PARADISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Be Kind - Be Safe - Work Hard

TERM 4
WEEK 7, 2026

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE

Hi families,

Wow! It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of the 2026 school year. It has been another busy term here at Paradise, with plenty to celebrate and lots of work happening behind the scenes as we prepare for an exciting 2027.

END-OF-YEAR CONCERT

A huge thank you to our staff and students for all the work that has gone into preparing for our end-of-year concert. These events are a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together, celebrate our students and showcase some of the many talents we have here at Paradise.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027 – FROM VOICE TO AGENCY

Throughout 2026, much of our work has focused on our three strategic priorities: **Inclusivity, Agency** and **Visibility**. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made as a school, particularly in building a stronger sense of safety and belonging over the 2026 year.

In 2027, we will be placing a greater emphasis on agency. Simply put, this means providing our students and staff with more opportunities to have a say, make decisions, pursue their passions and influence what happens here at Paradise.

At our recent pupil-free day, I challenged our staff to find their 'spark' – something they are passionate about that they would love to bring to our school. We have such a talented team at Paradise, and I am excited to see where some of these ideas take us next year!

We will also be exploring more opportunities for:

- Student-led clubs and initiatives.
- Student leadership and decision-making.
- Passion projects and student choice in learning.
- Students setting and reflecting on their own learning goals.
- Staff-led projects that enrich our school community.

DIARY DATES

- **Wed 2nd December**
  Year 6 Waterworld Excursion
- **Friday 4th December**
  Assembly 9:00 am
  W5 & K6
- **Wed 9th December**
  Year 6 Graduation
- **Friday 11th December**
  End of Year Reports
  2:10 pm Dismissal
- **Wed 27th January, 2027**
  Term 1 commences

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - TRAVIS BRAITHWAITE (CONTINUED)

CELEBRATING CULTURE AND DIVERSITY
One of the things I love most about Paradise is the diversity of our school community.
As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusivity and Aboriginal education, we are developing new signage for our school buildings and classrooms, incorporating Kaurna language and native Australian animals. These were etsbalished some time ago, but needed a refresh. Be on the lookout for new signs up on doors and more use of the names in communications.

Our building names are:

- **Kuula – Koala**
- **Wadla – Wallaby**
- **Ngungana – Kookaburra**

We have also been working as a staff to plan a range of cultural celebrations and significant events for 2027, including Harmony Day, Holi, NAIDOC Week, Diwali, Chinese New Year and many others.

PREPARING FOR 2027
There has been a considerable amount of work happening behind the scenes to prepare for next year, including staffing, class placements, curriculum planning, classroom moves and student transitions. We are also strengthening our whole-school approach to literacy in 2027, with dedicated staff expertise and additional opportunities for targeted literacy support.

Further information regarding staffing and class arrangements will be shared with families over the coming weeks, with final placements confirmed in their report envelopes.

SUPPORTING OUR WIDER COMMUNITY
Our local Salvation Army branch has reached out to us to assist in collecting non-perishable food items for families in need this Christmas. We have a donation basket set up in the front office for families who are in a position to contribute. Thank you to those who are able to support this wonderful initiative. What a great way to demonstrate our school value of **Be Kind** beyond our school gates!

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG
With only a couple of weeks remaining, I encourage all students to continue coming to school each day, engaging in their learning and demonstrating our school values of **Be Kind, Be Safe** and **Work Hard**.

Reflecting on where we were at the beginning of the year and where we are now, there is so much to be proud of. Thank you to our staff, students and families for their ongoing support, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace change.

We are building something pretty special here at Paradise, and I am genuinely excited about what lies ahead in 2027.

Go Paradise!

Kind regards,

Travis Braithwaite

Principal


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Community Connections



At Paradise Primary School, we are excited to continue building meaningful connections within our local community. A big part of this is developing our relationship with our local childcare centre, NIDO Paradise.

We have loved welcoming the NIDO children into our school community. Last term, they joined us for Sports Day, where they had an absolute blast getting involved in all the fun and activities! We also welcomed them back for a special morning of buddy reading and drawing with our Year 5/6 students. It was wonderful to see the connections forming between the children as they shared stories, creativity and plenty of smiles.



We are equally excited to visit the NIDO centre and experience their learning environment. We look forward to continuing to build this relationship, creating opportunities for shared experiences and strengthening our community connections as we head into 2027!







STEAM

Building Communities Showcase

Paradise Primary have been lucky to be one of the pilot schools involved in a new program called ***Building Communities***. The program is funded by CITB and Makers Empire. The Building Communities program is designed for primary-aged learners in years 5-6, to spark an early interest in construction, engineering and design careers. The challenge that the students were given engaged them in using design thinking, developing STEAM skills, capabilities and depositions including collaboration, creative and critical thinking, time management, persistence, resilience, problem solving, spatial reasoning, 3D design and innovation.

Their challenge was to research and build something that they thought the school or community would need. They followed a design thinking process to get a final product.
As a school we then had to pick a few teams to take their work to Tonsley Technical College to compete with 20 other schools in the 'Building Communities Showcase' on our pupil free day.

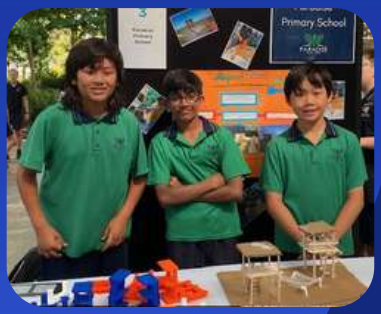
Our three teams selected then had to show other students and judges their work and answer questions about the processes they used. They also got to visit the other teams and check out their work. Our teams did an awesome job and did get judges votes. All up it was a great day and our students could see what other students were doing as well. Thank you to Maker's Empire and CITB for funding this event.

During our school showcase in term 3, you would of seen all the designs that the students came up with on the tables in the STEAM rooom.

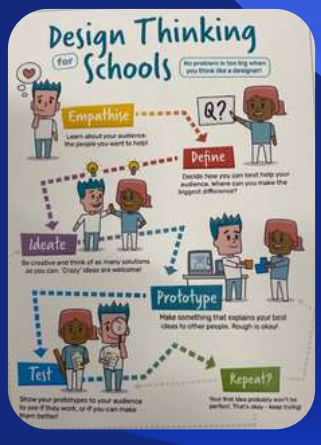
Ms K (STEAM Teacher)



















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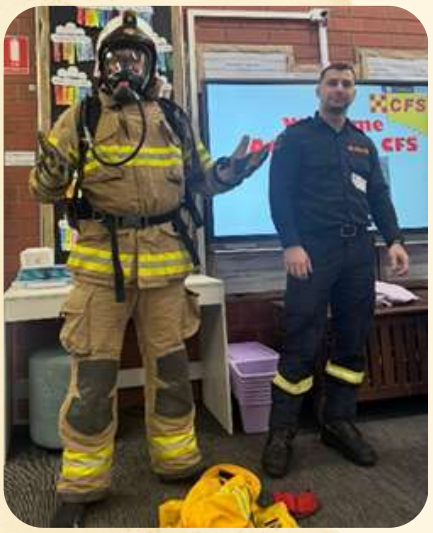
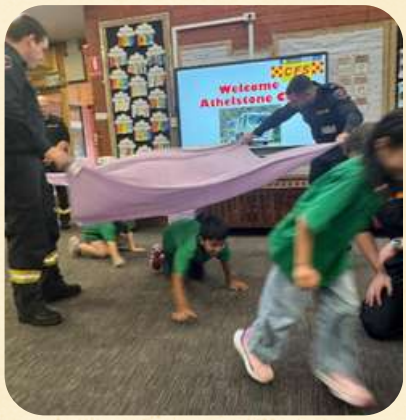


We have been learning about the emergency services in our community and how these important and trusted adults help to keep us safe. As part of our learning, we have been discussing the importance of knowing our full name, home address and phone number so that we can share these details if there is an emergency. We have also been learning which number to call when we need emergency help.

We were very fortunate to welcome the volunteer firefighters from Athelstone CFS, who visited our class to teach us what to do in an emergency and share some important fire safety messages. Despite the rainy weather, everyone was excited to have a turn using the fire hose!

A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers at Athelstone CFS for taking the time to visit us and share your knowledge. We really appreciate the important work you do in our community and the time you give to help keep us safe. The students absolutely loved the experience!











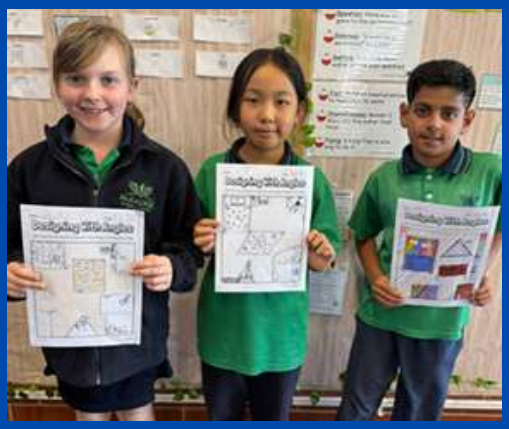




W5

During Maths, we have been learning about different types of angles and comparing their sizes. We used protractors to measure and draw a range of angles. To finish the unit, our task was to design a room of our choice, including as many different angles as possible. We then used protractors to measure and label the angles in our designs.









In Buddies, we have been exploring our local community and ways we can connect with others. After discovering a retirement village near our school, W5 and K6 researched and planned games to play with the residents.

We then walked to the village and spent time playing Jenga, Connect Four, Uno, Bingo and more. It was a lovely opportunity to spend time with the residents and build connections within our local community.







W6

This term in maths, we have been exploring angles through a fun treasure map challenge! We went on a lost treasure adventure and created our own treasure maps using angles to guide the way. First, we designed and illustrated our maps, then plotted a route to the hidden treasure. Finally, we measured and calculated the angles along the route to create accurate directions.



The year 6 students had an exciting time attending Aquatics Camp at the West Lakes Aquatic Centre. Throughout the camp, we participated in a range of water-based activities, including kayaking, sailing, and surfing. We also learnt about beach and water safety. It was such a fun day!





K4

We have had a busy and fun-filled Term 4! In Week 4, we were very lucky to attend the Variety Christmas Party at the Adelaide Showground alongside N4. We had a fantastic day enjoying delicious food, exploring the fire trucks and police cars, watching the police band perform, getting our faces and arms painted and so much more! We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful opportunities and experiences that Variety provides for our students.























In Week 5, we welcomed the Athelstone CFS to visit our class and K2 on Friday. Our students learnt about fire safety, including what to do in the event of a fire and the difference between safe and unsafe fires. They also had the opportunity to see firefighters dressed in their full protective gear and even feel just how heavy their jackets are! We then headed outside to explore the fire truck and of course, have a turn squirting the water hose. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that our students thoroughly enjoyed!











K6

This term, K6 has been exploring the concept of community with our buddies. We investigated the Paradise community and how we, as a school, can build meaningful connections with those around us. Together, we planned board games to play with residents at the retirement village and organised a range of activity stations for the children from Nido to enjoy during their visit to our school. We had a wonderful time connecting with members of our Paradise community and look forward to continuing to strengthen these relationships next year.








We have also been exploring our school value of **Be Kind**, reflecting on ways we can show kindness, fill someone's bucket and make someone's day. As a class, we brainstormed acts of kindness we could do for others. Using chalk, we wrote positive and encouraging messages for others to see, spreading kindness like a ripple and reminding everyone that even small acts can make a big difference.

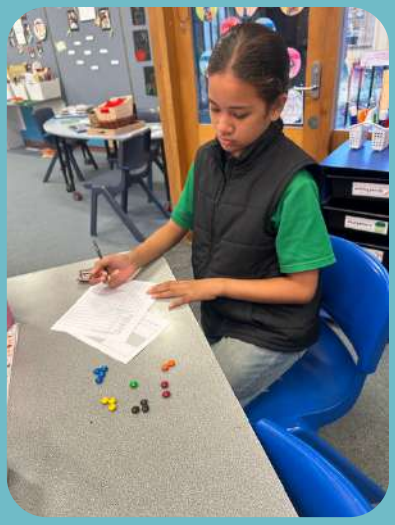


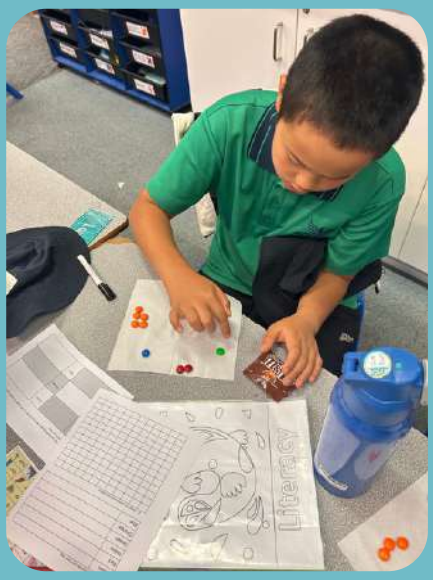

N3

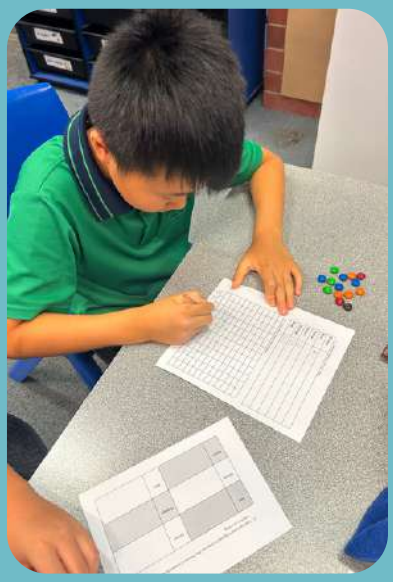


In maths we have been learning about chance and probability. We have learnt to use terms such as ‘certain’, ‘impossible’, unlikely’, ‘likely’ and ‘even chance’ to describe the likelihood of different outcomes occurring. We learnt that we can use fractions and percentages to describe probability as well.

To practice, we were given a packet of M&M’s and we used fractions to describe the likelihood of randomly selecting each colour present in our packet. It was a fun and tasty task!















N4




We have been very busy in our class and have enjoyed many fun and meaningful learning experiences. We have started getting into the Christmas spirit by attending the Variety Kids' Christmas Party, which was a wonderful and exciting day for everyone. Back at school, we have also begun decorating our Christmas tree with our own handmade decorations. The students have loved helping to make our classroom feel festive. We also have a Christmas gift-wrapping station, which has been a fun addition to our class activities.

We had two exciting water safety sessions at Waterworld, where students learned important water safety skills while enjoying time in the water. We also had an RAA incursion, where we learned about road safety and ways to stay safe when near roads and traffic.










We commemorated Remembrance Day through art and craft activities, which gave students the opportunity to reflect and learn about the importance of the day.

As the weather has become warmer, we have enjoyed making smoothies during our cooking sessions. This has been a refreshing and enjoyable activity for the class.

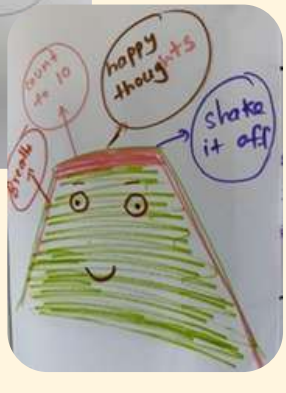
Recently, we read the book ***Don't Blow Your Top*** and have been learning about ways to calm ourselves when we feel upset, angry, or frustrated. This has helped us talk about our feelings and practise positive strategies for managing big emotions. We have also been enjoying reading a book every day, which continues to build our love of stories, listening, and learning.









N6



N6 have been keeping themselves safe using Hygiene Skills

We have been learning about personal hygiene with Ms Holly. Each week we focus on a different topic.

Some of the topics we have learnt about are:



- Washing our hands
- Washing our bodies
- How to cover our germs when we cough
- Brushing our teeth



















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