



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL - TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE



DIARY DATES

- **Monday 20th July**
Term 3 Commences
- **Thursday 23rd July**
RAA Incursion
- N6, N3, K6, W5, W6
- **Friday 7th August**
Assembly 9 am
- **Mon 24th - Thur 27th**
August
Book Week - Theme:
Symphony of Stories
- **Friday 28th August**
Pupil Free Day
- **Thurs 10th September**
Showcase Evening
- **Friday 11th September**
School Closure Day
- **Friday 25th September**
Sports Day

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of another term. Students and staff have settled into a great rhythm, and it has been wonderful to see the high-quality teaching and learning taking place across our school.

A special congratulations goes to Miss Tyler and Miss Georgina, who have recently been recognised for delivering some of the highest-quality phonics instruction in South Australia. They have been invited to pilot a new intervention initiative designed to support students who require additional assistance in developing phonics knowledge and the reading code. This is a fantastic recognition of their expertise, and we look forward to seeing the initiative rolled out across our school.

Allergy Aware

Next term, we will welcome a new student with significant allergies. This provides a timely reminder of the importance of our Allergy Aware practices.

To help keep all students safe, we ask families to continue supporting the following:

- Students should not share food.
- Students should wash or sanitise their hands after eating.

Our updated Allergy Aware Policy is available on the school website.



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL – TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE (CONTINUED)

Incursions and Excursions

A big thank you to Miss Jacinda for organising last week's sensory incursion. It was fantastic to visit the gym and see students so engaged and enjoying the range of sensory experiences on offer. The shaving cream painting and mystery boxes were clear favourites!

Our mainstream classes also enjoyed a visit to the Zoo on Monday. Students have been excitedly telling me all about their favourite animals, with the capybara proving to be one of the biggest highlights. Our students represented themselves and our school exceptionally well throughout the day. Thank you to Miss Nicollette for all of the planning and organisation that made the excursion such a success.

As a special end-of-term celebration, Miss Jacinda also took the K4 class to the movies. Congratulations to the students for earning such a well-deserved reward!

Visit to Adelaide West Special School

Last week, I had the opportunity to visit Adelaide West Special School alongside three of our teachers. It was a valuable morning of professional learning as we explored their Special Options classes and shared ideas and practices. The visit reinforced the high-quality teaching and learning already taking place in our own Special Options classes while also providing valuable insights that will continue to strengthen our practice.

New Bus Path and Grounds Improvements

During the first week of the holidays, work will begin on a new bus access path at the front of the school. The project includes removing the existing mulch piles, levelling the area and installing a compacted pebble pathway for our school minibus. These improvements will provide a dedicated all-weather parking area for the bus while reducing mud throughout the front car park and creating a neater, more organised entrance to our school.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Elijah Maddern, who has offered to support our school gardens each week. We are already seeing the difference your green thumb is making to the front of the school—thank you for helping make Paradise an even more welcoming place.

I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and well-earned holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term for an exciting term ahead, including Sports Day and our much-anticipated Showcase Evening.

Kind regards,

Travis Braithwaite

Acting Principal

Wellbeing

Looking for something to do these school holidays? Here are some fun and easy activities to enjoy together at home!

Wishing all our families a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled winter break. We can't wait to hear about your holiday adventures when we return.

WINTER HOLIDAY FUN



READING TOGETHER



PAINTING TOGETHER



COMPLETE A PUZZLE TOGETHER



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



BAKING SOMETHING YUMMY



MUSIC AND DANCE





Statewide SOCCER Carnival

On June 16th, 11 Paradise Primary School boys competed in the Statewide Soccer Carnival at the Service FM soccer complex. It was the first time in 5 to 6 years that Paradise has competed in a soccer competition.

We fielded a very inexperienced side, with over half the team playing their first ever legitimate soccer games. We were up against other small schools around South Australia who fielded teams with lots of junior club experience, including a connection to former National Soccer League (NSL) club.



After battling hard in our first two games and coming up short against strong opponents, we were up against our unofficial rivals for the day Dernancourt Primary School. This was our best game of the day. After conceding an unlucky goal in the first half, we kept our heads up and kept pressing.

In the 2nd half, we got some great runs down the outside of our water-logged field, and by opening up the middle of the field, we were able to get the ball into a dangerous spot with Anvit able to dribble around a defender to score and equalize. We had another couple of chances to score late, but unfortunately, we got close without scoring. Dernancourt also had some chances to score, but Liam was able to stop everything that came his way. The game ended 1-1.

Our final game was against a strong opponent who'd had recent success in this competition. Again, our boys defended well throughout the game and made it hard for a well-coached side. We were able to score our 2nd goal of the day from a free kick set shot, however our opponents were too strong.

Overall, we finished the day with 1 draw and 3 losses with probably the most inexperienced side in the competition. I'm extremely proud of how hard the team fought and worked together. It was a great learning experience for the team and we were able to walk away with our heads held high.

Mr Nathan
P.E. Teacher



STEAM

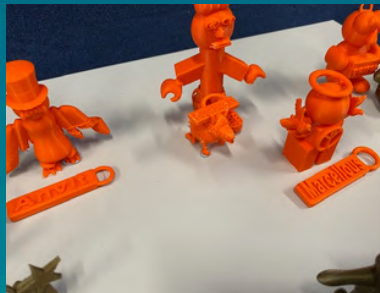
with Ms K

Students have been having lots of fun in STEAM. The primary years and special options classes have been using Stop Motion on the iPads to make Clay animation clips.



The majority of classes were introduced to Makers Empire and learning all about the world of 3D. After a few courses the students are 3D printing name tags and World Cup Soccer mascots.

While World Cup Soccer has started, some classes are making their own sports stadiums on Minecraft.



The junior classes have also been looking at Forces and learning about push and pull, and how magnets work.





Monday 29th June



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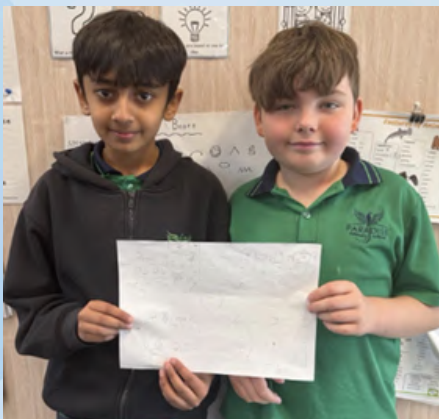
W6

On Tuesday the 23rd of June the year 5/6 students from W5 and W6 went on an excursion to Charles Campbell College. We began our journey by walking to the school, having a tour and seeing their facilities. And lastly, watching their amazing dancers perform! Our favourite performances were the Michael Jackson dances, the ABBA performance, hip hop and the chic performance. We loved watching them!



W5 have been busy learning about 3D shapes, their features and their nets. Throughout our learning, we practised identifying a range of 3D shapes by their faces, edges and vertices. We also explored and built different nets, learning how a flat 2D shape can fold to create a 3D object. We matched nets to their correct 3D shapes and made connections to real world objects.

W5



To finish our learning, we worked in small groups to plan, design and construct our own 3D shape cities. We carefully selected different 3D shapes to create buildings and structures.



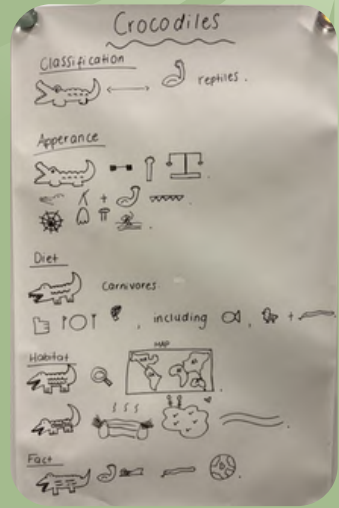
K6

This term, we have been learning information reports! We learnt all about wild animals. Our mentor text was about a crocodile.

We made a storymap, learnt topic specific vocabulary and enjoyed learning interesting facts about this dangerous reptile.

We also learnt about giraffes and elephants.

We then selected an animal from the Adelaide Zoo to write a detailed information report on. We researched and recorded information about its appearance, diet and habitat. In Week 10, we then went to the Adelaide Zoo! We saw our animals and many others, and had a great day exploring the Zoo with our friends. Have a look at our excursion!



N6

This term, the students in N6 have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the **Kimochis** program, which supports children in developing emotional awareness, building positive relationships, and strengthening their social and communication skills. Through engaging stories, role-play, games, songs, and class discussions, students have learnt that all feelings are normal and that there are positive ways to express and manage them.

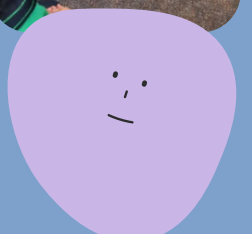
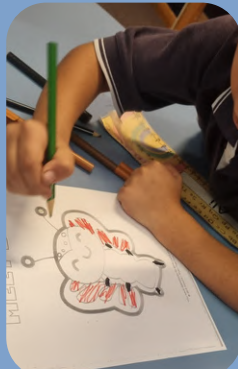
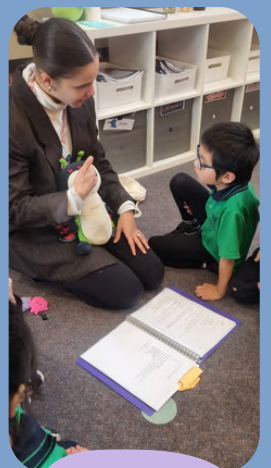
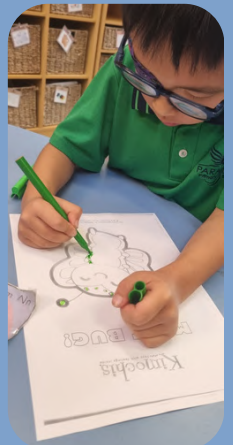
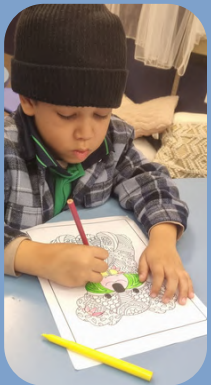
Throughout the term, we were introduced to the Kimochis characters, each with an important message:

- **Cloud** taught us that everyone experiences a range of emotions and that it is okay to have mixed feelings. We practised recognising and naming our emotions and learnt that talking about our feelings helps us understand ourselves and others.
- **Cat** showed us the importance of friendship, flexibility, teamwork, and including others. Students practised sharing, taking turns, using kind words, and resolving small conflicts respectfully.
- **Bug** encouraged us to be brave, resilient, and willing to have a go, even when something feels difficult or unfamiliar. We learnt that making mistakes is part of learning and that perseverance helps us grow.
- **Lovey Dove** reminded us to show kindness, gratitude, compassion, and appreciation for the people around us. Students enjoyed recognising acts of kindness and learning how small gestures can make a big difference.
- **Huggtopus** taught us about empathy, caring for others, respecting personal boundaries, and offering support to our friends when they need it. We discussed ways to include everyone and make our classroom a welcoming place.

Students also learnt practical strategies for recognising when they were experiencing "big feelings" and explored ways to calm their bodies and minds. We practised using deep breathing, positive self-talk, asking for help, taking a break when needed, and using respectful communication to solve everyday problems.

It has been wonderful to see the children applying these skills during play, group activities, and everyday classroom routines. They are becoming more confident in expressing their emotions, listening to different perspectives, showing empathy, and making thoughtful choices. We are proud of the kindness, resilience, and respect they have demonstrated throughout the term.

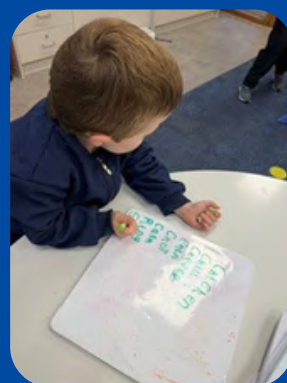
We encourage families to continue supporting your child's social and emotional learning by talking about feelings at home, modelling respectful communication, and celebrating acts of kindness, courage, and empathy. Thank you for partnering with us as we help our students grow into confident, caring, and resilient learners.



N4

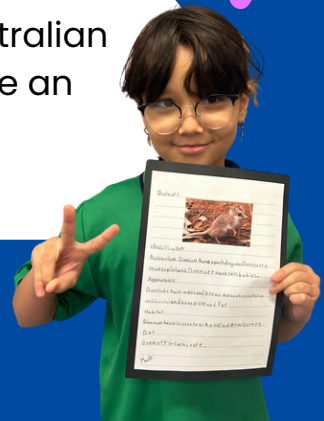
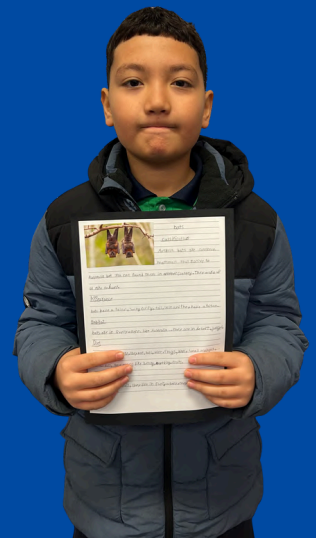
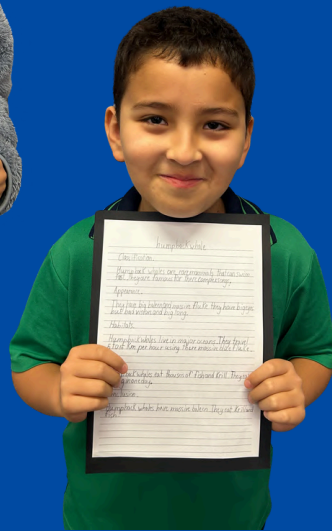
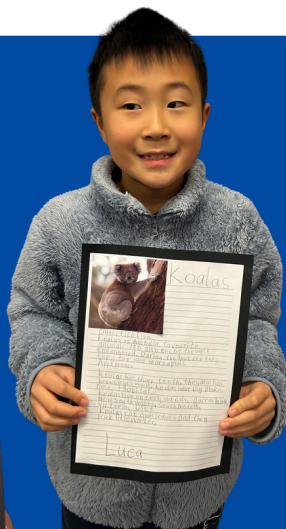
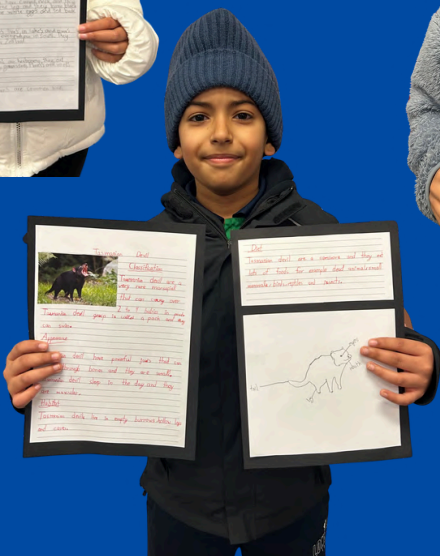
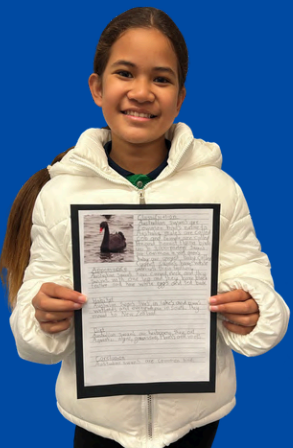
N4 have been busy creating amazing paintings with Mrs Retallick in Art and enjoying our Thursday cooking sessions, making cookies and fairy bread to build our fine motor skills and learn about ingredients. Swimming lessons are still a favourite and the students had a great time during our sensory incursion and sensory play activities, including shaving foam painting and colour mixing.

We are also practising our sounds and enjoying our decodable readers each week. We are wrapping up an exciting Term 2 and eagerly awaiting another fun filled term ahead.



N3

We had a great term in N3 learning all about Australian animals. To conclude our learning, we each chose an Australian animal to research and wrote an information report to display our findings.



K2



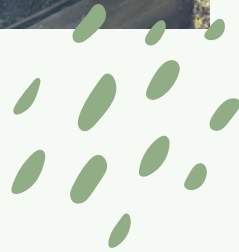
We have been busy bees in our school garden! Over the past few weeks, we have worked hard to plant, grow, water and care for a variety of vegetables and flowers, including spinach, silverbeet, kale, peas, eggplants, potatoes and beautiful flowers.



As we cared for our garden, we learnt what plants need to grow and thrive, including water, sunshine, healthy soil, weeding and lots of patience. We enjoyed watching our vegetables grow and learnt about the importance of taking responsibility for living things.



Our hard work paid off when it was time to harvest! We picked fresh spinach, kale and silverbeet from the garden and experienced the exciting journey from **garden** to **plate**. We followed a recipe to make delicious spinach and cheese savoury muffins, carefully reading the ingredients and following each step in order.



We measured, mixed and worked together as a team. It was so rewarding to enjoy the muffins made with vegetables we had grown ourselves. We were very proud of everything we had achieved from planting the seeds right through to sharing our delicious creations.



K4

K4 were lucky enough to attend the movies in week 10 to watch **Minions & Monsters** thanks to Variety. The kids had a great time watching the movie, relaxing and enjoying some snacks. We are looking forward to attending some more excursions next semester run by Variety.



In Kimochis we have been looking at a variety of characters and learning about things such as kindness, friendship and helping others.

This week we met Dog. Dog was all about showing love. We made our own love heart necklaces.








Tea Tree Gully District Cricket Club

UNDER-12 GIRLS CRICKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Get ready to hit, bowl, run, and have a blast.

We're launching an exciting new program for young girls who want to learn, grow, and love the game of cricket.

-  **Fun, friendly, and confidence-building**
-  **Perfect for beginners and budding players**
-  **A great way to make friends and learn new skills**

This program is ideal for players of all levels — from first-timers to those already passionate about the game.

Join the team!



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