

# PARA HILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Respect Commitment Honesty*



**Week 2 Term 3 2024**

PO Box 240 Para Hills 5096  
2 Frances Ave, Para Hills 5096  
Telephone 82642033  
Fax 83961934  
Email: dl.0935.info@schools.sa.edu.au

## WELCOME TO TERM 3

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and are ready for another exciting and productive term.

A special welcome to our newest school families, our mid-year Reception students in Room 14! We are thrilled to have you join our community and look forward to seeing you thrive and grow.

Let's make this term a memorable one, full of learning, growth, and fun!



## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

At the end of last term, our reception students dressed up as elderly folks to celebrate '100 days of school', adding a delightful touch of fun to the occasion!



## DIARY DATES 2024

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August Governing Council 6pm  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August School Photo Day**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August Interviews  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August SAPSASA Athletics  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August Book Week Performance  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August Rm 9, 10 & 11 Maritime Museum Excursion  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 23<sup>rd</sup> August Book Week  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Book Week Parade  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August SAPSASA Soccer  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September Pupil Free day**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September School Closure day**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September Governing Council 6pm  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept End of Term 3 2pm Early dismissal  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October Pupil Free day**  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Term 4 begins 8:50am  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. R-2 Road Safety  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October Governing Council 6pm  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. Yr 3-6 Swimming  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December End of Term 4 – 2pm Early Finish



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROOM 12?

In Room 12 we have been learning about patterns in maths. We can now make 2 and 3 element patterns and identify the unit of repeat!

In arts we have been learning about drawing skills-we made some folding paper apples and practiced some detailed drawing.

For our assembly we dressed up as chefs because the theme of our assembly was food!



## PLEASE NOTE

If there have been any recent changes to your contact information or personal details, we kindly ask that you update the office as soon as possible.

Accurate information is essential for us to ensure effective communication and provide the best support for your family.

Additional, please remember that parking is not allowed in the staff carpark.

We thank you for your understanding.



## OUR VALUES

Last term all students were asked to design new values signs for our corridors. Six winning designs were chosen and printed onto Perspex.

They look **AMAZING!**



## AUSLAN

This term in Auslan (Australian Sign Language), students will learn how to sign different sports, countries and other vocabulary such as ceremony, spectators, medals etc, which will link to the Olympics 2024. As students are learning these new signs, they are translating familiar words and phrases from English to Auslan and vice versa. They are also using visual cues, noticing how signs and words differ. They will be creating digital texts such as posters or cards that use both Auslan images and English words.

Events happening this term will also be incorporated into students' learning for example, 'Father's Day, The Royal Adelaide Show, Book Week' and lots more.

All signs that students have learnt this year will slowly be integrated with this term's learning, so students can start signing longer conversations in Auslan.

I am excited to teach students these new signs this term 😊

*Victoria*

## DIGITAL TECH

This term is when the real hands on fun begins in Digital Technologies. **ROBOTICS!**

PHS has a large range of different robots that are well liked by students from Reception through to Year 6. We will use the knowledge we learnt last term (coding) to program our robots to complete lots of different tasks.

Exciting times ahead!

*Brooke*

## HEALTH & PE

Welcome to Semester 2 Para Hills parents and caregivers. I am eager to be back at school to continue our learning with R-6 students this year. In term three, we will be working with junior primary students to review and refine the fundamental movement skills we have worked so hard on in semester one, incorporating them into small games and problem-solving activities. Students will also be working through more of the Child Protection Curriculum, exploring relationships, Rights and Responsibilities, and Trust and Networks. Students will also have Beatz dance lessons, beginning in Week 3.

Middle and upper primary students will transfer their game sense skills into a new focus area with the 'Having a Ball: Net and Wall' and 'Over the Net'. Middle and upper students will also be engaging with the Child Protection Curriculum, unpacking a number of Health, and Community and Personal Safety topics. They will also see themselves finishing up their Golf Coaching Sessions with Golf Australia, taking part in various SAPSASA events including athletics and soccer (based on selection), whilst middle primary students will also have Beatz dance lessons starting in week 3 and a tennis carnival in week 9.

Yours in Physical Education,  
Dylan Smith



## THE ARTS

This term in the Arts, students will be learning about Music, with a focus on using sounds, beat and rhythm to create artworks. The Junior Primary classes will learn about body percussion and ways that they can use their bodies to create music and sounds.

The Upper Primary classes will understand the importance of beat and rhythm when reading and playing music using musical instruments, including the xylophone. All students will have opportunities to explore music from different cultures and contexts, and share/build on their own experiences.

Last term, students showed great skills and passion in their Media Arts learning, producing creative and talented artwork. I am looking forward to another successful term with Para Hills learners, where they can continue to grow and develop their Music skills in the Arts classroom.

Miss Hill

## CROSSING MONITORS Term 2 2024

Week	8:25–8:50am 2:50–3:15pm	Williamson Crossing
3	Rm 1	Amir, Tyler, Zaxxon
4	Rm 2	Max, Ryder, Christian

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 2

Rm 1	Lehni	Commitment and enthusiasm to learning
Rm 1	Jayden	Demonstrating ongoing honesty
Rm 2	Jackson	Demonstrating the value of commitment by consistently completing learning tasks
Rm 2	Matilda	Demonstrating the value of commitment by improving her effort during learning
Rm 3	Diksan	Great effort in maths
Rm 4	Dakota	Positive attitude to learning
Rm 4	Bronx	Confidence in maths
Rm 5	Liam	Being brave and settling in well to room 5 in his first week of school
Rm 5	Arnav	Participating and making great progress in literacy lessons
Rm 6	Sobhan	For showing commitment to learning and a great start to Term 3
Rm 6	Jazmyn	For a great start to Term 3 and showing engagement
Rm 8	Yelda	Always showing commitment to her learning and doing her best
Rm 8	Vraj	Showing such enthusiasm in all learning tasks
Rm 9	Lachlan	For giving all learning a go
Rm 9	Deinesha	For always giving learning 100%
Rm 10	Shahram	For improvement in reading and spelling
Rm 10	Elodie	For giving 100% in all learning
Rm 11	Keona	Demonstrating commitment in tricky learning tasks
Rm 11	Arielle	Showing commitment in spelling lessons
Rm 12	Grace	Using commitment in her literacy learning
Rm 12	Lilith	Trying her best in all areas of the day
Rm 13	Razaq	Using commitment in his learning
Rm 13	Eddie	Asking for help and joining in group activities
Rm 14	Thanisha	Starting school with a positive attitude
Rm 14	Lavahya	Learning new school and classroom routines
Rm 14	Mursal	Having a positive start to school







# PCW news

Hello! As many of you know, my name is Bec Page and it is my pleasure to be the Pastoral Care Worker at Para Hills School. My workspace is located across the corridor from Room 14 and I am at school on: **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Families are



welcome to chat with me in the yard before school or can contact me by leaving a message at the school front office.

***A warm welcome to our new Reception students and their families who have joined our school community this term!***

## What is a Pastoral Care Worker?

Pastoral care workers (PCWs) are employed under the National Student Wellbeing Program. As the school's PCW, my role is to provide supports that focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of students. I am available to students in the yard at break times, work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, with written parental / caregiver consent, provide individual support to students and I am an extra resource to teachers for school events and excursions. I also run small groups for children on friendship skills, as well as to develop social skills using the *Kimochis* and the *What's the Buzz* curriculum. More information about the role of pastoral care workers in South Australian schools can be found here:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/schools-and-educators/national-student-wellbeing-program/about-the-program>.



**Chess Club**  
**Chess and Rubik's Cube Club**  
**Tuesday Recess time**  
**In the Library**  
**Everyone Welcome!!**



We are beginning our social skills groups this term by looking at **HONESTY**, one of our school values. Our younger students will be learning how honesty means telling the truth. This is a value we can all choose to model. When we are honest, our friends and people around us can rely on us and trust us. Sometimes children (and adults!) lie to avoid an unfavourable outcome. However, if we have done something wrong, the best thing that we can do is be honest. If we have lied, it's important to say sorry and then tell the truth.



## Pop-Up Play on Mon & Tues under the shelters at lunchtimes

