and agree to volunteer.

Simon Harding



DIARY DATES

ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY OF WEEKS 4, 6, 8, 11

At 9:00am in the Hall

Thursday 15th February

Year 5-7 Traffic Monitor Training

Wednesday 21st February

Acquaintance Night & AGM 6:00pm in the hall

Friday 23rd February

Year 7 Big Day In

Monday 12 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 21st March

Harmony Day

Friday 30th March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th April

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th April

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Friday 13th April

Last day of Term 1

Early dismissal at 2:00pm

Term 2 commences

Monday 30th April

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

Working Together

Comments and Feedback to:
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2018 Student Personal Data Packages

The 2018 'Student Personal Data' packages will be sent home to all families next week. 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:

- an account for your 2018 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 - see below for further 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.

What is School Card?

The School Card Program supports low to average income families by relieving them of the requirement to pay school materials and service charges (school fees).

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016-2017 financial year. The School Card Scheme, including the process for verifying declared income, is administered by the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD).

What has changed in 2018?

This year the State Government has lifted the income eligibility threshold for a family with one child by \$20,000 from \$37,274 in 2017 to \$57,870. The Government predicted that this change should increase the number of eligible students from approximately 47,600 last year to an estimated 77,200 in 2018.

The 2018 income limits are as below:

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$57,870	\$1,113
2	\$58,903	\$1,133
3	\$59,936	\$1,153
4	\$60,969	\$1,173
5	\$62,002	\$1,193
Each additional dependent child	\$1,033	\$20

How do you apply?

To apply for School Card assistance applicants are required to complete an application form. Forms are available from the front office of the school and are also being sent home in the Student Personal Data packages next week. Parents can also access the Income Audit application form online at www.sa.gov.au under the heading Education, Skills and Learning. Applicants are required to **apply each school year.**

Lynne Lean - Administration Officer

Secondary School Open Nights

The Year 7/8 transition process for 2019 is due to commence and High School packages will be sent home soon. Now is the time for families to consider their choice of secondary school for next year. High schools will be holding their Open Nights and Information sessions over the next few weeks and as this information comes to hand it will be published in our newsletters. *Parafield Gardens High School* has announced their open day:

- Wednesday 4th April
- 5:30pm - 7:45pm
- Complimentary BBQ tea available outside the Resource Centre from 5:30pm
- Prize Draw at 7:45pm

